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Lord Jamie Semple on “The next Gathering”

As you can imagine there has been a lot of thought and discussion as to the next gathering, and it will be a while before any final decisions are made. However, it does seem as if the first real opportunity would be in 2012, the year of the Olympics, which are being held in London. It would be an ideal opportunity to host an event in Scotland either before or just after they have taken place.

In planning the next gathering, it is important to remember that 2009 is the year of The Homecoming and that a lot of government support has gone towards marketing this initiative. It also begs the question of what really was the major draw card for all those who came from overseas. As some have rightly commented a “once in a lifetime” occasion should be just that. However, there are various aspects of The Gathering which could easily be replicated and would have an equally strong appeal. There is also the whole issue of venue and availability of accomodation etc. On reviewing the costs, it becomes quite apparent that future events of this scale will need a far greater level of public and private funding, especially if the event is to emulate The Gathering. It is this financial requirement which will probably have the final say in when and where the next gathering takes place!



Lord Jamie Semple

On a more personal note it is very sad to see the departure of all the staff who did so much to make the occasion so successful. For the last year it has been a rollercoaster of a ride, and we could’nt have done it without them. As it is ...on Monday, Jenny, Lucy-Rose and I will face an empty office, and the challenge of planning the next .

With thanks to the *PanAlba* Newsletter. Visit <http://www.panalba.com/> to join.

During his entire lifetime, Herman Melville’s timeless classic of the sea, *Moby Dick*, only sold 50 copies.

Identifying The Correct Ancestor

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Encountering people with the same name is a given in genealogical research. Dealing with this issue in multiple records (or at every turn) can drive even the most dedicated person up the wall. The key to ultimate success is pulling together facts to separate the correct candidate from the others.

Determining this answer means more than knowing simple names and dates.

Researchers should focus on learning as much about specific details of the daily activities and lives as possible. Examples of this level of detail would include: Names: This sounds obvious but in reality, people are given names at birth and baptism, but choose to go by their middle names or nicknames later in life. Researchers may encounter multiple names and spelling in various records. Dates of Birth and Age: Our ancestors lived in an era where survivability, not precise accuracy in record keeping, was the most relevant issue. Places of Birth, Marriage, Death, and Residence: Knowing the locations of these events and localities are critical since most genealogical relevant records are arranged by state and county. Occupation, Economic, and Educational Status: This information may provide clues to other relevant records. Some brief examples would include:

- a. Land/Property Records
- b. Court Records
- c. School Records
- d. Probate Packets

Religious Affiliation: Historically, churches were the central influence in many of our ancestor's lives. Many churches were involved in immigration matters.

Identifying neighbors, friends, and relatives: If anyone in the family or a neighbor kept a diary which has survived, this can be an invaluable

tool for information. Neighbors, friends, and relatives often knew more details about the families and events in their history than you imagine! This can be especially true when dealing with "black sheep".

They can be especially helpful in migrations since people often moved in groups with others whom they were familiar with or related to.

Military Service: If your ancestor served in any branch of the military, there may be information in bounty land grants, pensions, service records, or veteran's organizations.

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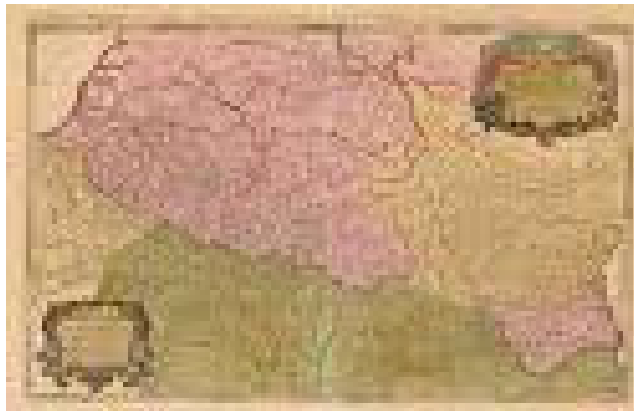
Maps are important tools in genealogy!

Maps help us understand geographical and physical features which might have influenced an ancestor's migration. An older map might show towns that no longer exist.

The Internet is a very good place to search for maps that might aid in your genealogical research.

1 Historical Maps Online: <<http://www.images.library.uiuc.edu/projects/maps/index.html>> This collection is part of a collaborative effort between the University of Illinois Library and the University of Illinois Press. The online material includes hundreds of digitized maps which may be examined in minute detail with an effective zoom feature.

2 University of Tennessee Map Library:



<<http://www.lib.utk.edu/cic/>> You can take a virtual tour of the map library. This site includes map sources and links to resources.

3 Perry-Castaeda Library Map Collection: <<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>> includes a maps FAQ and many other map sites.

