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5th Annual Clan Currie Gathering and Scottish Academic Symposium to be held in Laurinburg, NC

Clansfolk to Participate in the Scotland County Highland Games

An important symposium on the history and heritage of the early Scots settlers to North Carolina takes place in Laurinburg, North Carolina on Friday, October 2, 2015. The symposium takes place as part of a weekend of Scottish celebrations highlighted by the Scotland County Highland Games.

The program is being hosted by the Clan Currie Society which celebrates and preserves the history of the MacMhuirichs – an ancient race of powerful Scots-Gaelic bards. Clan Currie will also be hosting their annual clan gathering at the Scotland County Highland Games, also held in Laurinburg, North Carolina on Saturday, October 3. The MacMhuirichs, a name later anglicized to 'Currie', served for over 700 years as professional poets to the Lords of the Isles, and later to the MacDonalds of Clanranald.

The symposium is being held in the William Henry Belk Student Center on the campus of St. Andrews University. The program will commence at 9 AM. Admission to the symposium is \$10 per person and includes an invitation to attend the Highland Games' welcome reception, which follows the symposium on Friday



Dr. Bruce Durie

evening. A warm invitation is extended to all Clansfolk to attend the Symposium and the Highland Games and Clan Gathering.

Through these symposia, the legacy of the MacMhuirichs as an elite of far-reaching significance has only recently come to be recognized, not only as key to the understanding of Gaelic history and culture but also to the appreciation of Scottish history in its wider aspects, both national and international.

Prestigious Conference Lineup

The Clan Currie Society has assembled an "A-list" roster of speakers, including author and historian Dr. Michael Newton from the University of North Carolina, renowned genealogist Dr. Bruce Durie and North Carolina historian, Dr. Alexander "Sandy" Stewart.

These illustrious speakers will cover topics both

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specific to the Clan Currie as well as the much broader topic of the early Scottish settlers to North Carolina and the latest developments in ancestry research tactics, including DNA research to trace one's North Carolina Scots ancestors.

Past participants have included Prof. Hugh Cheape of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on the Isle of Skye, Scotland, Dr. Alan Titley of the University College Cork, Ireland, author Sheldon Currie of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Lewis MacKinnon, Executive Director of Gaelic Affairs for the Government of Nova Scotia, Canada and Dr. Willie Gillies formerly of Edinburgh University's Department of Celtic Studies.

According to Clan Currie Society president, Robert Currie, "The Laurinburg weekend is a most appropriate time and place to mark the achievements of North Carolina's early Scottish settlers as well as Scotland's greatest bardic dynasty. We know that such a distinguished gathering of speakers will do honour to the MacMhuirichs at the symposium in October."

This will be the fifth annual Academic Symposium presented by the Clan Currie Society. Past events have been held in Glasgow, Scotland, Antigonish, Nova Scotia and the Island of South Uist in 2012. The inaugural symposium was held in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The 2015 Scotland County Highland Games will be held Saturday, October 3rd on the grounds of the John Blue Home and Historical Complex in Laurinburg. This site contains the John Blue Home and several other historic Scottish-American homesteads as well as a working ante-bellum cotton gin, and a general store. The games site provides an immersion into the Scottish-American historical experience of this region. Local hotels and restaurants will offer Scottish-inspired Southern hospitality to welcome you to Laurinburg and Scotland County, North Carolina.

The weekend concludes on Sunday, October 4 with a traditional Kirkin' of the Tartans worship service

at the Old Laurel Presbyterian Church which was founded in 1797 by Scots Highlanders. There will also be a Premier Professional Piping Competition at St. Andrews University featuring the top solo bagpipers in the Eastern United States starting at 9 AM.

The Clan Currie Symposium on October 2, the Scotland County Highland Games on October 3, and the Kirkin' of the Tartans service and Premiere Solo Bagpiping competition on October 4 adds up to a great

Scottish heritage weekend not to be missed, not only for anyone interested in the Clan Currie, but also for people interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

Host hotel for the weekend is the Comfort Inn of Laurinburg. When making reservations, ask for the Clan Currie rate. For further details and information on how to register for the program, visit www.clancurriegathering.com. To learn more about the Scotland County Highland Games, visit www.schgnc.com.



