

Edinburgh Woollen Mill Group on brink of collapse putting 24,000 jobs at risk

High Street fashion giant Edinburgh Woollen Mill Group, which owns the Peacocks and Jaeger brands, is on the brink of collapse after it filed a notice to appoint administrators, affecting around 24,000 workers.

Edinburgh Woollen Mill was founded by Drew Stevenson in 1946 as the Langholm Dyeing and Finishing Company. Its first shop opened in Edinburgh in 1970.

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill (Group) Ltd (EWM Group) is now the holding company for three core brands: Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Jane Norman and Peacocks.

The group operates close to 1,000 stores



in the UK including: 265 Edinburgh Woollen Mill stores; 479 Peacocks stores; 107 Ponden Home stores; 88 tourist shops and visitor centres trading under various fascias (e.g. James Pringle Weavers) and 27 destination sites combining all the Group's concepts.

It also operates a number of tourist attractions, including the Scottish Deer Centre in Fife and the Scottish Wool Centre in Perthshire.





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Be thankful!*

Alastair, Tom & Beth

Thanksgiving 2020

Letter from your editor

On being grateful

For just a minute or two, I'd like to share my own almost unbelievable happiness with everyone. I'd also like to share my gratitude and love with you this Thanksgiving.

Me? Not happy? That's correct, my life has not always been happy. For many years, I had to BE happy at work and out and about, whether I was feeling joyful or not.

If you don't think that is worrisome for someone, I had a heart attack caused by stress. I had thought I was handling everything very well and concealing my real life from everyone. Mother Nature did not agree.

Let me just say that thanks to a kind doctor at the Gainesville, Florida, Veteran's Hospital, I realized what I must do, and then I did it.

I had known Tom Freeman on the phone for years, as he had done artwork for Scottish Weekend. He did our pins and art for the theme of whatever we did that year. Over time, we became "phone friends" and would share puns and information about graphic design and, in between working on our annual designs, we would laugh and laugh. It was always a pleasure to talk to Tom.

We talked on the phone for years. Tom forgot to tell me that he was in a wheelchair. When Tom and I finally met in person, my mind said, "He's in a wheelchair!" My heart said, "So what?" We became fast friends with no thoughts of anything else.

Tom was injured in a motorcycle accident in 1988. After his accident, he had thought he would never share a loving relationship with anyone and that he would never marry.

I had thought very uncomplimentary thoughts about the entire male population of the world for thirty-four years.

It was about at this time that "a miracle occurred" and we were Handfasted at the Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games in 2005 with LOTS of friends present and fairy dust and cake and laughter.

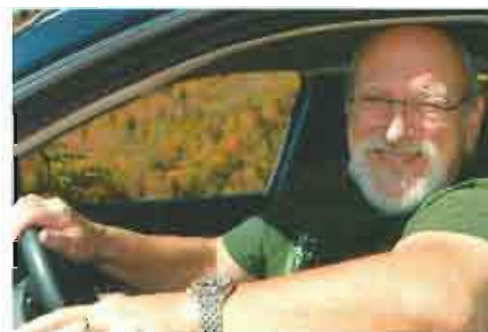
We were legally married in our dear friend, Jeri Martin's garden, in Lebanon, Tennessee in 2007.

I will admit, the bravest thing I ever did was to trust Tom Freeman. My "truster" had been not only broken, but shattered beyond repair, I thought.

Now, fifteen years after the Handfasting, Tom, who is my "Huh Huh" (as I still don't trust the other name) has never, ever said an unkind word to me. Not even one.

For example, when I had my hip surgeries, Tom spent the entire night with me at the hospital, both times. No tiny baby has ever been treated gentler or kinder or with more love. He has always been amazingly understanding and thoughtful.

We are each other's best friends.



So now, and each and every moment of my life so long as I live, if I am not asleep or working on something, I am - sort of like the Tibetan prayer flags which send non-stop prayers heavenward with the breezes that blow - I am sending my own thanks and appreciation to heaven for this kind and loving man who has taken all of my stress away and replaced it with unlimited love and joy.



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Have you ever heard of Scotland's “Doggerland?”

With thanks to Clan Henderson's president, **Leon Hicks** and to *Wikipedia*

Doggerland was an area of land, now submerged beneath the southern North Sea, that connected Britain to continental Europe. It was flooded by rising sea levels around 6500–6200 BC. Geological surveys have suggested that it stretched from where Britain's east coast now is to the present-day Netherlands, western coast of Germany, and peninsula of Jutland. It was probably a rich habitat with human habitation in the Mesolithic period, although rising sea levels gradually reduced it to low-lying islands before its final submergence, possibly following a tsunami caused by the Storegga Slide.

The archaeological potential of the area was first identified in the early 20th century, and interest intensified in 1931 when a fishing trawler operating east of the Wash dragged up a barbed antler point that was subsequently dated to a time when the area was tundra. Vessels have dragged up remains of mammoths, lions and other animals, and a few prehistoric tools and weapons.

Doggerland was named in the 1990s, after the Dogger Bank, which in turn was named after the 17th century Dutch fishing boats called doggers.

Formation

Until the middle Pleistocene, Britain was a peninsula of Europe, connected by the massive chalk Weald–Artois Anticline across the Straits of Dover. During the Anglian glaciation, approximately 450,000 years ago, an ice sheet filled much of the North Sea, with a large proglacial lake in the southern part fed by the Rhine, Scheldt and Thames river systems. The catastrophic overflow

of this lake carved a channel through the anticline, leading to the formation of the Channel River, which carried the combined Rhine, Scheldt and Thames to the Atlantic. This probably created the potential for Britain to become isolated from the



continent during periods of high sea level, although some scientists argue that the final break did not occur until a second ice-dammed lake overflowed during the MIS8 or MIS6 glaciations, around 340,000 or 240,000 years ago.

During the most recent glaciation of the Last Glacial Maximum, which ended around 18,000 years ago, the North Sea and much of the British Isles were covered with glacial ice and the sea level was about 120 m (390 ft) lower. The climate later became warmer and during the Late Glacial Maximum around 12,000 BC Britain, as well as much of the North Sea and English Channel, was an expanse of low-lying tundra.

Evidence, including the contours of the present seabed, indicates that after the first main

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The long journey of the West Highland Way

Steven McKenzie

BBC Scotland Highlands and Islands reporter

Tens of thousands of people walk the West Highland Way every year. The route is celebrating its 40th anniversary - but the creation of the first trail of its kind in Scotland was itself a long journey.

The West Highland Way starts in Milngavie, near Glasgow, and then winds its way north for 96 miles (154 km) to Fort William in the Highlands.

It follows old cattle drover routes and 18th Century military roads along the eastern shores of Loch Lomond, across sprawling Rannoch Moor, and up the zig-zag ascent of the Devil's Staircase footpath in Glen Coe before reaching its final destination in Lochaber.

More than 100,000 people walk part of the trail each year, about 36,000 of whom complete the whole route.

The journey often takes up to a week. Walkers break the trail into sections and stay overnight in the villages that punctuate the route.

The inspiration for the long-distance walking route came from Glaswegian Tom Hunter.

At the end of World War Two, Mr Hunter - who had served in Africa and Europe with the RAF - was walking up Ben Lomond with his wife Margaret.

He noticed hydro electric construction and other building work taking place on the western shores of Loch Lomond, and began to wonder how the eastern shore could be protected from similar development.

He came up with the idea of an official foot-

path, and the Hunters began discussing the idea with their local hillwalking group.