4 Bygone Towns (also lists other sites on the Internet which are providing a service to assist in genealogy research): <http://>



Patricia Tennyson Bell, of Pasadena, California, sent this photo of the Stars & Stripes of America flying over Balgonie Castle in the Kingdom of Fife, Scotland. Patricia reports that an American lady was being married at the castle and wished for her flag to be flown that day.

www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mahud/bg/byg.html

5 Many researchers make their own family migration maps and there are Internet resources for these as well: RootsWorks migration maps: <<http://www.rootsworks.com/migrationmaps>>; Census Bureau Tiger maps (public domain): <<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tigermapping.html>>; Migration maps. Routes <<http://www.rootsandroutes.net/migmapping.htm>>

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

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**Who was
born on the
day you
were born?**



It's fun to think about birthdays. My sweet friend, Judy Eaton from Orlando, Florida and I share the same month and day, but not the year...June 18. My all-time favorite country singer and really nice person, Don Williams, and I share all three - month, day and year (And, I ain't tellin' the year!).

Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln were both born on 12 February 1809.

Michael Caine and Quincy Jones were both born 14 March 1933 and Francis Coppola and David Frost came into this world on 7 April 1939.

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The Whisky Column

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Welcome back to *The Whisky Column*. It's always fun to discover what's on peoples' minds when it comes to questions about whisky.

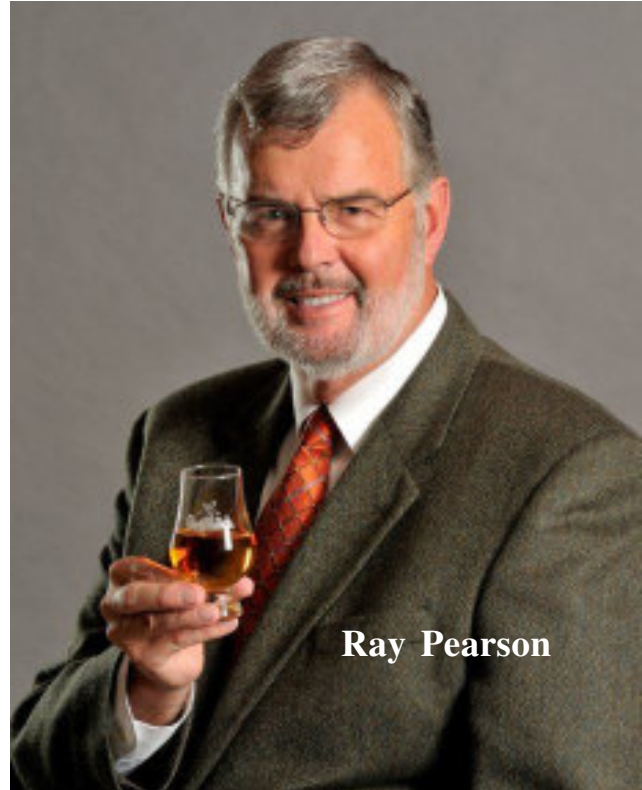
During the last month, the spelling of "whisky" has created some interest. "Whisky" is a generic term describing liquor distilled from the fermented mash of grain, such as wheat, barley, rye, or corn. Originally whisky had one name, uisge beatha (pronounced ooski bah), meaning "water of life" in Gaelic. Over time, "ooskie" evolved into "whisky". In the 1800s, Irish and American distillers added the extra "e" to distinguish their products from the offerings of Scottish distillers.

In last month's column some specialized words appeared, which need explaining, so here is our October segment:

Alcohol by Volume, Cask Strength, and Chill Filtration

Alcohol by Volume (or ABV as it is popularly known), is a worldwide standard measure of the alcohol content in an alcoholic beverage. It is expressed as a percentage of the total volume. For instance, a 750ml bottle of Glenfiddich 12 year old is labeled "40% ABV", and a bottle of Glenfiddich 18 year old is labeled "43% ABV". This brings up an interesting point: if a bottle of whisky is 40 or 43 percent ABV, what's the rest? The answer is water. There is actually more water in a bottle of single malt than there is alcohol! In the U.S., another measure of alcoholic strength is "proof". "Proof" is ABV doubled (40% ABV = 80 proof).

Cask Strength refers to the strength of the whisky in one specific cask. The liquid comes from the still in the high 60% to mid-70s% ABV. Water is sometimes added to reduce the ABV to a lower level to encourage the spirit to "open



Ray Pearson

up" and to help it age in the cask.

