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Dugald Skene inaugurated as Chief of the Name and Arms of Skene in Edinburgh

On 17 August 2017, members of Clan Skene from around the world met in Edinburgh, Scotland for the inauguration of Chief Dugald Skene. The ceremony was led by Clan Skene Association president, Al McGalliard.

Prior to the ceremony, Al was recognized by Dr Bruce Durie as having completed the necessary requirements to become a Qualified Shennachie.

Al had been appointed shennachie to the late Chief Danus Skene in 2016 and he completed the required classes through the University of Strathclyde in 2017.

As shennachie, Al began the inauguration ceremony by recognizing Dugald Skene as the rightful heir to the chiefship of Clan Skene. The ceremony included a reference to an ancient ceremony where Al presented Dugald with a White Wand signifying Dugald as Chief.

Al also presented Dugald with a replica of a dirk which was originally given to the first Laird of Skene, Robert De Skene, in 1317 when Robert the Bruce first erected the lands of Skene into a Barony.

The ceremony concluded with Dugald's mother, Anne Audrey Skene, placing the eagle feathered bonnet, which the late Danus Skene wore during his tenure, upon his head as the final symbol recognizing Dugald as Chief of the Name and Arms of Skene.

Following the inauguration ceremony, a group of



50 Clan Skene representatives marched up to Edinburgh Castle and met in the Great Hall. Following a short time of fellowship, the group then marched down across the draw bridge led by piper Al McGalliard down to the Promenade of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

The pipe banner that was displayed on Al's bag-

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See photos of Clan Skene at the Tattoo, page 19 +

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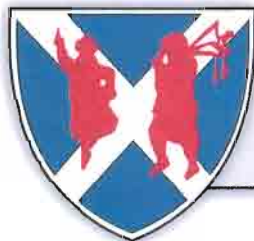
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Burial Customs

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For any genealogist focused on cemetery research, the burial customs in place during specific historical periods and places are important to study. The history of burial custom is a study in itself since immigrants brought their beliefs about death and burial customs with them from the old country.

Many Europeans followed the practice of planting “yew” trees in cemeteries or other types of burial grounds. For some, it was because their greenness was symbolic of the hope of resurrection. The more common reason was the poisonous nature in the yew would keep wild animals and other predators away from the burial site. Evergreens and beech trees were planted to keep away evil spirits.

Tombstones were symbolic. Graves marked by a tombstone normally meant the person buried in the plot was important. Members of royalty, church officials, great poets, and national leaders, throughout Europe and the British isles were often buried inside churches as one sees when visiting many old cathedrals and the Vatican.

Graveyards located next to churches were permitted and considered a necessity at one time before public health laws terminated the custom by force. Historically, the mindset was to keep the dead close to their faith,

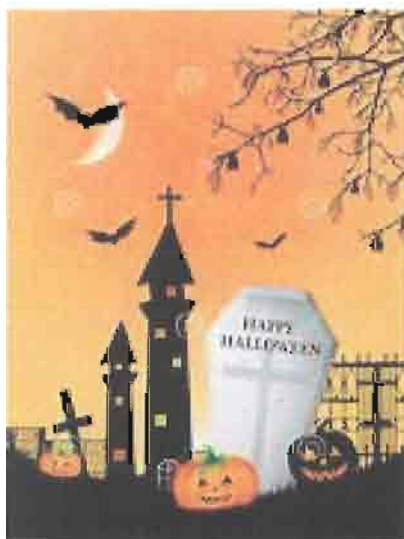
which helped maintain their salvation. Many centuries ago, it was customary to bury the dead facing east to be ready for the morning of resurrection day, which would occur as the sun rose in the sky. Clergymen and a few women, who because of local circumstances served in similar capacities,

were buried facing the other way, placed in front of and facing their congregation and parishioner’s. The idea was that in death as in life, they were protecting their flock. Gravestones themselves had specific meanings. For instance, the portal shaped markers used by the Puritans represented the door through which the dead entered the next world.