But establishing a long-distance walk from Milngavie to Fort William was no easy task. There was the route to be considered, including ways to safely cross some challenging terrain, and they needed to negotiate with landowners.

By the 1970s, the project stepped up a gear and geographer Fiona Rose was commissioned to survey the route.

She is said to have worn out several pairs of walking boots tramping for miles through hills and

glens to complete her task.

In 1974, Mr Hunter secured official approval to develop the trail and six years later, on 6 October 1980, it was officially opened.

Hillwalker, writer and broadcaster Jimmie MacGregor was among the first to walk its entire length.

A keen hillwalker since he was a boy, Mr MacGregor was living in Highgate, London, when he read about the opening of the West Highland Way.

The 90-year-old told BBC Radio Scotland's *Out of Doors* programme: "I spent about six weeks jogging around Highgate woods in heavy boots to get myself keyed up to walk it."

During his preparations, Mr MacGregor called up Radio Scotland "on a whim" and convinced its bosses to let him record a radio programme about the new route, including the his-



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Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

The Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is excited to be introducing online voting in time for our Anniversary Meeting on Monday 30th November 2020. This will allow Fellows across the world to play an active part in shaping the Society, including voting on new laws and for the next Society President.

To ensure that you can participate in online voting, please contact <info@socantscot.org> if you would like to update your email address.



Society of Antiquaries of Scotland Upcoming Events

Following the success of our first online public lecture celebrating our latest book, *Darkness Visible*, we are delighted to announce more online events for 2020. More details to follow.

Rhind Lectures 2020 - Neolithic Scotland: the Big Picture and Detailed Narratives in 2020 (Date TBC)

Our most highly anticipated event of the year, since 1876 the Society has invited experts to give an annual series of six lectures on a historical or archaeological topic. This year, Dr Alison Sheridan FSAScot will discuss the Neolithic period in Scotland, from the first appearance of farming to the end of the era with the arrival of new people, ideas, technology and practices from the Continent around 2,500 BC.

Society AGM / Anniversary Meeting (Monday 30th November 2020 4:30pm - 7:30pm)

This year the Society will host its first ever fully online Anniversary Meeting on St Andrew's Day and we look forward to revealing several exciting developments. To ensure that as many Fellows as possible have the opportunity to participate (and vote) please ensure that we have your correct email address.

December Lecture - In Search of a National Identity: Scotland's Material Culture (Monday 14th December 6:00pm - 7:30pm)

Dr David Caldwell FSAScot will present his President's lecture soon after stepping down having carried out the role of President of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland for six years.

Your Society Publications

Just a stone's throw from Doune Castle lies the remains of a Roman fort, built over 1,900 years ago when the Romans first invaded Scotland. Discover the finds from the excavations, including bread ovens, 1st-century pottery and even a possible hospital, in the Society's latest *SAIR* report.

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74-year old native Scot completes US coast-to-coast cycle in only 49 days!

Boston, Massachusetts, October 15, 2020 – Colorado resident George Russell (74) has completed a 3,000+ mile cycle across the United States and has so far raised a massive \$50,000 for conservation charity the National Trust for Scotland.

Completing his coast-to-coast journey one day ahead of schedule, George arrived in St. Augustine, Florida yesterday (Wednesday, October 14), just 49 days after setting off from San Diego, California.

From the Pacific coast to the Atlantic, George overcame challenging terrain and steep inclines as well as strong winds and even hurricane warnings - but took everything in his stride and had continued support from his wife Mary, who drove a support vehicle with him.

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, George is now based in Colorado. With strong ties to the National Trust for Scotland, this was a very personal journey for the cyclist – his grandfather was the charity's first Secretary and Treasurer and was key in negotiating the purchase of Glencoe to be held in trust for future generations. His father also worked for the Trust for many years.

George's support for the charity was in response to a major international fundraising campaign – Save Our Scotland – launched to protect Scotland's historic and natural treasures after lockdown measures due to the coronavirus crisis put the charity into an extremely challenging financial period.

George said: "I can't quite believe I've finished – and that I only had to repair two flat tires on the way! There were so many moments where we had to rethink our route after seeing poor weather forecasts, but more often than not the sun shone for us and it has been an amazing experience."

He added: "Crossing eight US states on two wheels has been a totally eye-opening and a liberating journey and I never lost sight of the reason for it all. I was constantly reminded of Scotland and Trust-owned places like Glencoe and Ben Lawers when I was on the mountain paths and I'm proud that I've achieved this - not only for myself, but for my father and grandfather and everyone in Scotland that cherishes its heritage."

Russell also expressed gratitude to his supporters, saying: "The messages of support that I received along the way was what really



kept me going and I'd like to thank everyone that reached out and made a donation."

Kirstin Bridier, who directs The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA, said: "I am inspired by George's epic journey – in awe of his physical effort and grateful for his commitment to helping the National Trust for Scotland weather the financial challenges brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. George connected individuals across the US and UK with the Trust's conservation mission through his cycle, and we cannot thank him enough for his vision and generosity."

George's fundraising pages are still live and Americans who would like to make a donation to help conserve historic sites such as Bannockburn and poet Robert Burns's birthplace can make a tax-deductible gift via The National Trust for Scotland Foundation USA here: <<https://fundly.com/george-russell-cycles-across-america>>.

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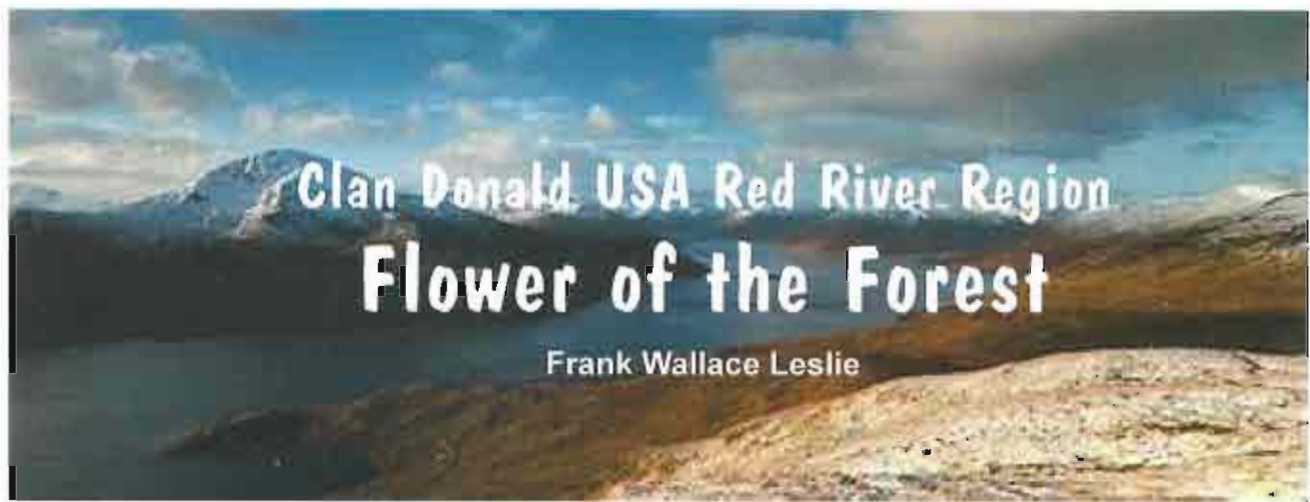
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Frank Wallace Leslie, age 66, of Kempner, Texas passed away on Friday, October 9, 2020. Frank was born October 6, 1954 in Newark, Ohio to parents Henry and Elsie Leslie.

