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## Clan Buchanan Society, International has a Chief for the first time since 1681

One of Scotland's largest and most ancient clans now has a chief for the first time in 337 years.

The Clan Buchanan will be led by John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan, who first made his claim to the title more than 20 years ago.

The chiefship was last held by John Buchanan until his death without a male heir in 1681.

The new chief, whose formal title will be "The Buchanan," said he was "honoured and proud" to take up the role.

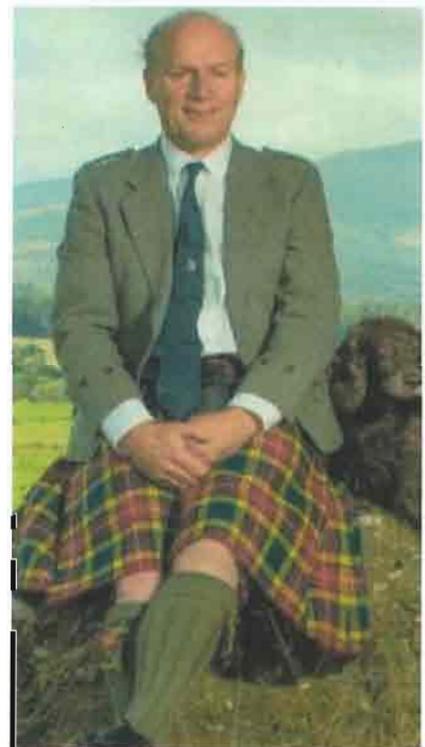
It has taken decades of genealogical research to back up his claim.

The Lord Lyon King of Arms, who is head of the Lyon Court, which regulates Scottish heraldry, formally upheld a petition for Mr. Buchanan to assume the chiefship in September of 2018.

It follows decades of research conducted by renowned genealogist, Hugh Peskett, who traced former US President Ronald Reagan's Irish ancestry in the 1980s.

Mr Buchanan, who is the manager of Cambusmore Estate in Callander, Stirlingshire, said it had been "a long journey" to prove his family's lineage.

He said: "There has not been a chief for a very long time - over



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337 years - but there is a thriving community of Buchanan

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Letter from your editor...

## Good ideas they are a'comin' fast!

I have been known to clear a room by saying, "Gee whiz, I just had this idea!"

Where did everybody go?

I reckon it's because my ideas usually involve what has become a "four letter word"...WORK.

In my entire life, I have never worked a day doing anything I did not love to do...that means, you never work - it is all fun! (I still do that...*BNFT* is one of those things I love to do - as are all of the the publications I create.)

Just a few of the ideas that I so enjoyed and that did well...and I must give credit to Miz Peggie - that is, Peggie McCubbin who was my beloved fourth and fifth grade teacher.

She taught me that it was ok to think outside the box...and to be creative. What a gift!

Mmmm. Professionally, I thought of the WMOP Country Club for all of our radio listeners down in Ocala, Florida. We played country music...so, that one was a complete no-brainer. We ended up with literally thousands of card carrying members.

My job was Promotions Director, amongst a lot of other things, and we did some really fun things for our advertisers. I was The Christmas Elf every year, too!

The idea I, myself, enjoyed most (of course) was when I rode my AQHA mare, Poco Lanette aka Sweet Thing, broadcasting on a 25-mile Ride for Garfield to aid dogs and cats. Followed by the WMOP red, white and blue van, I juggled reins, notes, stopwatch and extra notes and microphone for the entire way. Sweet Thing never walked a step. She pranced the entire way. What fun!

Then there was Hay for Hungry Deer back when Utah had such a horrrific winter and their wild deer were dying of starvation.

I lived in Moultrie, Georgia at that time - the largest agricultural county east of the Mississippi. It

occurred to me that our farmers might just help. I remember thinking, "So much suffering takes place that I can't do a thing about...maybe I can help a little with this one."

We ended up having four boxcars of our good Georgia hay - donated by our farmers along with bags of Deer Chow which our city folk had bought and donated...sent on the railroad to feed those hungry deer in Utah. See? Ideas are such fun - and help. The boxcars were FREE as was the "ticket" for the hay to Utah.

Recently, Clan Blair announced it is having a **Cyber AGM** hosted by Zoom...where all members with computers, Internet, or telephone can participate! Everyone! This is without travel or hotel expenses...everyone can take part in their AGM. A great idea Clan Blair!

Just a day or so ago, I learned of the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Scottish Festival which thought of asking the clans attending their event to adopt athletes who were competing. The clans were asked to give the athletes a pin or patch to wear while in the competition.

The adopted athletes all visited "their" clans and new friendships were begun.

Clan Henderson, who wrote about this, said that their four athletes would compete under the Henderson name at all games in which they are involved so long as they wish. (*See-page 33.*)

Didn't the Highland Games begin as a test of strength and used by the Scottish clans and the military to determine the strongest competitors?

That tradition has returned - at least in New York. Another great idea, Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Scottish Festival!



