



# Playing the bagpipes can literally kill you!

With thanks to *Smithsonian.com*

*Known as "Bagpipe Lung," the reaction can wreak havoc on your respiratory system and can end in death.*

For years, doctors were stumped by their patient's persistent lung problems. By the time the 61-year-old resident of Liverpool, England died in 2014, he had spent seven years fighting a mysterious illness that left him struggling to breathe or walk. But in a recent study published in the journal *Thorax*, researchers say they have finally identified the cause: his beloved bagpipes.

The unnamed patient suffered from a rare condition called "hypersensitivity pneumonitis" – an inflammatory condition that occurs when the immune system goes into overdrive in an attempt to eject pathogens. The hyperactive reaction can cause scarring in the lungs that worsens over time and can eventually become fatal if the source of the trigger isn't identified, the BBC reports. But while other people in the past have contracted the condition from exposure to mold, yeast and dust found in things like pigeon feathers and saxophones, this is the first known instance of someone dying from "bagpipe lung."

"If you can diagnose these problems early and remove the trigger then they can be treated and the prognosis is really good," Jenny King, a doctor who originally helped to treat the patient, tells the BBC. "These organisms are around in the air, but they're not usually at a high enough level to cause problems. You do sometimes see this type of lung problem in people who work on farms and are exposed to lots of moldy hay."

While King's patient struggled with his symptoms for years, she began to suspect that his beloved bagpipes — which he played daily

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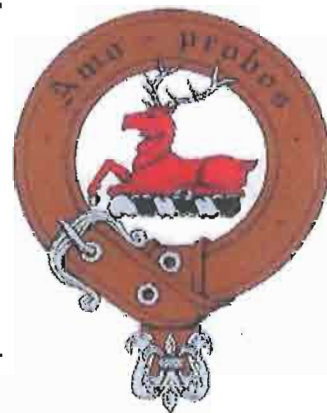
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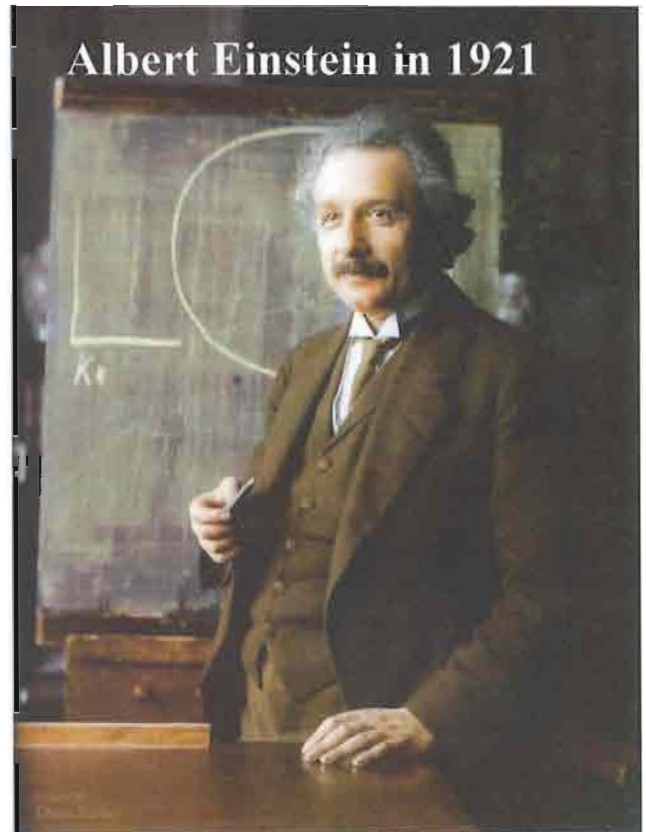
## Clan Blair Society AGM Webinar set for October 1

The 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Clan Blair Society now scheduled for 10 am MDT on Saturday October 1.

