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Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia World Pipe Band Champions 2015



WORLD PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 SHOTTS BRING WORLD TITLE BACK TO SCOTLAND

15th August 2015: The 2015 championship season came to a close with the 69th World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow. After two days of competition and four performances, sixteen adjudicators crowned Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia from Scotland Grade 1 World Champions.

Split over two days for the third consecutive season, 2015 saw the continuation of the Friday and Saturday event. Grade 1 bands had Friday to themselves with the heats split over two arenas playing MSR and Medley. Almost 5000 people came through the gates to see

the Grade 1 qualifiers and enjoyed the sunshine, free seating in the stands and a fully licensed venue. *Glasgow Life* again offered a Global web stream of the main arena qualifier and attracted over 35,000 visits throughout the day.

Saturday brought approximately 40,000 people through the gates to see 208 other bands join the 12 Grade 1 finalists from Friday and 69 drum majors compete across the grades to be crowned World Champions. The weather remained mostly dry through the morn-

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October is "Adopt a Shelter Dog" month!



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Hope this helps. Alastair

World Pipe Band Championships, *continued from page 1*

ing with a few showers in the afternoon.

As this was the final championship of the season the Champion of Champion titles were also announced stretching our finale to after 8pm.

The Drum Major events were won by Brian Wilson from Lomond and Clyde in the Adult grade, Gibb Fraser from Coalburn IOR in the Juvenile grade and Jamie Cupples from Killeen (Northern Ireland) in the Junior grade. Junior Champion of Champions went to Lana Gibson from Major Sinclair Memorial, Juvenile Champion of Champions went to Emma Barr from Field Marshal Montgomery and Adult Champion of Champions went to Lauren Hannah from Drumlough.

The other World Champions on the day were:

- ◆ Grade 2 Band - Johnstone
- ◆ Grade 2 Drumming - Bleary and District
- ◆ Grade 3A Band - Annsborough
- ◆ Grade 3A Drumming - Annsborough
- ◆ Grade 3B Band - Colmcille
- ◆ Grade 3B Drumming - Prestonpans RBL
- ◆ Grade Juvenile Band - Dollar Academy
- ◆ Grade Juvenile Drumming - Dollar Academy
- ◆ Grade 4A Band - Major Sinclair Memorial
- ◆ Grade 4A Drumming - Marlacoo and District
- ◆ Grade 4B Band - Portavogie
- ◆ Grade 4B Drumming - McDonald Memorial
- ◆ Grade Novice Band - George Watson's College

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◆ 2015 Champion of Champions

◆ Junior DM - Lana Gibson - Major Sinclair

Memorial

◆ Juvenile DM - Emma Barr - Field Marshal

Montgomery

◆ Adult DM - Lauren Hanna - Drumlough

◆ Grade Novice Drumming - George Watson's

College

◆ Grade Novice Band - Dollar Academy

◆ Grade 4B Drumming - Lanark and District

◆ Grade 4B Band - Lanark and District

◆ Grade 4A Drumming - Marlacoo and District

◆ Grade 4A Band - Marlacoo and District

◆ Grade Juvenile Band - Dollar Academy

◆ Grade Juvenile Drumming - George Watson's

College

◆ Grade 3B Drumming - Upper Crossgare

◆ Grade 3B Band - Colmcille

◆ Grade 3A Drumming - City of Discovery

◆ Grade 3A Band - Isle of Islay

◆ Grade 2 Drumming - Buchan Peterson

◆ Grade 2 Band - Bleary and District

◆ Grade 1 Drumming - St Laurence O'Toole -

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Letter from your editor...



Anybody need a newsletter editor?



In the past few weeks, a time slot has become available in your editor's work schedule. Without me even knowing, seems as if doing newsletters has become my sort of hobby.

It's just a heap of fun for me to take a blank page and make something of it...I don't have the sense to know how much work it is, as I enjoy doing it so much.

So, does anyone need a Scottish clan newsletter editor?

With the computer and Vonage, your editor can do a newsletter for anyone who speaks English anywhere.

At this moment, I do this publication and a very large clan publication. Remember, the other publication does not come out each month. I still have some time available.

I'm fast. I should be, as I've done this kind of thing most of my life.

Since 1989, I have wandered about at games all over this country and have worked with almost every one of the organized clans at one time or another.

Since I retired about 10 years ago, I've still worked at creating publications.

We have a rather large home, but with just two of us, taking care of the house is not a chore that takes all of my time. I love to cook, so that is not a chore either.

I do lots of other things: garden, read, paint, fiddle with horses, etc. In fact, I guess I am one of those rare folks who just does not have to do anything at all that I don't enjoy.

I am an honorary member of - I think - about 20 Scottish Clans and groups. I pay dues to several clans. So, I do know the Scottish community and for a very long time.

Oh, did I say there would be no charge at all, should I end up editing your publication?

There are a few things that are necessary for me to tell you about ahead of time.

I do have to stick to a schedule...but I am flexible with that schedule if given warning. I expect someone in the group for whom I am working to channel information from the members of the group - games attended, photographs, articles about what the group is working on, personal things like births, Flowers of the Forest, marriages, illnesses, graduations, articles, stories, etc.

I always have articles and information in my back pocket to use as "fill" if needed.

Usually, the clan president, chairman, king or poo-bah writes a column each issue. I would expect that to arrive in a timely manner.

I can send your publication to someone else via email and that other person would be responsible for sending it either as an email...or getting it published and into the member's hands.

I send a proof copy, so you may proof read (again, as I do that with help from my Tom and also a dear friend.)...but you have a chance to find boo-boos and let me know. I'll fix and return asap.