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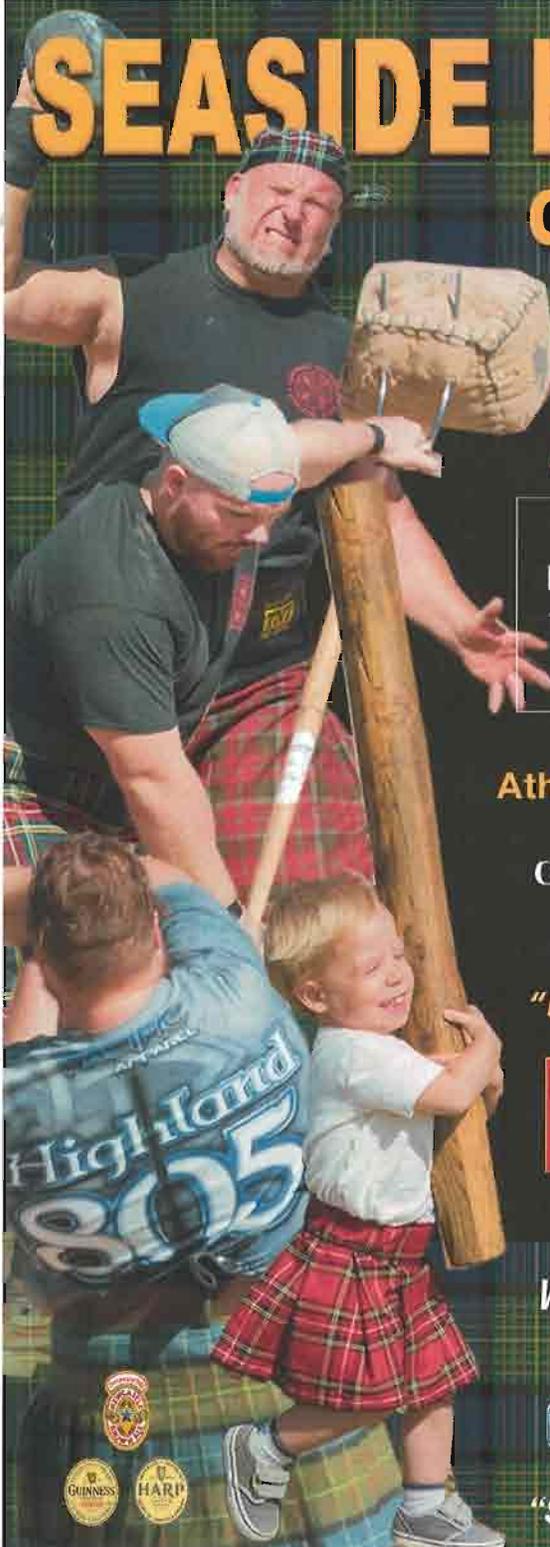
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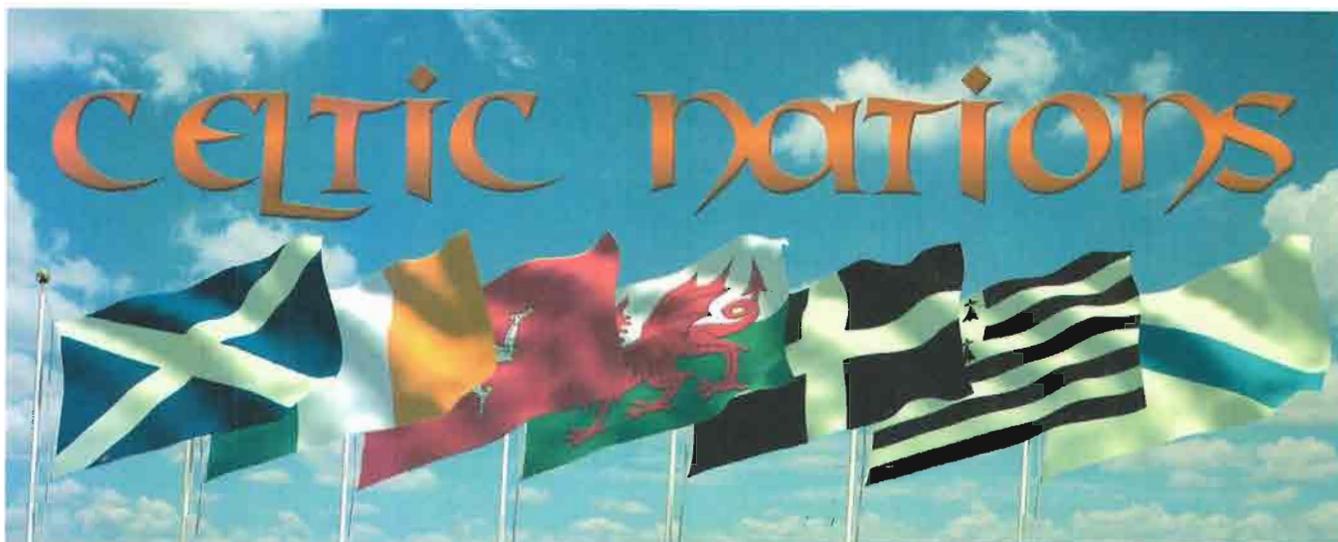


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*Graphic designer and artist, Mark Anthony Henderson created the above montage of the Seven Celtic Nations' flags. Can you identify them? They are: Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany and Galicia.*

## The SAS of Tallahassee's Culinary Ceilidh Visits the Clyde Valley

Our 15<sup>th</sup> Culinary Ceilidh will be on Friday, October 5, when the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida, continues our Gastronomic Journey through Scotland's regions, stopping in Greater Glasgow and the Clyde Valley. This region includes beautiful, bustling cities full of international flavor juxtaposed against pristine natural habitats and farmlands so rich they are famed as the "Garden of Scotland". The regions fruit orchards too, started by the 5<sup>th</sup> century monasteries, are Scotland's major fruit producers.

Our planned menu was inspired by all of these attributes of this region and its history, both ancient and modern: Potage of Bouef with side salad (beef ragout on beet crostini, a 16<sup>th</sup> century recipe inspired by the deer parks which surrounded the region's stately homes); Minutal Matianum (a pork and apple stew recipe from the Roman Era of the Antonine Wall, one of the two UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the region); Chicken Tikka Masala (a mild chicken curry, now considered Britain's "National Dish" which was created in Glasgow in 1970 by a Bangladeshi chef); Poached Pear with Vanilla ice

cream (a 16<sup>th</sup> century recipe for pear poached in claret inspired by the Clyde Valley orchards).

Mark your calendars now since you will not want to miss this next stop on our journey.

If, for some reason you have dietary or other limitations which will keep you from enjoying any of the set menu, just tell the events staff when you sign up.

Come join your fellow Scots for an evening meant to educate, entertain, amuse, and inspire you, as we begin the second leg of our journey through the regions of Scotland exploring Scottish cuisine.