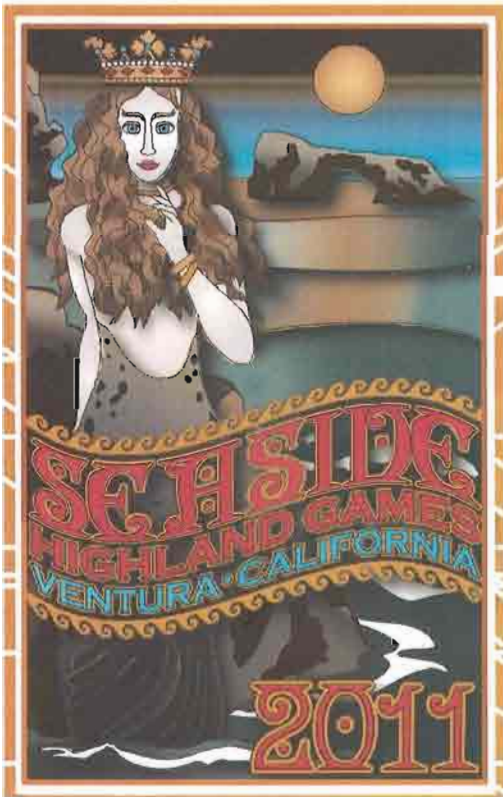
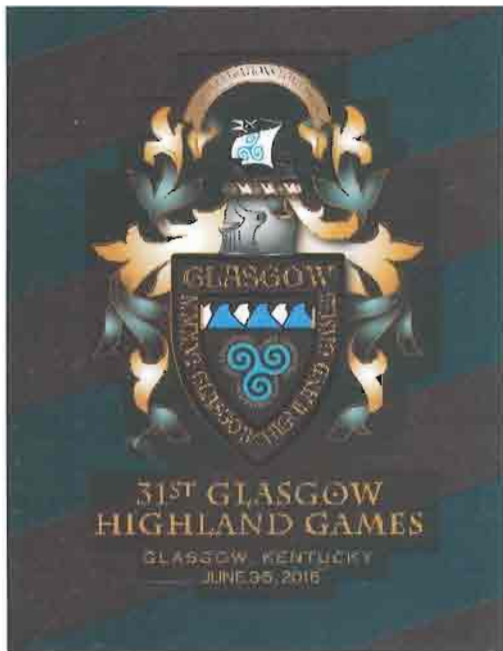
By the 19th century, the planning and design of cemeteries changed significantly. Many were laid out like a city. They were platted with roads between family plots for easy access. As the population of the nation began to shift

from rural areas into cities, more community cemeteries began to develop. This trend was also forced when state, city, and county health laws began to discourage or prohibit burials on family lands, or behind churches.

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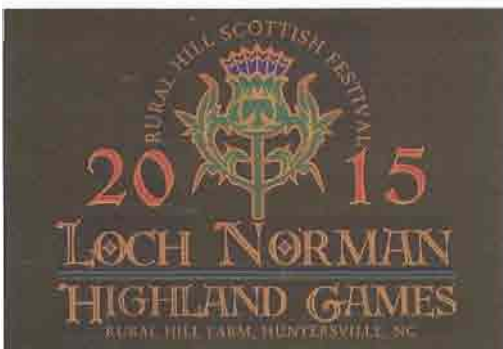
Jack 'O Lanterns: The traditions of carving jack 'o lanterns originates with the Celts. A miserable man named Jack, tricked the devil. Unable to enter heaven or hell after his death, he was destined to roam the earth endlessly. Jack placed a piece of coal into a carved-out turnip and used it as a lantern to keep the evil spirits away. Today, pumpkins (which are easier to cut) are carved into jack-o-lanterns, lit and placed outside of doorways for the same purpose.



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Tartan Color Myths

Dr. Phillip D. Smith, Jr., PhD., FSA Scot
Author of the *Tartan for Me* books

Recently, I saw an article which truly shows that myths, once in print, have a “life of their own.” The article repeated the myth that the number of colors in a tartan denoted the rank of the wearer.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

There are no references to tartan in Scotland before the 1500s. The first that specifies colors is the feu duty (rent) imposed by the king on a MacLean in 1587 which details only three colors, black, green and white.

Early literature describes the “wild Scots” in long shirts in a brownish yellow color now known as “saffron” but certainly not dyed from that

flower.

