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Just go to the Internet for "Trefanny Hill, Cornwall" for several articles and real estate details.



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(as well as Clan Colquhoun UK)

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## **Continuing our amazing CAT STORY...**

Maybe, this time, I need to tell you all about the cat Miss Narra chose to be my caretaker after her.

His name is Angus. He is a fancy Chartreuse from France. He was Tom's cat but did not like Tom, nor me, nor anyone. Grumpy? You betcha.

He did regard himself as feline royalty.

He would not allow petting nor stroking nor anything but gourmet cat quisine and that had better be on time or he would HOLLER..

Miss Narra must have seen something we did not see in his character...for she chose him to care for me after she was gone. I was so sad not have Miss Narra in my life. Nobody could take her place.

I did not know if or when I would stop crying.

# *A letter from your editor...*

## Isn't all of this supposed to be great fun?

Sometimes I think that some folks forget that most of the people in the Scottish community participate and work towards having a good time. Nobody is paid. Everyone is a volunteer.

I know that there are many serious things that must be done...but, please, not at the expense of having members of your clan organization enjoy themselves when they come to Scottish games.

In thinking over this column as I have gone about my work today, I realized that we are members of most of the “fun” organizations which have grown out of Scottish games.

At the right, you'll see us at the 30th anniversary of The Kingdome of Raknar. This is a wonderful group of people from all over the world who love to laugh and have a super-duper time.

Tom and I made 200 of these fashionable “hats.” Yes, we went to Common Grounds cafe in Walhalla to enjoy some live music and a good supper...but we had 200 hats to cut out. I remember thinking, “Egad.”

Before the evening was over, almost everyone attending Friday Night Live Music was cutting out Raknar hats. That was fun too.

When we saw all of the Raknarians at Glasgow, KY Games in a matter of days since the Great Cutting Out evening, what was so very funny was that it looked like someone had “Photo Shopped” the Viking helmets on about 200 folks.

Raknar is such fun. Raknar is a group of good friends who do some pretty nice things along the way.

Raknar scholarships are awarded every year.

We have a good crowd of Raknarians at Glasgow, KY Barren River State Park at Hogmanay every year where memories are surely made.

If you see someone with a pair of Viking horns on their shirt - red for men, blue for the ladies...those little horns identify members of the Kingdome of Raknar.



*Tom and Beth at the 30th Anniversary of The Kingdome of Raknar*

Sometimes, the laughter comes from very simple things. Tom was still in bed, but I was making dinner for everyone in the kitchen. Tom “volunteered” to peel and cut up a bunch of veggies that had to be baked.

As he was diligently working on the peeling project, the late Queen Mum, Jeanette Swanson, came in the front door.

Tom immediately called out, “Oh, Queen Mum, please, please rescue me from this hard labor and servitude.”

Lordy, I could share hundreds of stories where I laughed so hard I thought I was going to “fall out” as the old folks say.

Of course, I can't write about fun without mentioning Clan MacFritz. Mostly at Glasgow, Clan MacFritz is there with cold drinks of varying strength for members...the famous Cooler Races, where ladies on, er, coolers with wheels and motors, go flying about the games. Nice, nice folks...who really have a great time.

I must mention that we are Life Members of Clan MacFritz. Life memberships are \$2.98...regular memberships are, I think, 39 cents per year.

Most of us work very hard to do what it is that we do for the Scottish community. It is possible to do that...because you know the fun is coming.

Sometimes, folks say things like, (I will keep who

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If you are a Graham or Sept of Graham, you are cordially invited to share in a proud and noble heritage.

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**COME JOIN US!** The Clan Davidson Society, USA, Inc. will be sponsoring an *International Gathering of Clan Davidson* on the 2nd weekend of June (**June 10, 11 & 12**), 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.

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### Having fun, continued from page 3

said what secret, but I have truly heard every one of these things at games) “What are you doing laughing and talking in our tent. The tent is for clan business ONLY.” (It was a chief who said this.)

How about, “We don’t have time for so much nonsense. We have **work** to do.” Mmmmm.

To me, this one takes the cake: “If I could, I would fire every single clan office holder who did not come to this AGM of \_\_\_ Clan.” I wondered at the time if the person saying this thought every member of the group which is spread out all over the country could afford the travel expenses? Surprise! We’ve not all wealthy.

Sometimes, some of the clans will have great fun about something that happened a bazillion years ago.

At Stone Mountain there is a group who sometimes puts a Halloween severed head on a pike in front of their tent with a sign hung about his gruesome neck which says, “A Mac\_\_\_ we captured.

Of course, the other clan has to come and “rescue” their poor member.

Clan Lindsey has the best time with a herd of cattle which was either stolen from them...or, the Lindsay’s did the “reiving”...but they have fun no matter which it was.

One year, the Lindsey’s wanted to return “the herd” (or they were the recipients) and so made a “coo” from little blocks of bouillion cubes which was returned to somebody.

I can’t remember the clans involved, as I was laughing so hard I could not breathe...but someone thought to bring a real calf to the games to present to another clan. They had forgotten to tell the calf about pipe bands.

Oh my. The calf escaped and was last seen heading for parts unknown through the woods.

I hope the calf was eventually found...but the crowd had such a good time over this.

Please, folks, don’t forget that your officers are working for free. Don’t forget that not everyone in the Scottish community has unlimited funds so that they may travel where they wish when they wish.

I would think that the lack of having a good time is at least partially to blame for members who do not renew their memberships.

Having fun does not only pertain to games. Your newsletter should have something interesting, something fun, something personal about members in each and every issue.

*Don’t forget to come to my genealogy talks at Stone Mountain at the host hotel on Friday at 11 AM and 1 PM. I promise, we’ll have fun - and learn too.*

## The P\*rr\*tt Society plans Annual General Meeting, 2014 at Liverpool, England



2014 will be an important year for the P\*rr\*t Society (All spellings are accepted) as it will be the thirtieth anniversary.