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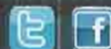
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New Davidson Clan Chief Coming to USA as Guests of Honor at Glasgow 2017

Our new Chief, Grant Guthrie Davidson, 3rd of Davidston, and his Lady, Brenda, will be the guests of honor at the 2017 Glasgow Highland Games.

This event is held on the grounds of the beautiful Barren River Lake State Park in Lucas KY, just across the TN/KY border 60 miles due north of Nashville (which has an International Airport). The specific dates are June 2 through June 4, 2017.

Since this will be the first official visit of Chief Grant and Lady Brenda to visit our shores in their new capacity, we will be using this signal event to host another Clan Davidson International Gathering (CDIG II).

The logistics of hosting such an event in a more rural setting than the first CDIG back in 2011 in Kansas City will make the organization of CDIG II more challenging and a bit more inconvenient to the membership attending. We think, however, having the opportunity to meet our cordial and interesting Chief and his Lady in this beautiful setting well worth the extra effort.

Lodging details will be published in the January 2016 Clan Davidson newsletter, and I strongly urge you to make your reservations as early as possible.

Remember, this event is in 2017 (almost two years from now), NOT next year in 2016.

Here is the message I sent to the Chief on behalf of the membership in CDS-USA.

A Welcome to the New Chief from North America

Dave Chagnon,

Sennachie, Clan Davidson Society USA

Your loyal Davidson Clansmen of North America bid you a warmest welcome to your new position as

Grant Guthrie Davidson, 3rd of Davidston, Chief of the Name and Arms of Clan Davidson. We all loved your Dad and Mum, and have nothing but the best wishes for her at this time. We will never forget Jock's quiet

smile and gracious demeanor.

Life, however, moves on, one generation following another. Thus has it been in our Clan's past, and thus will it continue for as long as man inhabits the Earth. We all hope your time as our Clan's Chief will be long and fulfilling for you and your family.

But, why are we, the descendants of our ancestral Scottish Highlanders, continuing to perpetuate the concept of belonging to a Scottish Clan? Many of us living outside the geographic confines of Scotland have to look to our antecedents of many generations past to even find the possibility of actually having a real connection to the ancient Clan Davidson folk living in the lovely valley of the Spey.

There they were, a small group

of very hardy 14th Century people, nestled between the snow covered mountains of the Monadhliath range to the north and the Cairngorm range to the south, struggling to survive in a world that could be quite cruel at times.

Although nearly wiped out as a Clan in the Battle of Invermahavon, their children and their children's children unto this very day continue to carry a bit of the DNA of those early Clansmen and the memories that DNA brings with it, and it is this that brings us together today, to carry on the memories and traditions of those hardy souls.

Most folks who know of my deep attachment to Scotland and Clan Davidson think I'm daft (with some degree of truth) for continuing to support the anachronistic concept of a Scottish Clan. After all, the guns of Cumberland at Culloden in 1746, the subsequent Laws of Proscription enacted by the English-dominated Parliament in London and the insistent beginnings of the industrial revolution effectively killed off the old ways of



Chief Grant & Lady Brenda

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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. Join the Clan Graham Society today.

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Best Clan Tent at 2015 Grandfather, Clan Davidson!

Davidson Chief coming to the USA,

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the Clans.

Oh, aye, I say, the Scottish Clan has little real purpose in these days of men walking on the moon and instant communications from anywhere to anywhere; but in the deepest part of my heart, I feel that connection to those strong people who lived in the beautiful Glen Spey over seven hundred years ago. That connection is so strong that it's provided the central focus of my life, giving me a sense of being grounded, of knowing that I'm more than just another wandering Clansman separated from his homeland and many years removed from the banks of the Spey.

I feel part of something that will continue on, well after my time on Earth, and this feeling and Clan memory will be passed to my children and my children's children, giving them a sound footing upon which they can ground their own lives.

What better gift could we pass on to them?

So, today, my dear Chief Grant, I, and all the Davidson Clansmen in the New World, thank you for your part in the continuation of the Great Scottish Highland Clan Davidson.

Hail to the Chief!



This is from your editor's good friend, Mike Buchan, who lives in Ufa, Russia. Can anyone help him find his curry leaves?

Hi All —

Do any of you know about curry leaves? Great flavor additive to almost any food you are preparing.

However, I cannot get any here in Ufa — so do any of you have these leaves handy in a shop near you?

If you do, please let me know and I will pay for a couple of pounds of them, the postage, handling and your lunch if you can and will send these leaves to me.

I think I have covered most of the USA, northern Mexico, Oz, and a couple of foreign countries. And California from top to bottom - so I do hope one or all of you have access to these leaves in a shop near you and will send them to me. If not, I make another trip to Thailand and bring back a couple of bushels of them and all the tropical fruit I can get into my checked bags.

Happy trails guys!!!

Mike

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Additionally, Lisa will be presenting a live webinar as part of the 2015 FGS Webinar Series for societies later this month. The webinar — *Utilize the Power of Video for Your Society's Programming and Marketing Efforts* — will be recorded and available afterwards to FGS Members only. Check The Voice blog for further details on how to register for it.

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Sincerely,

Caroline M. Pointer, Vice-President of Membership, Federation of Genealogical Societies



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This COULD be Scotland!



There is an artist somewhere who has learned how to balance rocks. He is Michael Grab and he creates lovely works of art from plain old stones. It must require a LOT Of patience. Thanks to Mike Buchan for this.