Chill Filtration is a process used by most distillers to remove tiny particles of protein and other particulates that have dropped out of suspension. These "congeners" tend to make the whisky cloudy or slightly opaque when chilled by refrigeration, or the addition of ice or cold water. Non-chill filtered whiskies are usually bottled at higher strengths than their filtered counterparts are. Some independent bottlers specialize in offering a wide range of non-chill filtered whiskies. Glenfiddich has released, in very limited quantities, "The Distillery Edition". This 15 year old single malt is bottled at 51% ABV, or 102 proof. It is non-chill filtered. According to Brian Kinsman, Glenfiddich Malt Master Designate, "The higher proof of The Dis-

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Have you found any Welsh ancestors?

It's likely that anyone who has Scottish ancestry has Welsh ancestry as well. Nowadays, there are many good Internet resources and books to give you wonderful help with your research. (BTW, Cymru, the Welsh name for Wales is pronounced exactly like the popular automobile, "Camry.")

The National Library of Wales (Llyfrgell Genedlaethol Cymru) can be found at <<http://www.llgc.org.uk>> The National Library is one of the great libraries of the world. Its home is in the seaside town of Aberystwyth in



Ceredigion. Since 1911, it has enjoyed the right to collect, free of charge, a copy of every printed work published in Britain and Ireland. In addition, there is a

huge collection of works about Wales and the other Celtic countries: books and pamphlets, magazines and newspapers, microfilm, ephemera and a wealth of electronic material. The library publishes books, magazines, posters and cards. The National Li-

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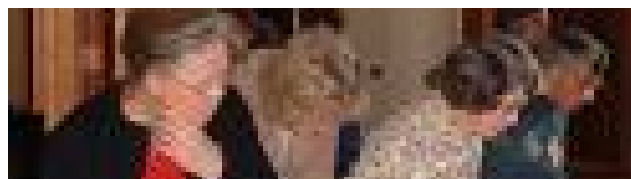
tillery Edition gives this expression the characteristics of a whisky that has come straight from the cask. This simple and straightforward insight into Glenfiddich gives people a chance to experience the whisky in a more essential state, much like how it would be at our distillery itself."

Water has been mentioned several times within this article. The supreme importance of water in the world of Glenfiddich will be the subject of next month's article. See you then.

brary of Wales website offers the user direct access to several catalogue and online resources enabling the collections of various materials to be searched.

Information Related to All of Wales <<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal>> This site offers links to information such as archives and libraries, cemeteries, census records, church records, genealogy, etc.

Books: *Welsh Family History* edited by John and Sheila Rowlands and *Surnames of Wales* by John and Sheila Rowlands plus *Welsh Family History, a Guide to Research* edited by John Rowlands and others.



When Elmer met Folks: Two genealogical libraries to merge

Dean Poling, *The Valdosta Daily Times*

HOMERVILLE, GA — Two regional genealogy libraries are set to merge, creating what may be the most comprehensive genealogy facility in the Southeast.

In the coming months, Elmer's Genealogy Library of Madison, Fla., will merge with the Huxford Genealogy Library in Homerville. The Madison library's materials will be moving to the Homerville site. The Huxford library will be moving to a larger Clinch County facility offered by the city of Homerville, said E.L. "Boe" Williams, the Huxford's chairman.

The new facility will be called the Folks Huxford-Elmer Spear Library.

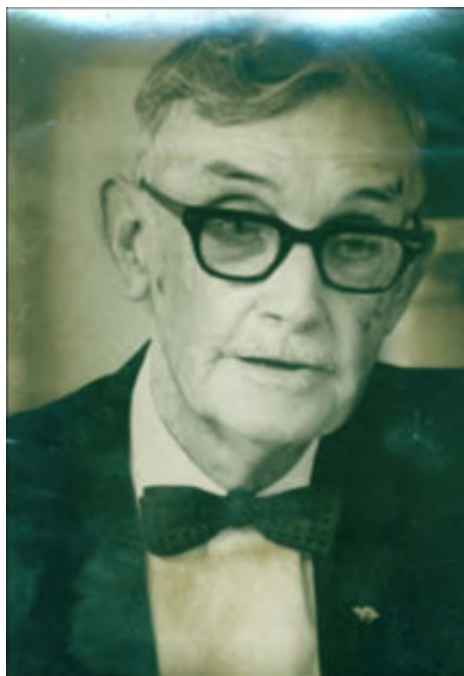
This combination of materials and members should make the new library a formidable facility for research into family histories not just from South Georgia but for genealogical references throughout the United States.

"It may be the largest independent genealogical library in the region of the Southeastern United States," Williams said.