The meeting, organized by Dorothy Perrett, will be held in the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool on Saturday, 10 May 2014.

More details will be announced near to that date, but now is the time to put the date on your own calendars.

You may get full information by visiting [www.p-rr-tt.org.uk](http://www.p-rr-tt.org.uk) or [psocjournal@aol.com](mailto:psocjournal@aol.com)

### It’s true! Some Scottish homes will be powered by whisky!

A new power scheme due to launch next year for Scottish homes could be powered by whisky. Several of Scotland’s major whisky brands have signed up to the project, which will allow the creation of a whisky fueled power plant.

The plant will provide electricity to the public using spent grains from Scottish distilleries, which will be burned, generating enough fuel to power 9,000 homes.

Thanks to Clan Stewart Society in America newsletter, *Fesse Chequy*. More info: [Membership@ClansStewart.org](mailto:Membership@ClansStewart.org)

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*Alistair of Fordell,  
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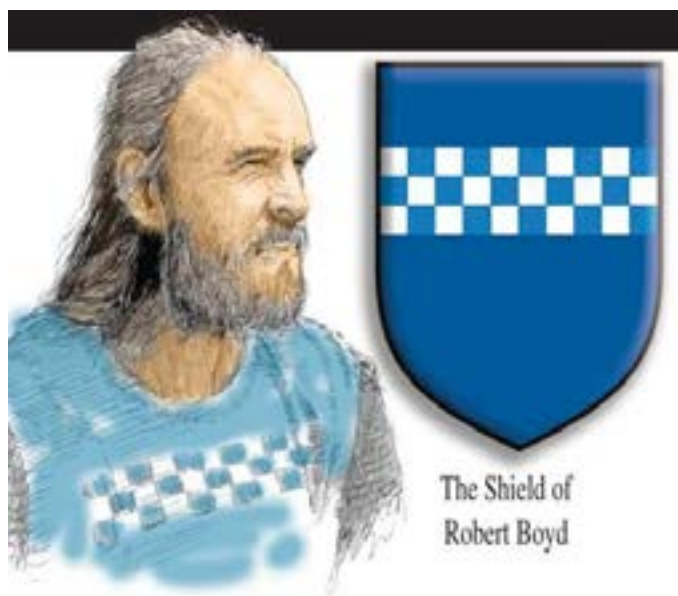
# Clan Stewart Society in America plans yearly celebration

Clan Stewarts Region 7 invites you to join in the yearly celebration of Clan Stewart Society in America held in conjunction with the McPherson Scottish Festival in McPherson, Kansas on September 27, 28 and 29, 2013.

While the Board of Directors convene on September 27, hosts Vice President Stewart and Nancy Cummins, RHC Frank and Cecilia Wiesenberger, and SC Ryan and Heather Cummins have planned items of interest for those not involved in the leadership meeting.

A block of rooms at the Best Western Holiday Manor, 2211 E. Kansas Street, McPherson, KS. (Call 620-241-5343) await your reservations.

When you call the hotel, please be sure to ask for the Clan Stewart in America room rate.



A lifelong friend and close lieutenant to Robert the Bruce, Sir Robert Boyd heroically defended Castle Kildrummy and was an exemplar to all in the Scots' cause. He survived the years and faced harsh dangers in taking his country back from the English kings, and fought alongside his family's Stewart kinsmen at the Battle of Bannok Burn.

The epic story unfolds before you in the historical *Rebel King* novels. See them here:

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## Clan Currie continued from page 10 After Pro Football, Jesse Boone begins his Scottish Athletic career

Retired professional football player, Jesse Boone, used to play for the Cincinnati Bengals and the Oakland Raiders, but now he is throwing large rocks and is wearing a Scottish kilt.

"I watched the games and thought it would be fun," said the six foot-five inch, 305 pound athlete. It gives me a reason to continue strength training. The competition at the games is different because everyone encourages each other to do their best. I'm in the top three in every event, so, we'll see how it turns out at the end of the day."

Boone is from Fillmore, Utah. He was All-conference candidate at center and named to the preseason Rimington Trophy watch list, honoring the nation's best center and was also named to the Outland and Lombardi award watch lists.

# O' Flower of Scotland

Tallahassee, Florida's Dick Rixey



The Corries were the most influential and best-known of all the Scottish folk groups to emerge in the 1960s. They took their name from the Scots word "corrie", a high ridge overlooking a cliff. The duo, whose names were Roy Williamson and Ronnie Browne, were singers, songwriters and multi-instrumentalists.

In 1969 they recorded "Flower of Scotland", a song composed by Roy to remind Scots of their spirit of resistance to English tyranny and express hope for a renewal of Scottish nationalism. It achieved widespread fame and became a great favorite of Scottish rugby and football crowds.

During the Grand Slam of rugby in March 1990, when the Scottish side won against England, over 50,000 Scottish fans sang "Flower of Scotland" in the stadium at Murrayfield. It was also sung at the initiation of the new Scottish Parliament in 1999. The song has become adopted as a Scottish national anthem - a true folk song, chosen by the people.