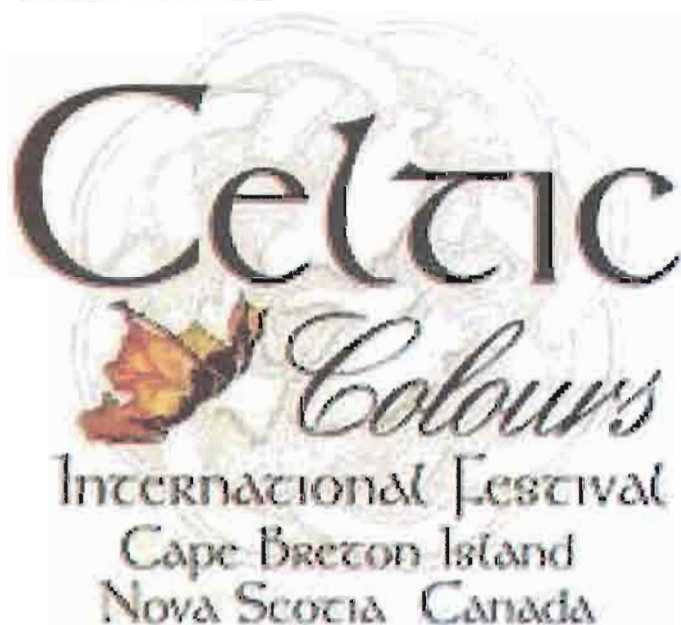
Check your spice rack in the grocery store for the current price of saffron!



Tartan began to appear in the 1500s, perhaps since the introduction of sheep from which it is easier to harvest wool than to produce linen. Wool is easier to spin and weave than flax which requires hard beating and continual soaking. Wool also takes dye better than flax as well as having the advantage of being water resistant.

However, there are drawbacks to weaving with hand spun wool. Hand dyed wool varies in color from strand to strand. The

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Every fall the hills of Cape Breton, Canada turn into bright colors and that is when The Celtic Colors Annual Musical Event takes place at 49 different locales with 220 events. You can still partake of this week long musical treat this October 6-14th. <<https://youtu.be/hSrqiighCipY>>

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Tartan Color Myths, *continued from page 5*

weaving of a large piece in a single color with hand dyed thread can look blotchy when finished. This may be why the Scots hand weavers took to making tartan. In any case, the myth that the number of colors denoted the rank of the wearer simply will not hold up.

The earliest portrait that we know of shows tartan is worn by the Dountess of Lennox, daughter of the Earl of Angus, and mother-in-law to Mary, Queen of Scots.

Her tartan has four colors, two of which are shades of red. by the mythical scale she should have a tartan of at least five colors. Portraits exist of at least three dukes, slightly above the rank of earl and now reserved for men who marry into the royal family. Each of those wears tartan in just two or three colors.

In the early 1700s, numerous clan chiefs sat for portraits dressed in tartan, most of which are two colors, red and black.

F l o r a MacDonald, a commoner, was painted wearing five colors - but that was "late in the Game", post 1746.

It may be that the color red carried with it some indication of rank or wealth. Red thread was hard to come by - as was yellow - and used sparingly except for tartans of men of stature. In any case, the number of colors certainly did not indicate rank.

Another myth related to color is the use of a secret code known as "Color Ogham" woven into the sett telling what clan the tartan belonged to.

The proponent of this theory has used post 1745 - actually post 1845 - to advance his theory.

This idea has been discredited with the proponent publicly challenged to use his knowledge to read a dozen tartans, six from pre 1745 and six from post 1746. The challenge has never been accepted. There is simply not a "Color Ogham" system, nor is there truth to the myth that the number of colors indicted the rank of the individual.

In 1592, Angus Macintosh was killed while leading a raid on Ruthven Castle in Badenoch. His assailant crept out from under the shelter of ruins and "...levels his piece at one of the Clan Chattan clothed in a yellow warr



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1. Family Search has extended the deadline for ordering FHL microfilm until Thursday, September 7th. See the article citation below. <https://lialouisecooke.com/2017/08/breaking-news-microfilm-lending-expiration-date-extended/>

2. Because the Fort Myers Regional Library branch is a borrowing library affiliate of the Family History Library, patrons can now access digitized images that were previously limited to Family History Centers or going to the Family History Library. There are four caveats:

a. This additional access is limited only to Fort Myers branch public access and staff computers, and those in the genealogy room.

b. It will not work on laptops, nor at other branches.

c. Patrons can continue to access regular Family Search at all branches and from home in the same manner, as was the case previously.

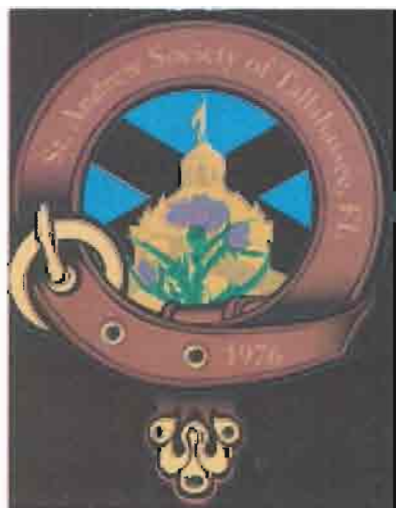
d. Please note this does not include any images that are under copyright restrictions. For images of that nature, a patron must contact the Naples Family History Center and make an appointment with Brother Young. See my previous email.