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Sign up began on September 11<sup>th</sup> so don't delay. To sign up go by the Events Desk just inside the north entrance to the Tallahassee Publix Village Square store or call 893-3480 and talk to one of the Events staff who will be happy to take your reservation and payment. The cost is \$45 per person –which includes four courses and five wines – no tax, no tip.



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# Why Genetics Researchers Are Looking for the Loch Ness Monster

**“I don’t believe that there’s a monster, but if I’m wrong, well, that’s OK.”**

ERIC GRUNDHAUSER, writing in *Atlas Obscura*

THE LOCH NESS MONSTER IS maybe the greatest and certainly the most sturdy cryptid myth of the modern age. But after a century or so of searching, no one has been able to find irrefutable evidence of any strange creatures lurking in the murky depths of Scotland’s Loch Ness. So why would a team of serious genetic scientists decide to head back to the loch in search of the legend?

Ask Neil Gemmell, whose Super Natural History Project will do just that early next month. Gemmell, a genetics expert from the University of Otago in New Zealand, says he sees the Loch Ness Monster myth as a great way to bring attention to the study of environmental DNA (eDNA) research. “It’s a project that’s bringing people together, and it’s created more of a buzz about eDNA than probably any other project I’ve been involved in,” he says.

Environmental DNA is trace DNA that is collected from a particular environment, and then compared to available databases of genetic information to identify the various forms of life recently present in an area. Researchers working with eDNA isolate the biological scraps left over in an environmental sample (think skin cells, waste, or other biomaterial), and try to match their DNA sequence to a known creature, proving that it was there.

The technique has proven effective at finding hard-to-locate creatures such as the Alabama sturgeon. But it took a little more than science to convince Gemmell to head to Loch Ness, ostensibly in search of a monster. “My kids think this is the coolest idea that dad’s ever had, and all their their school chums thought it was a great idea too,” he says. “Spurred on by that enthusiasm, I think I’d stumbled on a way to talk about the science that I care about in a way that captures people’s imaginations.”



We spoke to Gemmell just a day before he set out for Scotland, where he and his team are set to spend the next two weeks or so collecting samples from the loch. “We’re going to be sampling and filtering an awful lot of water. It’s not overly glamorous to be fair,” he says. The team will be taking around 300 different water samples from different parts of the loch in order to get as wide a range of environmental data as possible. This means skimming water off of the surface in some places, and in others collecting samples from hundreds of feet down. “I don’t know quite what’s down there, but we’ll probably pick up some bacterial species,” says Gemmell. “Because it’s deep, it’s dark, and it very quickly goes from a light-driven ecology to something that’s driven by bacteria. What we find down there might be quite interesting.”

Gemmell expects that from the samples his team will be able to establish a survey of the common types of life in the loch, including bacterial life, specific plant life, and species of fish known to inhabit the waters including salmon, char, trout, and others. It’s also hoped that they might find evidence of rarer types of

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fish thought to inhabit the lake, such as flounder.

It's obviously unlikely that they'll find evidence of the Loch Ness Monster, but that doesn't mean their study won't shine some light on the truth of the myth. "I think the chances that we'll find a monster are extremely small," says Gemmell. "Of course there's also this idea that some of the monster myth may be underpinned by giant fish that were introduced to Loch Ness or have been there. Things like sturgeon, catfish, or sharks may all be explanations of what people have seen from time to time."

No matter what the team finds, true believers in the legend should take heart—the results of eDNA analysis are limited to the time and place they were collected. "It's only telling us about what's present in Loch Ness in June 2018, and probably a few days before we arrive. It's not a history of the entire loch," says Gemmell. This point is relevant to the many Loch Ness Monster believers who contend that the monster periodically leaves the loch to go out to sea. "If that's true, and Nessie's on holiday, then we aren't going to pick up anything."

Just for the sake of argument, what if they did find evidence of a monster?

First they would have to identify it as monster DNA. "If the sequence is totally new to science, it should stand out," says Gemmell. It has been posited that the Loch Ness Monster is alien or supernatural in origin, in which case no one knows what traces of it would look like. But the most common version of the Loch Ness legend is that the monster is a plesiosaur that has somehow survived into the modern age. If that's the case, the Super Natural History Project

is ready. "We're starting from the position that it is a biological entity, and that there will be a DNA signature that will fit somewhere on the Tree of Life," says Gemmell. "While we haven't got plesiosaur DNA, we can pretty much make a good guess of what plesiosaur DNA would look like, using a process called ancestral state reconstruction."

Essentially, if the team found DNA that they couldn't match with available databases, they would begin checking to see if it fit in anywhere close to where they speculate a plesiosaur's DNA might have fallen—somewhere near crocodylians and birds.

Still, if the team did find anomalous DNA, don't expect them to rush to announce the monster's existence to the world. Gemmell is not interested in becoming another in a long line of Loch Ness hunters who too quickly announced their findings, only to have them swiftly fall apart

under scrutiny. "Ultimately you want your results to be reproducible by a separate study, one that we have no role in," he says. "An extraordinary claim, like for example, that the Loch Ness Monster is real, needs extraordinary evidence."

Chances aren't good that the Super Natural History Project will finally prove the existence of the Loch Ness Monster, but the popularity of the legend is set to produce some great scientific data. "This is why we search, this is why we investigate. We don't fully understand our natural world, and when we do these investigations, it throws up surprises," says Gemmell. "I don't believe that there's a monster, but if I'm wrong, well, that's OK. I'd suddenly write my *Wikipedia* page. It wouldn't be quite what I expected it to be."



 **EIFFEL TOWER**

When the Eiffel Tower opened in 1889, it was soon revealed that the designer Gustave Eiffel had built himself a small apartment near the top of the world wonder. Located on the third level of the tower, Eiffel's private apartment was not large, but it was cozy. The walls were covered in warm wallpaper and the furniture included soft chintzes, wooden cabinets, and even a grand piano, creating a comfortable atmosphere, perched nearly 1,000 feet in the air.