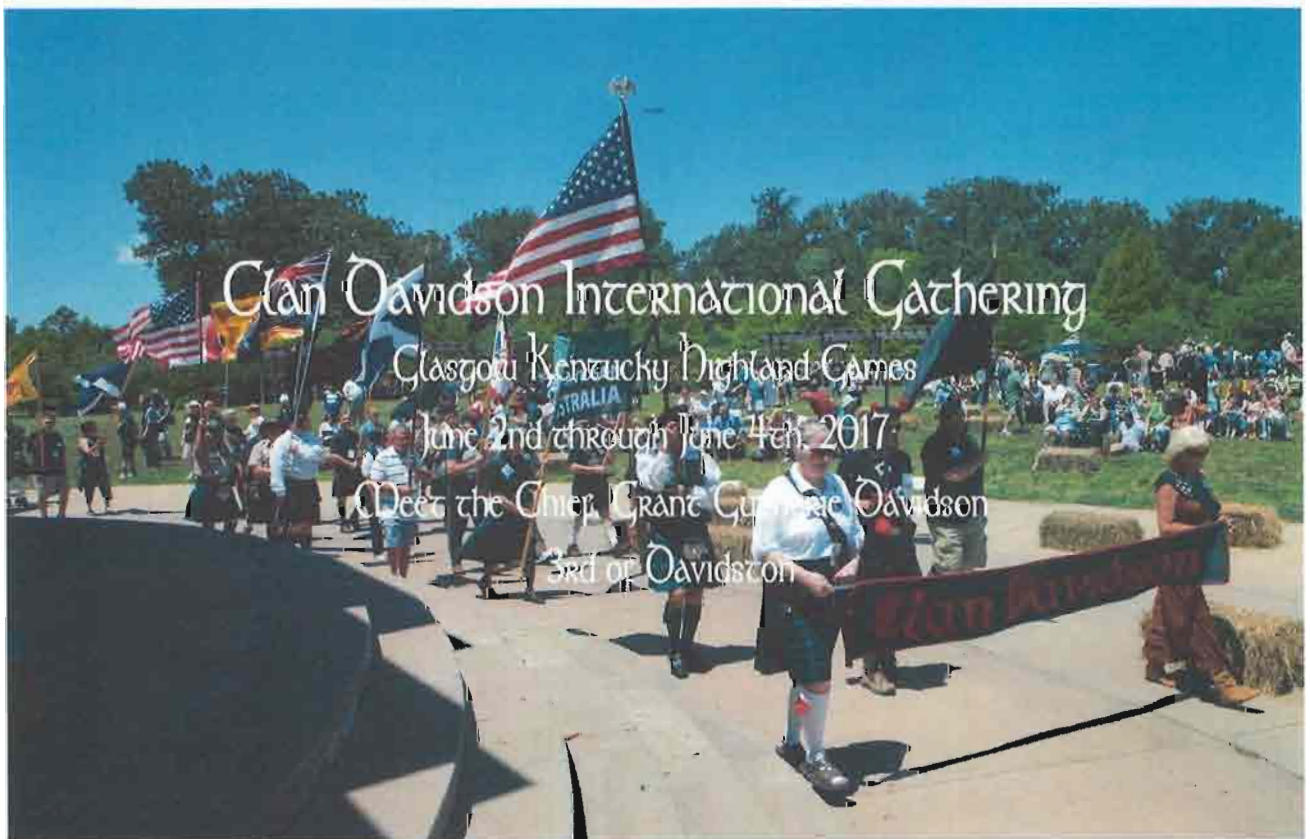
This is an all member meeting complete with a full report on CBS activities for the year, financials, a program of interest (which is under development) and this year we will announce the results of the general election which will be held in September.

Watch you email box for the ballot. Please join us and bring your thoughts and questions.

Webmaster Shawn Blair will provide the details about how members sign into the broadcast using web-service ZOOM. Please take time to download the application on your computer at <https://zoom.us>



*Albert Einstein in 1921. The photograph, along with others, has been colorized so that we may see what he really looked like!*





# ClanKeith-USA.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

## The National Wallace Monument celebrates the Battle of Stirling Bridge Anniversary

The National Wallace Monument, in Stirling, is set to mark the 719<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Stirling Bridge by releasing short online films and hosting a weekend of activities around the memorable battle on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1297.

*A Hero in the Making* and *William Wallace Preparing for Battle* will be released online, available on Facebook and YouTube, during the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of September at the same time as



The  
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live actor performances at the National Wallace Monument will bring to life the main events of the battle.

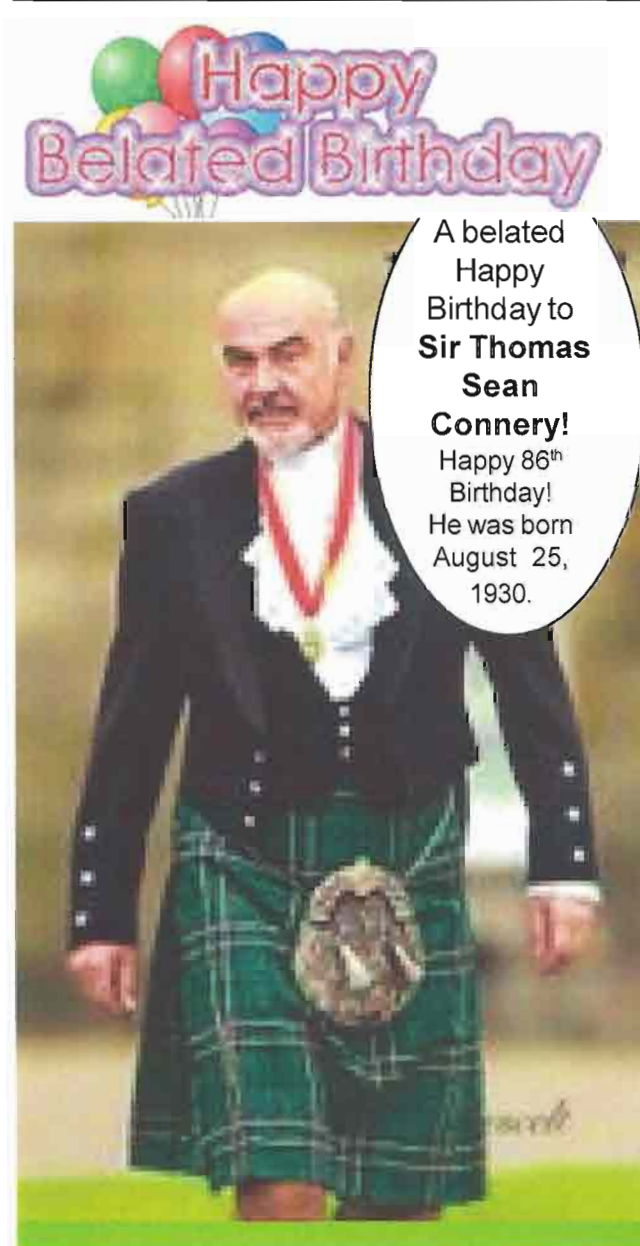
Overlooking the site of the Battle of Stirling Bridge, the National Wallace Monument has a weekend of activities planned to entertain the whole family including weapons demonstrations, dress-up costumes, face painting, Braveheart Bear, falconry display (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> only) and archery (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> only).