Thanks. Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian



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October 15th - New Member Reception at 4 pm to formally introduce the newest members of the Saint Andrew Society of Tallahassee to the membership. An afternoon of fellowship featuring a performance by *Two for the Brew* at Oven Park, 3205 Thomasville Rd.

November 6th - Kirkin' of the Tartans at Havana Presbyterian Church, 213 1st St NE, Havana, FL.

November 11th - Veteran's Day parade

December 1st - St. Andrew's Day Dinner at Tallahassee Women's Club featuring *Seven Nations*.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017, 7:00 PM

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After a full day, join your fellow brethren at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast for a private dinner. I can attest that the 2016 dinner was absolutely lovely with a nice spread of Scottish fare, good talks by learned scholars, and good meetings with new and interesting persons.

The dinner is a cost of \$40 per person, payable at the door (do not send funding ahead of time). Attire is business casual or Scottish day wear/evening wear. This, along with the AGM, is planned to be an annual event. Some may wish to stroll on over to the Ceilidh after dinner and take in some dance, humor and lyrical story-telling.

Menu and all else will be announced as soon as it is known. Reservations must be made no later than Oc-



tober 6, 2017. However, if you would like to RSVP now, please email <casltd73@gmail.com>

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It is organized by Elements <www.elementsfestival.co.uk> and tickets are 5 pounds for an adult with children free entry. The location is Lyon & Turnbull, 33 Broughton Place, Edinburgh, Scotland EH1 3RR



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coat (which amongst them is the badge of Cheftaines or heads of clans) ..." and fired.

This is a clear reference to the saffron shirt - of only one color which identified his rank .

References: *History of the Gordons*, MS in the National Library of Scotland cited in J.T. Dunbar, *The History of Highland Dress*, Edinburgh, Oliver and Boyd.

First published in *The Family Tree*, October/November 2002, Section B, page 27.

Thank you again, Dr. Smith!



Grass widow? Sod widow?

In the 1930s, a "grass widow" was a woman who had been divorced. A "sod widow" was a woman whose husband had died and was buried."



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.

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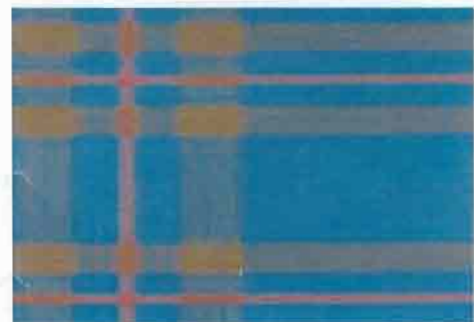
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Boldly and Rightly





My long time and dear friend, Susan from Australia, is on vacation sailing in the waters of Norway. She sent this beautiful picture to me. It does remind me of Scotland. How about you?



Who named “sideburns”?

Elvis Presley had sideburns. Several United States Presidents had them in the 19th century.

Civil War General Ambrose Everett Burnside wore them and started a fashion trend. They were originally called “burnsides” after him. General Burnside wasn’t successful at much in his life: He devel-

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Genealogical Search Techniques on the Internet

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Speaker: Carol Rooksby Weidlich, President, Lee County Genealogical Society Time: 9:30am-12:15pm at the South Building, 1651 Lee Street, Meeting Rooms A & B.

Program One 9:30-10:45am: *Get More Involved in Your Family Research* **Program Two** at 11am-12:15pm: *How Can I Achieve Greater Results with Genealogical Internet Research.*

Saturday, October 14, 2017

Speaker: Carol Rooksby Weidlich, President, Lee County Genealogical Society Time: 9:30am-12:15pm, South Building, 1651 Lee Street, Meeting Rooms A & B.

Program One 9:30-10:45am: *Alternative Search Engines.* **Program Two** 11am-12:15pm: *Comparing the Four Major Genealogy Websites.*

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Speaker: Carol Rooksby Weidlich, President, Lee County Genealogical Society. Time: 9:30am-12:15pm, South Building, 1651 Lee Street in Meeting Rooms A & B.

Program One 9:30-10:45am: *Tips for Saving and Indexing Documents and Images* **Program Two** 11am-12:15pm: *Virtual Cemeteries.*

DNA Research and Ancestry Library Edition

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017

Program One: *DNA Testing - A Tool in Genealogy Research.* Speaker: Andrea Perisho – Fort Myers Regional Library Volunteer – Chairperson, Lee County Genealogy Society DNA Special Interest Group. Time:

9:30am - Noon.