*When will we see  
Your like again  
That fought and died for  
Your wee bit hill and glen;  
And stood against him  
Proud Edward's army  
And sent him homeward  
Tae think again.*

*The hills are bare now  
And autumn leaves lie thick and still  
O'er land that is lost now  
Which those so dearly held;  
And stood against him  
Proud Edward's army  
And sent him homeward  
Tae think again.*

*Those days are passed now  
And in the past they must remain  
But we can still rise now  
And be the nation again;  
That stood against him  
Proud Edward's army  
And sent him homeward  
Tae think again.*

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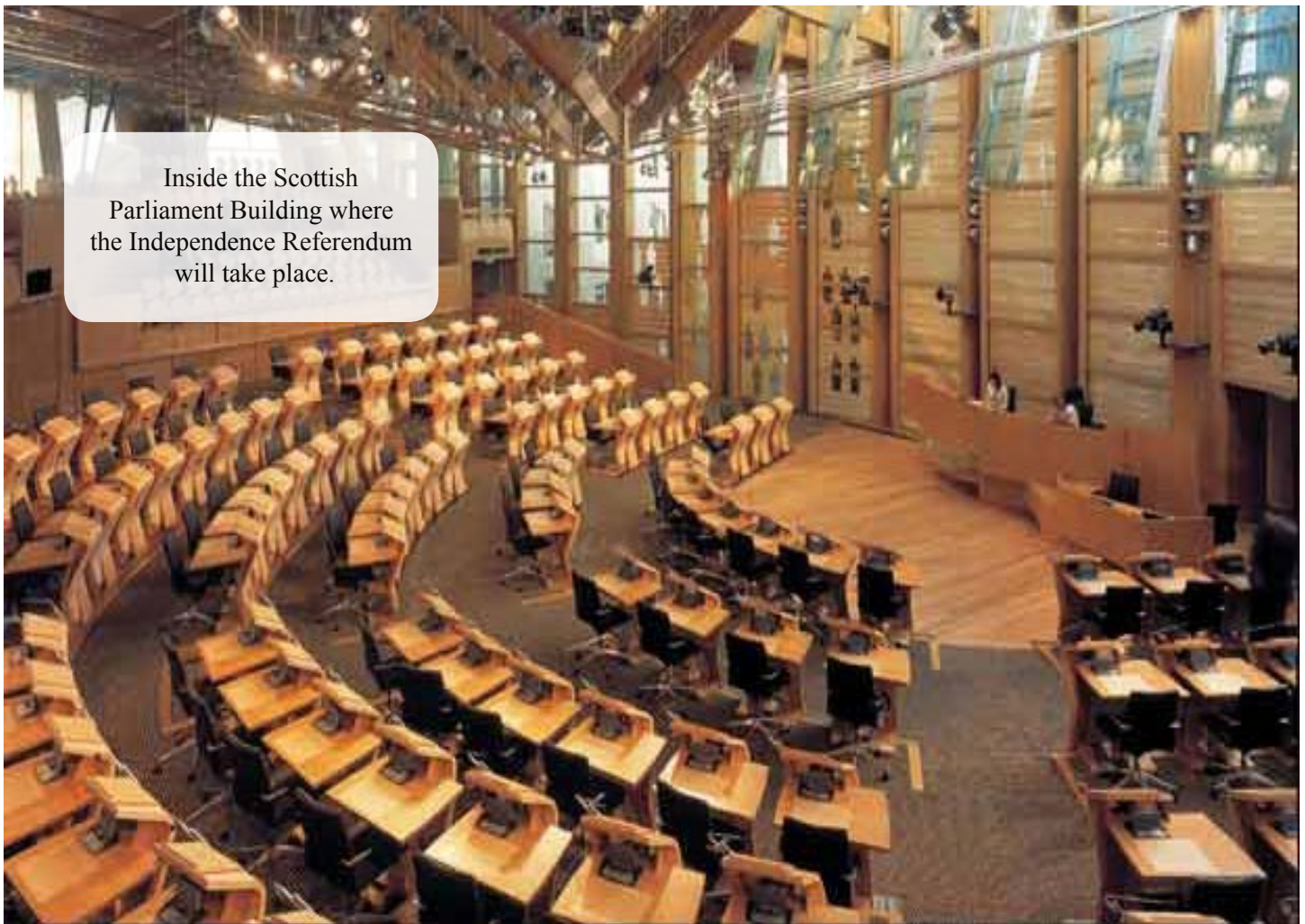


## Site Seeing



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Inside the Scottish Parliament Building where the Independence Referendum will take place.

## The Scottish Government & the timetable for the upcoming Scottish Independence Referendum

The “devolved” government for Scotland is responsible for most of the issues of day-to-day concern to the people of Scotland, including health, education, justice, rural affairs, and transport.

The Scottish Government was known as the “Scottish Executive” when it was established in 1999 following the first elections to the Scottish Parliament. The current administration was formed after elections in May 2011.

On 15th October 2012, the Edinburgh Agreement was signed by First Minister Alex Salmond and UK Prime Minister David Cameron.

It paves the way for a referendum on Scottish independence in 2014 by confirming the Scottish Parliament’s power to hold a vote that will be respected by both governments.

**In March 2013, it was announced that the independence referendum will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2014.**

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# Looking for Clan Stewart?

Just a reminder that Clan Stewart Society in America will be represented at the Appalachian Celtic Festival in Ringgold, Ga on Saturday, Sept 21- 9AM- 5:30 PM- details at <[www.appalachiancelticconnection.org](http://www.appalachiancelticconnection.org)>

This is a one day event, smaller but growing. So far they have 12 Clans registered this year plus "New World Celts" and "Scottish District Families Association". The Athletic competitionmen and women has been very good the past 3 years, and the Event is in a beautiful park along South Chickamauga Creek .

We will also be at Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival Oct 19 & 20. This is a larger event, and you can buy tickets online at a slight discount.

Hope you can be with us at one or both of these events and be in the Parade of the Tartans at Stone Mountain, usually on Sunday at noon. Check the online schedule at <[www.smhg.org](http://www.smhg.org)>

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It is very nice for you to do that...

I would answer and fiddle with those things

if I had another 15 hours in the day and knew how to make those sites work properly if I could get to them.

I thank you for writing.