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Did YOUR clan tartan get carried in the 1996 Olympic Torch Run?



July 11, 1996 was one of the memorable days in the life of your editor. I was amazed to find myself as an Community Hero Torch Bearer for the Atlanta Olympics.

July 11 is always special for me, since it is the birthday of my beloved grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald...but this year was one I will

never forget.

I was chosen to give a very short speech on the steps of the Colquitt County Courthouse before I carried the Olympic Torch through downtown Moultrie.

Before the big day, I thought it would be even more meaningful if I could carry the tartans of my friends and compatriots in the American Scottish Community. To that end, I wrote about carrying the torch in my *Family Tree* publication and asked that any clan who wished for their tartan to be represented to please send me an inch wide by 12 inches long snippet of their tartan.

Months ahead, I started letting my hair grow out so I would need a barrett to keep it safely away from the flame of the torch.

The response to the *Family Tree* article was amazing. I had a double handful of the tartan snippets...and with a dab of glue, affixed them all to the largest barrett I could find.

In the photo to the left, you'll see the 100 plus bits of tartan on the Torch Run day in front of the Olympic banners hung from the Colquitt County Courthouse entryway.

In the other photo, you'll see the start of my Olympic run. With a magnifying glass, I can see just a teensie bit of the tartan. Please trust me, it was there.

At the Grandfather Mountain Games which came up just a day or so after the Torch Run, I got to lope around the track carrying the torch...and wearing my tartan hair ornament. Lots and lots of people had their photos taken with the torch that day.



The 2015 Edinburgh Tattoo with thanks to the Clan Davidson's Torin Finney, who said it ws rather an "atmospheric" evening. (Rained the whole time.)

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Some things we need to know - even if we don't think we need to know them!

A SHOT OF WHISKY: In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a shot glass of whisky. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a “shot” of whisky.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS: American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (that is, 9 yards) long.

If the pilot used up all his ammo, he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

There's another tale for the origin of “the whole nine yards.” I have been told all of my life that one of the original “great kilts” of our ancestors took nine yards of the hand woven tartan fabric to make.

BUYING THE FARM: This is synonymous with dying.

During WW1, soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm, so if a soldier died, he “bought the farm” for his survivors.

IRON-CLAD CONTRACT: This term came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong that it could not be broken.

PASSING THE BUCK/THE BUCK STOPS HERE: Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck Knife Company.

When playing poker, it was common to place one of these Buck Knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer, the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer.

If this person didn't want to deal, he would “pass the buck” to the next player. If that player accepted, then “the buck stopped here.”

President Harry S. Truman famously had a sign on

his desk: The buck stops here.

RIFF RAFF: The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south.

Riverboats carried passengers and freight, but the cost was expensive, so most people used rafts. All other boats had the right of way over rafts, which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a “riff,” and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB: The Old English word for “spider” was “cob.”

SHIP STATEROOMS: Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort.

Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead, they were named after states.

To this day, cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT: Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a criss-cross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time, the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag.

The owner would then have to tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep. It would become a regular chore to “tighten” the ropes.

SHOWBOAT: These were floating theaters built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. The showboats played small towns along the Mississippi River.

Unlike the boat shown in the movie *Showboat*, these showboats did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention-grabbing, which is why we say that someone who is being the life of the party is “showboating.”

OVER A BARREL In the days before CPR, a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel, which would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel, you are in deep trouble.

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Clan Forrester Society

Come - join the Forresters

Membership is available for all spelling variations of Forrester: Forrester, Forester, Forrister, Forister, Forest, Forrest, Foster, Carstarphen.



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Forrister / Forest / Forrest / Foster / Forister / Vorster / Voster Families

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BARGE IN: Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats, so people would say that they "barged in."

**H O G -
W A S H :**
Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so badly, they would be washed before being put on board. The mud



and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash."

CURFEW: The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu," which means "cover the fire."

It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. The term was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu," which later became the modern word "curfew."

In the early American colonies, homes had no real fireplaces, so a fire was built in the center of the room. To ensure that a fire did not get out of control during the night, it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called a "curfew."

BARRELS OF OIL: When the first oil wells were drilled, oil drillers had made no provision for storing the liquid, so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil rather than gallons.