The lecture covers the four types of DNA tests useful to genealogists—autosomal, mt-DNA, X-DNA, and Y-DNA, along with the main DNA testing companies. The lecture will introduce Gedmatch, organization of your data, and updates on this rapidly changing field.

Program Two: *Ancestry Library Edition.* Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library. Time: 1-3pm

Program will feature a live demonstration of the *Ancestry Library Edition* database.

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Deciphering Colonial-Era Handwritten Documents

The State Archives of North Carolina blog has published a three-part series on how to interpret Colonial-era handwriting. The series includes a brief history of writing during this time period, characteristics of 17th and 18th century British-American handwriting, and some tips on deciphering the text found within these records.

The information contained will help anyone researching ancestors or history the British Isles, anywhere in the American colonies, Canada, or other English-speaking countries and colonies.

What Does That Say? Part 1 may be found at: <https://ncarchives.wordpress.com/2017/08/18/what-does-that-say-series-pt-i/>. Links to Part 2 and Part 3 are then contained in the individual articles.

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pipes originally belonged to Dugald's great grandfather, Philip George Moncrieff Skene, who flew this banner in World War I when he was a member of the Black Watch of the Royal Highlanders. (See photo, right.)

The group formed a line beside the red carpet on which Chief Dugald Skene marched down to be recognized by the Salute Taker. Chief Dugald was presented a Gaelic Toast from the Lone Piper. After Chief Dugald returned the quaich, the group then took their seats to observe the Tattoo event, *A Splash of Tartan*.



The inauguration ceremony concluded with Dugald's mother, Anne Audrey Skene, placing the eagle feathered bonnet, which the late Danus Skene wore during his tenure, upon his head as the final symbol recognizing Dugald as Chief of the Name and Arms of Skene.

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On the right, the replica of the dirk originally given to the first Laird of Skene, Robert De Skene in 1317 when Robert the Bruce first erected the lands of Skene into a Barony.



THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

'S Rioghal Mo Dhream! Royal is my Race!

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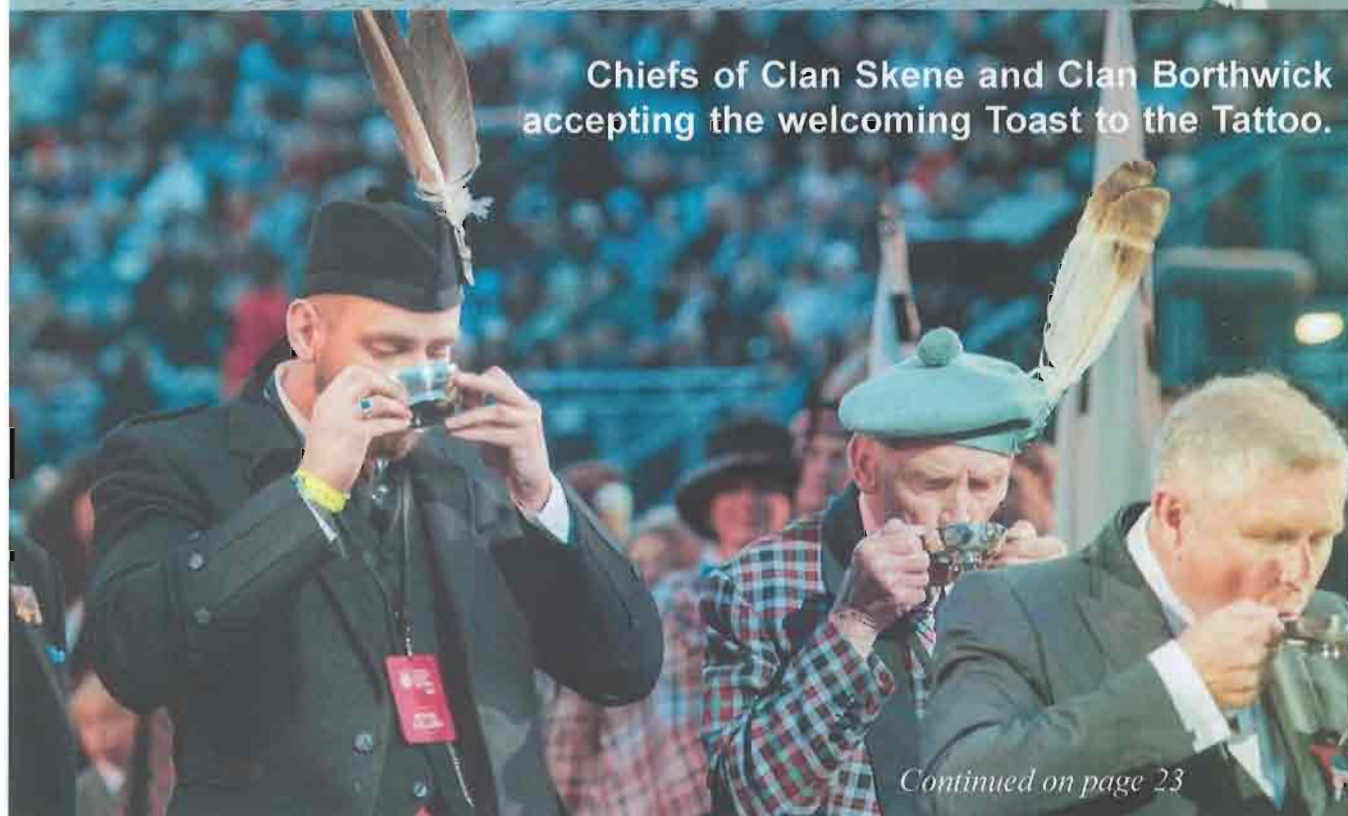
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Clan Skene on the left and Clan Borthwick on the right - on their way to the 2017 Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh



Chiefs of Clan Skene and Clan Borthwick accepting the welcoming Toast to the Tattoo.

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



Chief Steven
MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:
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MaComie, Macomie, MacCosh, MacLaws,
MacElhose, MacLehose, MacTavish, McTavish,
Mactavish, Mactavis, M'Tavish, MacThomas,
Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish,
Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson,
Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant
spellings.*

We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com



Al McGalliard, Chief Dugald Skene, Ralph Comp celebrating a great march in Edinburgh! (Inset to the right - a tired Skene.) Below, the entire contingent of Skene's at the 2017 Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh.

Photos thanks to Ralph & Dorna Comp, Al McGalliard and Ian Georgeon.

The Clan Grant Society - USA

is
Celebrating

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To All Clan Grant Society Members...

You are cordially invited to join us for the 40th Anniversary celebration and

The Annual General Meeting of the Clan Grant Society-USA.

It will be held October 21st, beginning at 11:30, at the Grant Clan Tent
in the Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain Park Georgia.

We will be enjoying a lunch of chicken chili and corn bread.

As part of the celebration, Howard Parsons and Dr. Phil Smith

will be leading us in a toast to:

The Rt. Hon Sir James Grant of Grant, The 6th Lord Strathspey,

Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33rd Chief of Grant.

Bring your friends, bag chairs and plan to sit a while and visit with your cousins Grant.

We will be offering door prizes and issuing our new membership cards

in addition to stickers of membership.

Willow McCarthy competing in the caber toss World Masters Highland Games in Iceland

Games athletic competitor Willow McCarthy, recently took 2nd place overall in the Women 45-49 years Class 2017, held in June by the World Masters Icelandic Scottish Highland Games Federation.

Willow was adopted into the Turnbull Clan by Turnbull tent hosts and sponsors Tim and Chris Nelson.

Chris serves as Turnbull Clan Association Membership Secretary.

The competition events included the Open Stone, Braemar Stone, Heavy Weight Throw, Light Weight Throw, Heavy Hammer, Light Hammer, Caber Toss and WOB (*Weight Over Bar*).

Chris and Tim have helped organize several games in the Northeastern USA.

One of the highlights of any Games is the athletic competition.

It didn't take Tim and Chris long to realize that many of the athletes competing didn't actually belong to a clan association.

While encouraging athletes to join their clans, they learned that many had no clan or Scottish identity. Undaunted, they started an adoption into the Turnbull Clan Association program, welcoming athletes who needed



Willow McCarthy competing in the Caber Toss

a family.

Congratulations, Willow. We are delighted to call you one of us.

With thanks to *Bullseye*, a Turnbull Clan Association publication. If you wish to contact the Turnbull Clan Association, email <communications@turnbullclan.com>



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Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Saturday, September 16, 2017. Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library. Time: 9:30am-12:15pm South Building 1651 Lee Street Meeting Rooms A & B.