If you have a message,

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*Clan Stewart at the Green Cove Springs Games...  
aka North Florida Scottish Festival.*

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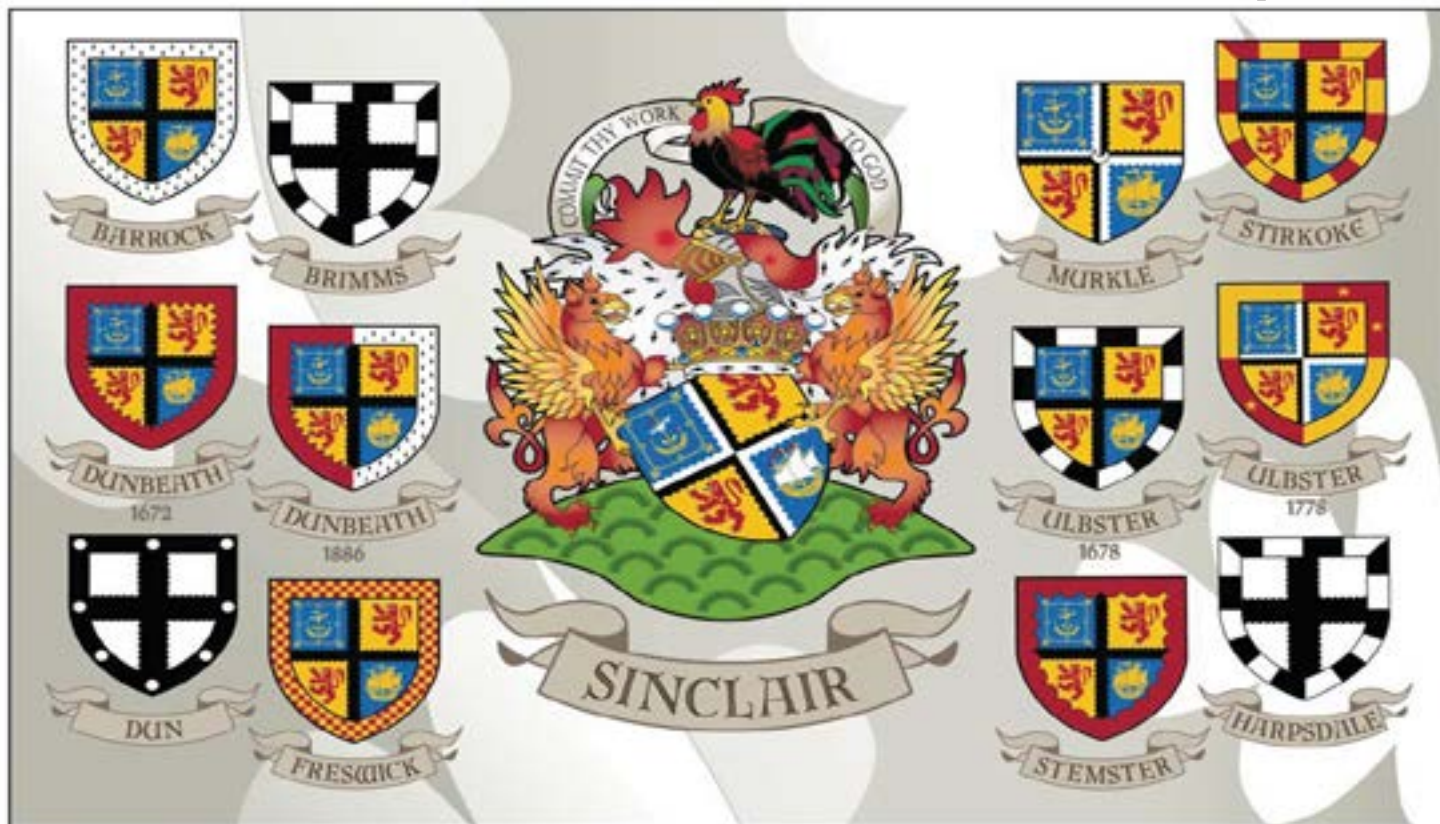
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# Danus Skene of Skene

## In the Pipeline

I play the flute in the local amateur orchestra, and at our concert a few months back, we played a challenging and fun modern piece called “Dalriada”, by Dick Lee.

It combined bagpipes with a regular orchestra. One lady, a viola player, was so upset by that “awful racket that hurts my brain” that she walked out and didn’t take part in the concert.

Bagpipes have always provoked strong reactions. You love them or loathe them. Many would agree with my grandmother that “I love the pipes, but preferably played as far away as possible.”

My grandfather was a not very good player!

At the end of June, I was at the European Pipe Band Championships, at Forres, in the north of Scotland.

2000 pipers, plus drummers, in something like 120 bands made an impressive noise when they all played together to close the event.

The participants were mostly Scots, but there were a few very high quality Irish bands, a few eccentrics from continental Europe, and the pipe band of the Royal Guard of the Sultanate of Oman. (They were really very good, and brought a real whiff of imperial days long past.

They were also a reminder that the largest bagpipe-making country in the world is Pakistan.)

A couple of weeks ago, in August, the World Championships were held, as usual, on Glasgow Green. There were over 200 bands.

The winners, for the third time in a row, were the Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band, from Northern Ireland. Second and third were both Scots bands, but the truth is that piping has spread all over the world with Scots and their culture.



There are very high quality bands in North America, particularly in Canada.

The Simon Fraser University band from Vancouver have been world champions six times.

One American, Alasdair Gillies, has won the supreme solo piping competition, the Glenfiddich trophy.

Pibroch is the very structured classical music of Scottish piping, associated in particular with the MacCrimmons, a family who provided the pipers for the MacLeod chiefs at Dunvegan for many generations.

There is widespread and growing modern interest in pibroch and solo piping, successfully promoted by the well established College of Piping in Glasgow. The College’s basic tutor book has sold almost 400,000 copies worldwide.

There has been something of a crisis in the piping world over recent decades because of

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**Danus Skene of Skene**, *continued from page 12*

the reductions in the British army, including the Highland regiments. Most good pipers had skills developed in the army pipe bands. That is no longer true, and it is good to see among the thousands of players at the World Championships the many many young Scots who have joined their local band and learned to play to a high standard without having been soldiers.