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## Clan Buchanan Chief, continued from page 1

clansmen, clanswomen and septs around the world, committing myself to clan matters in Scotland and attending some of the popular clan functions that take place overseas."

He added: "My family has been acknowledged as leaders of one of the principal clan septs, the Buchanans of Leny and Arnprior, for many years but we have also believed that we had a good case for the overall chiefship.

We first approached the Lyon Court informally over 20 years ago and it has taken decades of genealogical research to back up our claim.

"I am indebted to Hugh Peskett, my fellow Buchanan clansman, for his meticulous research and enduring tenacity."

George Lauder McAusland, commissioner for Scotland and the UK of the Clan Buchanan International Society, congratulated Mr. Buchanan on his appointment.

He said: "Clan Buchanan has members worldwide and having a chief for the first time in over 300 years will be an exciting time and a great opportunity to promote our great clan to even greater heights."

The Clan Buchanan, whose historic seat was the now-ruined Buchanan Auld House in Stirlingshire, can be traced back to 1010 in Scotland.

There are Buchanans in countries including the UK, the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Jamaica.

David J. Byrne, President of the Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc., in the USA said: "On behalf of the Clan Buchanan Society International, I offer my sincerest congratulations to John Michael Buchanan on his being confirmed by the Court of the Lord Lyon as Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan.

"After 337 years our Clan is complete once again. Join with Clan members of the name Buchanan and our many other sept names around the world in welcoming Michael as our chief!"

Patty Hopkinson, the Clan Buchanan Society International's genealogist, said: "I could not be more pleased by the announcement of this wonderful news regarding the Lord Lyon recognising John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan's petition to assume the chiefship of our wonderful clan. This is an exciting time for Clan Buchanan and for Buchanan genealogy. I look forward to lending my full support to our new chief."

The Clan Buchanan Society International flies a banner at Highland games around the world which features a lion rampant with tears of sorrow to represent the sadness of clansmen without a chief.

The new chief has four children with his wife The Lady Buchanan including heir apparent, Angus John Buchanan younger of that Ilk, Bruce, Lucy and Rory.

As well as those with the surname Buchanan, clansmen and women also include those with Scot-



tish roots and surnames such as Bohannon, Coleman, Colman, Cormack, Dewar, Dove, Dow, Gibb, Gibbon, Gibson, Gilbert, Gilbertson, Harper, Masters, Masterson, Morris, Morrison (some only), Richardson, Rush, Rusk, Walter, Walters, Wasson, Waters, Watson, Watt, Watters and Weir. These are known as septs.

Clan Chiefs must be approved by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. The Lord Lyon, through the Lyon Court, has full judicial powers to enforce use of heraldry and coats of arms in Scotland as a "Court of Chivalry" and it is the last surviving court of chivalry in the world. Its powers are governed by an Act of the Scots Parliament in 1672. The court sits with judge and advocates in wigs and robes.

For more information about Hugh Peskett including his website and contact details, please visit: [hughpeskett.co.uk](http://hughpeskett.co.uk).

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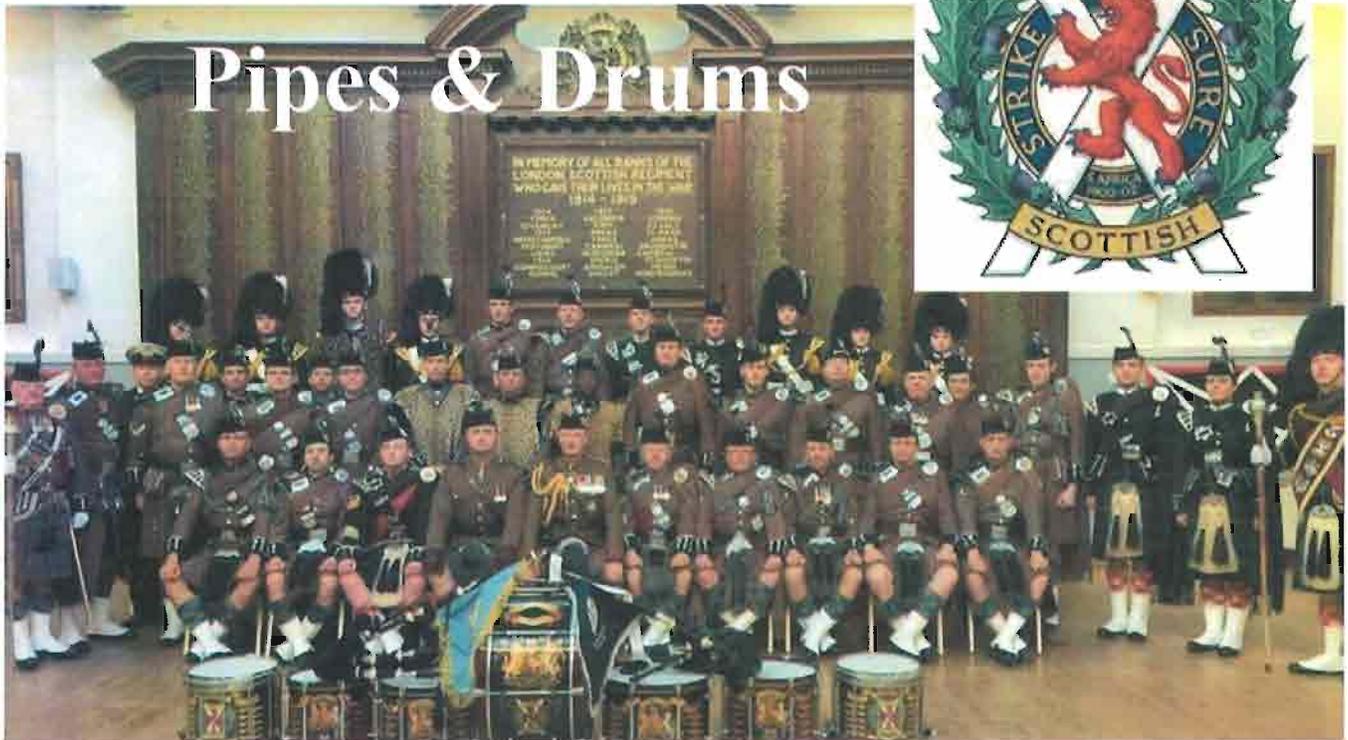
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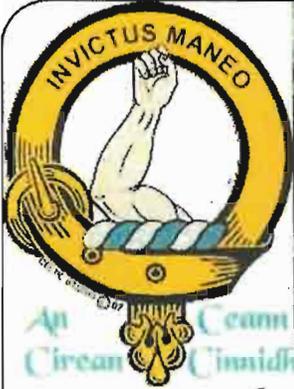
A member of the London Scottish Pipes & Drums wrote, “One of our busiest weekends awaits in the form of the Lord Mayor’s Show in the City of London on Saturday 10th November, followed by our famous Church Parade on the Sunday.

