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Earl of Glasgow asks to keep graffiti mural

A peer has asked to keep a controversial graffiti mural on the walls of his family's 13th century castle in Ayrshire.

The Earl of Glasgow has written to Historic Scotland asking if the exhibit can remain as a permanent feature of Kelburn Castle in Largs.

The mural features a psychedelic series of interwoven cartoons depicting surreal urban culture. It was completed by Brazilian graffiti artists in 2007 at a cost of £20,000.

It was permitted by North Ayrshire Council on the understanding that it was temporary. A three-year limit was put on the graffiti, pending the start of work to replace the harling render on the exterior of the turret.

The castle is located in the grounds of Kelburn Estate, which also houses a country centre open to the public and featuring a series of outdoor attractions.

'Mural Top ten'

Last month the mural was named as

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Happy Halloween!

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who lived
an old maid
but died
an old Mann.*

Dec. 8, 1767

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A letter from your editor

Solving a great big clan problem

What does it take to have a successful clan organization? The answer is complicated, since there are many facets to the answer.

Let's see, just a few of the "must-do's" for a great organization include:

- * A successful clan has enthusiastic, capable leadership.
- * A successful clan has a presence at as many events as possible, so that members in many areas may participate.
- * A successful clan has activities for everyone on the local level, so that everyone may participate.
- * A successful clan THINKS about being **inclusive** and **friendly** to every member.
- * A successful clan organization DOES things locally whether it is a pot luck dinner or picnic (or both) or they go to a major event (concert, pipe band appearance, Scottish movie, etc.) as a group or have holiday gatherings, etc.
- * **A successful clan organization communicates with its members on a regular basis.**

There are more of these, but without these particular qualities, it will be a hard row to hoe to have a successful group.

This time, I'll give you some ideas and some insight into the very last of the above - the communication a clan organization has with its members.

There are choices in whatever means you choose to communicate. Today, the majority of members have email and access to the Internet. Some groups choose to simply have the president send emails to everyone as they happen. Some groups choose to have various chairpersons email everyone as things happen. Some groups have FaceBook for their group and do all of their communicating there. If any of these - or all of these - work for your clan, that's wonderful.

Most groups choose to have a regular newsletter. Today,



with the expense of copying and mailing a publication, many groups choose to use the Internet and email to distribute their information.

Five years ago, this wouldn't work. Today, it works wonderfully well.

Even if a member does not own a computer nor knows how to use one, there are FREE email programs and free help available to all.

Each and every library in this country has computers for use by their patrons with no charge. Every library has someone who will assist a patron in obtaining a free email address and who will instruct that patron in how to access an email publication.

Every person keeps some kind of calendar hanging on the wall or by their desk. It takes but a moment to mark the dates the clan newsletter will be available...say, the first of the month in December, March, June, September...then, know you can go to the library on that date or whenever it is convenient and read your publication.

If you have a member who is not housebound nor physically incapable

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of visiting the library - and they think this is too much trouble...mmmm. Maybe I won't write what I think here...but I'd imagine you are thinking the same thing.

For your housebound and physically incapable folks, there's not a group in our Scottish community who wouldn't make a few paper copies to be mailed to these members.

Let's assume you've decided upon a newsletter as your means of communicating. Whether it is a print publication or one that arrives via email, the process of creating it is the same.

First, find an editor. The editor should be able to compose a sentence properly. The editor should be dependable. The editor should be willing to BE an editor. Being the editor is a responsibility. It is hard work with little recognition. It is great fun for the most part.

Before computers, I'd have a box near my desk for each publication I worked on. As things came to me, I'd toss the letter, clipping, note, etc., into the relevant box...and when time came to do the publication, I'd organize what was there into piles and start typesetting!

Nowadays, since I have AOL (and don't know what other programs offer in this area) I can simply save things on my own PC via a virtual filing cabinet. I have more than a dozen "folders" in that cabinet - and can save something in one or all of the folders - depending on where I think the information will fit.

I still have that cardboard box for paper things that come my way.

When it's time to do a newsletter, I just go to that folder and the box and have immediate access to everything I've saved.

Here is the rub, the problem, the vexation and the hair-pulling frustration.

Many groups think the editor should do the newsletter alone. Many think that a newsletter can

be made by the random items the editor has saved. Many think the editor should be the one to call each and every member dozens of times begging for information.

At this moment, I can think of half a dozen people who promised to send me articles on interesting things in their lives, or in their own areas of expertise - some promised since the first of this year - and it's October - but those folks have not done what they said they would do.