Along with this “civilianization” of piping has come an increasing trend to mix the pipes creatively with other instruments and forms of music. Solo pipers like Fred Morrison and Gordon Duncan have really taken the music into the next century and enthused a new generation.

Groups such as the Red Hot Chilli Pipers go down a storm at festivals.

Get your hands on CDs from some of these people – Fred Morrison’s track “the Kansas City Hornpipe” is a good starting point for Americans. There’s a cracking version with Fred (on uilleann cold wind pipes) and Bruce Molsky – just google ‘Kansas City Horn-pipe’.

I’ve always kind of regretted not taking piping further than a faltering start when I was a teenager in army cadet uniform. When you meet young pipers, at Games or anywhere else, encourage them, and point out that what can now be done with the pipes goes way beyond the rather narrow musical limits of competition pipe bands.

Up in the attic in this house there is a beautiful pipe banner, made to be hung from the base drone of Highland bagpipes. Skene arms on one side, and Black Watch regimental badge on the other. My grandfather’s. I hope one of my grandchildren uses it.

Danus Skene of Skene



The Shield of  
Thomas Randolph  
as Earl of Moray



Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king’s nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward’s army.  
Find out more about the epic story at....

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# Clan Bell North America



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

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

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

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

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

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

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# The most important death related records

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Death is a major event that will eventually touch all of us. Records generated vary dramatically by time period, locality and record keeping laws mandated at the time of death.

In some cases, the economic and/or social status may play some role as well. The most important factor for research is determining where and when the death took place.

In the most ideal circumstances, a community has well publicized and operating city of some established church cemeteries. Names and dates will be clearly visible on the tombstones and records were properly kept by the town clerk or health department giving the exact date, month, year of death and the name of the funeral home and church that handled final arrangements which makes the process of finding official records timely with minimal expense. These circumstances are seldom applicable forcing researchers to locate the following items: 1.) Death Certificates 2.) Probate records 3.) Deeds 4.) Death announcements/obituaries 5.) Published Cemetery Inscriptions 6.) Sexton's Records.

Death certificates generally came into existence between 1850 and the 1870s and are created at the county level. After individual states began keeping vital records, copies were sent to the state office of vital records as well as being maintained at the county level. They are generally indexed. Death records usually identify the place and time of death, place of burial, name of the undertaker/funeral home.

Probate records consist of wills, intestate (no will) documents and guardianship estate settlements. These are maintained at the county level by the Clerk of the Probate Court. While they can be useful for establishing an approximate date and place of death, this would not be particularly helpful for searches prior to 1860. For earlier years, you must hope a church is named along with a minister or someone of note in the community or well known family as a testator.

Deeds seldom indicate death dates and places of burial. Deeds help document the settlement of estates, and may help establish approximately when and where a person died. They may provide clues to the purchase of burial property, or help identify a place of residence.



Obituaries and death announcements would be found in newspapers. Prior to the 1850s, most announcements in newspapers contained minimal details about the decedent and do little more than identify the exact or very close to accurate date and place of death. Obituaries may contain significant details about an individual and suggest other potential avenues for research.

Many genealogical and historical societies have organized groups that go through cemeteries within their town or region and transcribe the information found on tombstones, take pictures of the gravestones and publish the information in hard copy or via the internet. The condition of the tombstone will impact the accuracy and detail of information.

Sexton's were the people in charge of cemeteries. When available, these records contain names and locations of gravesites within their cemetery, name of other family members who contributed towards the cost of burial and their contact information. Sexton's were also usually in charge of maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery grounds and tombstones.

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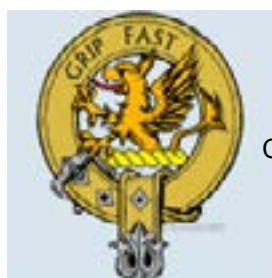


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**Septs:** Abernethy, Bartholomew,  
Carnie, Laing, and More (Moore)  
and other spelling variations

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**The Honourable Alexander Leslie,  
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# Special Air Service Tartan a reality

We are told by *Scotland on Sunday* that the style-conscious SAS soldier will soon be able to boast a kilt as part of his wardrobe after a tartan was registered for the regiment.

It was created by the Perth-based House of Edgar, where staff admitted that the commissioning process had been shrouded in mystery.

Blair McNaughton, managing director at the House of Edgar's parent company McNaughton Holdings Ltd, told *Scotland on Sunday* he personally had not realised that the firm had been commissioned by the elite regiment until contacted last week.

McNaughton said: "Initially we were not aware that we were working for the SAS. "We have been working on the tartan for about six months and we put forward a number of designs to our client who then put them forward to the regiment and the one that has been registered is the one they selected. I don't know how—presumably by secret ballot."

He added: "We are always astonished as to where requests for tartans come from and we are chuffed to bits for our design to be selected by the SAS."

The tartan is predominantly in Oxford blue, one of the two SAS colours, with lighter blue and black, white and green.

The Scottish Register of Tartans entry states: "[This tartan is] the official regimental tartan for the Special Air Service Regiment, approved by the various bodies within the regimental structure."

The SAS was founded by a group of mili-



tary leaders including Lieutenant Archibald David Stirling, a supplementary reserve officer of the Scots Guards, in 1941 during the Second World War, when it was known as the SAS Brigade.

Tasked to fight secret battles far behind enemy lines the world famous regimental motto is "Who Dares Wins". The regiment itself has a reputation for maintaining radio silence on high level operations around the world.

With thanks to the *Tartan Herald*, Newsletter of the Scottish Tartans Authority.