Speaking about the event Ken Thomson, Marketing Director at Stirling District Tourism, the not-for profit organisation that runs the National Wallace Monument said: "We have lots of great activities for children planned, allowing them to learn more about the infamous battle in a fun environment. They can discover how to be a medieval warrior by trying on costumes and see the weapons that medieval soldiers would have used during their visit.

"For those who cannot attend on the weekend itself we wanted to create these two short films that tell a little bit of the Wallace story, and we hope it inspires them to make the trip to the Monument to find out more."

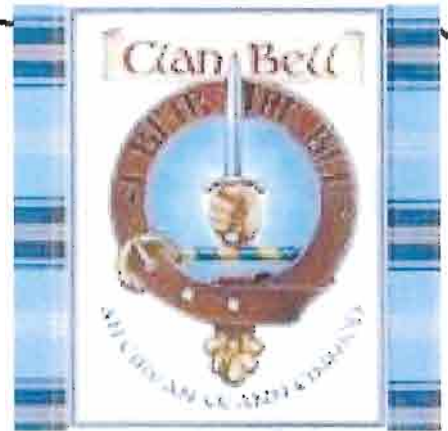
Alongside the special weekend activities, visitors can also explore the magnificent Monument itself where Wallace's life and legacy is told in three galleries, one of which features his legendary battle sword. An impressive 246 steps can be climbed to reach the top of the Monument and to the Crown where a breathtaking 360-degree view of central Scotland and the Highlands to the north may be enjoyed.

The National Wallace Monument is offering 20% off admission prices across the weekend, available on tickets booked in advance online or purchased on arrival at the Monument.



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# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, 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 were “encouraged” to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called “Redcloak” and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America 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.

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

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**Mr. Robert Edward Pursley**, 80, of Winston-Salem, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 27th 2016 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Robert, "Bob", was born in Cuba, N.Y. on January 28, 1936 to the late Reverend Robert Montgomery and Mary Twist Pursley.

He grew up in Elizabeth and Bordentown, N.J.

Bob graduated from William MacFarland High School in 1954. He was a 1958 graduate of Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia with a B.S. in Engineering.

Following college graduation, Bob was employed by Western Electric as a technical writer, initially working briefly in Winston-Salem before transferring back to the office in Whippany, New Jersey.

Bob also served as a sonarman in the Naval Reserves and saw one year of active duty during the Berlin Crisis in 1961.

He continued working for Western Electric and its subsequent companies for 37 years.

Bob worked in New Jersey, Winston-Salem, NC and Illinois during the course of his career but his most memorable job location was when he took his family to live on Kwajalein, in the Marshall Islands for 2 years.

Bob was a lifelong Presbyterian and served as an elder, choir member, treasurer and all around "go to guy" at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Bolton St. in Winston-Salem.

In addition to church work, he volunteered for Meals on Wheels and for the Shepherd's Center where he served as treasurer and helped coordinate the annual Shepherd's Center Book Sale for many years.

Bob was preceded in death by his brother James Montgomery Pursley of Maryland. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janice Lee Pursley and his two children, Cindy (Ed) Bodenheimer of Winston-Salem and Scott (Karen) Pursley of Woodstock, Maryland and his grandchildren, Nicholas Bodenheimer, Ben-

jamin and Matthew Pursley.

A service to celebrate Bob's life was held September 10, 2016 at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church or The Shepherd's Center of Winston-Salem.

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**Charles Dale Bosstick**, (father of Blythe Ann Hockensmith, a member of Clan Donald USA MidSouth Region) 91, formerly of Louisville, Kentucky and Fort Myers, Florida, passed away on July 21, 2016 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Charles was born in Rosedale, Indiana on March 25, 1925 and raised in Clinton, Indiana by his beloved grandmother, Maude Lambert Boatman.

He proudly served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and First Lieutenant in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He also served as an intelligence officer in the Air Force during the early stages of the Cold War.

Following his service to his country, Charles worked for Anaconda Aluminum and LG&E.

He spent much of his retirement in Fort Myers, where he was president of the local VFW.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Ann Bosstick. Survivors include two children, Blythe Ann Hockensmith (Bill) of Bowling Green, Kentucky and Dick Bosstick (Suzanne) of Charleston, SC; three grandchildren, Mary Beth Bratcher, Christopher Bosstick and Joshua Bosstick; and one great-granddaughter, Kamdyn Bratcher.