Mr. Leslie served his country honorably in the United States Army for 21 years before his retirement. During his time served, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and several others.

After his retirement from the Army, Frank worked as a Test Support Specialist for Civil Service.

Frank was also active in the Mount Hiram Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star. In his free time, Frank liked to participate in competitive shooting, watching the Highland games, war gaming, learning history, and especially enjoyed his Single Malt Saturdays.

He was a member of Clan Donald USA Red River Region.



In 1977, Frank married the love of his life, Wynona Lynne. Together they shared 43 years of marriage.

Frank is survived by his wife, Wynona "Lynne" Leslie; daughter Sheryl Lynne Leslie; and son Jason Christopher Leslie and

wife, Tiffany as well as nine grandchildren; Austin Armstrong, Angel Armstrong, Mark Armstrong, Sebastian Leslie, Kaylee Leslie, Baylee Leslie, Jonathan Leslie, Christian Leslie, Jacquelyn Bicknell.



A visitation for Frank was held Thursday, October 15, 2020. A funeral service occurred Friday, October 16, 2020 at Grace United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Frank's memory may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, <donate.lovetotherescue.org>.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at <www.crawfordbowerscopperascove.com> for the Leslie family.

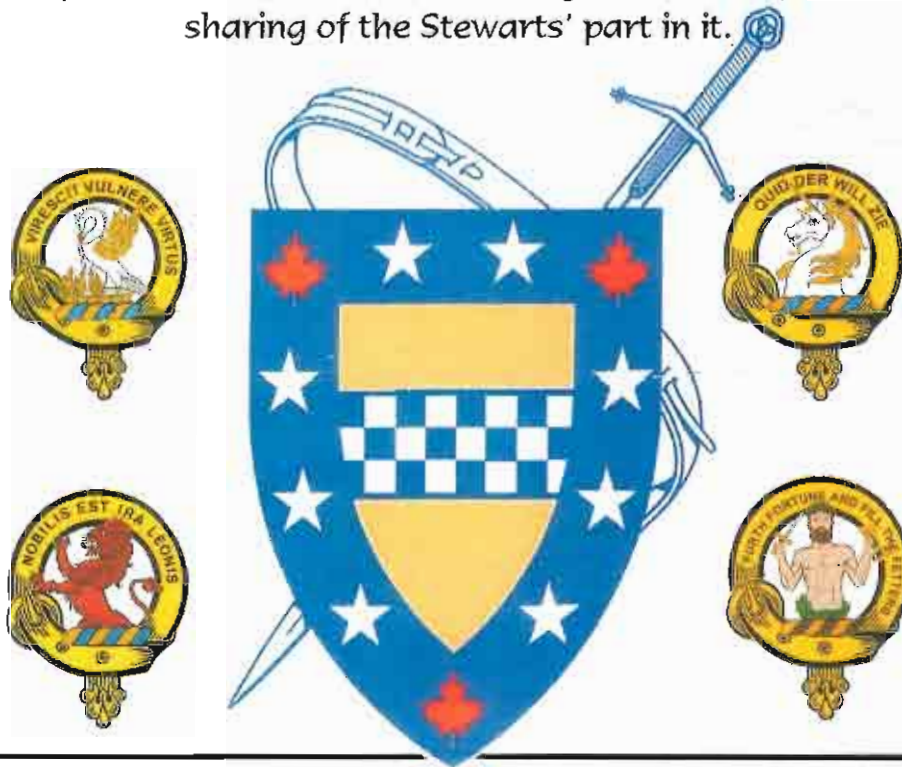
Words from the family-

A patriot who was intelligent and trust worthy. He was dedicated and loyal to family and friends. He was faith filled with integrity and honesty, Knowledgeable about himself and welcoming to new people. A happy, fun-filled, dapper, gentleman- A compassionate and kind husband, father, and grandfather

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The Stewart dynasty descended from King Robert I's daughter and her husband, Walter the Steward. Despite early unrest and weak government caused by several Stewart kings succeeding as minors, the dynasty flourished for over three centuries.

During this time, Scotland moved forward to become a modern and prosperous nation. Stewart monarchs such as King James IV and VI were Renaissance patrons of artistic, scientific, commercial, religious and political endeavour, sponsoring figures including the poet, Robert Henryson, and humanist, George Buchanan.

Also of significance was the arrival in the mid-sixteenth century of the Reformation movement, bringing about the replacement of Catholic Mary Queen of Scots by her son King James VI.

It was through the Stewart dynasty that the two thrones of England and Scotland - and later the governments - came to be united.

The 'Marriage of the Thistle and the Rose' took place at Stirling Castle in 1503 between King James IV and Princess Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.

This union of the Scottish and English Royal families eventually led in 1603 to the succession of a Stewart (now with a change of spelling) to the throne of England.

CSSA is represented at approximately 40 Scottish/Celtic events around the country each year. We are always looking for folks with our passion to volunteer to start more.

We also have a presence on the Internet with a website, <clansstewart.org> (official) and a Facebook page listed as *Clan Stewart Society in America* (unofficial).

Though we have maintained our low annual \$25 membership, we are still able to sponsor trophies for dance, drums and pipes and establish scholarships for institutions providing cultural Scottish curriculums and we also sponsor the competition of a record-holding female athlete.

For CSSA membership information: <clansstewart.org> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)



Tom and I went last week to "see the leaves." Unfortunately, the leaves had been mostly stripped away by the edge of the hurricane which had come by the weekend before we went. In spite of the less than spectacular fall leaves, it was a grand little day away for us. The weather was perfect, our picnic was fun and we thoroughly enjoyed the still gorgeous scenery.

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The West Highland Way, *continued from page 7*

tory, geology and wildlife of the places it crossed.

The trek would mark the start of his broadcasting career.

Mr MacGregor said: "They gave me a radio pack and at the time I didn't realise how expensive it was, I think they cost £4,000, and I had it banging off my boots and stuff.

"I really just blethered to myself most of the way because there was hardly anybody there. I encountered maybe 50 to 60 people."

Mr MacGregor later wrote a book about the West Highland Way, which topped the Scottish book-sellers' list - pushing renowned Scottish novelist William McIlvanney into second spot.

"William McIlvanney was a pal of mine and I said to him: 'William I take it you don't talk enough about beetles and buzzards'," Mr MacGregor said.

The broadcaster said the West Highland Way was a great achievement.

"It was the first official marked walk way in Scotland and it has led to so many more, which is a wonderful thing.

"For me it was a gift."

Hundreds of people have been marking the trail's 40th anniversary this week.

Covid-19 has prevented events from being held, but a virtual celebration has been taking place online, dedicated to Mr Hunter, who died in 2016,

and the many others who helped to establish the route.

People have been posting photographs and tales of their trips to a special page on the West Highland Way website.

Carol Matthews, who has been curating the entries, said the trail meant different things to different people.

She said: "Something that is very special to me, such as a beautiful horizon, might not be to somebody else. They might appreciate a beautiful bridge and its construction.

"I think everybody gets something different from the things that they see."

Ms Matthews said for most people the trail was far more than just a walking challenge.

She said: "I think there is a real emotional and strong sense of spirituality that comes through.

"People have created music, poetry and paintings that have been inspired along the West Highland Way."