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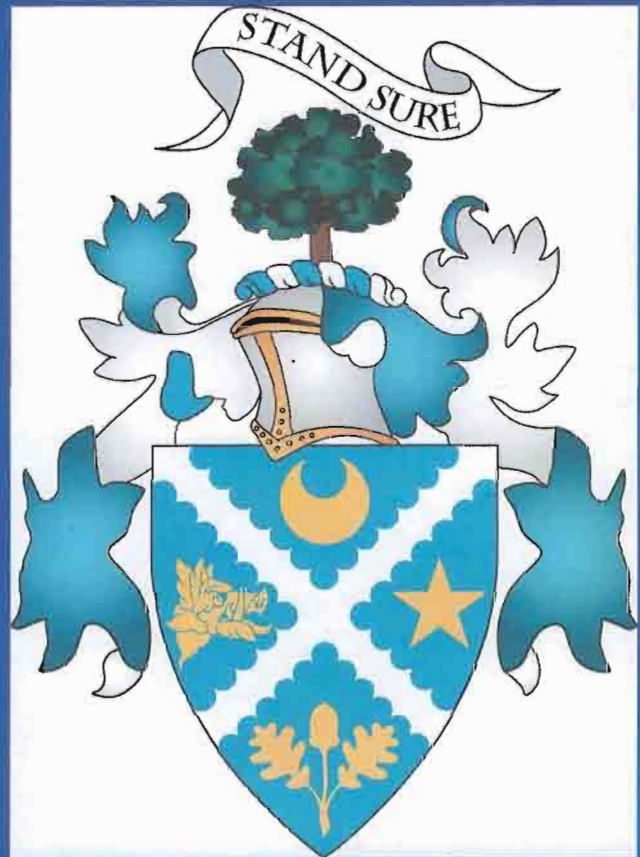
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Lessons from our one dollar bill...

Take our one dollar bill and look at it. If you are looking at our old-style one dollar bill, it first came off of the presses in 1957. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually fabric. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is over-printed with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice, crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On top of that you will see the scales set for balance - a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury.

That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States.

The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a

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oped the breech-loading rifle then failed to market it effectively. He was blamed for Union losses at Fredericksburg and Petersburg. He was a US Senator and Governor of Rhode Island - but nobody can remember anything he did while in office.

However, he IS remembered for his whiskers.



Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone, you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man could not do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

"In God We Trust" is on this currency. The Latin above the Pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking."

The Latin below the Pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "A new order has begun."

At the base of the Pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776.

If you look at the right hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet, almost no one knows what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he not afraid of a storm. He is strong and smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England.

Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of the shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying fac-

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tor. We were coming together as one nation.'

In the Eagle's beak, you will read, "EPLURIBUS UNUM," meaning "One nation from many people."

Above the Eagle you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one.

Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace.

The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrow.


They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see an office or hotel room numbered 13 nor will you normally see hotels or motels with a 13th floor.

But, think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our own flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in E Pluribus Unum, 13 stars above



the Eagle, 13 plumes of feathers on each span of the Eagle's wing, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and, if you look closely, 13 arrows.

And, for minorities, the 13th Amendment.



...and you think taking the United States census is an easy job....

An actual letter written by a 1790 census taker: "Sirs, I get to report that have been dogbit, goosepecked, cow-kicked, briar scratched, shot at and called every "fowel" name that can be tho't of. I have worked twelve days and have made \$2. I have had enough and I beg to resign my position as a census taker for Crittden Township."

Just 117 years ago, life was VERY different in the US

- ◆ In 1900, the average life expectancy in the United States was forty-seven years.
- ◆ In 1900, only fourteen percent of the homes in the US had a bathtub.
- ◆ In 1900, only eight percent of the homes in the US had a telephone, and a three minute call from Denver to New York City was \$11.
- ◆ In 1900, there were only eight thousand cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maxi-

- ◆ mum speed limit in most cities was 10 miles per hour.
- ◆ In 1900, the tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- ◆ In 1900, the average wage in the US was twenty-two cents per hour. The average US worker made \$200 to \$400 per year.
- ◆ In 1900, more than 95% of births took place in the home.

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The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



" O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom you have come.

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Just 117 years ago, *continued from page 29*

◆ In 1900, more than 90% of all US physicians had no college education.

◆ In 1900, Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country as travelers or as immigrants.

◆ In 1900, sugar cost 4 cents a pound; eggs were 14 cents a dozen and coffee was 15 cents per pound.

◆ In 1900 most women washed their hair only once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. *(Your editor, who washes her hair several times each day in the summer and every day otherwise, finally hit one she just couldn't COULDN'T live with. Yuk.)*

◆ In 1900, plutonium, insulin and antibiotics had not been discovered yet. Neither had Scotch tape, crossword puzzles, canned beer nor had iced tea been invented, not to mention cell phones, TV and boom boxes.