The Huxford Genealogical Society has 800 memberships representing 1,200 to 1,300 people; married couples are counted as one membership, Williams said. The Huxford library has thousands of materials with Judge Folks Huxford's original card files on 5,000 families still serving as the collection's centerpiece. The files have continued to grow, methodically collecting family files from numerous parts of the U.S. The collection, for example,

includes more than 1,000 volumes of the Pennsylvania Archives. The Huxford's contents are insured for \$1 million.

The Elmer Library consists of more than 25,000 books. Elmer C. Spear's collection covers a wider range of states and families.



Folks Huxford created a legacy for his lifelong genealogy work by creating a society and library. In the coming months, Elmer's Genealogy Library, Madison, Fla., will merge with the Huxford in Homerville.

Williams described the Huxford as being like a rifle, methodically aiming to complete certain states and regions, while the Elmer has worked more like a shotgun collecting research materials from everywhere as long as they have come within the collector's reach.

As for histories, Williams has been involved with the Huxford since its inception in the early 1970s.

Judge Folks Huxford collected research materials throughout his life. He ran a magazine for years, but lost it in a business deal in his later years. From this heartbreak, Huxford conceived the concept of a society committed to preserving and building upon his life's work.

"Judge Huxford had the foresight to realize he wouldn't live forever," Williams said. "With the society, his work would continue after he died."

A similar thought is behind the Elmer's merger. Spear wants to ensure his life's work will not be scattered to the winds, Williams said. By merging Elmer's

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Genealogical “Slumgullion” for you!

Growing up, every once in awhile my grandmother would take all of the leftovers from the freezer and make what she called “Slumgullion.” This was a soup or stew of whatever there was. My brothers and I loved it - and I continue the tradition today.

I have run across several miscellaneous genealogical tidbits that don’t warrant a complete article - but which are still good and still useable...that’s “Slumgullion” for sure.

When you need to research an ancestral town or city within the United States a useful collection of data can be found at <http://www.citydata.com> You’ll find maps, statistics, schools, libraries, airports, zip codes, area codes and much more. You may select the state and then you’ll see links to cities over 6000 residents, cities, towns and villages between 1000 and 600 residents. You may even find places with fewer than 1000 residences.

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www.newspapers.com You’ll find lists of newspapers within each state. Most newspapers have a searchable archive of obituaries with some going back four or five years.

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Genealogy Library with the Huxford, his work will remain in one location combined with the Homerville collection, all continuing to grow as time passes.

Williams said it is hard to estimate the potential of this merger. He cited an example from the Huxford where a man wished to find his roots.

The man’s last name was Lee. Williams noted just how many Lees have lived in the region through the years and centuries. Still, with only the man’s great-grandfather’s name, the Huxford’s materials were able to trace his Lee family roots to the 1600s. The Huxford did this in one afternoon.

Naming several states to be represented in the merged collection, Williams said some area folks may wonder what Illinois, for example, may have to do with a South Georgia family.



A name, a name, a name...Mary...

I was reading a book on famous ladies...and noticed something sort of interesting. Many of them were famous, but all of them shared one thing in common - their first names are “Mary.” Each and every one!

Lauren Hutton, Mae West, Tipper Gore, Meryl Streep, Debra Winger, Kathleen Turner, Debbie Reynolds, Dorothy Lamour, Sissy Spacek, Bo Derek, Dusty Springfield, Debra Winger and Barbara Cartland...all have the first name of Mary.



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J. CLAUDE RABISCHUNG (1610-1666), wife **KLARA SHERMAN**, glass workers and blowers, St. Amarin, France may have been parents of **CHRISTOPHE RABISCHUNG**, 2 March, 1672. He wedded **ANNE MUELLER**. Proof-Suspicion?

If you have any information, contact **Richard Morrissey**, 26209 Chambers, Sun City, California 92586.

Hal Lewis of 124 Cumberland Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14220 is looking for information on **JAMES** and **ELIZABETH TURLEY CREMEANS** son, **JOHN THOMAS CREMEANS**, wife **ALTOC CREAMEANS**. May 26, 1895. **CREAMEANS, J. T.**, 23; **CAZADALTOC**, 17, b. Cabell County, Massachusetts. **CREMEANS, JAMES**, 21; **TURLEY, ELIZABETH**, 19, and information on surname **TURLEY**, and funeral of **LILLIE S. LEWIS** 1886-1973, Dalton, IL., buried Woodmere, Huntington, WV. Who attended funeral and where her family is buried.

ISABELL LEWIS, born 1906, Chicago, IL. **LESLIE THOMAS LEWIS, JOHN & ISABELL**.