And while the route is a week-long expedition for most walkers, the fleet-footed have managed to cover the distance in less than a day.

Ultra-runner Rob Sinclair set the men's record in 2017 with a time of 13 hours 41 minutes and eight seconds, while Lucy Colquhoun's women's record of 17 hours, 16 minutes and 20 seconds was achieved in 2007.





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Ice Age, the watershed between the North Sea and English Channel extended east from East Anglia then south-east to the Hook of Holland, rather than across the Strait of Dover. The Seine, Thames, Meuse, Scheldt and Rhine rivers joined and flowed west along the English Channel as a wide slow river before eventually reaching the Atlantic Ocean.

At about 10,000 BC the north-facing coastal area of Doggerland had a coastline of lagoons, saltmarshes, mudflats and beaches as well as inland streams, rivers, marshes and lakes. It may have been the richest hunting, fowling and fishing ground in Europe in the Mesolithic period.[2][7]

One big river system found by 3D seismic survey, undertaken by the Birmingham "North Sea Palaeolandscapes Project," was the "Shotton River", which drained the south-east part of the Dogger Bank hill area into the east end of the Outer Silver Pit lake. It is named after Birmingham geologist Frederick William Shotton.

Disappearance

As ice melted at the end of the last glacial period of the current ice age, sea levels rose and the land began to tilt in an isostatic adjustment as the huge weight of ice lessened. Doggerland eventually became submerged, cutting off what was previously the British peninsula from the European mainland by around 6500 BC. The

Dogger Bank, an upland area of Doggerland, remained an island until at least 5000 BC. Key stages are now believed to have included the gradual evolution of a large tidal bay between eastern England and Dogger Bank by 9000 BC and a rapid sea level rise thereafter, leading to Dogger Bank becoming an island and Britain becoming physically disconnected from the continent.

A recent hypothesis suggests that much of the remaining coastal land was flooded by a megatsunami around 6200 BC, caused by a submarine landslide off the coast of Norway known as the Storegga Slide. This suggests: "that the Storegga Slide tsunami would have had a catastrophic impact on the contemporary coastal Mesolithic population. Britain finally became separated from the continent and, in cultural terms, the Mesolithic there goes its own way." A study published in-2014 suggested that the only remaining parts of Doggerland at the time of the Storegga Slide were low-lying islands, but supported the view that the area had been abandoned at about the same time as the tsunamis.

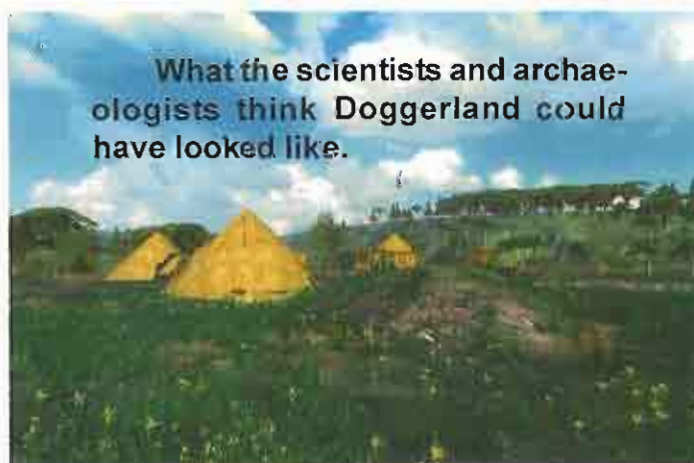
Another view speculates that the Storegga tsunami devastated Doggerland but then ebbed back into the sea and that later Lake Agassiz (in North America) burst releasing so much fresh water that sea levels over about two years rose to flood much of Doggerland and make Britain an island.[11]

Discovery and investigation by archaeologists

The prehistoric existence of what is now known as Doggerland was established in the late 19th century. H. G. Wells referred to the concept in his short story *A Story of the Stone Age* of 1897, set in "a time when one might have walked dryshod from

France (as we call it now) to England, and when a broad and sluggish Thames flowed through its marshes to meet its father Rhine, flowing through a wide and level country that is under water in these latter days, and which we know by the name of the North Sea...Fifty thousand years ago it was, fifty thousand years if the reckoning of geologists is cor-

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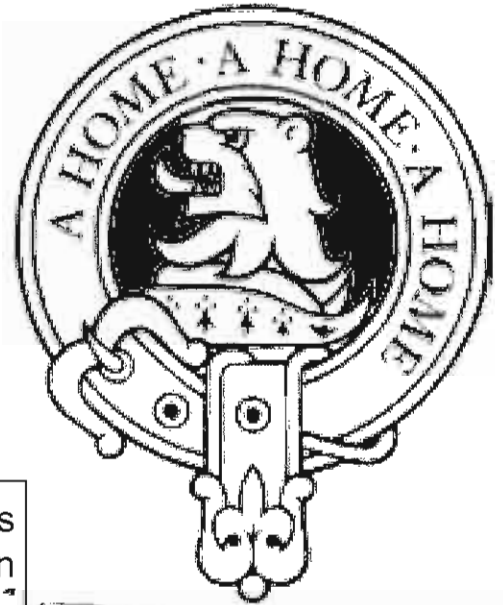
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rect", though most of the action seems to occur in what is now Surrey and Kent, but stretching out to Doggerland.

The remains of plants brought to the surface from Dogger Bank were studied in 1913 by paleobiologist Clement Reid, and the remains of animals and worked flints from the Neolithic period had also been found. In his book *The Antiquity of Man* of 1915, anatomist Sir Arthur Keith discussed the archaeological potential of the area. In 1931, the trawler *Colinda* hauled up a lump of peat whilst fishing near the Ower Bank, 40 kilometres (25 mi) east of Norfolk. The peat was found to contain a barbed antler point, possibly used as a harpoon or fish spear, 220 millimetres (8.5 in) long, which dated from between 4000 and 10,000 BC when the area was tundra.

Interest was reinvigorated in the 1990s by Bryony Coles, who named the area "Doggerland" ("after the great banks in the southern North Sea") and produced speculative maps of the area.

Although she recognised that the current relief of the southern North Sea seabed is not a sound guide to the topography of Doggerland, this topography has more recently begun to be reconstructed more authoritatively using seismic survey data obtained from oil exploration.

Between 2003 and 2007 a team at the University of Birmingham led by Vince Gaffney and Ken Thomson mapped around 23,000 square kilometres (8,900 square miles) of the Early Holocene landscape, using seismic data provided for research by Petroleum Geo-Services, as part of the work of the University of Birmingham North Sea Palaeolandscapes Project.

The results of this study were published as a tech-

nical monograph and a popular book on the history and archaeology of Doggerland. Names have been given to some of its features: "The Spines" to a system of dunes above the broad "Shotton River", the upland area of the "Dogger Bank", a basin between two huge sandbanks called "The Outer Silver Pit".

Early Holocene landscape features mapped by the North Sea Palaeolandscapes Project

A skull fragment of a Neanderthal, dated at over 40,000 years old, was recovered from material dredged from the Middeldiep, some 16 kilometres (10 mi) off the coast of Zeeland, and exhibited in Leiden in 2009.

In March 2010 it was reported that recognition of the potential archaeological importance of the area could affect the future development of offshore wind farms. Doggerland was an area of land, now submerged beneath the southern North Sea, that connected Britain to continental Europe. It was flooded by rising sea levels around 6500–6200 BC.

Geological surveys have suggested that it stretched from where Britain's east coast now is to the present-day Netherlands, western coast of Germany, and peninsula of Jutland.