HOT OFF THE PRESS: As the newspaper goes through the rotary printing press, friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grabbed the paper right off the press, it was hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

When your editor makes speeches, sometimes the folks ask to hear the one entitled *Don't Throw the Baby Out With the Bathwater*...which is another collection of things similar to this! Ah hah! Now, I have a Chapter II to offer!

Hamish MacDonald appointed as first Scots scribe

Scotland's first national scribe - or official writer in the Scots language - has been appointed.

Hamish MacDonald will be tasked with producing new creative work as well as raising awareness of the language.

He will work in the £50,000 project one week per month for the next two years, and will be based at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh.



Mr MacDonald, who writes in English and Scots, has published poetry and fiction and written several

plays.

Two of his plays have been adapted into radio series for the BBC, and he is the co-founder of the Dogstar Theatre Company.

He is also a contributor to Scots language imprint Itchy Coo publishing's *King o the Midden* and *Blethertoun Braes* books.

Mr MacDonald said: "I am delighted tae be offered the new an vitally important role as Scots Scribe wae the National Library of Scotland.

"I luik forwart tae workin wae communities throughout Scotland in gie'in voice tae this vibrant language which, whether spoken or written, deserves tae be celebrated everywhere."

Aly Barr, acting head of literature, publishing and languages at Creative Scotland, said the interview panel had been impressed by Mr MacDonald's "energetic and creative" work with schools and young people.

He added: "He offers an opportunity to re-invigorate Scots for different communities across the country. His friendly approach will ensure that Scots is embraced by whole new audiences of Scots and non Scots speakers alike."

The National Library of Scotland has described Scots as being "very much part of our cultural identity" and it wants to see it "thrive, not just survive".

Clan MacCord Society

Invites for membership all spelling variations and descendants of McCord (a)(e)(y).

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The Importance of Social Security Numbers to Genealogical Research

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Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S.

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Social Security records are one of the most overlooked resources in genealogy. Researchers often encounter brick walls when looking for people born in the nineteenth century before formal birth registration was required. Social Security records may provide valuable vital facts about birthplace and date, death date, or parents' names. Some important additional clues that may be found include localities of residence, employment, where they resided when they first applied for their Social Security card, where they last resided, and the locality of residence for the person who received benefits upon their death.

More than 35 million applications for Social Security numbers were processed between November 1936 and June 30, 1937. This was the first time the federal government required citizens to prove they were legal citizens of the United States. They had to prove their legal birth or naturalization if applicable to be issued a card. For some who went by multiple names previously, they had to agree on one legal name. For those born without having a formal birth certificate, they were required to obtain what is known as Delayed Birth Certificates to qualify. Form SS-5, Application for Social Security, can be a useful tool in locating early information on any ancestor. The information requirements of the forms has been updated over the ensuing decades. Historically, applicants were required to provide the following information:

1. Full Name
2. Full name at birth, including maiden name

3. Present mailing address
4. Age at last birthday
5. Date of birth
6. Place of birth (city, county, and state)
7. Father's full name
8. Mothers full name, including maiden name
9. Sex
10. Race as indicated by applicant
11. Whether applicant ever applied for Social Security or Railroad Retirement previously
12. Name and address of current employer
13. Date Signed
14. Applicants signature



The first three digits of a Social Security number, known as the area number, are assigned by geographical region.. Prior to 1972, cards were issued in local Social Security offices around the country, and the area number represented the state in which the card was issued. Since 1972, when the SSA began assigning numbers and issuing cards centrally from Baltimore, the area number is assigned based on the zip code in the mailing address provided on the application for the original Social Security card. A word of warning: the applicant's mailing address may not be the same as his or her place of residence. For more information on the numbering system, the best site to visit is <http://www.ssa.gov/history/ssn/geocard.html>.

Contact Bryan Mulcahy, MLS, at the Fort Myers, Florida Regional Library where he is the Reference Librarian. The library is located at 2450 First Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901. Email Bryan: bmulcahy@leegov.com Voice 239-533-4626 | Fax 239-485-1160 or use leelibrary.net



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

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.

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*McCall
and
Kayla
say "I Do"*

Former Clan Donald Tennessee Commissioner, McCall Simon and Kayla Byerley were married on June 6th in the restored railroad depot in Greenback, Tennessee by the Reverend Jack King.