After 32 years, hale and hearty

Meredith Linwood Shaw writes in *An Biodag* (The Dagger) newsletter of the Clan Shaw Society that it was August of 1983, thirty-two years ago, that the Clan Shaw status was restored.

The Shaws had been a broken clan, one without a chief, hence not a clan at all, for some four hundred years. The situation had just changed with the recognition by the Lord Lyon, arbiter of such things in Britain, of Major Charles John Shaw of Tordarroch as the Chief of the Name and Arms of Shaw. Our status was thusly restored.

Many of the Scottish clans had societies in the United States and elsewhere representing them at the games and festivals and otherwise. The Shaws did not. Five of us gathered at one of our homes and agreed to take on the risk of forming a society to represent the Shaws.

We began with just the national capitol area. With

great pent up demand, we soon came to represent the Shaws throughout the United States and, before long, the world. Our growth was rapid and inspiring.

We began by doing a few events in Maryland, the District of Columbia and the Virginia area. We were soon compelled by necessity to expand our activities around the eastern United States, then throughout the country and then, elsewhere in the world.

Thirty-two years have now passed. Some other clan societies have since come and gone. Many of the games and festivals have come and gone.

We are still here. We are active and vibrant.

Happy birthday to us! Fide et Fortitudine!



We encourage everyone who is interested in the great Clan Ramsay to **join** the Clan Ramsay Association of N.A.

Contact David Ramsey: <davidf.ramsey@verizon.net>



Become a part of Clan Ramsay's DNA Project!

What is it? DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name **Ramsey** or **Ramsay**. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom and ultimately, we can link different lines together. But, to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of the spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc., 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, MD 21044. Call 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

Sister Associations of Clan Ramsay in Australia, Nova Scotia and Finland!

Quarterly Newsletter - The Ramsay Report is available to all members!

Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games and events all over the country

Clan Ramsay is represented all of the United States at Scottish Games, Gatherings and events. See us at the Loch Norman Highland Games in NC; Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games in OK; Smoky Mountain Highland Games in TN; Gallabrae/Greenville, SC Games; Glasgow Highland Games, KY; Scottish Christmas Walk

of the Clans, VA; Chicago Highland Games, IL; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC; Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games, CO; Wichita Highland Games & Celtic Festival, KS; The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Annual Scottish Gathering and Games, CA; Columbia Scottish Festival, IN; Halifax Celtic Festival, Halifax, NS, Canada; Oklahoma's Premier Celtic Music Festival & Scottish Highland Games, OK; Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, SC; Ligonier Highland Games, PA; McPherson Scottish Festival, KS; Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, IN; Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA; Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Scottish Games, TX;

Clan Ramsay needs YOU!

There are openings available in the state/region commissioners roster where you would be most welcome. Contact David Ramsey at

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for full information and details about the Clan Ramsay Association of North America.



The Clan Davidson Quilt



Actual creators of the quilt: Margaret, Unitá, Evelyn and Mary. Not pictured, Dave Chagnon.



Dave Chagnon was one of the founders of the Clan Davison Society many years ago. He is the editor of their wonderful newsletter now and also the Sennachie of the Clan Davidson Society.

Several years ago, Dave and his wife, Evelyn, along with many friends, made the "Hands Across the Waters" Friendship Quilt to help celebrate and comemorate the retirement of US Naval Captain Elizabeth Dawson Barker, known as "Lissie" back on November 1, 2002.

Before long, the quilt had grown too large for only a one sided quilt. It grew to be two full sides, shown at the left.

The first side began as a Georgia Bonesteel traditional Friendship Signature Quilt, it also evolved.

Note the top quilt with the small horizontal patches in the middle. Done electronically, the signatures and messages were scanned and emailed or snail mailed and scanned onto fabric.

On the other side (beige background to the left), overflow signatures and messages were joined by photos and all manner of memorabilia were transferred to fabric (using freezer paper, a special chemical and fabric) via a printer.

Dave wrote an absolutely detailed and wonderful story of the full adventure of the making of the quilt, which when it became two sided became "the Roman Janus Two-Sided Quilt."

Dave and Evelyn are beginning a new quilt made from Scottish Highland Games t-shirts on one side and on the other side, Clan Davidson Society art and memories.

If you'd like to contribute a Highland Games t-shirt - and it can be brand new or really old - just take it to a Clan Davidson tent at a games or mail it to Dave Chagnon, 7004 Barberry Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118.

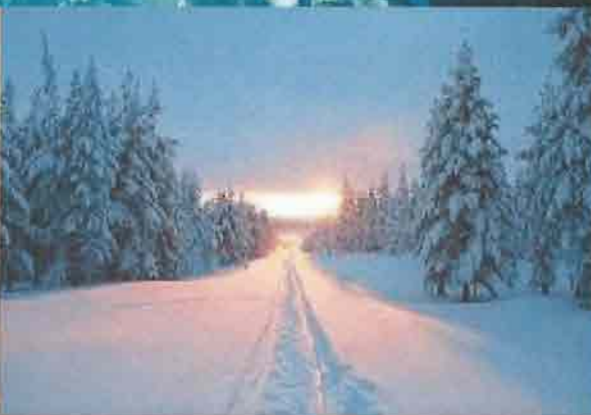
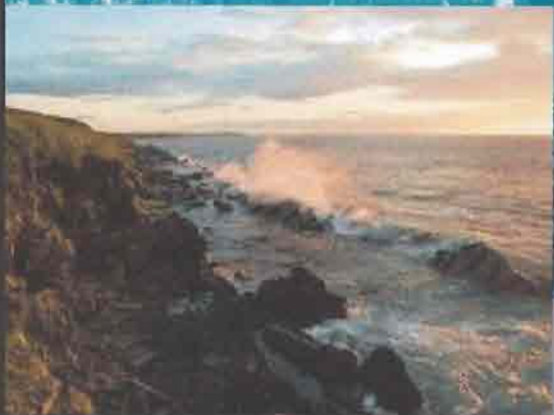
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COSCA Board Members & Visiting Chiefs , 2015 AGM at GMHG

COSCA announces new officers & Board Members at AGM 2015 GMHG

The Council of Scottish Clans & Associations (COSCA), founded in 1976 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) as a nonprofit charitable corporation, held its annual general meeting (AGM) of the members this year, as usual, during those games in Linville, NC on Saturday, July 11.