It was probably a rich habitat with human habitation in the Mesolithic period, although rising sea levels gradually reduced it to low-lying islands before its final submergence, possibly following a tsunami caused by the Storegga Slide.

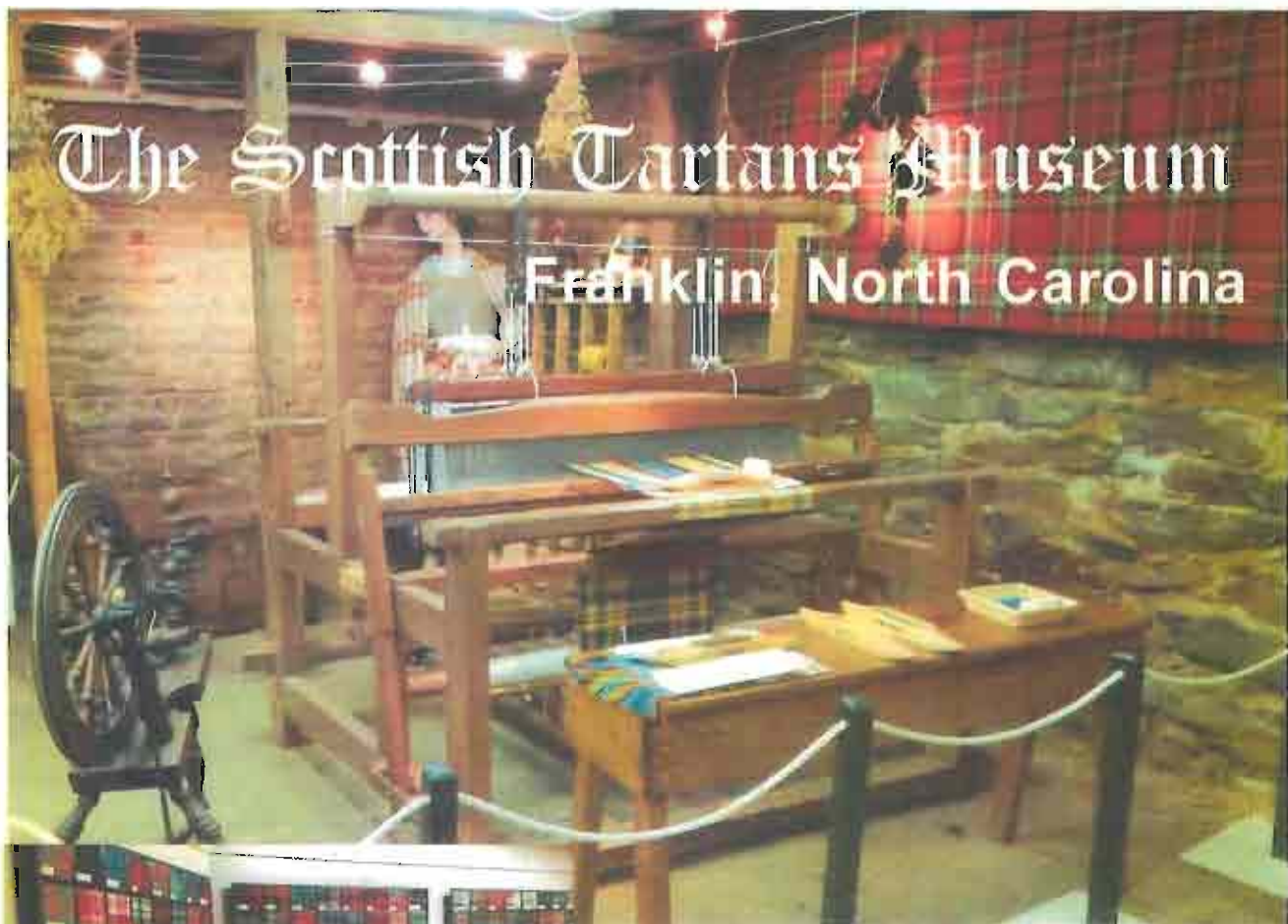
We'll continue this in our next issue, December 2020, Section B.



Neanderthal Skull



Wooly Mammoth Skull



The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM)) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

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BY Tim & Danie Turner

Webmasters for the St. Andrew Society
of Tallahassee, Florida

More and more, large social gatherings are being held virtually. One of the most popular platforms for connecting to these gatherings is Zoom. Our Saint Andrew Society has already hosted a couple of virtual events, and more are planned.

How to join a Zoom meeting: What are the requirements?

You can connect to a Zoom event using your smartphone, tablet, desktop computer, or laptop. If your desktop or laptop computer doesn't have a webcam or microphone, the participants won't be able



to see you or hear you. You can purchase a webcam with a built-in microphone via Amazon.com or Walmart.com, etc., for under \$30.

Ordinarily, to join a Zoom meeting, you will need to receive an email or text message invite containing the meeting web address (URL) or meeting ID.

You do not need a Zoom login to join a meeting, all you need is that meeting URL or ID. The invite will also usually include a phone number you can use to attend by voice only.

How to join a Zoom meeting through a web browser.

You don't need to install any extra software to join a Zoom meeting from your desktop or laptop computer. You can do it all through a web browser such as Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, or Firefox.

Click on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or text.

A new tab will open on your preferred web browser. If you don't have the Zoom desktop app installed, the page will urge you to download the app.

Ignore that and skip down to the small print: "If you cannot download or run the application, join from your browser."

Click the highlighted text "Join from your browser".

Sign in with your name to join the meeting.

If you're using a smartphone or tablet, you will probably want to download the Zoom app from your App Store. Trying to connect using your web

From Beth: I also survived very old Easter Eggs left outside overnight, which we ate. Running with scissors didn't hurt me.

Nobody ever came to watch/hear me dance, or play an instrument or participate in a sporting event. (My mother worked.) I didn't realize anyone did come to anything.

I got myself to where I needed to go on a Jacksonville City Bus, schoolmate's car or my bicycle. If all of those failed, I went on my feet.

I ironed my own clothes from age 10 and still do, plus Tom's. I always came home at night on time, but never had a curfew. If I bled, I found a band-aid somewhere.

I did not have anything fancy. My grandmother made 99% of my clothes, which I loved.

What was a doctor? What was a dentist?

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Clan Forrester

Society

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browser on these devices is not recommended. As noted above, however, if you just want audio for an event, you can use your phone to dial in.

How to join a Zoom meeting by downloading the app.

Download and install the Zoom app. If you're using a desktop or laptop, the install file/app can be downloaded by going to <https://zoom.us/support/download>. If you're using a smartphone or tablet, get the app from your App Store.

Once installed, open Zoom.

You now have two choices, you can either (1) click on the meeting invite URL that the host shared via email or (2) click Join Meeting and then enter the meeting ID, which is also on the meeting invite, and your name. Depending on how the meeting is setup, you may enter the meeting right away, you may need to wait for the host to arrive first, or you may be placed into a waiting room that the host controls.

Now what?

So, you've successfully joined the Zoom event, now what?

Connect your video and audio. Make sure you tell Zoom to turn on your video, and if prompted for audio, use Call With Internet Audio.

Mute yourself. The host of the event may have already muted everyone, but make sure you mute yourself anyway. If you want to speak, you can

unmute yourself, or, if you're using a desktop or laptop, you can hold down the space bar to talk, and release it when you're done talking.