McCall and Kayla have just returned from their honeymoon touring England.

The newlyweds are residing in Knoxville, Tennessee.



*Clan Donald
& Friends
at the wedding
of
McCall & Kayla*

Photo above and below thanks to Lindsey Worthington



Wedding groomsmen Camden Simon, the groom McCall Simon, groomsmen Pierson Simon (both brothers of the groom) and friend, Mark Smith.

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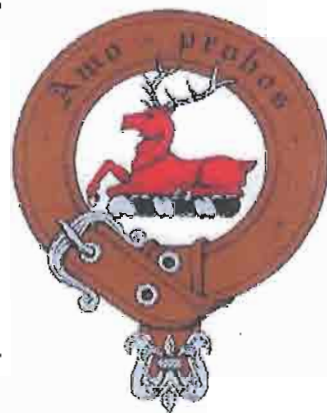
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Flowers of the Forest



Mrs. Huberta Y. Manning, known to all as “Hubie”, age 79 of Conyers, died Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Lt. Col. Albert E. Manning, USA, ret, Conyers (Past High Commissioner Clan Donald USA); son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Julie Manning, Chattanooga, TN; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and George Henning, State College, PA; grandchildren, Cory and Heather Manning, Missi Manning; great-grandchildren, Piper Proctor-Stevens, Bri Jordan, all of Richmond, VA; and several cousins.

Mrs. Manning obtained the Curved Bar rank in Girl Scouts and graduated from Penn State in 1958 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Science/Home Economics and a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and a life-member of Penn State Alumni Association.

She enjoyed reading, sewing, and traveling.

She lived all over the world and was a life-member of Clan Donald, USA.

Huberta was a dedicated mother. She was a liberated woman and soccer mom prior to the terms ever being invented.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, August 15, 2015 at Scot Ward’s Green Meadow Chapel, Conyers, Georgia. The family received friends from 5 until 6 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Clan Donald Foundation c/o William McDaniel, 1154 Winborn Drive, Charleston, SC 29412 or Penn State Alumni Fund, State College, PA. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band was sad to learn that **Danny Connor**, one of the band’s

former players, passed away on 24 July 2015.

Danny was born in Edinburgh in November 1936. As a youngster he was involved with the Scouts and latterly the Boys Brigade, and it was from this background he became interested in pipe bands. Friends of his grandparents were involved with the Borthwick Pipe Band from Birkenside of which Danny became a member as a piper.

In 1955 Danny was called up for national service and joined the Royal Scots until 1957. Following this, he joined the Grade 1 Edinburgh Specials Police Pipe Band.



Upon taking up employment with Edinburgh Corporation Transport Danny joined the organisation’s Grade 2 pipe band. He became Pipe Major and under his leadership the band was successful in rising to the top of Grade 2, including winning the Grade 2 World Championship. During this period he also became involved in bagpipe manufacturing with the well known Glens Bagpipe Makers of Edinburgh.

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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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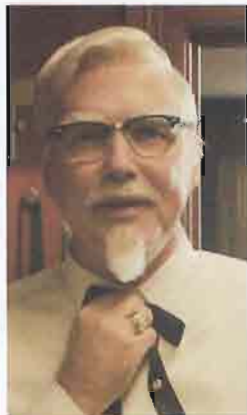
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Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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!

KFC's Col. Sanders is now Norm Macdonald



Ex-SNL comedian Norm Macdonald is Colonel Sanders in new KFC campaign.

KFC has entered the next phase in their resurrection of their brand icon and founder Colonel Sanders by replacing him with a newer colonel.

In a new series of commercials for the fast-food chain, "Last Comic Standing" judge and "Saturday Night Live" alum Norm

Macdonald takes his turn in donning the white mustache and jacket, replacing the previous version played by Darrell Hammond, the company said in a statement.

"Other than not quite looking like him, his voice being different, and his inability to cook the world's best chicken, we thought Norm was the perfect choice to play the Real Colonel. I think the fans will agree," said KFC US chief marketing officer Kevin Hochman.

Danny Connor, *continued from page 15*

It was in 1970 that Danny joined Shotts and Dykehead Pipe Band under Tom McAllister Jnr. and remained with the band until 1986, winning four World Championships during that time.