This annual event sees the band disrupt a large section West London as we march from our HQ on Horseferry Road to St Columba’s Church, and then back again.

The last time that we played both events on the same weekend, in 2016, we were joined by our friends from the Tayforth University Officers’ Training Corps (UOTC) Pipes and Drums, whom we hope to play together with again in the future.”

The Tayforth University Officers Training Corps (UOTC) Pipes and Drums, below, from Dundee, Scotland.





# The Armstrong Clan Society

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

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# Profiles in Courage: Our Determined Immigrant Ancestors

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

The United States of America is a nation of immigrants. There were major waves of immigration during the Colonial era, the first part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and from the 1880s to 1920. Many immigrants came to America seeking greater economic opportunity; others sought religious freedom. While immigrants left Europe and the British Isles for many of the same reasons, there were circumstances unique to individual ethnic groups.

The decision to leave the old country for a chance at a new beginning was a life-changing event with a multitude of challenges. The voyage was costly and the immigrants could only take with them what they could carry. Leaving the communities of their birth, which were at least familiar despite hardship, discrimination, and all too often, violence, they arrived in a land where the language and customs were unfamiliar. Few people in modern times can relate to the emotions and dangers facing those who left their native lands and families behind.

Disease, illness, fear of the unknown and economic hardships were among the many challenges immigrants faced after making the trip to America. Parents always feared the death of their children. Health care was marginal at best for most immigrants in the 17<sup>th</sup> through early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Families were larger and many women died giving birth. If the children did survive beyond a young age, parents worried about raising and feeding them. Having enough safe food and water to consume was a worry for many people, both in rural areas and in cities.

Religious persecution was not as much of an issue in America as in the old country, but the fear still existed. In certain areas, there were those who wanted to do away with anyone who practiced a disfavored religion.

Ethnic profiling is not unique to the modern era. At one time, immigrants of Irish heritage could not get decent housing or a job. The same was true for many German immigrants, as well as those from Poland or Italy.

Our ancestors who made that journey for a new life in a new land were a determined group of individuals. Once in the new land, even if most of the descendants stayed in the same location for years, sometime along the way, a branch of the family headed out in a wagon, on the railroad, or via steam ship to a new frontier. Again there was fear of the unknown. History shows that in spite of



these obstacles, the challenges usually were met with courage.

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Emigration is the act of leaving a resident country or place of residence with the intent to settle elsewhere. Conversely, immigration describes the movement of persons into one country from another. Both are acts of migration across national or other geographical boundaries.

# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/ C A R N I E , CURRIEHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, H A L Y A R D / H A L L Y A R D , MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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# “Hidden” Attic in Westminster Abbey is opening as a museum

Brigit Katz, SMITHSONIAN.COM

High above the ornate chapels, famed royal tombs and precious relics of the British monarchy, London’s Westminster Abbey is home to a “hidden” medieval attic. Known as the triforium, Sir John Betjeman, a former poet laureate of the United Kingdom, once called it “the best view in Europe.” Few, however, have been able to experience it; for the past 700 years, the enclave has been closed to the general public.

That will change on Monday. The triforium is opening up to the public on June 11 as a new museum called the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Galleries. (Fundraising efforts began in the 60th year of Queen Elizabeth II’s reign—her Diamond Jubilee). As Martin Bailey reports for the Art Newspaper, the new museum will showcase 300 artifacts from the Abbey’s 1,000-year history.

To allow visitors to reach the triforium, which is a 50 foot climb up, architect Ptolemy Dean designed a beautiful new tower onto the church—the first major addition since towers, designed by the architect Nicholas Hawksmoor, were built between 1722 and 1745.

The new Weston Tower, which Oliver Wainwright of the Guardian likens to a “gothic space rocket,” blends a contemporary aesthetic with elements from the past. Thousands of stained glass shards, which were discovered while the triforium was undergoing renovations, have been incorporated into the tower’s windows, according to Betty Wood of The Spaces. The tower’s star-shaped layout was

inspired by an intersecting square motif found in the Henry VII Lady Chapel.

Once visitors arrive at the gallery, they will encounter hundreds of relics organized into four themes: Building Westminster Abbey, which traces the church’s history back to its foundations in 960 C.E.; Worship and Daily Life; Westminster Abbey and the Monarchy; and the Abbey and National Memory, which explores how the Abbey—with its many tombs and memorials—has become an important site of remembrance in the U.K.