Use Gallery View. Gallery view, which is only available if you install the Zoom app, shows thumbnails of participants in a grid (think Brady Bunch – for those of you who are older think Hollywood

Squares). Depending on your computer, it's possible to see up to 49 people on one screen, and 4 on a smartphone or tablet. To enable Gallery view, select the Gallery view icon unless you are on a smartphone. On a smartphone, swipe left to access Gallery view. Swipe left again to view more participants. On other devices, use the arrows on either side of the screen.

Don't be afraid of using Zoom. It's not difficult to learn, and for attending events, it's free. If

you want to host a meeting lasting longer than 40 minutes with more than two people, then you must purchase a license. To learn more about using zoom, take a look at the Zoom Help Center by navigating to <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us> in your web browser.

With thanks to The St. Andrews Cross. For more information contact: [<ericking@comcast.net>](mailto:ericking@comcast.net)



The Armstrong Clan Society

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The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from the United States Federal Income Taxes.

On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clérk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms to the right of this paragraph. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."



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For membership application, email **Janet Armstrong** at <jdumeyer@hotmail.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.

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <chrisarmys@gmail.com>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!

Clan MacTavish DNA Project— ethnicity



John Harrison,
Clan MacTavish DNA Project Administrator

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In the January 2020 edition of *NON OBLITUS* (The publication of Clan MacTavish), I mentioned that during my DNA–Family History classes at Dixie State University, Institute for Continued Learning (ICL), there are always students who claim they are related to famous people, Native American/First Nation indigenous tribes, royalty, and Scottish ancestry.

As members of Clan MacTavish, we know that we come from a land known for its Legends, Myths and Superstitions. So, it is not surprising to find out that in some cases, the stories told about our ancestry could be inaccurate.

There are also those in my class who disagreed with their atDNA test results for ethnicity, denouncing the estimates as grossly inaccurate when the ethnicity estimates conflicted with or did not confirm their information.

This article explores the sometimes-controversial topic of Ethnicity Estimates obtained from autosomal or atDNA tests. I refer to this test as the Mother – Father test, because you get half of your atDNA from your mom and half from your dad. The chart below summarizes the estimated amount of DNA you may share with your family going back to your 5th G-Grandparents.

We get - Percentage of DNA Shared

- 50% of our atDNA from our 2 parents
- 25% from our 4 Grandparents
- 12.5% from our 8 G-Grandparents
- 6.25% from our 16 G-Grandparents
- 3.125% from our 32 G-Grandparents
- 1.563% from our 64 G-Grandparents
- 0.781% from our 128 G-Grandparents
- Or 128 Surnames. Avg 250 1st -3rd Cousins 30k 4th Cousins

cM of DNA Shared

3400.00 cM's
1700.00
850.00
425.00
212.20
106.25
53.13

This article
will continue
for two more
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issue of *BNFT*.
It will continue
in forthcoming
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is completed.

I have notated that six generations from you will equal 128 family surnames, and that on average, an individual has approximately 250 first through third cousins and approximately 30 thousand fourth cousins. These estimates suggest that you focus on your immediate family members first, and move onto your first through third cousins next, and save your fourth cousins and those beyond for later. As you look at the chart above, you also see that the farther back in time

you go, there is less, and less DNA passed down to you. Science has also observed that in some cases, certain family members atDNA stops entirely, and cannot be detected in current generations. The chart below visually illustrates how little atDNA there is to work with in a laboratory at the fourth cousin level. This is also the level of testing where false positives and false negative matches begin to appear in research.

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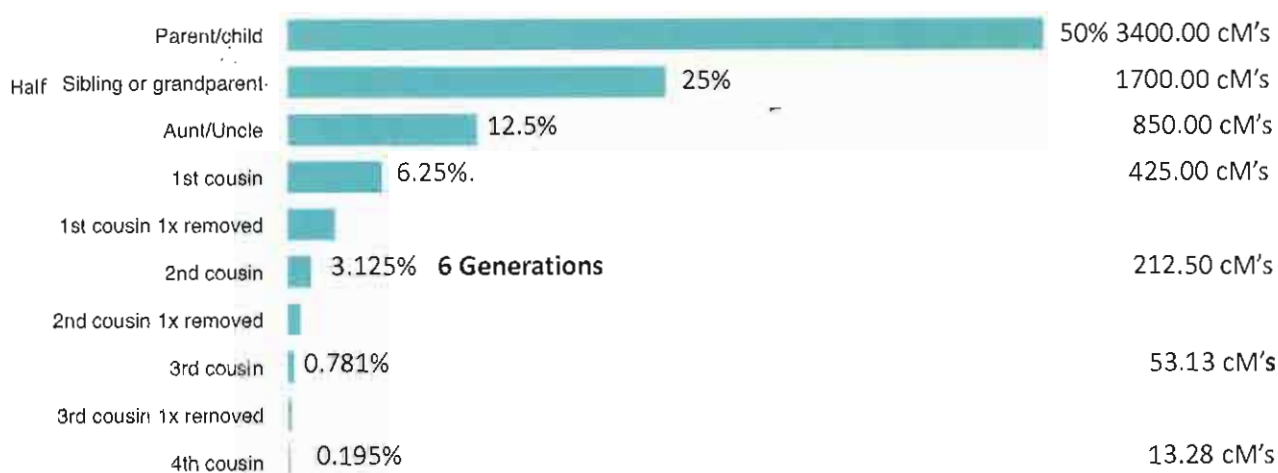
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Nevertheless, the atDNA test is used by the major genetic testing companies such as *Ancestry.com*, *FamilyTreeDNA.com*, *MyHeritage.com* and others to estimate your ethnicity percentages with remarkable success. They also express an opinion about their estimate that is expressed in a percentage. For example, my mother and I share 3,470 cM's, the likelihood that we are mother, and child is 100%.

The explanation below can be found by clicking on the "Shared DNA" column in Ancestry.com, DNA Matches section.

Things to know

HOW MUCH DNA IS SHARED BY...



How do we estimate DNA relationships? A DNA match means you and another AncestryDNA® member inherited DNA from one or more recent ancestors. The length of DNA you have in common with your matches is estimated in *centimorgans (cM)*. The larger the number, the closer the relationship.

The DNA you share with your matches is distributed across *segments* - short segments, long segments, or some combination of both. The length of the longest segment you and a DNA match have in common can help determine your relationship. The longer the segment, the more likely you are related through a recent common ancestor. Segment length can also be helpful when you're evaluating the difference between multiple matches that all show the same possible relationship.

In some cases, the length of the longest shared segment is greater than the total length of shared DNA. This is because we adjust the length of shared DNA to reflect the DNA that is most likely shared from a recent ancestor. Sometimes, DNA can be shared for reasons other than recent ancestry, such as when two people share the same ethnicity or are from the same regions.

Possible DNA Relationships: The table shows the percentage of people sharing 3,470 cM have the following relationships:

Percent, 100% Relationship, Parent/Child.

Evaluating DNA Evidence: DNA evidence may support or contradict other forms of evidence, and may point to different sources of evidence. Other possible relationships between people should also be considered.

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THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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I will focus my remaining remarks on information and analysis observed as a patron of Ancestry.com to help explain this topic further. I am using Ancestry.com because they have the largest atDNA database in the world, which includes test results from more than 15 million people. To explain the basics of ethnicity and how its calculated, I shall refer to two publications available for further reading on their website entitled –AncestryDNA Reference Panel, and AncestryDNA Ethnicity.