Graveside services with military honors were conducted at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery - Central in Radcliff, Kentucky.

Newcomer Funeral Home - Southwest Louisville Chapel assisted with arrangements.

To leave a special message for the family, please visit <[www.NewcomerKentuckiana.com](http://www.NewcomerKentuckiana.com)>



# Elliot Clan Society, USA

## Membership Information 2014

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

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

[www.elliotclan.com](http://www.elliotclan.com)

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

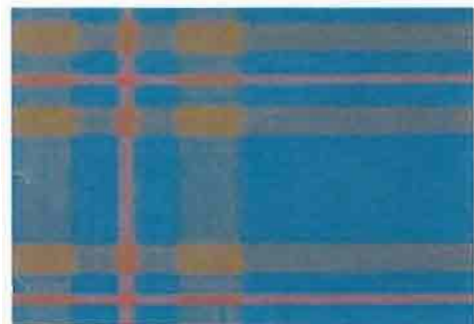
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# Alaska Hosts professional World Championships



The Alaskan Scottish Club hosted the International Highland Games Federation Professional World Heavy Events Championship at their annual Highland Games held at the Alaska State Fair Grounds on 25 & 26 June, 2016.

National champions from England, Scotland, Germany, Czech Republic, Belgium, Poland and the United



States competed for the title "World Champion."

Dan McKim (USA) led the competitions with first in the caber and both hammers, including a new Light Hammer Field Record, to win his fourth World Championship Title. *(See photo at left)*

World Heavy Weight Champions Podium Finishers: 1<sup>st</sup>, Dan McKim (USA), 2<sup>nd</sup>, Matt Vincent (USA), 3<sup>rd</sup> Lukaz Wenta (Poland).

World Heavy Weight Champion Podium Finishers: 1st - Dan McKim (USA), 2nd - Matt Vincent (USA), 3rd Lukasz Wenta (Poland)/

The games were well attended and presented amateur Heavy Weight, Kilted Mile and Tug-O-War competitions as well. The usual piping and drumming adjudications for individual and pipe bands were held along with Tall Tales and shortbread competitions.

## Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2016 panoramic view!



# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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# Locating ancestors in *United States Serial Set* records

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Genealogists who discover ancestors involved in activities that coincided with interests of the United States government should consult the *United States Serial Set*. Publication of the *Serial Set* began with the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1st Session (1817). The *Serial Set* contains House and Senate Documents and House and Senate Reports dating from 1789 through 1969.

The reports are usually from congressional committees dealing with proposed legislation and issues under investigation. The documents also include other papers ordered printed by the House or Senate. Documents cover a wide variety of topics and may include reports of executive departments and independent organizations, reports of special investigations made for Congress, and annual reports of non-governmental organizations. During the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, executive-branch materials were also included.

Women, African Americans, Native Americans, students, soldiers and sailors, pensioners, landowners, and inventors are all represented in the various records. The key factor that determines the likelihood of finding your ancestor in these records is their interactions with federal departments, the military, or life events that involved some contact with a federal jurisdiction.

In the post Revolutionary War (1789-1820), printing of congressional documents had been haphazard, and the *Serial Set* was an effort designed to rectify that situation.

In 1831, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House ordered the publication of many early congressional and related federal documents.

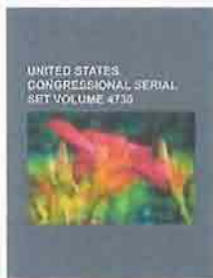
A total of 6,278 documents were published in 38 volumes between 1832 and 1861. In print format, the *Serial Set* is also known as the *American State Papers*. Because it was a retrospective effort, these 38 volumes were arranged chronologically within 10 subject areas: Foreign Relations, Indian Affairs, Finance, Commerce & Navigation, Military Affairs, Naval Affairs,

Post Office, Public Lands, Claims, and Miscellaneous.

Important genealogical information may include: 1) Information concerning land claims, especially those related to bounty grants for service to the government as well as to contested lands once under the jurisdiction of another nation; 2) Lists of names and addresses for individuals who applied for patents and documentation related to the inventions; 3) Lists of army and navy pensioners including their rank, place of residence; and amount of pension; 4) individual claims for damages after military conflicts (such as the Civil War) or other incidents involving federal personnel; 5) Personnel information for non-governmental agencies and other private entities that provided outside services.

*The Heritage Quest* database, available through many public libraries, offers free access to this information. The best comprehensive print index is the Congressional Information Service's (CIS) *U.S. Serial Set Index*, produced in conjunction with their microfilming of the volumes through 1969 beginning in the mid-1970s.

In this index, a two-volume subject index covers groups of Congresses, with a third volume providing an index to individual names for relief actions, as well as a complete numerical list in each report/document category.



With many thanks to the  Lee County Library System

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# The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!



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Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant  
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For information about joining us email: [clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com](mailto:clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com)

# 2016 North American Irish Dance Championships

An interview with Saoirse Alys Blair Galligan



July 2-5, 2016, Irish dancers from all over the world met in Florida for the North American Irish Dance Championships. The event was hosted by the IDTANA-Southern Region at the Orlando World Center Resort.