Presiding was John King Bellassai, the new President of COSCA. (Previously Vice President of COSCA, Mr. Bellassai succeeded to the presidency by operation of law back in April, upon the resignation for personal reasons of Susan McIntosh, the previous President.)

There were 73 dues-paying members-in-good-standing of COSCA attending the AGM at GMHG, most of them representing their respective clan societies—the backbone of COSCA's membership.

Two Scottish chiefs, guests of honor this year at GMHG, attended COSCA's AGM and addressed the assembled membership, taking questions at the end. These were Francis, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Chief of Clan Napier, and Jamie Macnab of Macnab, Chief of Clan Macnab.

At the conclusion of the meeting, elections were held to COSCA's Board of Trustees. As the officers are elected every other year and had been elected last year, the incumbents for these positions will continue in office until 2016. These are John Bellassai, who is filling out the balance of his predecessor's term as President, and

Clark Scott, Treasurer.

Three individuals who had been appointed during the year to fill out the terms of At-Large Trustees who had resigned were presented to the membership at the AGM for ratification and confirmed in their offices. These were John Cochran, Keets (Farquhar) Taylor, and Dr. Phil Smith.

A slate of five other experienced and qualified individuals were also nominated to the Board of Trustees as at-Large members. They were all elected unanimously and added immediately to the COSCA Board. Each will hold a three-year term. The individuals added this year are:

- John Cherry—President, Clan MacLachlan Society and President, St. Andrew's Society of Detroit. (Clan MacLachlan is a member of COSCA.)

- John McInnis—President, Clan MacInnes Society. (Clan MacInnes is a member of COSCA.)

- David Stewart McKenzie—Sergeant-at-Arms, St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC, Vice President, Virginia Scottish Games Association, and organizer of heavy athletics at 20 Scottish games up and down the eastern USA. Member, Clan MacKenzie and American Clan Gregor Society. (Both societies are members of COSCA.)

- Charlie Sherwood, President, Clan Scott Soci-

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Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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The Clan Davidson Society USA is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the **US IRS** as a 501 c(3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDA-USA publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40-60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [www.elandavidsonusa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].





COSCA Officers & Visiting Chiefs at GMHG 2015 AGM

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ety. (Clan Scott Society is a member of COSCA.)

· Ed Ward, Treasurer, National Capital Tartan Day Committee, Inc. and life member, Clan Stewart Society. He is also a member of the DC St. Andrew's Society, the Scottish Heritage Society of North Central West Virginia, the American Scottish Foundation, the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, and (an individual member) of COSCA.

Each of these individuals brings at least 20 years of experience in Scottish-American organizations and is an

active member in their clan society, as well as other Scottish heritage groups.

Three are not residents of the East Coast. Mr. Cherry is in Detroit, MI, Mr. MacInnis in Arlington, Texas, and Mr. Sherwood in Tulsa, OK.

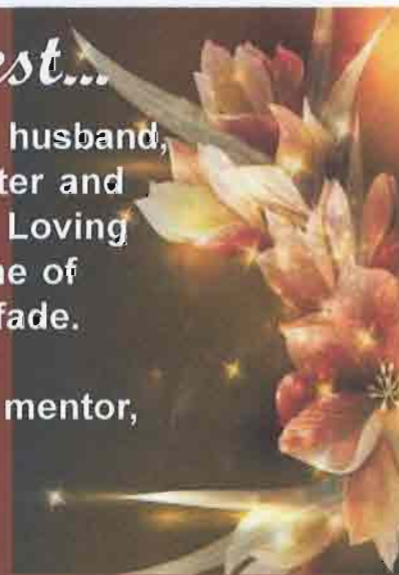
Three are especially interested in education—Cherry, MacInnis, and Ward (who is currently enrolled, long distance, in Scottish heritage graduate studies at the University of Edinburgh).

Turnbull Flower of the Forest...

Karl Edward James Turnbull, 1936-2015. Loving husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather of Elaine, Peter and Angela, Kellie, Phillip, Rhys, Jake, Zoe and Kyle. Loving and dearly beloved husband of 52 years. A lifetime of experience shared and memories that will never fade.

Now sleeping peacefully. An amazing Dad and mentor, coach to so many and comedian to more.

A long-time Turnbull Clan member.





The Scottish Tartans Museum

Franklin, North Carolina



The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

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

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We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM)) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

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Flower of the Forest



Harold Fritz McDuffie, Jr., age 98, passed away June 7, 2015, after a period of declining health.

He was born April 20, 1917, in Atlanta, Ga., to Dr. Harold Fritz McDuffie and Hattie Louise Ferguson, both of New Jersey.

He won a state-wide mathematics competition to earn a scholarship contest to Emory University, where he received A.B. and M.A. degrees with honors in chemistry (38-39G). In 1939, he was awarded a research assistantship at Princeton and obtained his Ph.D. in physical organic chemistry in 1942.