I have been yelled at for not putting a death, a marriage, an engagement, a new baby, a graduation, etc., into a particular publication. Please tell me how in the world am I supposed to know these things if someone forgets to let me know?

You can try to do the most interesting and fun things in the world, but if your members do not know...how can they take part? How can your editor publicize these things if you don't tell them?

You can't.

Each and every member of a group is a part of the newsletter.

Just this past week, I had the leader of a group say, "You'll be getting articles from thus and such...." Guess what? Not one article came my way.

I've been an editor since junior high school...and enjoy putting together publications. It is vexatious to have to "invent" a publication...and not nearly as good as a publication with input from lots of people - officers, members, everybody.

So, before you say your own publication isn't good...or doesn't have lots of news about members...or no events for you to go to and enjoy...remember, nothing can be published if it has not been made available to your editor.

If your editor says, "Gee, I don't have time to be the editor anymore. I have to do my nails - or shine my shoes instead." That may be because the editor is simply tired of doing a so-so publication alone.

A successful newsletter = a successful group.



Using Maps and Gazetteers For Genealogical Research

Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Ft. Myers - Lee County (FL) Public Library



Maps and gazetteers are very important tools for locating ancestors and understanding their geographical surroundings. Obtaining the knowledge of where to look for your ancestors is the most important part of family history research. Without knowing where they resided, accessing their records is virtually impossible.

While home sources may provide clues as to previous residence, maps and gazetteers identify the specific place or places of residence, including the surrounding hills, valleys, and waterways. All of these factors may have impacted life decisions made by the individual or family of interest. Geographical features often impacted migration routes and may have determined where and why they ended up in various localities.

Home sources and genealogy books dealing with specific ethnic groups usually contain chapters dealing with migration patterns in North

America. Gathering these types of clues involves patience and skill. Once the process has been started, maps and gazetteers often provide the next step in research. Genealogical research using maps can intimidate researchers. Following the simplified strategies below can make it easier.

1. Locate each place on your list using a current road atlas, making note of its current county or parish. Note the major roads that pass through or close to the area.

2. If you cannot locate the site, consult a gazetteer for the state, city, or county. Determine where the town or community was originally located and then try to find a map from the period that shows the original site name. Local and state historical societies are a good source for these types of queries. Make note of the date of the gazetteer and/or map that listed the place and what county or parish

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it was located in at that time.

3. County, parish, and state borders have changed over time. The town or community is usually, but not always, in the same state, but now may be is now part of an adjacent county.

4. Not finding various places is common for a variety of reasons:

a. Small towns or unincorporated communities may not appear on many road maps.

b. Towns may no longer exist or were swallowed up by adjacent communities.

c. Name may have changed due to an event that occurred long ago.

d. The community may have been a postal drop with a few adjacent houses for workers and their families.

5. When researching sites in the United States, two excellent sources to utilize are:

a. **Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses 1790-1920** by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide. Compare the location of the town or community, as you know it, against the appropriate map in the book. This book will help you to find the current county and the town, city, or county that existed at the time your ancestors lived there.

b. **Ancestry's Red Book**. This book provides detailed information about each county or parish, it's records holdings, and contact information, including the websites for many courthouses. This enables the user to contact the correct jurisdiction for queries.

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Clan Forrester invites you to The 2011 Stone Mountain Highland Games

We hope to see you on Saturday, October 15th and Sunday, October 16th at Stone Mountain!

Clan Forrester's annual event at Stone Mountain Highland Games is fast approaching!!! As usual, we will have a tent and several of our members are already making plans to attend. Please mark your calendar for **October 15 - 16th** and plan to join us sometime during the weekend. Our tent will be open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Our **annual business meeting** will be held at our tent at **NOON on Saturday, October 15, 2011**. This is an important meeting for all of our membership.

After the events on Saturday, we will be getting together for our annual Ceilidh at the Newman home. (1588 Rivermist Dr., Lilburn, GA) The Newmans will be furnishing the main course and everyone else needs to bring the extras. (A covered dish, salad, drinks, dessert.....pick up from KFC, Deli, homemade, etc.....anything that you would like to bring to add to the meal.) This is a wonderful fellowship time with everyone.....a great way to relax with other Clan members after a long day!!