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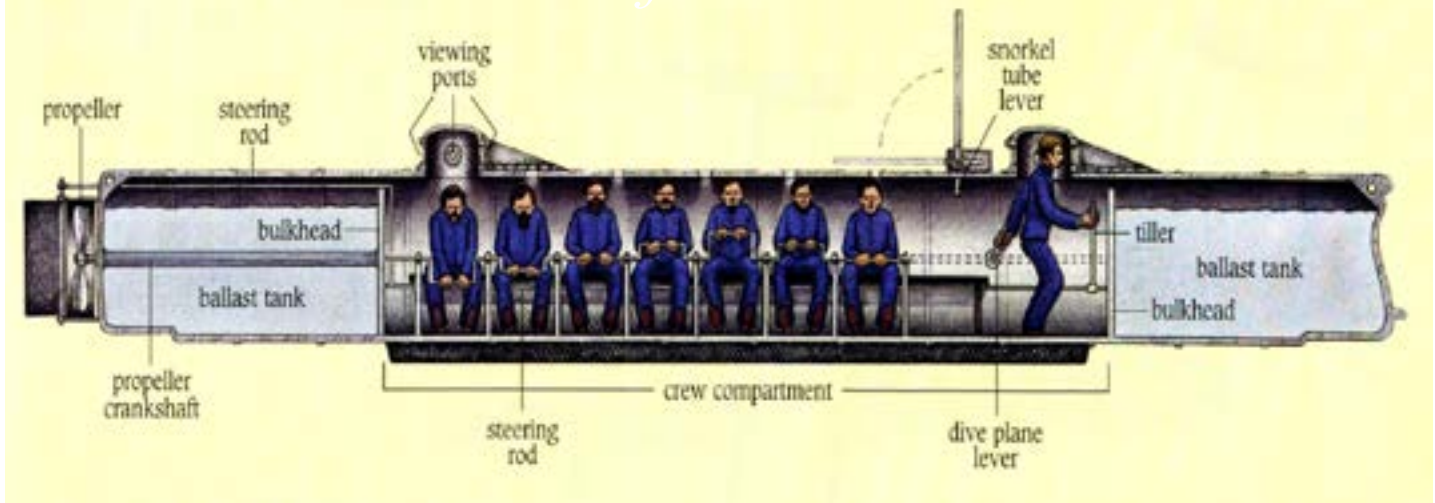
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# Tom Hodges writes about the *CSS Hunley* - from the first idea to the sinking of the *USS Housatonic* *from the idea to its sink-*



Horace Hunley was a wealthy, patriotic privateer from New Orleans.

A chance meeting with a creative machine shop owner in town led to the development of the first successful attack submarine. The designer of the CSS Hunley, James McClintock, was originally from Cincinnati, Ohio.

McClintock apparently didn't harbor enough patriotic feelings for the Union to go back to Ohio when the war started. James McClintock was interested in science and making money. He had currently been using

his machine shop to make bullets to sell to the Confederate army when he met Hunley.

Before the war, James McClintock had been one of the youngest steamboat captains on the Mississippi.

He had gone into business making ship steam gauges in New Orleans.

In 1861 Hunley approached McClintock with a proposition to develop a "fish boat" to attack the Federal ships blockading Southern ports. Their first submarine, the *Pioneer*, was made out of a boiler. The *Pioneer* was

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## Clan Blair Society

Membership is cordially invited from  
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## Can YOU help these Hendersons? Maybe the information here will help you!

If you need to correspond with Mr. & Mrs. Henderson, just email [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) and I'll put you in touch.

A few months ago, my DAR magazine, *American Spirit*, listed a website concerning restoration of Henderson Hall Plantation, located 7 miles north of Parkersburg, Virginia.

The Oil & Gas Museum owns the property of Hall Plantation now. In the beginning, 1750, a Henderson family arrived from Scotland in Colchester, Virginia.

A Henderson served in the Virginia House of Burgess and on Maryland and the Virginia Border Commission. They had been close friends of George Washington, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson in 1750.

In the 1800s Henderson builds and manages the first chain store throughout Virginia.

From 1821 - 1859 Archiball Henderson served as Marine Corps Commandant for 58 years.

From 1836-1850 the Henderson Mansion was built on 2600 acres.

In 1900, Henderson Plantation becomes a major oil field.

All of this was new information to us. Gene's grandparents went to Kansas from Wheeling, West Virginia.

G.W. Henderson served in 1861 in the reformed Virginia Legislature to create the State of West Virginia.

He was wondering if anyone knows of this

Henderson Plantation which is known as Henderson Hall today?

Gene knows very little about his Henderson roots, but when we were in Scotland at a war museum Hendersons were listed in all but 2 of the 47 war books as casualties. That was 1999 and was very interesting to us.

On the computer, if you Google the "Oil & Gas Museum" I think you might find more information about the Henderson Hall Plantation owners.

As seniors with health issues, we are not able to travel anymore, so we do our adventures by reading about places and enjoy certain television programs.

We were unable to go to the National Meeting of the Hendersons in Highland Ranch, Colorado. We lived in the Denver over 44 years and have been to several of the Scottish festivals including Estes Park, Colorado.

We bought many of our Scottish heritage things then. Gene ordered a kilt from Scotland which we have now passed on to our grandson, Evan Henderson, who is a junior in high school. Hopefully, he will carry on.

Thank you for your work for the Clan Henderson Society.

Gene and JoNell Henderson

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scuttled when the Union Navy took New Orleans in 1862.

McClintock then moved the submarine operation to Mobile, Alabama.

The second prototype, the *American Diver*, was lost in the Gulf of Mexico while being towed.

Each time the meticulous McClintock made a new submarine; he learned from past mistakes and continually made improvements to the next one.

What was to become the *CSS Hunley* was built from the keel up to be a submarine instead of using a boiler.

McClintock decided on a crew to hand crank the *Hunley's* propeller after briefly considering other forms of propulsion.

A pole like spar was fixed to the front of the *Hunley*. An explosive device called a "torpedo" was fixed to the end of a metal spar. In order to blow up an enemy vessel, the torpedo was rammed into the hull of a wooden ship. The submarine reversed leaving the torpedo fixed into the other ships hull. The *Hunley's* captain then pulled a line to ignite the torpedo when the submarine was a safe distance away.