Saoirse Blair Galligan, 11-year-old granddaughter of Clan Blair President Jim Blair, was a competitor from the Celtic Steps School of Irish Dance in Centennial, and Colorado Springs, Colorado. She and her teammates competed in 4 days of team and solo events.

They were pleased to take home awards for 2nd place Under 13 [years old] figure choreography dramatizing the sinking of the Titanic, 1st place, figure choreography under 11, and 4th place for their 8-hand.

Saoirse says: "It's really fun to be at Nationals because you are with your team. You always have someone there to support you.

But it is also nerve-wracking because you don't know what is going to happen and you don't know what your teammates are thinking. You have to just think as one person and do your best.

You have to go through a lot of training and hard work to get to Nationals. And once you get there, it seems when you get there, you feel like you are on top of the world."

If you would like complete results from the competition, just visit <http://idtana-southernregion.com/naidc16/latest-news/>

With thanks to the *Clan Blair Bruidhinn*, publication of the Clan Blair Society. Contact the organization at [www.clanblair.org](http://www.clanblair.org)

## Clan Sutherland recognized in the *Skagit Valley Herald*

**Don Hutchins, NW Regional Commissioner Clan Sutherland Society in North America, in their publication, the Dunrobin Piper [www.clansutherland.org](http://www.clansutherland.org)**

In its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the two-day Skagit Valley Highland Games, held in Mt. Vernon, Washington, is expected to bring up to 15,000 people to Edgewater Park. It wraps up today.

Dance competitions, tossing of the sheaf, music performances and traditional heavy athletic events like the putting of the stone, took over the park Saturday.

The festival brings together more than just people; it brings together family.

Don and Sylvia Hutchins represented Clan Sutherland at their 15<sup>th</sup> Highland Games.

A clan is a group of families related to what was historically a "Clan Chief" by blood. (*Clan* is the Gaelic word for "family.") Over the course of 2,000 years, clan members have immigrated all over the world, including to Skagit County.

"People come to find out what their heritage is," Sylvia Hutchins said.

Represented clans at the festival each have a record of family names to help identify whether or not a festival-goer has Scottish or Irish lineage.

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# King Richard III: Politics, Power & People – Annual Symposium October 29

The Richard III Foundation, Inc. has announced the schedule for its 2016 annual symposium, which is under the theme: *King Richard III: Politics, Power and People*.

The conference will be held at the Dixie Grammar School in Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, England on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Speakers and topics are: Nathen Amin – Rhys ap Thomas: *Friend and Foe*; Anne Crawford – *Loyalty Binds Me: John Howard and the Battle of Bosworth*; Matthew Lewis – *Richard III in Parliament: In his time were many good acts made*; Mike Ingram – *The Battle of Northampton: A Battle Rediscovered*; James Mulraine – *For by his Face straight shall you know his Heart*. Revealing a panel portrait of King Richard III and exploring the popularity of Richard’s image in Tudor and Jacobean houses; Dr. James Ross – *A man of so great nobility and knowledge in the warres*; John de Vere, *thirteenth earl of Oxford and the Battle of Bosworth*; John Sadler – *King Richard III and Henry Percy – Magnates of the North*.

For other information on the conference or the foundation, please contact <Richard3Foundation@aol.com>.



## Clan Sutherland, *continued from page 13*

“You can find families you didn’t even know you had,” she laughed. “But no matter what clan you are, we’re all Scots when you get right down to it.”

Skye Richendrfer, founder and director of the Celtic Arts Foundation, said he relishes continually improving the festival and welcoming all people. The former Mount Vernon mayor founded the Highland Games in 1995 to share his passion for the Scottish tradition in which he grew up.

“This is a celebration of culture that is inclusive,” he said. “It’s vitally important to come together.”

— Reporter Brenna Visser: [bvisser@skagitpublishing.com](mailto:bvisser@skagitpublishing.com), 360-416-2139, Twitter: @Brenna\_SVH”

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## Service announcement for the ScotlandsPeople website

Last month we contacted you to let you know that our website would be unavailable during September.

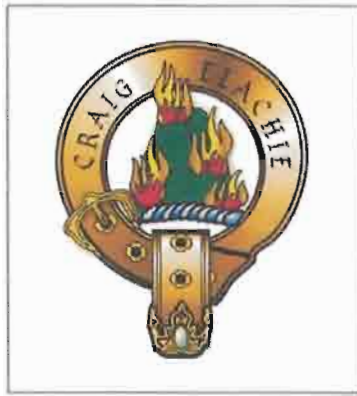
We are writing to let you know that this site downtime has now been postponed to a future date.

We will confirm the new dates as soon as possible.

We would like to thank you for your continued patience as we work towards launching a new ScotlandsPeople website. You will be pleased to note that once the new site is launched, all of your credits and saved images from our existing site will be available and accessible.

Thank you. The team at ScotlandsPeople.

**Don't forget! Free Scottish Genealogical talks on Friday, October 14  
before the Stone Mountain Highland Games!  
11 AM & 1 PM Host hotel - Hilton Atlanta Northeast**



Clan Grant is not just a historical society, it is a **living clan** whose members consider themselves extended family and kin and who keep their heritage alive through participation in many gatherings and events around the country. Your ancestors are calling you, honor them by joining the society today!