Don't forget to mark your calendar and make your plans to join us. We would love to see many new faces this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at benbf@windstream.net

With Regards, Ben Forrester, Membership Director Clan Forrester Society

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George Flew's most recent letter about Alex Beaton

Dear Fellow Beatonites,

Just got back from Atlanta and couldn't wait to report on Alex's progress. First, let me remind you that I haven't seen him since July 30, so I knew that I was going to be blown away by his appearance. And I wasn't disappointed. When I arrived, Beth (Arnold) met me at the parking garage and guided me to his room. There he sat in his chair, hair combed and a big smile on his face...and a familiar "Hello, George" as only Alex says it with that Scottish brogue. Yes, he looked "mahvaleous" and he sounded even better. After hugs and kisses, he proceeded to bring me up to date.

On the day he arrived, he said not less than 20 doctors, nurses, therapists and other specialists (maybe even the cleaning folks) showed up to welcome him to Shepherd Center and explain what they would be doing and what their roles would be during his stay. To paraphrase, he said "My faith in my recovery went up sky high that day!" And I could see in his eye and his smile that he meant every word of it.

I hope I can enumerate all of the positive information I got while I was there. As I reported earlier, they have taken him completely off of the feeding tube and they finally removed it last week. (Unofficially I heard that a great deal of hot air was released before they got the hole plugged but I was unable to confirm this. However, enough seems to have remained to leave him virtually intact on that point.) His lungs have completely cleared of the pneumonia though the trach remains in place due to some congestion that still causes him problems. This is just precautionary and he hopes that it will be removed quite soon. I must



Linda & Alex Beaton, George Flew

report that he did "hock a loogie" once or twice during the visit (that would be "expectorate some phlegm" for the more genteel) so the congestion is still with him. The trach is also inhibiting the recovery of his voice which remains weak and raspy. (Perhaps I should say, more raspy than normal.)

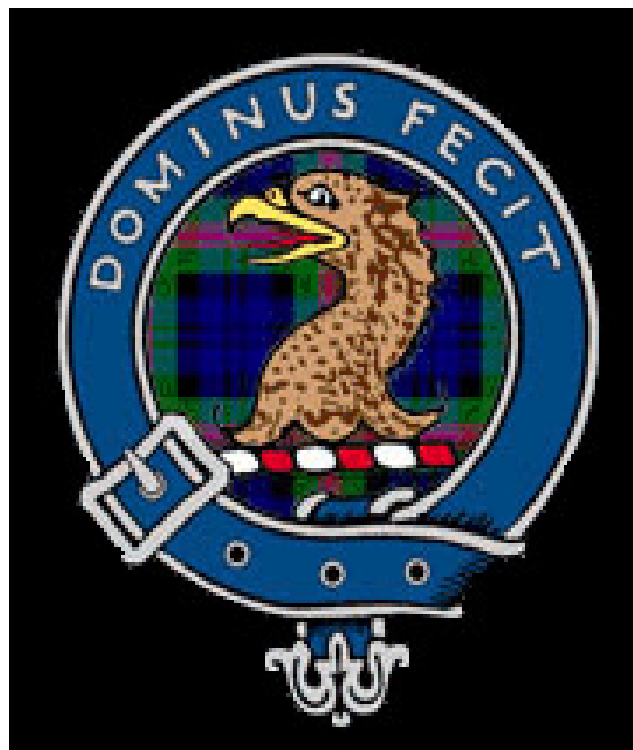
He was anxious to demonstrate the motility that he has regained in his right arm and hand. He is able to move all of his fingers, though I again want to emphasize that the motion is not great and, in some fingers, is very slight. However, as we know, a baby must slither on their belly before they can crawl. There is still much work to be done. He also can now move his hand slightly up and down at the wrist. And with Linda supporting his elbow and hand, he moved his arm forward and backward about 6-8 inches. And he can swing his hand, pivoting his forearm at the elbow, from straight ahead to about 6 inches to the left. Again, this is all on his right side.

His left side remains "asleep" as Alex put it. (While doing "range of motion" exercises on his left arm, Linda was surprised to feel some "resistance" to her movements. This was a surprise to Alex since he had not done anything voluntarily. I

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mention this only as an indication that all is not forsaken at this point. Alex did say that he continues to get a “prickling” sensation in his left hand much as he did in his right at one time.) Linda says that, the night of the accident, there was some slight scraping on the left side of Alex’s head with may indicate that that was the side that hit first and may explain the reluctance of the left side to “wake up”.

If you don’t want to hear any negative stuff, please feel free to skip this, and the next, paragraph.