Following his graduate work at Princeton, he spent a year of post-doctorate study with the Cornell University Biochemistry Department at New York Hospital on an O.S.R.D. Project dealing with the mechanism of action of mustard gas. While there, he discovered a chemical reaction that could be used to predict the activity of prospective vesicant agents.

While attending Princeton, he attended New York University Law School for one year in 1942-1943.

He subsequently joined the Patent Department of Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation in New York City and in 1943 transferred to the Nitrogen Division Research Laboratories of Allied to do research on catalytic oxidation.

At the end of the war, he moved to Bristol Laboratories in Syracuse as an assistant to the director of research. While there, he acted as a patent liaison and also received a patent on a direct method for making derivatives of penicillin while preserving the essential chemical structure.

Early in 1950, he joined Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He became a Group Leader in the Chemistry Division and an associate Director of the Reactor Chemistry Division. He spent two years in India for the Atomic Energy Commission as the United States Scientific Representative and returned to ORNL to become Director of the Information Division. He later returned to the Chemistry Division.



After retiring, he was employed by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities to manage the production of a Handbook of Energy Use.

During his professional career, he was active with the ACS, Sigma Xi, the Heart Association, the Oak Ridge Rotary Club, and a variety of civic associations. He was a founding member of the Clan MacDuffee.

He was always interested in sports and excelled in swimming and golf. As an adult member of the Master Swimming organization in Oak Ridge, he achieved national ranking and later held Tennessee State records for his age group (85-89).

Throughout his life, he was interested in music. In college, he was a member of the Emory Glee Club and became president in his last year. In graduate school he sang with the Princeton University Chapel choir. While working in New York City, he sang in the church choir in Brooklyn. When work took him to Syracuse, N.Y., he sang in the choir of the Camillus N.Y. Methodist Church and later was its director.

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CLAN BUCHANAN

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

<http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/html/contact.html>



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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



You're welcome to email the Pres.
ken.buchanan@TheClanBuchanan.com

Marching to Braemar

More than 100 marchers followed in the footsteps of their ancestors as they paraded through rural Aberdeenshire on their way to the 2015 Braemar Games.

The Lonach Highlanders set off from the ancient Ringing Stone, in Glengairn, on the first leg of a two-day journey which ended at the Braemar Gathering.

Armed with weaponry, including 5ft pikes and Lochaber axes – and clad in traditional Scots attire – it was the first time the journey had been made in 25 years.

The inaugural walk took place in 1853 when a group travelled from Strathdon to Braemar for the gathering, and the Highlanders kept up the tradition for the following 160 years.

The march was recreated to mark the 200th anniversary of the Braemar Royal Highland Society.

In total the group is made up of 220 local descendants of the Forbes, Wallace and Gordon clans – 116 of whom took to the byways of Aberdeenshire.

Their trek was briefly interrupted by royalty early on – with Princess Anne passing by on the B976 Rinloan to Crathie road.

The first stop along the route – which takes in several of the area's "big houses" – was Gairnshiel Lodge, where the clansmen were treated to drams of whisky as they mingled with the hunting estate's guests.

Archie Buchanan, who runs the lodge with his wife, Justine, said the sight of the Highlanders marching across the ancient Gairnshiel Bridge was like stepping back to the 1700s.

He added: "These guys are all related to the people who were in the original Highland army, they are all their ancestors. It is quite poignant."

"They were saying the Lonach Highlanders have a real link to Gairnshiel Lodge and it was nice to hear that."

Afterwards the group stopped at the Balmoral and Invercauld estates, before camping out in the grounds of Braemar Castle.

Fritz McDuffie, *continued from page 21*

In Oak Ridge, 1950, he joined the Community Chorus and later became its president. He sang in a number of presentations for ORCMA, the Jaycees, and the Playhouse. Until age 90, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church choir.

Mr. McDuffie was one of the first friends I made in 1989 - 1990 when I began to be able to travel to games all over the place. He was always a charming gentleman who was funny, nice to be with and who became a dear friend. The world is a lesser place with him gone. Your ed.



When they arrived in the Braemar Games arena, they were joined by the Atholl Highlanders and 12 pipe bands.

A pipe band forms part of the Lonach Highlanders, whose march came complete with a horse and cart for those with tired legs.

With many thanks to John Dawson on the Clan Davidson website.



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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Genealogy and What DNA Does For Me

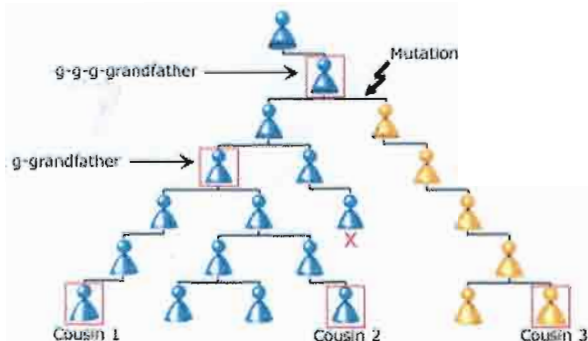
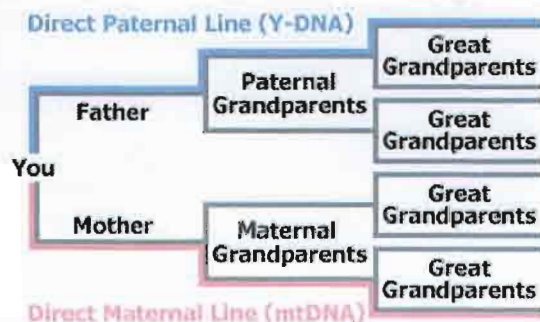
by Fiona Turnbull - Contributor

Editor's Note: If you are like most people, just mentioning the word DNA sends you into a confused state of mind. Many of us simply don't know how it works or what to do with it. Fiona Turnbull puts into layman's terms why DNA testing is useful and how it can help connect us to our ancestors and advance our genealogical research.