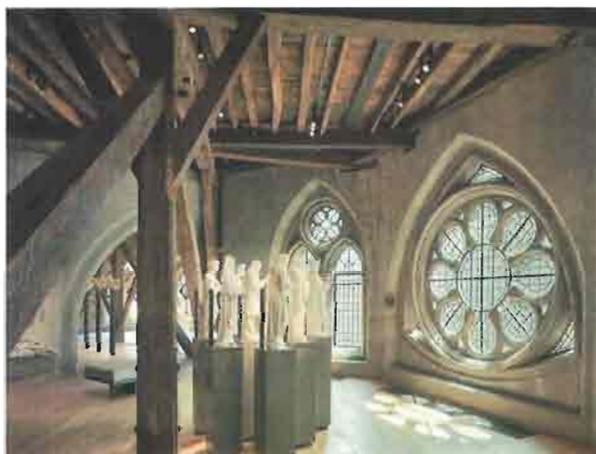
Among the highlights on display are a life-like funeral effigy of Henry VII, the coronation chair of Mary II and a 300-year-old stuffed African Grey parrot that, in its livelier days, was

a favorite companion of Frances Stuart, the Duchess of Richmond and Lennox. For fans of the modern-day royal family, the wedding certificate of Prince William and Kate Middleton, who were married at Westminster Abbey in 2011, is also on display.

In a statement, the dean of Westminster’s John Hall, said that he thinks “people will be amazed and thrilled at the space and the views, as well as the astonishingly rich collection of objects on display, with connections throughout the past thousand years.”

Read more: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/hidden-attic-westminster-abbey-opening-museum-180969209/#IEJb1K14RKJ3avbJ.99>

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



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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

# Clan MacLellan plans a Scotland trip for August 2019 and you're invited

Clan MacLellan has a trip to Scotland planned for August 2019.

Connie McClelland, our tour guide extraordinaire, recently let us know that work has been progressing on the castle restoration project; and Richard Torrance, the author who wrote the book about the McClellans of Galloway and Margaret Hamilton, the genealogist-herself a McClellan, have both confirmed that they will be meeting our group.

We will be stopping at the House of Tartan where they are continuing to weave our Tartan and have many great MacLellan items for sale.

We are confirmed to tour the distillery once owned by the MacLellans.

All this and so much more will be included in this once in a life time trip. If you would like more info on this awesome trip, please contact Connie at [thistlelegacy@gmail.com](mailto:thistlelegacy@gmail.com).



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# Ft. Myers, Florida Regional Library Celebrates with Genealogy Classes

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Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

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Good Afternoon: Our 2018 Family Histories Month Genealogical Class series is fast approaching. The focus this year will be on demonstration of major genealogical databases.

Are classes will be held Thursday, October 4 – Saturday, October 6th. This change was due to other events taking place in the meeting rooms on each of the remaining Saturdays in October.

Because the classes will begin at 9:30am, attendees wanting to use the free patron parking lot adjacent to the meeting rooms should have no problem finding parking spaces.

Wi-Fi access is available in the South Building. Patrons who wish to bring their laptops are welcome to do so. Attendees who register will receive instructions on how to access our Wi-Fi when email registration reminders are sent out prior to the beginning of classes.

All programs are free and open to the public. Advance Registration is required. Patrons may register for the classes using one of the following methods:

1. Telephone: Call 479-4636 and select the option for registering for programs.
2. Telephone: Call Bryan I. Mulcahy at 533-4626 and leave your contact information.
3. E-Mail: Contact Bryan L. Mulcahy at [bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com).



## Edinburgh's coat of arms

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland.

When establishing the city, its founders inscribed a motto on their coat of arms that serves as a great reminder for life.

The motto is "Nissi Dominus Frustra." It means, "Without the Lord Frustration!"

# Clan MacCord Society

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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015

# Lallans

Scots Language Society  
/ Scots Leid Associe

## *Our October letter from George Watt and The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters*

(I find if I read the Scots out loud, I can pretty well figure out what it says. It really IS great fun!)

### How to get your very own copy of “*Eiks an Ens*”

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The newsletter o the Scots Leid Associe  
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**LALLANS INDEX**

Is there ony guid saul wull index *Lallans* for posterity? Contact Elaine at [failte@go-plus.net](mailto:failte@go-plus.net)  
Luik up the new [Scots Leid Associe Blog!](#) Wi thanks ti Alistair Heather for settin it up.

An check oot the new *Scotsoun* CD: [RAVINES](#) bi David C. Purdie

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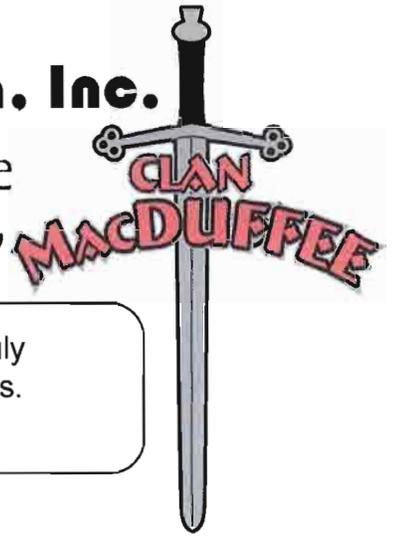
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# MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

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# Sinclair Flowers of the Forest



**Steve Leo Sinclair**, age 53, resident of De Pere, Wisconsin passed away on April 9, 2018. He was born October 11, 1964 to Rosalie (Geurts) Sinclair and Roland "Gene" Sinclair in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

He attended Purdue University, Lesley University, NOVA Southeastern University, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and several more institutions as he was a lifelong learner and teacher.

Steve married Laura Beck on June 6, 1986 in De Pere, Wisconsin on the grounds of St. Norbert College. Together, they raised three wonderful children.

Steve worked as an Instructional Technology Innovation Specialist at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. He was a board member of the Friends of the Brown County Library and enjoyed helping with their semi-annual book sales.

He loved everything technology based and liked to build things in his free time.

His favorite pastime, however, was playing

*Dungeons and Dragons* with friends.

Steve is survived by his spouse, Laura; children Gwyer, Cambria and Keygan; siblings Paul (Mona) Sinclair of Zionsville, Indiana, Kevin "Casey" (Becky) Sinclair of New Franken and Lynda (Joe) Privett of De Pere and many other family and friends. Steve was preceded in death by his parents Rosalie and Gene Sinclair and his brother Lange "Buster" Sinclair. Steve joined our Clan Sinclair (USA) family in 2011.