The bruising to Alex’s spinal cord has not healed and may not for a while yet. It is not uncommon for these types of bruises to linger for 90 days or more. And the bruising extends over most of his spinal cord, again, not uncommon for this injury. However, the resulting loss of normal nerve function plays havoc with his autonomic system. For instance, his diaphragm, which is important in his breathing (and which, in a cow, provides excellent fajitas) causes him to him to have to break up his talking as he breaths. His diaphragm problem contributed to his oxygenation problem that caused the doctors to keep him on the ven-

tilator as a precaution. Which reminds me, he is now totally off of supplemental oxygen, even the nasal cannula (the thingy they loop around your ear and stick in your nose) meaning that his lungs are fully capable of keeping his O₂ level up. The screwy autonomic system also messes with his internal heat regulator which causes him to have cool spells. And, not to linger here, causes problems with the so called “bodily functions”. Which can bring on some humorous situations. Let me just say that, between Beth and I, Alex will never be able to speak of the “Highland Clearances” again without

at least a smile on his face. I believe Alex put it as “there are still issues related to the injury.” The autonomic problems should certainly lessen over time and, for the most part, should clear with the bruising.

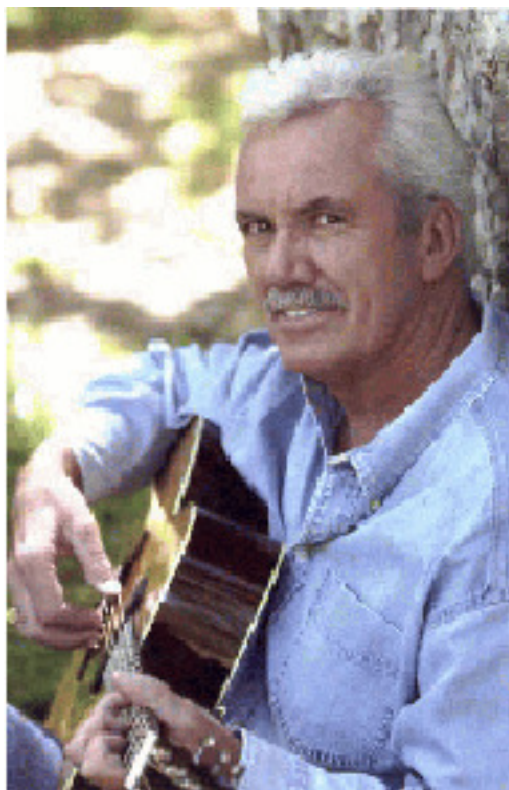
Alex also wanted me to relay a bit of information that is not commonly known. One of the most important items that the autonomic system regulates is the heart beat. While in the ICU in Nashville, Alex experience irregular heartbeats that

his medical staff felt could lead to more severe difficulties under his circumstance. As a result, they implanted a pacemaker. It is Alex’s hope that this will be temporary; however, that will remain under review. Since that time, he has not experienced any problems with his heart rate and all is well in that department.

If you are suffering info overload, you might want to take a break. But I would like to mention some odds and ends that you may appreciate. Until he regains sufficient use of one of his hands, he is using “blow tubes” to control his environment as much as he can. For instance, he has a red tube that clamps to his

bed or chair that he can use to call the nurse. He has several that he uses to actually operate his powered chair. One is used to tilt his chair back into what I would call the “blast off position”. This he has to do every twenty minutes to take weight off of his tail bone. He kept attempting to use “circular breathing” to raise or lower himself without stopping. (Circular breathing is continuing to blow (or suck) through the mouth will breathing through the nose. Watch a piper, not many can do it, but some can. Alex uses his friend, Eric Reigler, as his

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example and model.) He can also use his blow tube to drive his chair. We took a trip up to the 7th floor to a very nice visitation room and Alex drove there and back again. As he explains it, he uses various levels of blows and sucks to go forward or backward and steer. (His descriptions of soft and hard blows and sucks started its own round of bawdy comments.) Going, he kept the chair in “1st gear” or what Alex calls “turtle speed”. We had to walk quite slowly. However, on the return, he had Linda crank it up to 2nd gear (there are 4 all together). (Picture nurses jumping on counters and people running in rooms and slamming their doors.) We made it back without incident or having to call the maintenance crew for repairs.

He also did some kind of artistic work using a 14” brush that he held in his mouth. He was able to paint a face that they will use to decorate a pumpkin for next weekend. (It took him four tries to get something he liked, but it was less time than it takes to introduce “The Gallant Murray”!) I believe he was quite proud of his work. Unfortunately, I didn’t get to see it.