The popularity of television shows such as *Who Do You Think You ARE?* and *Finding Your Roots* has lead a lot of people to consider the use of DNA testing to help in the hunt for their ancestors. The Turnbull Clan have their own project that takes results from submitted DNA tests and organizes them to see how closely related participants are. So what are the basics things you need to know if you are considering DNA testing to help you in your genealogical search?

Five things you need to know about DNA testing and genealogy:

- 1. What is it?** A DNA test takes a cheek swab or saliva sample and analyses the genetic code it contains. We get 23 pairs of chromosomes from our parents, one half of the pair from each parent. The patterns that emerge from the test can be compared to others to see how similar they are and how far back a common ancestor is shared.
- 2. What types of tests are there?** There are three basic tests available on the market: Y-DNA, mtDNA and Autosomal. Y-DNA looks at the yDNA that a man gets from his father and is the type of test used for the Turnbull project. If you are a female Turnbull you need to find the oldest male Turnbull in your family to take the test. If you want to study your female lines then you take an mtDNA which studies the mitochondrial DNA that every mother passes along to all of her children. Autosomal DNA tests cast a wider net and looks for cousins along all of your genealogical lines back through five generations.
- 3. Which test should I take?** For the Turnbull family project we are only looking at the Y-DNA tests because it is trans-
- 4. What are Haplogroups?** Haplogroups are the major groupings of men based on Y-DNA results. Most Turnbull lines fall into the R-M269 group which is the most common European Y-DNA chromosomal lineage and is carried by about 110 million European men. Some Turnbolls belong to other groups which can only mean that there is another source of DNA somewhere in their ancestry.
- 5. What can DNA testing tell me?** DNA testing can confirm or eliminate relationships and show you where to concentrate your research. It also strengthens the paper trail you have already started and may confirm variants in your surname. In addition, it can reveal the geographic trail that your ancestors took and help you look for a specific time where you need to concentrate your research. Ideally you will also submit your family tree to help others looking for common ancestors. Lastly it could provide with enough close cousins that you may never knew existed.

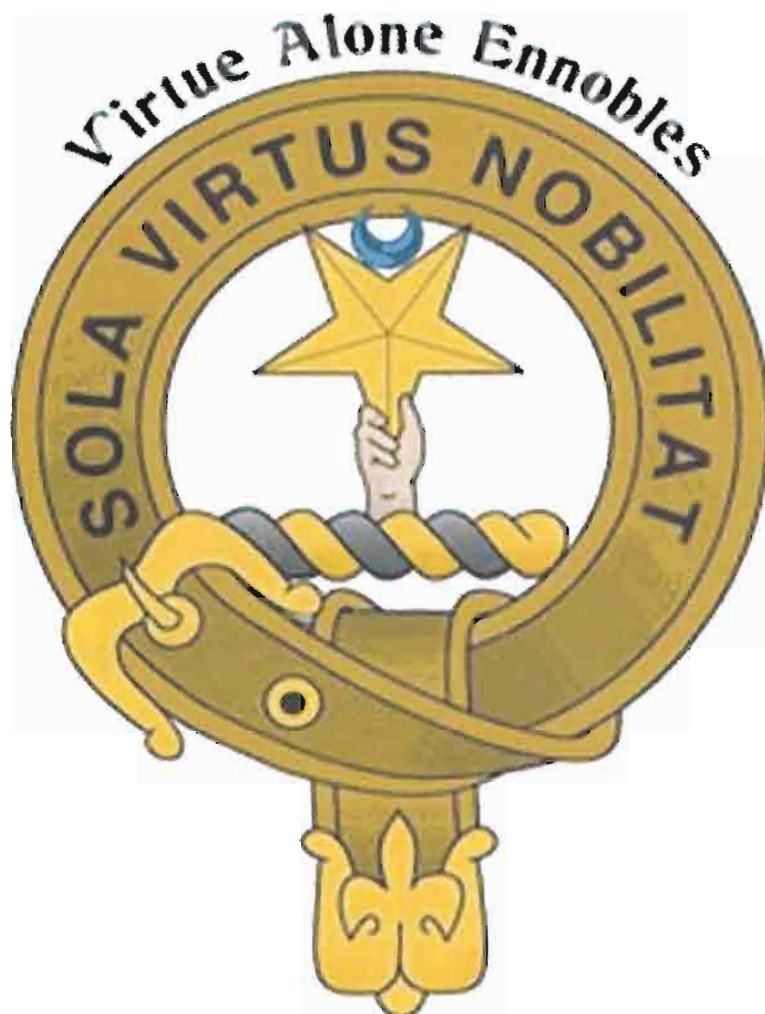


mitted from father to son and provides direct information about the direct line. Locations along the Y chromosome are called markers and they occasionally mutate. Each mutation represents a branch in the family tree and is passed down to all future generations. At a minimum you need to test for 37 markers but testing to 67 or 111 will give finer results. You can take the test from any company although our main results come from FTDNA (<https://www.familytreedna.com/>). If you use a different company you can have the results imported. Once you have your results you then join a project either through FTDNA or directly and then you will be grouped with the closest matching Turnbolls. (<http://www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/turnbull/>)

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For a more detailed explanation of genetic genealogy try Maurice Gleeson's blog (<http://dnaandfamilytreeresearch.blogspot.co.uk/>) or FTDNA's Learning Center (<https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/>).