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant", a recognized Clan Grant sept name, or anyone who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society.

*Membership includes the Quarterly newsletter, "Craigellachie", via email or regular mail. It is also available in the Members Only section of the website.*

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### ***Stand Fast, Craigellachie!***

**Craigellachie** (pronounced Kra-GEL'-a-key) is Gaelic for "rock of alarm." The Clan Grant motto is "**Stand Fast, Craigellachie!**" *Craigellachie* is the hill or mountain behind the modern town of Aviemore. It is also the name of a village situated about thirty miles down the River Spey from Aviemore.





**Bagpipes can kill**, *continued from page 1* —

despite his illness—may be the culprit. During a three-month-long trip to Australia, his lungs began to clear up. But upon return to his daily practice regimen, the symptoms rapidly returned, Sara Miller reports for LiveScience.

When King and her colleagues tested the man's bagpipes for potential triggers, they found that the instrument was rife with mold and yeast, thriving in the dark, damp environment. Every time he picked up the pipes, he inhaled even more of the nasty particles, exacerbating his symptoms.

Sadly, by the time King and her colleagues tested the bagpipes, their patient had been hospitalized. He died shortly after. Though doctors nicknamed the condition "bagpipe lung," experts say nearly any woodwind or brass instrument can support similar molds and yeast if they aren't properly and regularly cleaned, the BBC reports. In the past, trombone and saxophonists have been diagnosed with the disease, though this is the first reported instance of a death by bagpipe. While King says there's no reason to fear playing the pipes in and of themselves, musicians should be aware of the dangers and be diligent about keeping their instruments clean.

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Read more: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/playing-bagpipes-can-literally-kill-you-180960227/#oZogAVVSIv9361hC.99>

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## Clan Donald's Dallas Key marches in *Dragon Con Parade* in Atlanta, Georgia



*Dragon Con Parade* veteran Dallas Key practices playing his bagpipes before marching in the parade. Key has been walking in the parade with the Diesel Punk costuming group *Dragonfly Armory* since 2011. (Photo courtesy Victoria Bostic/Georgia Public Broadcasting)

*Dragon Con* is the largest sci-fi, fantasy, gaming and literature convention in the southeast.

The September event features the *Dragon Con Parade* which is the signature event of the gathering.

Dallas Key, member of Clan Donald MidSouth, has been marching in the parade since 2011, with his Diesel Punk costuming group called *Dragonfly Armory*.

Here he shares how the group came together.

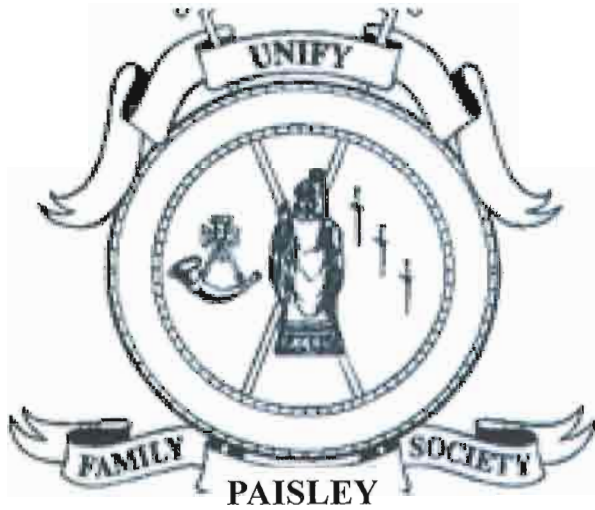
Key, who comes to the convention from Birmingham, Ala, was dressed in his Diesel Punk outfit that included a kilt and was toting his bagpipes. Another member of the now cohesive group, Dimitri, dressed in similar fashion approached him about his costume. Onlookers started taking pictures.

An acquaintance of Dimitri's, who journeyed from Maryland to attend the convention, joined the twosome in conversation. They looked so impressive together that the picture-taking increased.

More Diesel Punk wearers coalesced around them, some of them being more of Dimitri's friends. As they began walking and chatting together, an observer complimented them on how organized they were.

"And we were like, 'we just met'!" chuckles Key.

After the convention was over, they stayed in contact through social media. They decided to become an official group for the next *Dragon Con* and walk in the parade.



The guidon of the Chieftain



The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borge (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

**WOW!** NC's Triad Games, MD's Fairfield, Charleston, SC and Richmond, VA! The Paisley Family Society was busy in 2015. Check our webpage <[www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk)> to see what we're up to in 2016. Contact Martha Brown at: [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com). Paisley DNA project: <[dlangsto@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangsto@yahoo.com)>



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## House of Boyd gathers at Pleasanton, California

The House of Boyd after the Parade of Tartans on Saturday at the San Francisco Caledonian Club's Scottish Games in Pleasanton, California. — with Heather Cass and Eileen Mahoney.