Several folks have asked me about visiting Alex in the hospital. Up until now, this has been somewhat less than convenient, considering all that has gone on. However, Alex asked me to let folks know that he feels in much better shape to accept visitors now. Visiting hours are 4pm till 9pm on weekdays. Weekends are not as strict. However, as we all know how it is at the hospital, they come in at all times of the night wanting samples of this

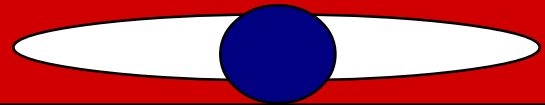
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or that, or to wake you up so you can take a sleeping pill or just to let you know the shift has changed. I would recommend that afternoons are best for weekends. And to keep the entire Beatonite Nation from showing up at the same time, you should contact him first through his glennfinnan@earthlink.net. Linda checks his business emails and will coordinate with Alex on this.

Alex's current schedule looks like this (though it is subject to change). They plan to discharge him on Sept 28 from Shepherd. Linda feels pretty certain that he will go from there to the VA facility in Augusta, GA, for two weeks. He will then come back to Shepherd for another two weeks. (I'm sorry, but I didn't really get why they are shuffling him around. If I find out, I'll pass it along.) If my calculations are right, that will put him back in Atlanta at the time of the Stone Mountain Games. And Alex has hinted that, if he is in Atlanta and they will let him out, he would like to make some kind of appearance at the Games. I have to really emphasize that the stars will have to align correctly (not to mention he will have to get a release from the hospital) for this to happen. And hospitals are notorious for being concerned about their "liability". I mention this so that if you might have planned to come to the Games and are wondering whether to pull out, you might want to hold on to your reservations. As the schedule gets closer, this should become clearer. But it might not be final until the last minute. (I'm hedging like hell here because I don't want to feel responsible for someone getting stuck with an airline ticket or something.)

In closing can't emphasize enough how great Alex's attitude and his desire to improve are. He continues with a very positive outlook on his condition though he realizes that it could quite easily take years to reach the end of the journey. He also continues to express how much your concern for him gives him and Linda strength in this battle. And I want again say what a trooper Linda is. She daily continues to balance her work, Alex's business, insurance fights, scrambling with the VA and, of course, being a loving wife to Alex. She deserves a medal of her own.

As always, keep the faith, George.



Macfie Clan of America has 2012 *Scenes of Colonsay* Calendars for sale

Macfie Clan of America now has available 2012 *Scenes of Colonsay* Calendars. I will attach a picture of them (See above). They are very nice, and are \$15.00 each, plus \$2.00 postage.

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I recently met a most remarkable and charming man, G. Ross Roy, with a most remarkable Robert Burns library. I can identify with the man and his books, his passion and love of books, and of Burns in particular. This story began in 1892 when Charlotte Spriggings wrote in a book containing the writings of Robert Burns to “her friend”, W. Ormiston Roy. These two later wed, and in 1958, G. Ross Roy, their grandson, inherited the Burns collection of his grandparents.

“This extensive collection, acquired from Professor Roy through a generous gift-purchase agreement in 1989, is now widely recognized as among the best anywhere...” The G. Ross Roy Collection of Robert Burns, Burnsiana & Scottish Poetry was formally transferred to the University of South Carolina (USC) at a reception on Burns Night in 1989. One of the joys of visiting the G. Ross Roy Collection is the opportunity to view a first edition of *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect* (1786) known lovingly by all Burnsians as the Kilmarnock Burns. I recently saw that one had sold for \$60,000, much more money than the poet, who died penniless, begging friends for the loan of a few pounds, could have earned in a hundred lifetimes in his day.

There were 612 Kilmarnock copies printed by John Wilson in 1786, all in paper wrappers. Approximately 60 copies are known to exist today and generally will be found in institutional libraries only.

This work is so important that I must digress

and tell you that it is the only book of poetry written by Burns. Famous authors today constantly write best-selling books over and over. Burns wrote only one book and became Scotland's Bard, the national poet and the most honored poet in the country. It is important to understand an equally important fact about Burns' book. In 1787, an Edinburgh edition of the book was published for subscribers totaling about 1,500 copies. The publishers soon realized a larger run would be necessary, and the book was reset, bringing the total number to around 3,250 copies. One can tell the difference between these two “states”, as they are called, by two words - “skinking” and “stinking” found in *Address to a Haggis*. In the first state, the word “skinking” was used by the author in the line, “Auld Scotland wants nae **skinking** ware”. In the second state, the words were reset as “Auld Scotland wants nae **stinking** ware”. (Underlining and bold print are mine.) Skinking simply means “watery”, and all of us can figure out the reset word.

On a personal note, I've just returned from “Auld Scotland” and a tour of Burns country the proud possessor of the “skinking” Edinburgh first edition to compliment the “stinking” London edition that I obtained through eBay

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sometime back.