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**Fred Weems St. Clair**, age 86, was born on June 17, 1931 and passed away on November 21, 2017. Fred was a resident of Bastian, Virginia at the time of passing. His family indicated that our Sinclair *Yours Aye* newsletter brought him such joy.

Fred joined our Clan Sinclair (USA) family in 2006.

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It is with extreme sadness that I inform you of the passing of **Pam Sinclair**. Pam and Roger were among the very first members of Clan Sinclair Australia and have always shown strong support for all of our activities.

Those of you who have met Pam at our local gatherings and/or at our international gatherings will

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# Eliot Clan Society, USA

## Membership Information 2018

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 Elliots of known Scottish descent.

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

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

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

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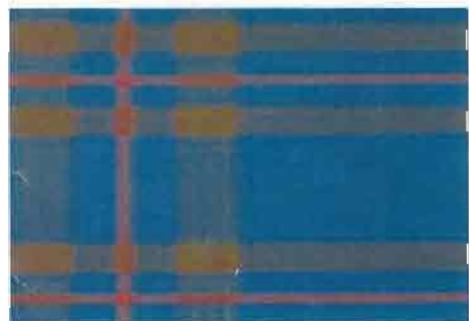
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# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Florida Family History Conference registration now open

You're invited to the 22nd Annual Florida Family History Conference on Saturday, November 10th, 2018 from 9am – 4:00pm. We are one of the largest family history conferences on the East Coast of the United States! This east coast event brings world-class speakers from all over the country to help you find your family's history! Our goal is to bring you the latest news on where to find information on your ancestors as well as big, new changes to Internet research sites.

Location: We are proudly holding the conference again at OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL at 4301 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32835.

Our Keynote Speaker again this year features Crista Cowan, Corporate Genealogist at Ancestry.com!

We are delighted to have Crista join us as she hosts multiple classes on how to effectively use Ancestry.com as well as talking about her nationally famous weekly YouTube show, "The Barefoot Genealogist."

ADMISSION: The admission fee is \$50.00 per person and includes the conference notebook. Lunch and the conference flash drive will be available for an additional fee (details below). Please note that there

can be no refunds due to our contractual agreements with vendors. The event is free for students aged 18 years old or younger! At the door, we will accept cash, checks, MasterCard, and Visa.

Again this year you will have the opportunity to sign up for FREE one-on-one 15-minute sessions with the experts!! Several faculty members will be available each hour, but you must act quickly to reserve a time slot! Click on the conference schedule for the classes and "Ask an Expert."

Twelve classes run simultaneously all day. View the Schedule to see all classes and times. Please register for the classes you want as soon as possible because seating is limited! You will get an e-mail confirmation of your classes and when you arrive at the conference you will receive a print-out of the class schedule you have chosen.

The conference does not have facilities for childcare, so we hope you'll make your own arrangements for babysitting.

For complete information on the conference and also complete information for registration, just visit: <http://familyhistoryconference.org/>



## Sinclair Flowers of the Forest,

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have fond memories of her. She was always very friendly and great fun to be with. Pam had been very ill for quite some time. I had been aware of this; however, Pam did not want the news of her illness to be widely known.

Our thoughts are with Roger, Nicola, Anna, James, Lucy and all of their family members at this very difficult time.

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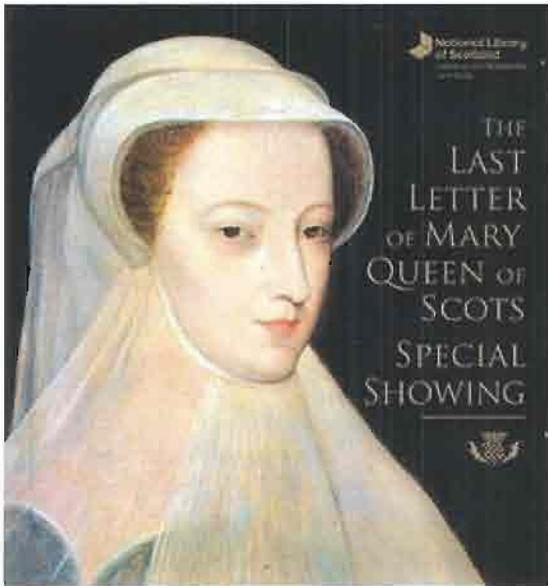


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# Rare chance to see the last letter written by Mary, Queen of Scots February 8, 2019

The last letter of Mary Queen of Scots, written just six hours before her execution, is to go on display at the National Library of Scotland on February 8, 2019 to mark the 430<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death

The handwritten correspondence, composed at 2 AM in the morning of 8 February 1567, is one of the most powerful documents in Scottish history.

Written by arguably one of Scotland's most famous and controversial figures the letter marks the end of a life that has been immortalised in novels, film, poetry, drama and song down the centuries.

Interest in seeing the letter is expected to be high as long queues built up the last time it was on show at the National Library of Scotland in 2009.

Mary wrote the letter as she prepared to meet her death at Fotheringhay Castle in Northamptonshire. Writing to Henri III, King of France – the brother of her first husband – she says: “I am to be executed like a criminal at eight in the morning.”

Her “crime”, as she makes clear in the letter, was her loyalty to her Catholic faith which, together

with her claim to the English throne, made her a considerable threat to her cousin, Elizabeth I of England.

In the letter Mary expresses concern for the servants she will leave behind who had served her so loyally during her 19-year imprisonment in England.

Towards the end of the letter, she beseeches King Henri to have “prayers offered to God for a queen

who has borne the title Most Christian, and who dies a Catholic, stripped of all her possessions.” She was only 44 on her execution day.

Although born in Linlithgow Palace, Mary spent the early part of her life in France and was given a French education. This is reflected in her last letter which was



written in French.

The National Library of Scotland has some 26 million physical items in its collection but few surpass the historical significance of Mary's last letter.