Pat Carby, 7285 32nd Avenue, Crystal, Minnesota 55427 (email: User770295@aol.com)

is seeking information on a **WILLIAM CALHOUN** that was born in 1773 in East Pennsboro, Pennsylvania to **SAMUEL CALHOUN** (b.1721 d.1773) and **MARY C L E N D E N N I N / CLENDENNING? SAMUEL** was the son of **HUGH CALHOUN** (b.1692 d.1753) and **AGNES JANE McCLEARY?** They are descendants of **ADAM CALHOUN** (b.1601 d.1634) and **LADY CHRISTIAN**

LINDSEY. The information appears in **ORVAL CALHOUN**'s books. **ORVAL** has written quite a bit of information about most all of the other children of **SAMUAL** and **MARY CALHOUN**, but it only shows a birth year of 1773 for their son **WILLIAM**.

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McDuffie DNA Surname Project

Report - Viking/Celti

The McDuffie DNA Surname Project was started just over 5 years ago by Rod Macduff, and Australian radio engineer who wished to trace his ancestry. He has organized and funded this independently of Cian MacFie but has cooperated closely with the clan and is a member.

Using paper records such as birth death and marriage certificates, there is a limit to how far back we can trace our ancestors. Scottish records get patchy before 1700 and it is often difficult for USA and Canadian families to establish links back to their Scottish ancestors. However Y-chromosome DNA testing will accurately identify male bloodlines. Using a simple cheek swab, living males can have their DNA tested. From the Y chromosome marker results produced, they will find that their results will match almost exactly all males with the same surname as themselves who are descended from a common male ancestor as many as 10 generations ago and beyond. This makes it possible to link distant cousins and bridge gaps in the paper record where there is either no data or unclear data.

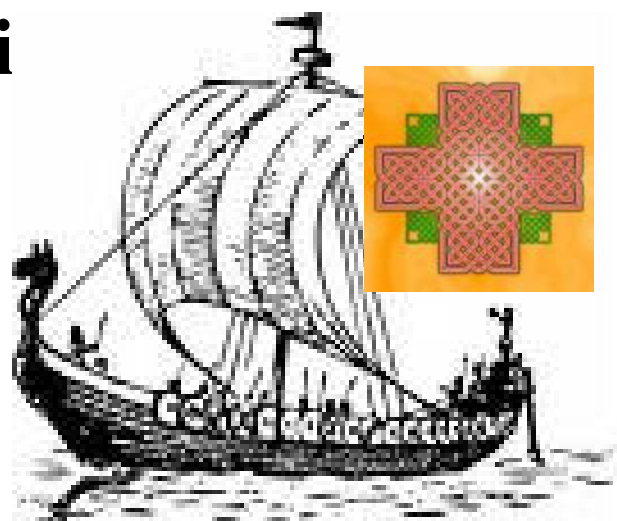
The project was set up in 2004 and in five years has had 136 people join the project.

The SvlcDuffie DNA Surname Project was set up with the following objectives: To determine if the clan is of Celtic or Norse origin. To determine how many separate bloodlines there are To determine if McDuffies, MacFies, McPhees and McAfees have a common ancestor To determine if MacFies etc have their origins in Argyllshire

There is now sufficient data to draw firm conclusions and issue a final report.

Main Bloodline Group 1

This is the dominant bloodline, containing a total of 33 members. Fascinatingly, it contains all main surname spelling variants, namely: McDuffie, McDuffee, McAfee", McPhee, McPhie, McFee and ycFie and all the Mac of variants thereof, thus absolutely and conclusively proving that all were once the same name.



One Duffie and three Catheys have matched Group 1.

This Group 1 bloodline is that of the immediate past Clan Commander, Sandy MacPhie who has so encouraged this project. It is also the bloodline of the new Cian Commander Iain Morris IVIcFie. Additionally, it contains the line of the last

McPhee on Colonsay, the ancestral home of the McDuffies. There are also those in this line, descended from ancestors on Mui! and on Skye, thus confirming the history that MacPhies were dispersed all over the inner Hebrides. The history linking McDuffies with Antrim is also confirmed, as there are those in Group 1 who can trace their ancestry to Londonderry. Several in Group 1 have descendants who migrated to the USA or Canada. One of the lines on Prince Edward island is in this line. Clearly they would have come from the Inner Hebrides originally.

Finally in group 1 (and in others) the spelling McAfee is invariably connected with clan members who are Scots Irish who arrived in the New World from Ireland where the name McDuffie took on the spelling McAfee. By the same token MacDonald is rendered as McDonnell in Ireland. In earlier times movement back and forth between the Inner Hebrides and Antrim was commonplace. The McDuffie common ancestor in Group 1 may go back as much as 1000 years to the advent of surnames. It seems likely that the clan chiefs would have been of this line.