Thus, with the original Roy collection having been enlarged five times by Dr. Roy from what he inherited, the Thomas Cooper Library at The

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Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2011

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

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Boldly and Rightly



Robert Burns Lives, *continued from page 17*

University of South Carolina has become the most prominent Burns center in the United States. It is a major international center for research across the broad range of Scottish literature and has been proclaimed the best Burns collection in North America. In the August/September 2003 issue of *The Family Tree* (page 13), which you can see by visiting <http://www.electricscotland.com> and then searching for "Odom Family Tree". Dr. Roy writes in the "Robert Burns Lives" column that the Cooper Library "... is the best collection of such printed material outside of Scotland and the British Library in London." This worldwide renown and honored Burns scholar should know. He has spent an illustrious career studying and teaching Robert Burns at the university level. Yet, it only takes a few minutes in his presence to know his humility is as genuine as his scholarship.

Briefly, books in the Thomas Cooper Library now number over 3.2 million volumes and it regularly ranks in among the top 40 public university research libraries in North America. The Roy Collection exceeds 5,000 volumes of Burns alone; Scottish literature holdings in Special Collections exceed 12,000 volumes or items. The library contains the works of major and minor Scottish writers from the Renaissance to present day. Along with those of Robert Burns, you will find works of other 18th and 19th century writers - Ramsay, Beattie, Blair, Fergusson, Macpherson ("Ossian"), Currie, Cromek, Johnson, Thomson, Carlyle, Stevenson and Hogg. Even earlier authors like John Scot (1637) and James Watson (early 1700s) cannot be overlooked. In addition, you will find Burns' works in various languages - Norwegian, Spanish, Italian, and Polish - with some individual pieces translated in Russian and French. And the list goes on. There is no possible way to do

justice with this all too short introduction to the G. Ross Roy Collection at USC's world renowned Thomas Cooper Library.

In addition, there is a W. Ormiston Roy Memorial Fellowship available to an annual visiting scholar for five weeks' research in the Scottish literature collections at USC. "Roy fellows have come from five Scottish universities, Canada, Italy, and the U.S. Proposals are reviewed once a year, with an application deadline of January 31." Kenneth Simpson of the University of Strathclyde and

Carol McGuirk of Florida Atlantic University, Burns scholars in their own right, are two former visiting Roy fellows. Send inquiries and applications including project description, brief curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of two referees, to: W. Ormiston Roy Fellowship, Department of Rare Books & Special Collections, Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208, U.S.A.

There is another remarkable and charming man you need to meet. He is Dr. Patrick Scott, Associate University Li-

brarian for Special Collections & Professor of English, Rare Books & Special Collections at USC's Thomas Cooper Library. Among his many duties is working with Dr. Ross Roy and the G. Ross Roy Collection. Like Dr. Roy, Dr. Scott has been most helpful in my study of Burns, providing insight on the purchase of rare books by Burns and other Burns' authors. On this side of the Atlantic or the other, as far as that goes, Burns could not be in better hands than with these two Burnsian scholars. Having visited with them in the library for an extended stay and lunching with both at different times, I have been made to feel welcome and at home in their presence. Both are as humble as they

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Medieval Irish warlord boasts three million descendants

13:10 18 January 2006 by AFP and NewScientist.com staff
and submitted here by Howard McCord



Up to three million men around the world could be descended from a prolific medieval Irish king, according to a recent genetic study.

It suggests that the 5th-century warlord known as “Niall of the Nine Hostages” may be the ancestor of about one in 12 Irishmen, say researchers at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. Niall established a dynasty of powerful chieftains that dominated the island for six centuries.

In a study of the Y chromosome - which is only passed down through the male line - scientists found a hotspot in northwest Ireland where 21.5% carry Niall’s genetic fin-

gerprint, says Brian McEvoy, one of the team at Trinity. This was the main powerbase of the Ui Neills, which literally translated means “descendants of Niall”.

McEvoy says the Y chromosome appeared to trace back to one person.

“There are certain surnames that seem to have come from Ui Neill. We studied if there was any association between those surnames and the genetic profile. It is his (Niall’s) family.”

Enduring dynasty

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are learned. Robert Burns has that effect on people. It is rare to find such a combination of two educators joining hands in the common goal of bringing the works of Robert Burns alive.

You can find the G. Ross Roy Collection housed on the mezzanine level of the Thomas Cooper Library on the main campus of the University.