Danny left Shotts and Dykehead to join his sons Steven and Euan who were both playing with Lothian and Borders Police Pipe Band. Following retirement from pipe band competition, Danny turned to teaching and coaching young players mainly in the West Linton and Peebles areas.

Outside of pipe bands, in 1959 Danny married his wife Nan. They had three boys, Steven, Chris and Euan.

Danny's health deteriorated dramatically over the last few months and he passed away suddenly on 24th July.

His funeral service was held on 6 August 2015 in St. Joseph's Church, Peebles, followed by the committal at St Andrew's Cemetery on Neidpath Road.

All of Shotts and Dykehead Caledonia Pipe Band would like to extend our condolences to Nan, Steven, Chris, Euan and Danny's wider family and friends.



Crawford's, you're invited to the 2016 Crawford Family Convention

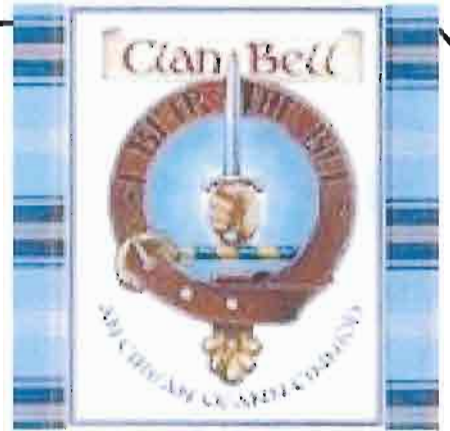
Take note that a Crawford Family Convention is scheduled to be held on Saturday May 7th 2016 at the George Hotel, 19-21 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PB for the purpose of electing a person to be appointed by the Lord Lyon as Clan Commander of the Crawford Family, as the first step towards the appointment of a Clan Chief.

The Convention will be held under the supervision of Mrs. Yvonne Holton, Dingwall Pursuivant, representative of Lord Lyon.

Membership of the Convention will be restricted to members of the Crawford family or those with a significant connection to the family. Invitations to the Convention have been sent out to a number of members of the Crawford family.

In the absence of an invitation, applications for membership of the Convention should be made to the Vice-President of the Clan Crawford Association, Dr. Joanne Crawford (jcrawfordphd@sbcglobal.net) by March 7th 2016. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the Vice-President.

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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Statutory birth, marriage and death indexes for 2014 are now available to search on ScotlandsPeople.

You can now view the updated indexes for statutory records until the end of 2014, and in addition to this, images for births until 1914, marriages until 1939 and deaths until 1964. You can also purchase an Extract, a fully certified copy of a birth, marriage or death certificate, for 12GBP. For more information on purchasing an official Extract, please visit:

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The mystery of the Rhynie man...

With thanks to Clan Davidson's Michelle Liquori Ross

Back in 1978, Gavin Alston, an Aberdeenshire farmer was ploughing his field when he uncovered a 6 foot high Pictish stone. The stone was carved with a distinctive figure carrying an axe, it quickly earned the name the 'Rhynie Man', coined from the village in which it was found. It was ploughed up on Barflat Farm in March 1978 and is a rare example of a small series of Pictish stones depicting figures, probably dating from the sixth or seventh centuries AD.

The Rynie Man is widely acknowledged as the finest carved single figure in Pictish art ever found in Scotland. Only a hand full of carvings depicting figures have been found dating back to the Pictish period. The Picts are one of the great mystery of pre Scottish history so clues about this time would unearth a time lost.

The stone depicts a man, with a large pointed nose wearing a headdress and carrying an axe over his shoul-

der, he is clad in some sort of sleeved garment that comes to his knee. He appears to be walking.

So who was he? There is now a theory that The Rhynie Man may have guarded a Pictish Fort. The stone was placed at what looks like the entrance to a large Pictish fort, which evidence is pointing to it being a Royal Pictish site, and that the so-called Rhynie Man's ax may have been a type that was used for ceremonies and animal sacrifice.

How could we know this?



We're supposed to store peanut butter upside down...so the oils will be distributed through the yummy stuff evenly.