◆ In 1900, one in ten US adults couldn't read or write and only six percent had graduated from high school.

◆ In 1900, some medical authorities warned that professional seamstresses were apt to become sexually aroused by the steady rhythm, hour after hour, of the sewing machine's foot pedals. They recommended slipping bromide, which was thought to diminish sexual desire, into the woman's drinking water. *(Your editor's comment to all this... "&^%\$%^@#*")*

◆ In 1900, the American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska had not yet been admitted to the Union.



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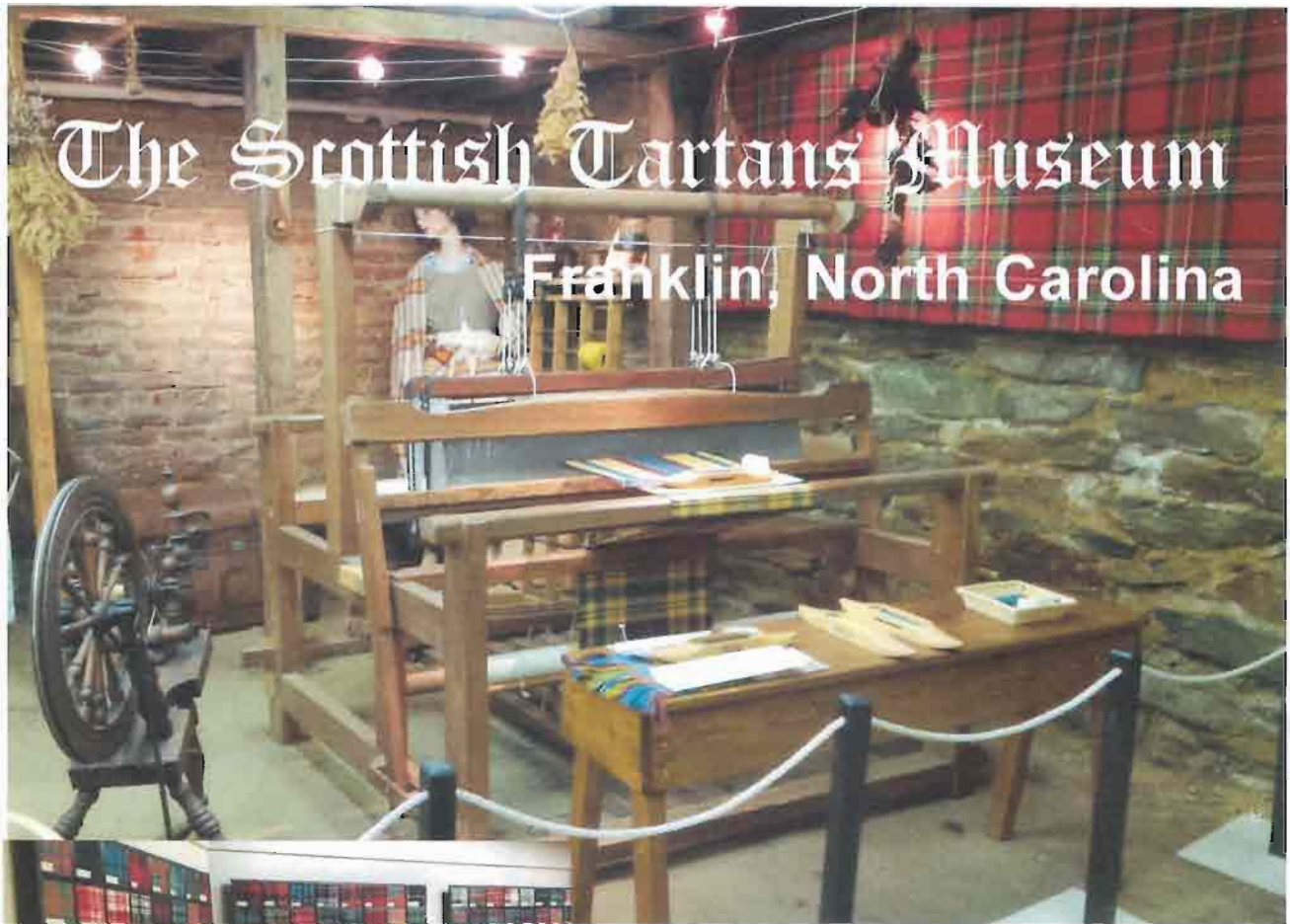
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Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

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

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