Materials are available for use under supervision in the Graniteville Reading Room by any *bona fide* researcher; identification and a picture ID are required for initial registration. Hours at the Reading Room are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Naturally major holidays are an exception as well as the last week in December. Here’s how to contact the Graniteville Reading Room: email:

spcoll@sc.edu; telephone: 803-777-8154; Fax: 803-777-4661, attn. Rare Books.

During my recent two weeks in Scotland, I made sure to stop by the Mitchell Library in Glasgow to visit the Burns Room and see the 4,000 volumes they have on Burns alone. Actually it is as big as a high school gymnasium here in the States.

Do yourself a favor if you are in or near South Carolina - make the pilgrimage to Columbia to see the G. Ross Roy Collection. If you are not able to visit in person, you can view it and other Scottish collections on the web at www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/britlit/burns/burns.html . Like me, I think you will bookmark this website among your favorites, and it will become just that! (8-25-03)

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The study says that Niall “resided at the cusp of mythology and history but our results do seem to confirm the existence of a single early medieval progenitor to the most powerful and enduring Irish dynasty”.

The results also lend support to surviving genealogical and oral traditions of Gaelic Ireland and are a “powerful illustration of the potential link between prolificacy and power”.

The study says the chromosome has also been found in 16.7% of men in western and central Scotland and has turned up in multiple North American population samples, including in 2% of European-American New Yorkers.

“Given historically high rates of Irish emigration to North America and other parts of the world, it seems likely that the number of descendants worldwide runs to perhaps two to three million males,” the study says.

“As in other polygynous societies, the

siring of offspring was related to power and prestige.” The study points out that one of the O’Neill dynasty chieftains who died in 1423 had 18 sons with 10 different women and counted 59 grandsons in the male line.

Niall of the Nine Hostages, who became high king of Ireland, got his name from using the taking of hostages as a strategy for subjugating his opponent chieftains. He is known in folklore as a raider of the

British and French coasts. Supposedly slain in the English Channel or in Scotland, his descendants were the most powerful rulers of Ireland until the 11th century.

Modern surnames tracing their ancestry to Niall include (O’)Neill, (O’)Gallagher, (O’)Boyle, (O’)Doherty, O’Donnell, Connor, Cannon, Bradley, O’Reilly, Flynn, (Mc)Kee, Campbell, Devlin, Donnelly, Egan, Gormley, Hynes, McCaul, McGovern, McLoughlin, McManus, McMenamin, Molloy, O’Kane, O’Rourke and Quinn.

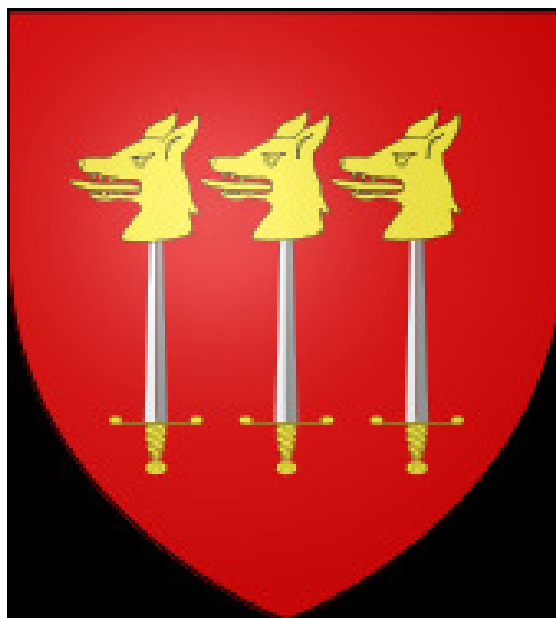
Journal reference: *American Journal of Human Genetics* (February issue)



Clan Skene Association, Inc.

The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/CARNIE, CURREHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, HALYARD/HALLYARD, MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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Ramsay/Ramsey DNA Project Administrator!*

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He continues, "Please email me your CP number so I can add your CP number to my contact list. Please Cell to Cell so I have more minutes to talk with Ramsay's and find your ancestors."

July 5 a Jim Ramsey from IN took the DNA test and this week he was pleasantly as I was that he was a DNA match to several existing Ramsey DNA Family members. Our volunteer research team is working to help our new Ramsey DNA Family Member connect to ancestors he did know about. We hope you will consider joining the Ramsay/Ramsay DNA Family and enjoy the advantages of our team of volunteers .

Call me on your cell phone and I'll be

glad to answer your questions. (Remember, Cell Phone to Cell Phone only.)

If your family is already DNA tested please email me so I can change your sort code to a DNA tested family and that you receive updates.