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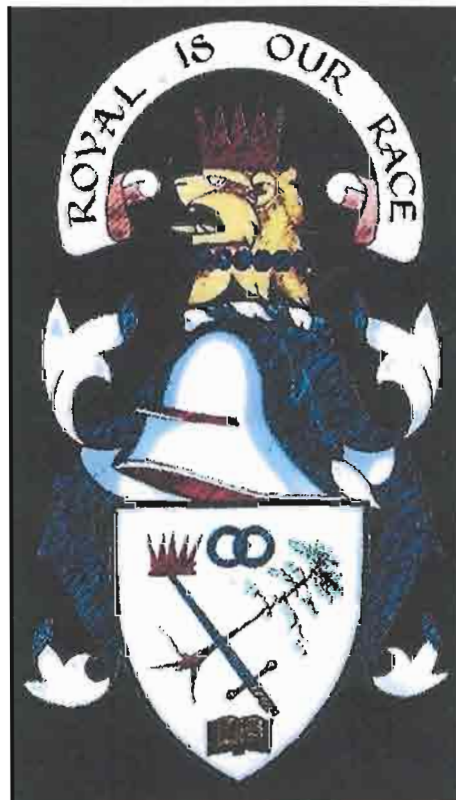
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Flowers of the Forest



Evelyn Margaret Currie, 88 of Drakes Branch, Virginia passed away peacefully on July 15, 2015 in Crewe, Virginia. Mrs. Currie, mother of Clan Currie Society president Robert Currie, was born on November 21, 1926 in Holden, Massachusetts to Henry and Catherine Gautreau. After leaving Massachusetts, she married Ashton Markoe Currie in 1953 and lived on a small farm in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

Mr. Currie's ancestors were Scottish crofters from the Isle of Arran who came to Canada during the Arran Clearances in 1828.

The couple quickly grew a family, first with a daughter followed by three sons. The family had the unique experience of living many aspects of farm life while living in suburban New Jersey, within 30 miles of New York City. For many years, family vacations were spent either on the Jersey shore or camping in the North Woods of Ontario, Canada.

In 1978, Mr. and Mrs. Currie moved to Drakes Branch, Virginia after he retired from his job with the Scotch Plains Board of Education. In her later years, her greatest joy was watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow and prosper.

Her family is grateful for the care and support provided her from local Meals on Wheels and her hospice caregivers.

Evelyn Currie is survived by her daughter, Margaret Young of Crewe, Virginia; four sons, William Hopkins of Drakes Branch, Virginia, Arthur Currie of Glen Allen, Virginia, Robert and his wife Suzanne Currie of Summit,

New Jersey, and David and his wife Ann Currie of Chesterfield, Virginia. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Lebanon United Methodist Church followed by internment in the church cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Browning-Duffer Funeral Home of Keysville, Virginia.

Bob Sutherland (Alonzo Robert Sutherland, Jr.) was born November 30, 1938, the son of Alonzo Robert Sutherland, Sr. and Ivett Maxine (Morck) Sutherland.

He leaves his wife of nearly 52 years, Nancy; his son Mark; his son Todd and his wife Susan and their children, Ryan and Greyson.

Working 40+ years on the railroad, he retired as the General Director of Locomotive Management with the Union Pacific Railroad.

Most recently, Bob spent his time living between Salida, Colorado and Papillion, Nebraska, where he was living when he passed away.

Bob enjoyed hunting, camping, many outdoor activities travelling, and experimenting in the kitchen.

He was a donor of the University of Nebraska and loved playing with his grandkids.

He was an officer in the Clan Sutherland and an active member of the MonArk Shrine Club, Salida Colorado.

His mission now complete, he has been promoted and transferred home to manage and watch over his family until their missions are complete, and they are ready to join him.



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To be *newsletter contest* or not to be *newsletter contest*? That is the question.

I've had several communications recently concerning the newsletter contests we used to have, which were very successful.

I need your help in making the decision of whether or not to resume those competitions.

There really isn't any problem on this end about the issue.

* I have qualified judges nearby.

* We can judge either electronic or paper publications - although, most judges would like to have a paper copy so they may make notes in your pages.

* Prizes would come from entry fees.

* The competitions would be run so that publications of like quality would compete with each other.