When the *Hunley* was ready it was taken by a special train to Charleston where it sank the *USS Housatonic* on February 17, 1864.

The remarkable story of this submarine, the people concerned, and the equally remarkable story of its recovery on August 8, 2000 can be read in *Raising the Hunley* written by Brian Hicks and by Schuyler Kropf. You may also like to read *Secrets of a Civil War Submarine* by Sally M. Walker.



*The pocket watch which belonged to the Commander of the CSS Hunley, Lt. George Dickson.*

Tom and I got to see the replica of the *Hunley* a couple of years ago in Charleston, SC during the Charleston Scottish Games weekend. I was awed. My Cone family had sailors - two brothers - who served on the *CSS Spray*. The *Spray* was scuttled when it was about to be captured by the Northern Navy. The men from the *Spray* were marched all the way back from the Gulf Coast of Florida south of Tallahassee to Albany, Georgia. There, the men were released... and my family members had to walk back to the coast to their homes. They were allowed to keep their firearms. One of my Cone kin has the long gun to this day.



*Many thanks to Tom Hodges for this article which was written for the last newsletter of the American Clan Colquhoun. Now, the Clan Colquhoun is the Clan Colquhoun International.*

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# ***The Armstrong Clan Society***

*Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons and those interested in these surnames*

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 U.S. federal income tax.

On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk 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 in the upper left on this page. Our motto "SEMPER INVICTUS" can be translated as "Always Unconquered".

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society:

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest, and genealogy via our newsletter *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
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## Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Groziers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling) and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for 2 years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

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*Tom Freeman's t-shirt design for 2012 Rural Hill Scottish Games. The t-shirt features The Caber Toss.*

## “Shopping” for a new caber!”

How do you do that?

With thanks to Alastair McIntyre

at [electricScotland.com](http://electricScotland.com).

The organisers of one of Scotland's most popular Highland games have been forced to replace their caber because it was proving too easy for burly competitors to toss successfully.

Traditionally only the top heavyweight athletes at Highland games have the strength and technique to manage to toss a caber.

But the chiefs at the Pitlochry Highland games have had to bring in a new and heavier wooden pole for this weekend's event in Perthshire after almost every single competitor in last year's competition managed to flip their 17 foot, 92 lb wooden pole.

The strongmen taking part in Saturday's games in the village will now have to toss a much heavier 18ft long pole, taken from a spruce tree felled in a Perthshire wood.

The games' heavy events coordinator, Raymond McIntosh, said the new caber is currently under lock and key at a secret location and would be unveiled at the games at the weekend.

He explained that he had set out to find a replacement caber after competitors at last year's contest complained the old pole presented no challenge.

Said Mr McIntosh: “The local guys from Highland Perthshire found it too easy because their standard has improved dramatically in the last ten years. Pretty much all of them tossed it last year and you don't want that.”

He continued: “The caber we're currently using is 17 feet and 92lbs. The new one is about a foot longer and a bit thicker, but I haven't weighed it yet. It's probably about 100lbs. It's a spruce which came from woods next to Cluny Gardens near Logierait. The land owner wanted rid of it.”

The new caber will be used as the heavy athletes compete for the first prize of £70 in the caber tossing event the village's Recreation Ground on Saturday.

Mr McIntosh said that winning the competition was not all about brawn and muscle. He said: “People often think the caber toss is about distance but it's nothing to do with how far you can throw it.

“It's actually about accuracy and technique. When it lands you want the lighter end at 12 o'clock.”

Jim Brown, the President of Highland Games Asso-

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*Stephen Grant, an active member of the Clan Grant Society, is shown here at the Celtic Classic games held recently on the west coast between Los Angeles and San Diego.. Stephen is assisting Ray Pearson at one of his Whisky Tastings at the Games.*

*Ray wrote that having a Clan Grant member tell everyone about Grant Whisky was fun for all.*



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ciation, said there were no hard and fast rules about the length, weight or type of wood used for caber tossing.

He told The Scotsman: "There is no minimum length or weight and it is entirely up to the local games committee to choose their own caber. It generally depends on who turns up on the day.

"If the top class heavyweights turn up then you need a substantial caber. But then, if it's just the local lads, then you don't need such a big caber. Most big games have three or four to choose from."

Mr Brown continued: "Cabers also dry out over the years if they are not looked after and lose their weight. A lot of games organisers put their cabers into a burn before the games to soak up the water and make them heavier.

"And a lot of cabers now are redundant telephone poles because they are treated and won't dry out. A good larch pole is what you require because it's a hard timber and will remain a caber for a lot more years than spruce which is a softer timber."

He added: "Weight is important but the length is the essential thing to sort out real caber tossers. It's not how far you throw it - it's where it ends up in relation to the throw.

"Really strong men who are not caber tossers prefer shorter, heavy cabers because it's only them who can lift them. But the real caber tossers have tremendous style and speed and get a tremendous lift on the caber. It's really is an art which is not always amongst the strong men."

The Pitlochry games, one of the oldest in Scotland, have been held on the second Saturday in September every year since 1852, with the exception of the period to the two World Wars. The games, which cost around £40,000 to stage, attract around 1,500 participants and as many as 5,000 spectators to Pitlochry each year.

**Did you know  
that the years  
2011 - 2015  
mark the  
150th anniversary  
of the American  
Civil War?**

## Calhoun/Colquhoun's in the American Civil War

Tom Hodges

The years 2011 to 2015 mark the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. Several participants in the war with the name Calhoun and sept names of Colquhoun played significant parts in this conflict.

One man with a notable name actually died eleven years before the war started. However John C. Calhoun was still blamed for contributing to the South seceding from the North. When Sherman's Federal troops marched into Charleston, SC where Calhoun is buried a guard was posted at his grave. Townspeople had already moved Calhoun's body to a secret location in the graveyard to prevent possible defilement.