Thanks, Turnbull Clan! Find them: <www.turnbullclan.com>



An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIain). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

MOTTO: Sola Virtus Nobilitat (Virtue Alone Ennobles)

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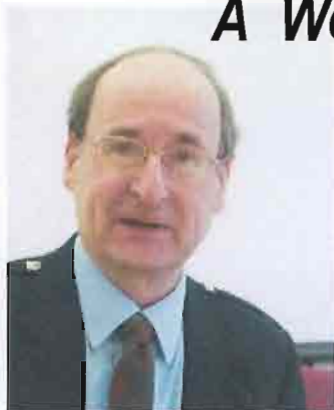
Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique

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Clan and Family History in the Scottish Highlands: A Workshop Featuring Graeme Mackenzie



On Saturday, October 10, the Muscogee Genealogical Society will host a day-long workshop featuring widely-acclaimed Scottish genealogical speaker Graeme Mackenzie. He will present three separate

lectures, along with an hour-long question and answer session.

The program begins at 9:45am, preceded by registration/check-in starting at 9:00am. Coffee and pastries will be served before the program; refreshments will also be provided during breaks. Attendees will enjoy box lunches for their midday meal (price included in registration fee; please mark your sandwich preference on registration form).

The workshop will be held in Founders Hall in the Elizabeth Bradley Turner Center for Continuing Education on the campus of Columbus State University. The facility is located at the intersection of East Lindsay Drive and College Drive. Ample parking is located on the north side of the building.

Columbus State University is not sponsoring this event and neither supports nor opposes the view expressed therein.

Workshop Schedule

9:00 Registration/Check-In (Coffee and pastries)

9:45 Welcome/Introduction

10:00 Lecture No. 1: **The History of the Scottish Highlands and its Clans**

Outlines the particular history of the Highlands—often at odds with the rest of Scotland—and the context in which its clans evolved from medieval to modern Times.

11:00 Break (Refreshments)

11:15 Lecture No. 2: **Clans, Septs, and Surnames in the Highlands of Scotland**

Discusses the origins and structure of clans, the varieties of septs, and the slipperiness of Highland surnames—two or three of which might be applied to

the same person.

12:15 Lunch. Box lunches will be served in Founders Hall.

1:30 Lecture No. 3: **Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland**

Examines the sources for genealogical research in Scotland and how to use them—with particular reference to the Highlands and working with Gaelic names.

2:30 Break (Refreshments)

2:45 Lecture No. 4: **Question and Answer Session**

3:45 Conclusion

For more information about the seminar, see www.muscogeegenealogy.com, or call 706-322-3175.

At-the-door Fee: will be \$45 for MGS Members and \$50 for Non Members.



Our Speaker

Graeme Mackenzie, Chairman of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland), is a professional genealogist with 25 years experience specializing in Highland family and clan history. As the historian and genealogist of Clans MacKenzie and MacMillan he has travelled extensively during the last decade in the USA and Canada, speaking to clan societies, appearing at Highland Games, and lecturing to Scottish interest groups, local history societies and genealogical bodies. In the course of his work as a professional genealogist he's collected a considerable amount of information on other Scottish families and names, and is pursuing a particular interest in the nature of the Scottish clan, and the evolution of the so-called "clan system."

In 2014, Graeme spent a month in New Zealand and Australia on a lecture tour; he will be speaking this fall at the Stone Mountain Highland Games along with BNFT editor, Beth Gay-Freeman. He has also written extensively on Scottish clans and family history.

Graeme's website is: <http://www.highlandroots.org/>



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To see the many names on the Clan Donald sept/allied family list, please visit:

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Over the bridge to Skye....

Since Victorian times there were proposals to connect the Isle of Skye to the mainland by bridge. However, none of these plans came to fruition mainly for economic reasons.

In 1989 the government of that time revived the

dream of a bridge to Skye, and the structure finally became reality in 1995.

Before then the only way to reach the Isle of Skye from the mainland was by ferry.

With thanks to Clan Davidson's Evelyn Chagnon.

Congratulations!

Clan Buchanan celebrates their 1000th year as a clan in 2016!

2015 AGM set for Central VA Celtic Festival & Highland Games

The Clan Buchanan Society, International, Inc., will celebrate its 1000th year as a Scottish Clan next year.

If you'd like to be in on the planning of the anniversary year, be sure and attend the CBSI AGM to be held in conjunction with the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games to be held



October 24-26 this year.

The games will be held at the Richmond Raceway Complex near Richmond, Virginia.

Many of the Clan Buchanan members will be staying at the Marriott Courtyard Richmond West. This is also the venue for the Clan Buchanan dinner.



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 United States Federal Income Taxes. 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 corner of 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 all 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*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers 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 two 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.

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at
peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com
or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

Important announcement from Rural Hill Farms



Message from the Executive Director

We have recently released some news that will have a huge impact on us at Rural Hill. As a result of the severe drought this summer we have had to postpone the opening of the Rural Hill Amazing Maize Maze until October 3. We are also having to eliminate night mazes entirely and will open Fridays by appointment only. Quite simply, the maze cannot survive the high traffic and abuse that a night maze entails. These were not easy decisions to make and will have a significant financial impact on Rural Hill and its future operations.

The Maze has been a fixture at Rural Hill since 1998. We have weathered many storms over the years, but this summer has been extremely dry and hot, and corn everywhere is suffering, including the corn that we rely on for the maze. We plant a drought-resistant corn each year and do everything we can to keep water on the seven acre field, but all of our efforts were not enough this summer.