* Entries would be accepted in many categories including publications from: Scottish clans, Scottish societies, Scottish games programs, Scottish event programs....

* Entries which are sent primarily via email/Internet, would be judged with like entries.

* Entries which are sent by USPS and are paper copies would be judged with like entries - and all entries would be carefully considered so that the competition would be as fair as possible.

* Genealogical Societies would also be accepted as entries following pretty much the same rules as above for Scottish groups.

* If other ethnicities wished to enter, that would be fine...hoping that enough would enter to make it a contest.

What do you think?

Prizes? There would be cash prizes taken from the entry fees for the grand prize winner and nice certificates for other winners.

We'd need a total of at least 50 newsletters/programs/publications in order to have a good contest. We used to have over 300 publications entered. That was FUN.

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Appeal for information - Scots-Italians and Midwives



We've been delighted with the response to our recent appeal to those who have an ancestor who was a midwife in Scotland, or with Scots-Italians ancestry.

If you have a story to tell, we would love to learn more about your ancestor's life and experiences in Scotland for two forthcoming projects at the National Records

of Scotland. We apologise for previously giving out the incorrect contact address. Please get in touch with us at enquiries@scotlandspeoplehub.gov.uk.

You might wish to contact The ScotlandsPeople team at: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

With thanks to The Scotlands People team.

Deaths of Seamen and other Marine Returns of Deaths go online

A complete record of the deaths of Scottish seafarers from late Victorian times until 1974 is being made available online for the first time through ScotlandsPeople.

Among the 14,000 new records available through ScotlandsPeople are monthly returns of the Deaths of Seamen, which list Scots along with other crew members of all nationalities who were serving on British-registered vessels between 1897-1974.

The records were compiled by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen. Only the Scots can be searched for by name.

Other Marine Returns released online are the Returns of Deaths at Sea, 1902-1905. All the Marine Returns can be searched within the statutory registers by using the "Marine Returns" option under Minor Records.

Read more about the Minor Records available.

Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop, said:

"Scotland is a maritime nation with fascinating stories and an important seafaring history and these new online registers will provide wider access to this heri-

tage. I welcome the addition of this new resource that NRS is making available, which is part of the story of Scotland and will encourage people from across the world and at home to find out more about Scotland's seafaring heritage".

Tim Ellis, Registrar General and Keeper of the Records of Scotland, said:

"The Returns of Deaths of Seamen and Deaths at Sea open a window into the lives of Scots seafarers in the first half of the twentieth century. They reveal the dangers experienced by seamen and passengers alike, and provide useful information for anyone wishing to discover more about their ancestors. Our commitment at National Records of Scotland is to continue to extend digital access to the key records that researchers want."

Find out more about William M Murdoch, First Officer on the fateful HMS Titanic, and the crew on The Lusitania. Also discover other fascinating entries uncovered in the Returns of Deaths at Sea.

You might wish to contact The ScotlandsPeople team at: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk



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How did Scotland relate to wider European patterns in later prehistory? This key topic is addressed by the papers in this volume, which review recent work on the Scottish later Bronze Age and Iron Age in the light of its neighbors. The Authors use the explosion of recent data to investigate settlements and domestic architecture, art, craft, beliefs and environmental change.

Walter Crawford, World Bird Sanctuary founder, dies

From the *St. Louis Dispatch and The Clan Crawford Newsletter*.

Walter C. "Stormy" Crawford Jr., the executive director and founder of the World Bird Sanctuary in Valley Park, 70, died Friday (July 17, 2015) after routine surgery.

Board President John Kemper said Saturday that the sanctuary's staff and volunteers are committed to continuing the task Mr. Crawford started 38 years ago when he worked side-by-side with Marlin Perkins at the St. Louis Zoo.

"We are going to continue his legacy," Kemper said. "He was a dynamic leader. We're going to miss him. But he trained a lot of people and everyone of them knows how he did what he did."

Kemper said plans are underway for a public memorial service at the Bird Sanctuary. The date will be posted on the sanctuary website.

Mr. Crawford in a 1998 interview with the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council growing up near the tropical jungles of Venezuela, where his father, Walter Crawford Sr., was employed as a petroleum engineer.