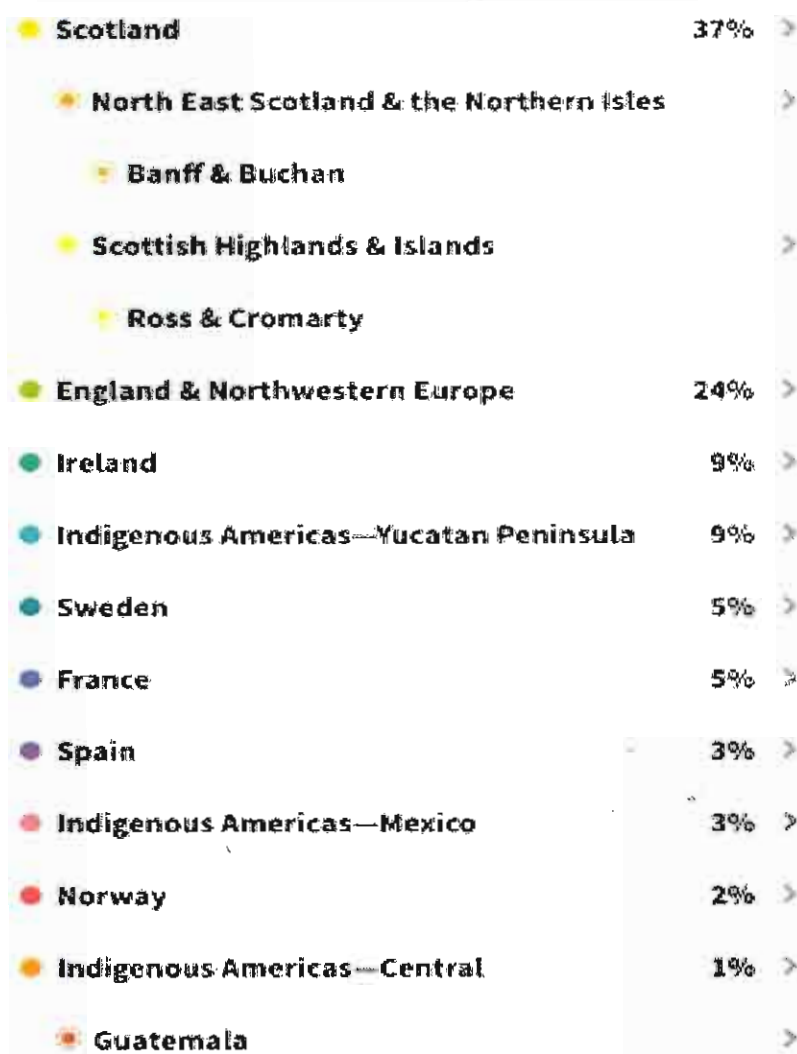
Ethnicity Estimates – What are they?

According to Blaine T. Bettinger, Genealogist–Ethnicity Estimates – “more accurately known as **admixture** or **biogeographical estimation** – is the process of assigning a test taker’s DNA to one or more populations around the world based on comparison of those segments to DNA from reference populations. Individual segments of the test taker’s DNA are assigned to the reference population that they most closely match, based on the assumption that the DNA most likely came from that population at a recent point in time. All of the assignments over the test taker’s entire genome are added together to

Ethnicity Estimate

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create the overall ethnicity estimate.”

My ethnicity tests have changed multiple times since I bought my original atDNA test from Ancestry.com in 2015. For example, my Scottish ethnicity increased in 2015 from 18% to 37% in 2020. See my most recent estimates in the chart below. This change is consistent with the published statement by Ancestry.com on their website, which states: “DNA science is always evolving, and so are we. DNA ethnicity estimates are updated from time to time based on advances in DNA science and an increasing number of samples in our reference panel. With each update, we continue to add new regions, making your results even more precise.”

The latest AncestryDNA update occurred this September 2020. Ancestry suggest that you take particular note of your results from the United Kingdom and Ireland. “They have gone from two regions to four: England and Northwestern Europe, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Because the DNA from our reference groups in Scotland and England are so similar, it’s possible that many people from England, particularly northern England, may now find an increased percentage of Scotland in their results and vice versa.”

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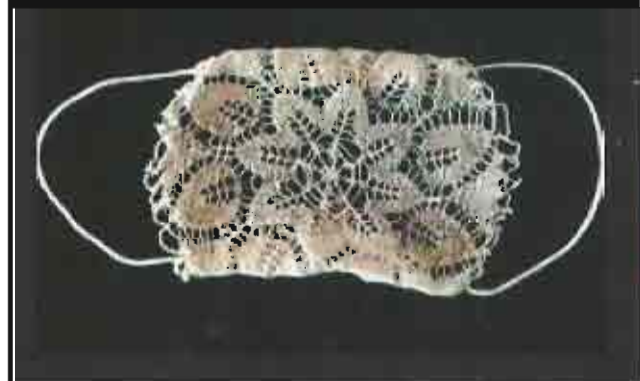
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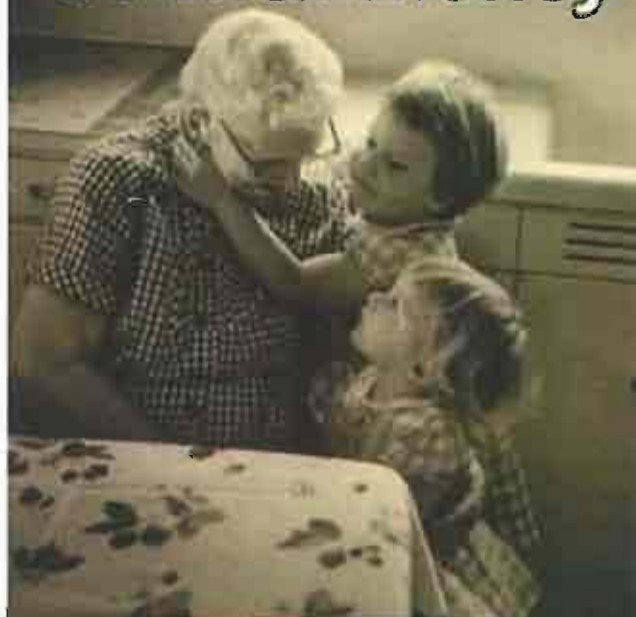


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The NEW EOGN.COM Website Is Now Online!

Dick Eastman



I am pleased to announce that the new website for my newsletter is now online. It is also installed on a new web hosting service in the cloud. The new site at <http://eogn.com> replaces both the old website at the same address AND the former Plus Edition website at <http://eognplus.com>.

That's right. There is now one new web site for everyone. You can access it whether you have a Plus Edition subscription, a Standard Edition subscription, or no subscription at all. As before, all material on the web site is available to read free of charge except for the Plus Edition articles that are reserved for Plus Edition subscribers.

There is one change, however: Visitors (without subscriptions) will be able to read Standard articles, but only free or paid subscribers can post comments. As always, *Plus Edition* subscribers can also read articles written especially for them.

Note: Anyone who visits the new site but is not subscribed is now called a "visitor." You may remain in "visitor" status forever, if you wish. Visitors (without either free or paid subscriptions) will be able to read Standard articles and read messages in the new Discussion Forum, but only subscribers can post comments or new Discussion Forum messages. As always, Plus Edition subscribers can also read and comment on articles written especially for them.