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Other bloodlines

Now in common with all other DNA Surname projects, there are many different bloodlines bearing the family name. This can arise for many different reasons. At the time of origin of the surname around 1000 years ago, the surname would be a mark of affiliation to a group or clan of families living in close proximity with a common destiny. There would be a clan chief and a number of other males in the group. Not all these males would necessarily have shared the same ancestor at the time of surname adoption. Clans often absorbed other non-genetically linked groups as they expanded. Adoption of orphaned offspring of a sister was common, and if there was no heir it may also occur. Infidelity was a fact of life then as it is now. Over the years this leads to many genetically separate lines with a common surname. This can be seen in all other projects including the Campbell and McGregor DNA Projects, consequently, different bloodline does not mean “not of the MacFie Clan”.

Some of the other Groups have clear evidence that they have had the MacFie name for many hundreds of years. Having more than one member, and surname spelling diversity points to this, in particular, Groups 3,4, 5, 5a, 9,10, 14, 20, 24 and 34 show this.

Group 9 is interesting, as these are the “Glen Urquhart McFees”. This group of 14 members have almost identical DNA and all hail from Lochaber, Glen Urquhart and in some cases can trace ancestors back to the early 1700s. In all probability all these members have a common ancestor within the last 400 years. This is supported by less spelling diversity, being confined to McPhee with two McPhies.

Group 3 has McPhees and McAfees in it indicating that one group were Scots Irish at one point

Group 5 contains most of the McDuffs and Duffs. This is the Clan MacDuff bloodline. There is now sufficient data to show quite clearly that McDuffs and

McDuffies are not the same bloodline. Earle Douglas MacPhie asserted this in his genealogies and has proved to be quite correct. McDuff Group 5 is a very “old” line too, again radiating from a common ancestor. The origins in Scotland of this line seem to be in the county of Perth and adjoining areas. A 100% match between MacDuffs who now live overseas and a family who are still living in the area that their ancestors lived in, has supported this theory. Both Duff and McDuff surnames appear in this group and there is significant genetic spread, evidence which supports the antiquity of this line.

Group 5a should be entirely independent from

Group 5 as this group contains McAfees, a Duffy and a McDuffey.

Group 15 contains McFee and McAfee surnames.

Group 20 has four McAfees whose descendants are all in USA

Group 24 has two McAfees.

Group 34 contains four McHaffeyes

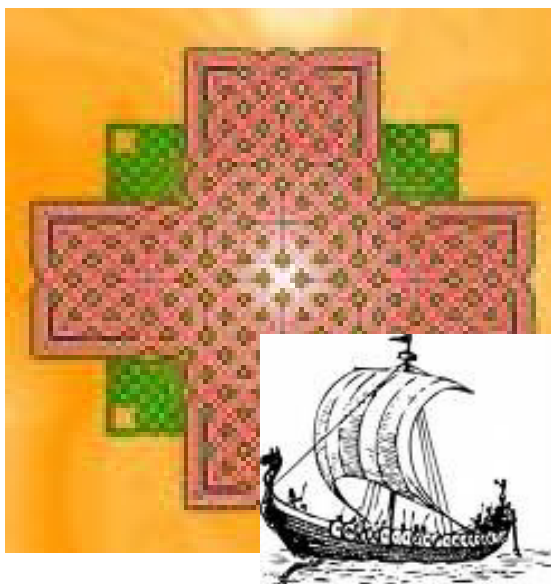
Celtic and Viking Origins

Of the 40 separate bloodlines most are R1b

Haplogroup, which in layman’s terms means Celtic origin. Other McPhees of! Haplogroup are of Norse origin. In common with most other Scottish clans the Celtic bloodlines are very strong.

Conclusion

The project has been able to answer all the questions set at its instigation and in doing so confirmed much which is in the history books, regarding clan origins. There is probably not much more to be learned historically from the project, however individuals who have not yet joined will be able to establish their bloodline by joining. At some point in the future the Clan may want to consider taking over maintenance and running of the project, however for the time being Rod Macduff is happy to continue as McDuffie DNA Surname Project Coordinator.



FREE genealogical programs in Fort Myers, Florida

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

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Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17 and 31st

Family History Month Series: Long Distance Research

10:00am-12:15pm

Speakers: **Carolyn Ford**, Lee County Genealogical Society;

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

Session One-September 26, 2009: Long Distance Research Begins at Home

Session Two-Saturday, October 3, 2009: Library Research Day

Session Three-Saturday, October 10, 2009: Identifying the Location of Your Ancestor's Records-Part One

Session Four-Saturday, October 17, 2009: Identifying the Location of Your Ancestors Records-Part Two

Session Five-Saturday, October 31, 2009: Using Online Sources for Long Distance Research

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Genealogical Research in the New York City Area

Session One: 9:30-11:30am

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

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

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

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

Saturday, December 12, 2009

DNA and Genealogical Research

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

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

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

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

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

Why all heirs were not listed in wills

Jeannette Holland Austin

Everyone gets really frustrated with some of these last wills and testaments because they do not always list all of the heirs. This is because portions were given earlier and the place to look for that is in the deed records. They are called Deeds of Gift and the language usually reads "For Love and Affection...." or it could read for \$1.