## Some Bells are missing! Can you help?

My great grandfather is **JOB BELL MAXEDON** from Selmer, Tennessee. He named my grandmother, **ORA BELL MAXEDON**. In the same cemetery, there is a headstone for **DR. W.T. BELL** (26 February 1858 - 13 November 1920). I am unable to find any historical records to link us. Do you know of anyone working on this family in McNairy County, Tennessee? Thank you, **Patricia Capps**. Please send replies to <[debellinncc@reagan.com](mailto:debellinncc@reagan.com)>

**Kathleen Olszewski** writes: I am, indeed a **Bell**. Do you have a contact email for **BELLS** from Napanee, Marlbank, Kingston areas in

Ontario, Canada? I am part of a long chain of Loyalist Bells who were settled in the loyalist townships in the Quint Bay, Ontario area. Our branch eventually returned to New York State. I have not found Clan Bell connections in the Buffalo area. We seem to be a dying breed at my end with no Bell boys to carry on our branch except for one in the Seattle area, one in Denver and two in Buffalo who carry the blood but do not carry the Bell name. It breaks my heart to see our branch die out. I am hoping to connect to some Bell cousins. We descend from **WILLIAM McCORQUODALE BELL**, who ar-

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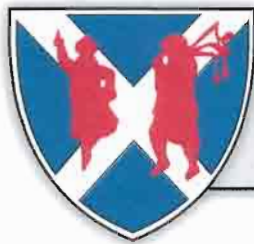
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# Opinions, Comments

**Alastair McIntyre, Native Scot and electricscotland.com writes:**

I really wish the EU would make an official announcement on whether Scotland could be a member of the EU given that our debt to GDP ratio is currently 9.4% which is way above the 3% target the EU want. I have been reading the Chokka Blog at <http://chokkablog.blogspot.ca/> which in my view is the best blog when discussing the state of Scotland's finances.

**Dr. James Wilkie writes:**

With those figures there is no chance of Scotland being admitted to membership of the EU in the foreseeable future, quite apart from all the other negative political factors. Not that that is to be regretted in the broader context.

Quite apart from the EU angle, it is obvious that the SNP government's policies are heading straight for a drastic and ignominious retrenchment in the not too distant future. There is no way that its present social policies can be maintained indefinitely. Has nobody ever taught Nicola the first principle of economics, that there ain't no such thing as a free lunch/free medicine/free bus ride/free university place and so on. They are all laudable, but unsustainable in the medium and long term if they are not fully backed up by Scotland's own resources and wealth creation. The present handouts would have to be reduced by two thirds in order to meet the EU's entrance condi-

tions alone.

Nicola is being very civilly received internationally at the moment, but that is diplomatic protocol that has nothing to do with the bone-hard diplomatic negotiations that a Scottish application for EU membership would entail. It is noticeable that nobody is giving her any encouragement to pursue her aim of Scotland in the EU any further. I have my ear to the ground here, because although in pension I still move officially in diplomatic circles.

Europe and the world now know a great deal

more about Scotland than they did not so long ago, but a great deal of history still lies in front of us, and one thing that is already clear is that the SNP is incapable of leading Scotland into that future. It has been in existence for 80+ years, and in its complacency has allowed the world surrounding



Scotland to change out of all recognition within the past 20 years without adapting to it.

The SNP has no idea how to cope with the new global political and economic system, and has no vision of what Scotland's place and role in it should be. It is grasping at straws with its EU obsession, a vision without a future, because the EU itself, based on an ideology that goes back to the 1920s, is itself an anachronism with not much of a future.

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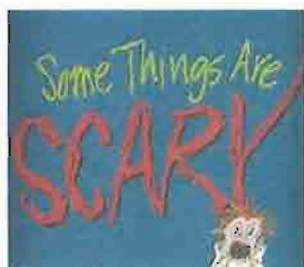
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# Scots Gaelic language appears in email scam!

A sign that Scots Gaelic is a living and modern language is the appearance of the first reported email scams in the Scots Gaelic language.

Sent from Italy and apparently aimed at email accounts in and around the Western Isle community of Benbecula, the emails tell the familiar tale of the unfortunate African whose wealthy father was poisoned, and, with your financial help of course, needs to transfer his inheritance to a new account.

Police speculate that the scam was composed using Google Translate, as the quality of the Gaelic was quite poor...as would be anyone who falls for the story.



*Your editor was hacked during the Russian Olympics - and the email said she was stranded in Russia and needed a quite impressive amount of money to be rescued. Many of my extended family are NOT computer savvy and, I'm afraid, this scam caused them to be frightened for me.*

*With AOL as my email provider, I can send any kind of "phishing" to AOL and they take care of it. If you have AOL and receive any of these emails, DO NOT OPEN, just forward the email to: <aol\_phish@abuse.aol.com>.*

*Don't open ANYTHING that is suspicious. EVER!*

## Missing Bells, continued from page 19

rived ca 1772 to New York from Castleton Manse, Liddesdale, Scotland to Fort Edward, New York to settlements in Ontario. Any direction would be appreciated. Kathleen Alice Bell Olszewski, daughter of **CORWIN HENRY MACKLIN BELL**, granddaughter of **DONALD HENRY BELL**, son of **JAMES HENRY BELL**, son of **WILLIAM RICHARD BELL**...and all sons of **WILLIAM BELL**'s back to the 1700s. Thank you very much. Please reply to <[walkswithjesus13@me.com](mailto:walkswithjesus13@me.com)>



## You can be a part of a new Scottish cookbook!

*Six Nations, One Soul*, the newsletter of the Celtic League American Branch, 313 E. 201<sup>st</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10458 - or <[SPDeVillo@earthlink.net](mailto:SPDeVillo@earthlink.net)> publishes their newsletter four times each year.