The corn maze is always a reminder that Rural Hill is still a working farm. In addition to corn we also grow hay on site and supply a few local farms with feed for their animals as well as ours. This past spring on our biggest field we produced about 1,600 square bales of hay and 70 round bales. To put this summer in perspective our second harvest didn't produce any square bales and less than 20 round bales. The rain we need simply hasn't fallen and farms all over our area have suffered.

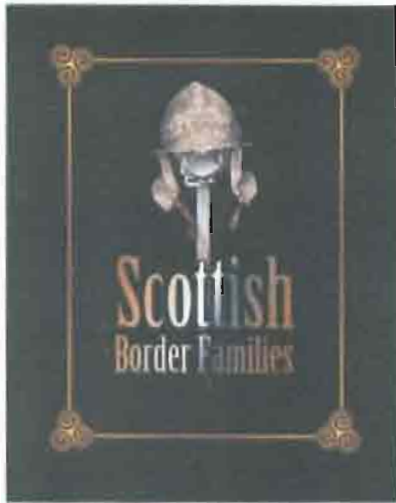
What does this all mean? We aren't certain right now. At the moment we are planting suet seed where the corn is very low with hopes that some cooler temperatures and rain will help fill in the hedge. We plan to open the Maze on October 3 for day Mazes only and we will take appointments for field trips and corporate groups during the week. The experience in the Maze will be a bit different this year as the corn will be very short, but the Maze will still be the Maze and we will do everything we can to ensure a great experience.

Rural Hill always relies on the Amazing Maize Maze each fall as our biggest fundraiser. Our events raise money to support the farm, preserve historic structures, and provide educational programming to thousands of students each year. With the drastically reduced Maze schedule we are looking at significant budget shortfall. We are considering any and all ideas right now for ways to make sure we raise enough money to meet all of our obligations and any help is greatly appreciated.

Please stay tuned to www.ruralhill.net and Rural Hill's social media profiles for more updates and information. We hope to see you this October and again in November for the Rural Hill Sheepdog Trials and Dog Festival.

Sincerely, Jeff Fissel, Executive Director Historic Rural Hill

**For more information please visit
www.ruralhill.net
or contact the office at 704-875-3113**



Scottish Border Families

By W. R. McLeod. 90 pages. paperback. The Border Reiver, moving back and forth across the porous line between England and Scotland, "lifting" cattle as he went, feuding with neighbor and government man alike, is the stuff of legend. Yet many of the "Scottish names" books seem to dwell almost exclusively on the Highlanders and their culture. Here, for the first time, is a study of the Border families, concentrating on their origins, their way of life, and those traits which set them apart. Over 200 Border names are here described, giving both linguistic and area origins of the name, alternate spellings, and a short history of the family in the Border region. Of particular use to the modern reader is a recommended tartan for each name. (*Look right for list of names.*)

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Acheson, Adair, Affleck, Agnew, Ainsley, Amos, Armstrong, Baillie, Baliol, Battison, Beattie, Bell, Black, Borthwick, Boswell, Bothwell, Bromfield, Brown, Bruce, Burnett, Burns, Caddenhead, Carlisle, Carruthers, Carson, Cathcart, Charlton, Charteris, Chirnside, Chisholm, Clark, Cleghorn, Cockburn, Collingwood, Comyn, Cook, Corbett, Corrie, Corsane, Craig, Cranston, Crawford, Crichton, Crosar, Crosbie, Cunningham, Dalziel, Davidson, Dickson, Dinwiddie, Dodd, Douglas, Dun, Dunbar, Dunlop, Edgar, Edmonstone, Ellam, Elliot, Elphinstone, Ferguson, Fleming, Forrester, Fraser, French, Galloway, Gask, Gasse, Geddes, Gilchrist, Gladstone, Glencorse, Glendinning, Gordon, Graden, Graham, Gray, Greenlaw, Grier, Hackney, Haig, Hair, Hall, Halliday, Hannay, Harden, Hay, Heatly, Hedley, Henderson, Hepburn, Heron, Herries, Hewat, Hislop, Hobb, Hodgeson, Hogg, Home, Hunter, Hutchins, Inglis, Irvine, Jardine, Johnston/e, Keene, Kelso, Kennedy, Kerr, Kerse, Kinnimond, Kirkpatrick, Kirkton, Knox, Laidlaw, Langland, Lauder, Law, Learmonth, Liddell, Lindsay, Little, Loch, Lockhart, Lowe, Lumsden, Lyle, MacAdam, MacBriar, MacCulloch, MacDougall, MacDowall, MacGhie, MacLellan, MacMath, MacNaughton, MacRorie, Maitland, Marjoribanks, Maxwell, Menzies, Merton, Middlemass, Millar, Moffat, Molle, Murray, Naismith, Nesbit, Nicholson, Nixon, Noble, Oliver, Palmer, Penicuik, Penman, Porteous, Potts, Pringle, Purdon, Purves, Pyle, Rae, Ramsay, Redpath, Renton, Renwick, Richardson, Riddell, Riggs, Robeson, Rome, Ross, Rutherford, Rutledge, Scott, Selby, Seton, Shannon, Sharp, Shaw, Simpson, Smyth, Spottiswood, Stewart, Storey, Swinton, Tait, Taylor, Thomson, Tindall, Todd, Trotter, Trumbull, Turnbull, Tweedie, Usher, Vance, Wallace, White, Wilkins, Wilson, Yair, Yellowlees, Young.