It is understandable that one who has lived to an old age might parcel off his property, such as slaves and land, many years before his actual death. All that is left at time is to give the wife the homeplace for her lifetime, then to a son or daughter.

Another reason why all children are not named is the children either died prematurely or moved off into another state and not kept in touch. The latter tends to so often be the situation because as the old family seat breaks up, the children disperse into other areas looking for better land. They obtain land grants and draw in lotteries so this is how we chase them down. The daughters' portions went to their husbands, so any names in the will or estate papers are suspect. I usually cross-check these names in marriage records.

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On Sunday, the Kirkin o' the Tartan at 10 AM*

Trivial Pursuit ammunition!

There is a gene in my makeup that is sort of squirreley...I adore odd facts and useless information. I have collected such all my life. (This is where "Beth's Mind Dust" comes from that you see occasionally in these pages.

With that in mind, here are a few of my favorite bits and some very short little "stories" about most everything. Your ed.

A very long time ago in English pubs, ale was ordered by pints and quarts. When customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their "pints and quarts" and settle down. That's where we get the phrase "Mind your P's and Q's."

About the time of the pints and quarts, those who frequented pubs had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used to whistle to get service. This is where we get our modern phrase of "wet your whistle."

Back in Shakespeare's time, mattresses were held on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on those ropes, the mattress support tightened, making the bed firmer. (Can you tell where this is going?) Of course, that's where "Good night, sleep tight" comes from.

The sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the alphabet and was developed by Western Union to text telex/twx communications.

The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable."

The main library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

The term "The whole nine yards" came from WWII fighter pilots in the Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun

ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, they would say, "We fired the whole 9 yards."

Now, there is another tale about "The whole nine yards." This one says that the old great kilt took about nine yards of fabric!

The phrase "rule of thumb" comes from an old English law that said you could not beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

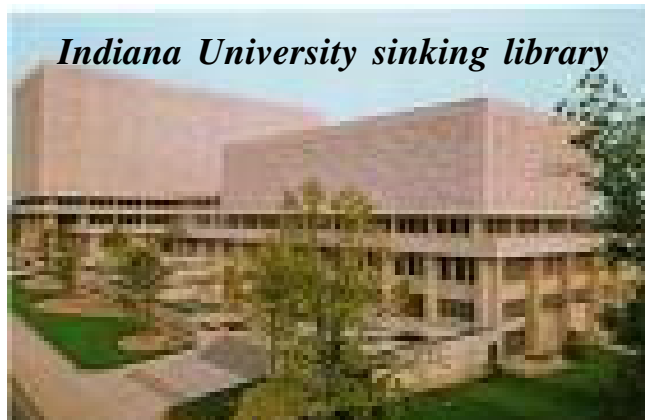
The liner *Queen Elizabeth II* moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel fuel that it burns.

Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

No NFL team which plays its home games in a domed stadium has ever won a Super Bowl. (Football fans, let me know if this is still true! I learned that one many years ago.)

The first toilet ever seen on television was on *Leave It to Beaver*.

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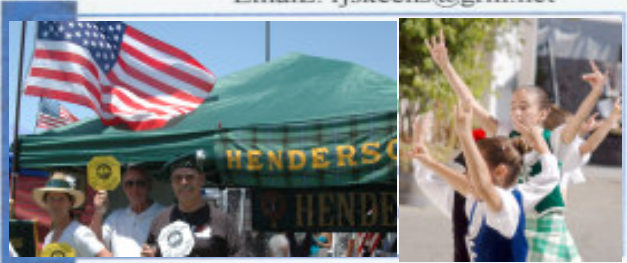


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Trivial Pursuit ammunition,

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One person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

In Cleveland, Ohio, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

There are an average of 178 sesame seeds on a McDonald's Big Mac bun.

The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1.


The 3 most valuable brand names on Earth are: Marlboro, Coca-Cola and Budweiser in that order.

When Heinz Ketchup leaves the bottle, it travels at a rate of 25 miles per year.

Ten percent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.

And finally, in ten minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.





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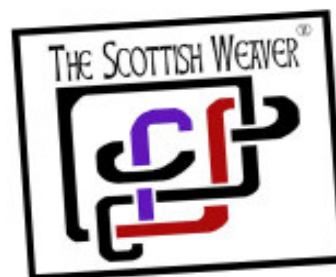
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You're invited to hear about "Clay Moonshiners!"