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In their latest issue, J. Logie Baird, Scottish Chair published an article about how food historian, Jill MacRae, is reaching out to Scottish communities all over the world to gather recipes that combine traditional Scottish foods with the local modern cuisine.

She said, "Scotland has a diverse food culture which is deeply fascinating when combined with different periods of our history, such as the Highland Clearances, industrialization, war and immigration."

Send your recipes to Ms. MacRae at <[demeterdietetica@gmail.com](mailto:demeterdietetica@gmail.com)>





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# Think before you ink!



Celtic themes have become popular among tattoo-wearers, but a Nova Scotia professor warns against garbling the language.

Dr. Emily McEwan-Fujita has written *The Scottish Tattoo Handbook* as a guide and source of correctly-rendered Gaelic slogans.

“It is not a magic language, it is not Elvish, it is not a joke. It is not *Outlander*,” says the author.

She says, “If you care enough about it that you want to inject it into your skin, then you should also care enough to spell it correctly.”

*The Scottish Tattoo Handbook* is available from [www.bradanpress.com](http://www.bradanpress.com)

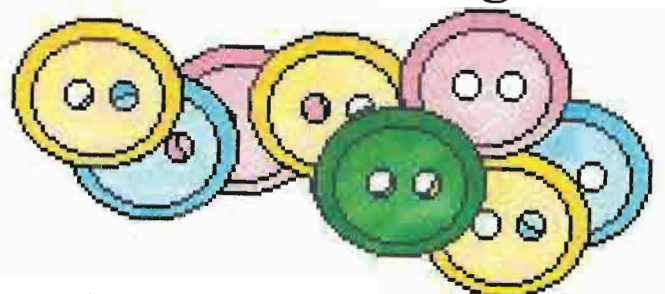
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## Why are women's clothes buttoned on the left while men's clothes have buttons on the right?

When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left.

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# Historic city of Stirling has designs on £9m tartan museum

Mark Horne in *The Times*

Over the centuries it has been worn by warriors and monarchs - as well as punks and super models - and has become intrinsic to Scottish identity.

Now plans have been unveiled for Scotland to finally get its first tartan museum. Designs for a £9 million visitor centre and research hub based around the iconic cloth are at the heart of plans to increase the tourism appeal of Stirling.

The Scottish Tartans Authority (STA), which is behind the venture, believes that it would prove to be a massive draw for the tens of thousands of American tourists who flock to "Braveheart country" every year.

A site near the railway station in the heart of the city has been earmarked for the National Tartan Centre, which is expected to be open by 2020.

Grant MacKenzie, director of the STA, said that there had long been a demand for a plaid-themed attraction. "People are astonished there isn't a National Tartan Centre already. It's something that is long overdue. We feel that Stirling, with its stunning location and proximity to a host of key historic sites, such as the castle and the Wallace Monument, is the perfect site.

"The city was also the home of Wilsons of Bannockburn, the famous tartan-weaving firm."

The wearing of tartan was banned after the 1745 Jacobite uprising, but it gained royal approval when George IV visited Edinburgh in 1822.

Mr. MacKenzie stressed that the centre would be dynamic and cosmopolitan rather than focusing only on the cloth's romantic history. "Tartan is synonymous with all things Scottish but it is a symbol that is recog-

nized and worn around the world.

"As well as looking to the past, the centre will look at contemporary uses of tartan featuring high-fashion designers like Alexander McQueen and Vivienne Westwood."

It will demonstrate how tartan has gone from being worn by battle-weary Highlanders to punks, devotees of the Bay City Rollers, followers of Scotland's national Soccer team, models and urban hipsters. The centre will also appeal to overseas visitors who are keen to trace their ancestral roots.

Mr. MacKenzie said: "We will be looking to the 40 million strong Scottish diaspora, particularly in the USA. A lot of inquiries we get come from America. People want to know their family tartan and how to wear Highland dress."

The centre has some catching up to do - the Americans got there first. The Scottish Tartans Museum has operated in Franklin, North

Carolina, for almost 30 years.

Jim Aiken, president of its board of directors, predicted that its larger Caledonian cousin would prove to be a success. "We get visitors from all over the world and I'm sure a similar attraction in Scotland would be even more popular," he said. "The chief of Clan MacGregor was here a couple of years back and he told us, "We need a museum like this back home."

Samantha McCoach, the fashion designer behind LeKilt, which produces contemporary kilts, gave her backing to the venture. Ms McCoach, whose cli-

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**Tartan Centre,**  
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ents include the Duchess of Cambridge, said: “I love that there is going to be a National Tartan Centre in Stirling. I hope it will be used by schools and universities.”

Most of the funding for the centre is tied into a £200 million deal being negotiated by Stirling council and the UK and Scottish governments.

Johanna Boyd, leader of the Stirling council, said that the deal would “position Sterling as an economic and cultural powerhouse.”

*Left: Samantha McCoach design utilizing tartan*



**Have you visited Leeds Castle Gardens?**

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