Following a tour of duty in Vietnam, Mr. Crawford returned to his place of birth, St. Louis, and the home state of his mother, Lucille Jokerst Crawford — a Ste. Genevieve native.

It was then, while pursuing a Ph.D at St. Louis University and working full-time in the zoo's ornithological department that Mr. Crawford met Mr. Perkins, the zoo director better known for his side job as the television host of the Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom. Perkins encouraged Mr. Crawford to relocate the rescued birds of prey then roosting in Mr. Crawford's home ("The neighbors were relatively understanding, but still, in those situations it's not a good thing") to an off-site wolf sanctuary operated by Perkins and his wife.

In 1977, Mr. Crawford set off on his own, estab-



lishing what was then called the Raptor Rehabilitation & Propagation Project on 305 acres in Valley Park that served as an Army munitions depot during the second world war. The organization that became the World Bird Sanctuary began with two employees, one being Mr. Crawford's four-year-old son.

The sanctuary now has 25 people on its payroll. In addition to rescuing, healing and nurturing bald eagles and other birds of prey, Mr. Crawford made sure public education was a critical component of the sanctuary mission.

Since 1977, countless groups from schools and other institutions have visited the sanctuary for ornithological lectures and symposiums. In addition to his role as the sanctuary founder, Mr. Crawford was a member of the VFW, the American Legion and the founder of the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association.

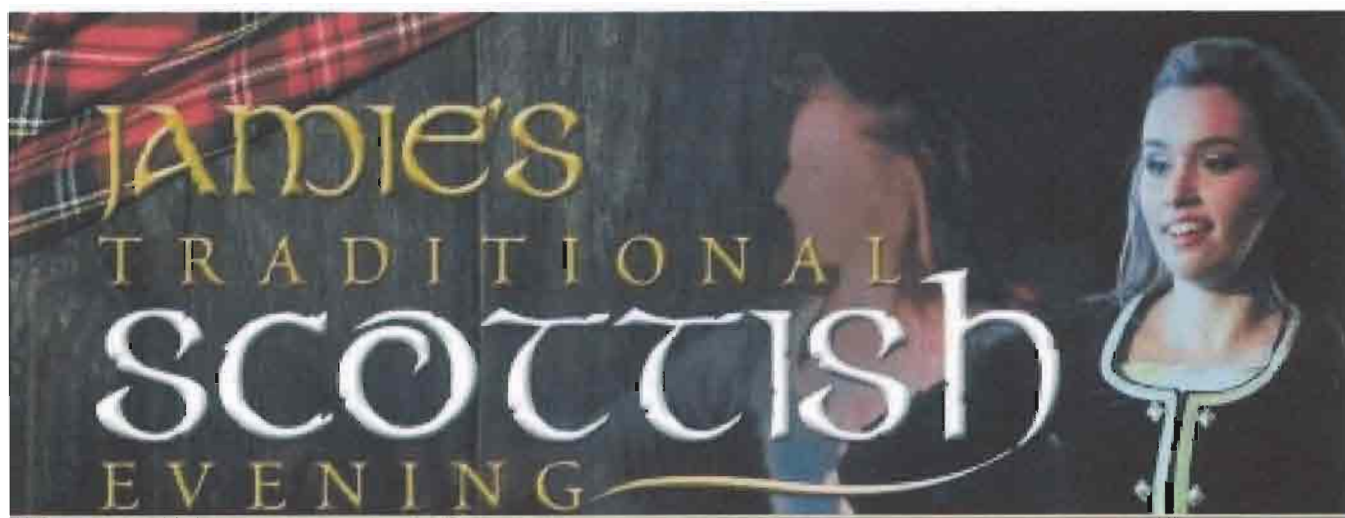
"When I got out of Vietnam, I had seen what destructive force humans had," Mr. Crawford said in the 1998 interview. "We can kill each other without any thought. I knew I had to do something better with my life. That kind of cemented my decision about what I was going to do, and I stuck to it from day one."

His appointment as Curator of Ornithology and Avian Research of the Guyana Zoo, was consistent with an educator who traveled the world to deliver the message about bird rehabilitation and preservation.

Mr. Crawford is survived by his wife, Patricia, whom he married in March, his son, Brian (M.J.) Crawford of Fenton, and four grandchildren.

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