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Once again we are very pleased to have Mr. Claude Bass as your speaker. Mr. Bass has chosen the topic, "Clay Moonshiners."

If you haven't had the good fortune to hear Mr. Bass speak, then you should really plan to attend. Mr. Bass has a great many "stories" and antedotes that he passes on to his audience.

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SCOTTISH HERITAGE

Royals attend Braemar Games in Scotland

Bill Morris, President Clan MacDuffee

The Queen of England was among the spectators at the most high-profile of Scotland's Highland Games - Braemar. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were joined by the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal at the Braemar Gathering, the most high-profile of Scotland's Highland Games.

The event is held just a short distance from Balmoral Castle in Aberdeenshire where the royals spend their holidays. Thousands of locals, tourists and royal enthusiasts gathered at the arena to watch traditional Highland Games events, including the tossing of the caber and a tug of war.

The royal party arrived at the Princess Royal and Duke of Fife Memorial Park in a maroon Rolls-Royce at 3pm on Saturday.

The Queen, wearing a matching yellow outfit and hat, along with a green overcoat, was presented with posies on her arrival by 11-year-old Rebecca Wells.

Princess Anne, who was joined by husband Tim Laurence, was given posies by Aibhlis Strachan, 10.

Spectators joined in singing the National Anthem shortly after the arrival before the royals took their seats in the Royal Pavilion. The duke and the prince, both kilted, sat on either side of the Queen.

The royals took in a range of events, including tug of war, caber tossing, sack racing and running.

They also enjoyed music from some of the 11 pipe bands at the event, as well as performances from Highland dancers. The Queen later presented shields and trophies to the winning competitors in fields including tug of war and piping.

Just over an hour after their arrival, the royals

were driven from the arena. They were led out by pipe bands and waved to the applauding spectators as they completed a circuit of the field.

The Queen is the patron of the Gathering, which is held on the first Saturday of every September and regularly attracts visitors from around the world to the village of Braemar.



Bill Morris, Clan MacDuffee

Among them was Isabella Schwaighofer, from Austria, who was enjoying a two-week visit to Scotland. She said: "I thought this was worth coming to because there are so many different competitions, and some are quite unusual." She continued, "We see lots of the royal family in magazines, so it's interesting to see them in person today."

Previous Braemar Gatherings have been attended by Tony and Cherie Blair, but Prime Minister Gordon Brown was not at today's event.

Traditionally the royals attend a church service at nearby Crathie Kirk the day after the gathering.

Royal Deeside escaped the torrential rain that hit north and north eastern parts of Scotland on Thursday night, causing the worst flooding seen in decades in some areas, and today's event saw only occasional showers.

Organisers said there were just over 15,000 people at the event, slightly down on last year.

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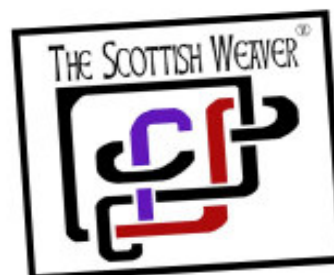
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Lauren Boyd gets to meet Prince Charles at The Gathering



*Kevin MacLachlan and
Lauren Boyd*

My longtime friend, Lauren Boyd, had all kinds of wonderful news for all of us! She was able to be at The Gathering because of the kind generosity of Mike Boyd of Clan Boyd Australia! She writes, “I attended The Gathering 2009 — Left Sacramento on Wednesday, arrived in Glasgow on Thursday and traveled to Edinburgh; sat at Parliament and was in The Chiefs photo on Friday; met HRH Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay and stood with the Chiefs for their photo with him (many of us were just behind others), attended the games, clan march and pageant on Saturday; attended the Conference on the Scottish Diaspora on Monday at Queen Margaret University, traveled back to Glasgow; got back on a plane heading home Tuesday and 23 hours later arrived at home on Tuesday! I have Mike Boyd of Australia (Historian for the Clan) to thank for my trip.”

The wonderful news continues, “Kevin MacLachlan proposed marriage to me on 8/2 at 8:00 - 8:02pm. We are to be married on Saturday, October 3rd 2009 at the first Santa Cruz (Ca) Scottish games (not the exact title), at 3:30pm. SAMS will provide an Honor Guard — complete with swords crossed! All the clans were given invitations at Pleasanton.”

Congratulations and best wishes to Kevin and Lauren!

**Did you know! A “Jiffy” is an actual measure of time.
A Jiffy is 1/100th of a second! It’s true.**

Beth’s Mind Dust

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