John Hendrickson, Ramsay / Ramsey DNA Project Administrator (Volunteer)
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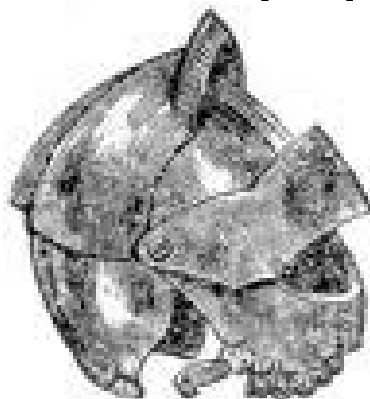
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I will be at the Stone Mountain **Highland Games on Oct. 15, 2011 and the Indiana Highland Games on Oct. 8, 2011**

We have over 3500 Ramsay / Ramsey heritage files in our private sortable data base and at the Games I will be available to search the file and share with you other possible branches of your family!

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

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one of the world's top ten examples of street art by author and designer Tristan Manco - on a par with Banksy's work in Los Angeles and the Favela Morro Da Providencia in Rio de Janeiro.

The latest memorandum of guidance published by Historic Scotland states that owners of listed properties should only use "historically correct colours in a manner which is appropriate to the building".

The Earl of Glasgow, Patrick Boyle, whose family has been in Kelburn Castle for 800 years, has written to Historic Scotland seeking to establish whether it is likely the agency would object if he sought consent from the local authority to allow the graffiti to stay indefinitely.

He said: "In the three years that the mural has been on the castle it has attracted enormous interest from around the world and it is loved by everyone who sees it.

"It has become a landmark and a talking point and it has given the castle and the estate a whole new character."

The peer said he realised there were strict rules governing the preservation of historic buildings, but insisted the graffiti added to the character of the castle rather than diminished it.

He added: "What we now call historic buildings have always been drivers of fashion in architecture and design.

"Features that we now take for granted would have seemed radical in their day. The mural might look a bit outlandish and futuristic but if it provokes interest and makes people smile, why shouldn't it stay?"

Article from: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotlandglasgowwest-14700161>



The Earl of Glasgow in Greenville, SC

This article is particularly interesting since The Earl of Glasgow, Patrick Boyle, was Honoured Guest at the Greenville, SC Highland Games in 2009.



Traditional Scottish Recipes

Whisky-Mac Prawns

Note: Whisky with green ginger is known as "Whisky-Mac" and the same ingredients can add an extra sparkle to prawn cocktail!

Ingredients:

2 fluid ounces of blended Scotch whisky

2 fluid ounces green ginger wine

1 tablespoon of honey

A 1-inch square of peeled fresh ginger, chopped finely

2 ripe avocados

8 ounces prawns (shrimp)

Lettuce leaves, lemon slices and possibly a whole prawn, for garnish.

Method:

Mix the whisky, green ginger wine, honey, chopped ginger.

Peel the avocados and remove the stone. Chop the avocados into bite-size pieces, place in a dish. Soak avocados and the prawns in the whisky mixture for half-an-hour. Place lettuce leaves in six dishes and add the prawn mixture. Finish with a slice of lemon and a whole prawn (if you have one).

From: http://www.rampantscotland.com/recipes/blrecipe_prawns.htm

With many thanks to the North County Scots, San Diego, CA. Contact cherie.mcgruer@cox.net, the editor for more information.

You might wish to visit: www.northcountyscots.com

Clan Shaw Society elects officers and two trustees

The Clan Shaw Society reelected their officers for another term. Serving once again will be Meredith L. Shaw, reelected as president of the Clan Shaw Society.

John Andrew Shaw will serve again as vice-president and Mike Shaw as secretary.

Two trustees were reelected as well. Janet Manuel and Dick Shaw were chosen to continue in office.

For more about the Clan Shaw Society during their 28th-29th year since their organization, visit <http://www.clanshawsociety.org> You may visit their genealogy group at groups@yahoo.com and search for clanshawroots.

This year's annual gathering will be at Williamsburg, Virginia on October 1st, in conjunction with the Williamsburg Scottish.

Flowers of the Forest

John W. "Jack" Jungroth, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma died June 7 past. Jack was a longtime member of the Clan Shaw Society, having joined, along with his wife, Phyllis, in August 1987. number of society well as secretary.

Over the been honored the Year, the Dagger, the Or- and just this year, with Clan Shaw's highest award, the Order of the Claymore.

Jack had many interests, including barbershop quartet, horses, genealogy and his family reunions.

We extend our great and sincere sympathy to Phyllis and the rest of their family.



He had, for a years, served the its membership

years, Jack had as Clansman of Order of the der of the Dirk