There was a blockade runner named after John C. Calhoun that operated in the Gulf of Mexico. The CSS (Confederate States Steamer) *Calhoun* was originally owned by George McGregor of New Orleans.

The ship had been originally used as a tow boat to bring sailing vessels up to the city wharves. The current of the Mississippi was too strong for a sailing ship to safely approach the pier by itself.

The *Calhoun* was commissioned as the first privateer of the war on May 15, 1861.

Privateers were pirate ships made legal by a government's proclamation. They had permission to raid ships of an opposing government or country. For instance, Sir Frances Drake captained a privateer for Elizabeth I. The crew shared what was captured by their ship.

The Federal Navy set up rows of their own ships to try and prevent the Rebel Navy from entering and leaving their ports. These rows of ships were blockades, and the privateers became blockade runners.

The *Calhoun* was refitted with an armament of six cannons. The crew of 85 men was commanded by Captain John Wilson.

She was not a small ship. In 1865 Captain S. L. Woodward wrote the *Calhoun* had a capacity for "about 90 horses".

On the first day of her commission the *Calhoun* captured the bark *Ocean Eagle*. The first privateer prize of the war was 3,144 barrels of Thomaston lime. For the rest of 1861 the *Calhoun* took many more prizes. Some

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of those prizes included 1,500 sacks of salt being used as ballast on a ship out of Liverpool, tropical fruits on a ship out of Mexico bound for Pensacola, and 160 barrels of whale oil from the schooner John Adams.

From May 15th until January 23, 1862 she operated as a blockade runner until run aground by the Federal schooner *Samuel Rotan*. The crew and passengers set fire to the *Calhoun* rather than have it fall into enemy hands, but the Federal sailors rushed aboard and extinguished the fire. Only then did the Federals discover her latest prize: 50,000 pounds of gunpowder!

After the *Calhoun's* capture she was sold at prize court and used by the Federal Navy as a chartered man-of-war.

In February 1864 she served as flagship for Admiral David Glasgow Farragut. She went back into the cargo service after the war. The *Calhoun* suffered the fate of most wooden ships disappearing from history in the 1880's.

Naval warfare was changed forever all over the world with the advent of ironclad ships.



***Claasagh: Manx Music for the Celtic Harp*** has just been published by the Manx Heritage Foundation.

Written by Rachel Hair, the book is a collection of 20 traditional Manx tunes arranged for the Celtic harp.

The Glasgow based Rachel Hair is considered one of the leading contemporary Celtic harpists and has been giving lessons in Mannin sponsored by the Manx Heritage Foundation.

Published by March Hair Publications in association with Culture Vannin, *Claasagh* may be obtained for 13 pounds (inquire about overseas shipping) from Rachel Hair's website which is [www.rachelhair.com](http://www.rachelhair.com)

## Our great fun Pun Festival!

*Groaning encouraged. Yes, indeed*

### Gas Price in France ...

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre.

After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van.

However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, 'Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings..

I had no Monet

To buy Degas

To make the Van Gogh.

See if you have De Gaulle to tell this to someone else.

I told it to you because I figured I had nothing Toulouse.





# Atlantic City, NJ in 1915



*My goodness, men's suits on the beach? Ladies outfits very modest...and almost nobody even barefoot!*

**The St. David's Society of Pittsburgh** has launched a Library Resources Fund to enhance and preserve its collection of books and resources relating to Welsh culture and history in collaboration with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Contributions may be sent to the St. David's Society Welsh Library Resources Fund, Office of Development, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-4080.

**Lincolnesque Pilgrims** may do well to visit the little Welsh village of Ysbyty Ifan, near Conway and behold an abandoned cottage named Bryngwyn. Therein once lived John Morris, whose daughter Ellen emigrated with a group of Quakers to Pennsylvania. Ellen's daughter, Sarah Evans, married John Hanks, father of Nancy Hanks, whose son, Abraham became the 16th President of the United States.

# Flowers of the Forest

**Frances Evelyn Shaw Griscavage**, beloved wife of Stanley Griscavage left us on April 24 of this year.

Frances was a former Clan Shaw Society genealogist.

She was also an avid hunter, fisherman and traveler.

She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Frances, with Stanley, was a long time member of Clan Shaw. They were regular attendees at many of the society's events in the mid-Atlantic area.

Frances was a resident of King George, Virginia.

Clan Shaw will miss Frances. We extend our sincere sympathy to Stanley and family.

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**Jeanie Stewart Moore**, 84, of Conway, passed from this life on May 25, 2013.

She was born June 27, 1928 in Santa Barbara, California to the late James Robertson Stewart and Jeanie Hill Stewart.

Mrs. Moore was a member of the Clan Stewart Society USA, patron of the Texas Scottish Society and patron the Arkansas Scottish Festival.

She died with her loved ones at her bedside and Scottish fiddle music playing softly.

She and her cousin from Scotland had just talked to her.

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Longtime Manx patriot and Celtic League activist **Deidre Moffatt** passed away this past May. She was born in Douglas in 1952 and



trained as a teacher and spent most of her career on Mannin working for the Department of Education. Committed to promoting native Manx culture, she joined Banglane Twoaie (The northern branch of the Manx Gaelic Society, Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh) and with a particular interest in traditional Manx dances, she also became active in a number of Manx dance organizations. An active member of both the Celtic League and Mec Vannin (The Manx nationalist party)), the the 1980s, she was part of the Isle of Man Peace Group opposing the deployment of cruise missiles in Germany and Britain, and participated in the Celtic League and Anti-Militarist Alliance's campaign against the expansion of NATO's Jurby Sea-Bombing Range.

A committed feminist, she supported the Manx feminist group EVE, and for many years, helped organize the annual schools' arts and crafts exhibition at the Manx national festival Yn Chruinnaght.

"Dee will be sorely missed by all who knew her," said her husband, Bernart Moffatt, director of information for the Celtic League. He said, "Her character, contribution and determination will not be forgotten."





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