The new website features:

1. An all new look-and-feel that should be easier to navigate.
2. No more PayPal. For those who elect to

sign up for a Plus Edition subscription, the new website accepts VISA, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards. American Express will be added as soon as that company processes my application. The credit card companies all guarantee protection of your payment against fraud. (They also guaranteed PayPal payments in the old web site, but lots of people didn't know that.) Again, only Plus Edition subscribers will be affected by this change.

3. If you don't want to pay online by credit card, you can ask for an invoice (a billing statement) that you can then pay by check or some other means. However, the subscription will not begin until your full payment by credit card, check, cash, wa-

terfront property, or other method has been received at EOGN.COM's "corporate headquarters" (which is really a corner of a bedroom in my home).

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Some of the funding Scottish Heritage USA has provided over the years:

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• Renovation of Eisenhower Suite, Culzean castle	\$50,000*
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• Renovation of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Hill House, Helensburgh	\$20,000*
• Highland Echoes "Scotland in the Class"	\$16,900
• Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC	\$7,700
• Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Cultural Village 2017-20	\$6,000

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Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle



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take effect immediately.

4. A new Discussion Forum is built into the new website. This is a place for you to post questions or comments about any genealogy-related topic, ask for assistance, compare notes with other genealogists, and more. I suspect this will become a very popular service.

5. Cloud-based! The entire EOGN.COM website now runs in the cloud. No, it won't be running on a PC in my living room, in a single server in a data center on the other side of the world, or anything similar. EOGN.COM now uses cloud services just like Netflix, Gmail, Microsoft Office 365, Amazon, eBay, and many other popular web sites. By running in the cloud, all these web sites achieve 99.99% or better uptime.

At any moment, you will be accessing the newsletter's multiple servers in California, New Jersey, Dublin, Tokyo, Beijing, Singapore, or elsewhere; you won't know—and most likely you won't care! All you will know is, "It just works!"

6. No viruses! The cloud servers are monitored 24 hours a day by system professionals using all the latest anti-virus and anti-malware techniques.

Note: Actually, the old newsletter web site never had a virus either; but it depended upon me to monitor everything. I feel a lot better with cloud services gurus monitoring and protecting everything 24 hours a day. I can sleep better now.

6. Hardware agnostic and mobile friendly! You will be able to access all functions on the new

EOGN.COM whether you are using Windows, Macintosh, Chromebook, Linux, iPad, or Android devices. You even can use your "smartphone." The new website automatically adjusts its appearance to display on your device's screen (although using a very small screen size may not be an optimum user experience).

7. A new smartphone app will soon be available. You will be able to access everything in the newsletter's web site with customized apps designed for that purpose.

8. Lots of disk space is available now, and I

can always pay for more space, if needed. The maximum available size in the cloud is "infinite" although I am not prepared to pay for quite that much space. As one insurance company advertises, "Only pay for what you use."

Downsides

If you expect the all-new web site to be perfect in every way the instant it becomes available, you may be disappointed. This first release will be version 0.9. Like most software, you can expect later versions to squash bugs, correct typo errors, and provide new functions based on user suggestions. In short, I expect this to be a "work in progress" for a while.

I could go on and on... But probably the best advice I can offer is, "Check out the new EOGN newsletter for yourself at <https://eogn.com>.

I'll "see" you online!

- Dick Eastman



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The 'horned helmet'

The Royal Armouries Museum royalarmouries.org/contact-us

One of the most mysterious objects in the Royal Armouries Collection is the 'horned helmet'. This bizarre headpiece was commissioned in 1511 by The Holy Roman Emperor Maximillian I as a gift for the young King Henry VIII. The helmet would have been part of a full armour, worn by King Henry for court pageants.

The decoration on the grotesque mask is etched with life-like facial details. If you look closely, you can even see stubble on the chin and crow's feet around the eyes. There is also a pronounced drip beneath the nose. The mask also sports a pair of spectacles, which heighten its strangeness even more. A pair of ram's horns, beautifully modeled in sheet iron, complete this extraordinary piece.

Research to identify the source that inspired the horned helmet is continuing, but the copper alloy (possibly originally gilded) spectacles were never fitted with lenses, which reveals some clues as to its signification. It is believed that the spectacles form part of the identity of a 'fool', a figure commonly found in late 15th- and

early 16th-century imagery, suggesting that everyone, however noble or lowly, has elements of foolishness in their character.

A number of images of fools wearing or carrying spectacles of this kind exist. The spectacles themselves are of so-called 'rivet' type, an almost universal design

which hinged in order that they might grip the bridge of the wearer's nose. Spectacles of this type are known in Europe from at least the middle of the 14th century.

Work on the iconography of the mask of the 'horned helmet' continues, but there is increasing support for the view that it is that of a fool and that the spectacles are entirely a part of the representation of such a figure. We must also establish an explanation for the presence of the horns, which at the time the helmet was made were usually the sign of a cuckold or of the Devil. We now think that it may not have been thought appropriate to fit horns to a helmet intended for the King of England.

Following Henry's death in 1547, it was probably placed on display among

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Re: Dr. Lindsay Davidson Announces New Program for Bagpipers & Wanna-be Pipers

Here's some correspondence between Dave Chagnon, FSA Scot and Dr. Lindsay Davidson, who lives in Krakow, Poland. There are some wonderful ideas here if you want to learn the pipes!

Greetings, fellow Davidson Clansmen of North America... and beyond!

As many of you may not know, our membership spans the globe. One of the most prestigious Davidson Clansman is Dr. Lindsay Davidson, resident of Krakow Poland. Lindsay has made his living for many years teaching and playing the bagpipes... yes, in Poland (as well as other places around the world). Lindsay is co-Founder and Head of the Embassy International School in Krakow [<https://embassyschool.pl/>]. He also has the distinction of being the first person in the world to finish any higher education degree majoring as a 'piper' (University of Edinburgh). He later completed a PhD in Composition, traditional teacher training as a Primary school



teacher and a Master's degree in Education.

Recently, I received an email from Lindsay in which he announces yet another innovation in the field of bagpipe teaching. But I'll let Lindsay's email speak for itself.

Dear Dave, Over the summer I set up a quite different thing... a virtual pipe band in the hopes of attracting more people to Clan Davidson and also giving those who are already members and play pipes something extra to enjoy.

Basically, it is a set of tunes, played by the computer at a high pitch and low pitch, at normal speed, half speed and quarter speed so that people can play along and get better. When we meet together we will have a whole collection of tunes we will be able to play together. Most of the tunes (not all) are compositions from the 2009 Clan Davidson Collection.

<<http://teachyourselfbagpipes.co.uk/cdvpmain.html>> is the website and as an example one of the tune sets is below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhKLi5jHbUA&list=PLI7FeqT_N1dMCFn8IQ8ZfzdZYeVoa9DdY&index=93>

There are a few people already taking part. There are free lessons for those who join in. (Obviously time zones play a part here but I have a method for that, which is actually better than live Skype sessions I think, and this other method is what I use for my university teaching.)

Maybe this would be interesting news ...

Kind regards, Lindsay

I hope Lindsay's kind offer resonates in the hearts of many of our membership and y'all get wi' the program!

Yours, Aye! Dave (Dave Chagnon, FSA Scot
Clan Chief's High Commissioner for NA,
Sennachie Emeritus

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other arms and armour belonging to him. The rest of the armour was apparently discarded as scrap metal after the Civil War. The extraordinary appearance of the helmet probably saved it from destruction

and it remains one of the most enigmatic pieces in the collection to this day.

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