Other collection material relating to Mary Queen of Scots will also be on display including a letter she wrote to her mother during her childhood years in France; a letter signed by Mary and her second husband Lord Darnley; and a pardon issued by Mary in 1549 with her Great Seal attached.

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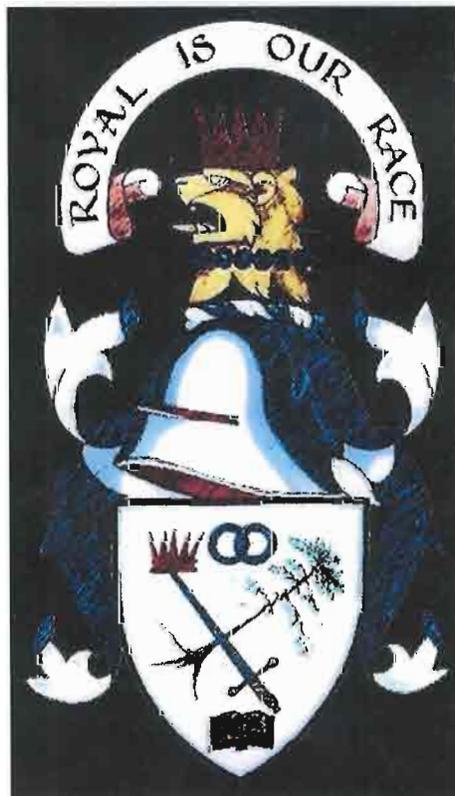
# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

## 'S Rioghal Ma Dhream! Royal is my Race!

Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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# Highland Games takes athletes back in time



Jim Smith of the Clan Henderson Society, writes, “Historically, the Highland Games were held as a test of strength. They were used by Scottish clans and military to determine the strongest competitors.

This year in western and central New York this tradition returned. Clans were asked to adopt an athlete or four to represent them on the field.

This encouraged more interaction between the athletes and the clans. It returned the games to how they started.

Many embraced this proposition with open arms. Clans were asked to give their athletes a pin or patch to wear on their kilts during competition. This program has sparked new friendships and interest in the games.

They were adopted at the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Scottish Festival on August 18-19. They will compete under the Henderson name at all games in which they are involved so long as they wish.

I would like to introduce the athletes proudly wearing the Clan Henderson name during competitions. Their photos and names are below.

## Clan Henderson athletes for a games!



Becky Innes



Eric Hurlburt



Phebe Lamont



Curt Long

### Mary, Queen of Scots letter,

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“The life of Mary Queen of Scots has fascinated people of all ages for generations. She is one of Scotland’s most famous monarchs,” said National Librarian Dr John Scally.

“The National Library is pleased to provide this opportunity to see the last letter she ever wrote only hours before her execution. This is a rare chance to see a remarkable piece of Scottish history.”

### Do you love puns?

Did you hear about Bubba’s graduation from college?

He graduated *Magna Cum Dente* - translation into English,

“By the skin of his teeth.”



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



Chief Steven  
MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:  
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## We Are Clan MacTavish!



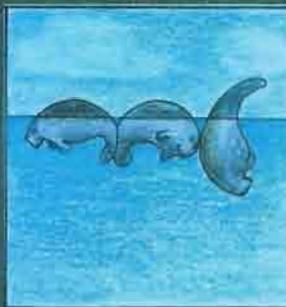
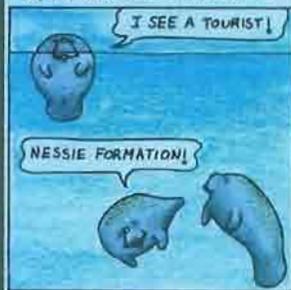
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my ancestors were...

SCOTTISH



Man Versus Manatee



Donna Edge  
Graves, of the Clan  
Davidson Society,  
posted this on  
FaceBook.  
Comments said,  
"Now, we know the  
truth!"

With thanks to:

*The Daily Online Genealogy Newsletter, Dick Eastman*

# Announcing the Scottish ViC (virtual conference) January 26, 2019

The following announcement was written by Genealogy Tours of Scotland: Genealogy Tours of Scotland announces the second annual virtual conference on Scottish Genealogy Research on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The ViC (virtual conference) will launch at 8:30 am USA Eastern Time.

The line-up of talks and speakers for the day: *The Lad o' Pairts: Patterns of Scottish Migration to Canada*, presented by history professor Kevin James; *"Genealogy in the High Court of Justiciary"* presented by archivist Margaret Fox; *Using Sheriff Court Records for Genealogy Research*, presented by genealogist, Emma Maxwell; *Genealogy Gems in Scottish Poor Law Records*, presented by archivist Irene O'Brien; *An Introduction to LivingDNA*, presented by LivingDNA co-founder David Nicholson; *Family History Resources Available at the NLS*, presented by NLS Enquiries Assistant Elaine Brown; *Online Resources for Scottish Genealogy*, presented by genealogy educator Christine Woodcock.

Registration fee is just \$99.99 (cdn) and allows unlimited access to the talks, handouts and marketplace until midnight (eastern) on January 31st. The live chat will only happen on January 26th.

\*\*\* Virtual "Seats" are limited! For more information or to register:

<http://www.genealogyvic.com>.

## "Forrester-Sinclair" DNA Developments

Next generation sequencing and Y Full analysis of BAM has revealed an interesting development. The Sinclair Herdmanston lineage and our basal subclades Forresters are genetically related. Both groups are L11+ while being negative for downstream subclades U106 or P312. The relation is recent in terms of genetics.

ISOGG has not assigned position of this relation on the 2017 haplogroup R phylogenetic tree. Y Full experimental tree v5.01 has identified 17 positions of acceptable quality for pass as matching for Sinclair / Forrester. This cluster has been identified by Y Full as A8062. Contained in this cluster is A8055 which is the current Sinclair designation in FTDNA basal subclades project. Examination of remaining Forrester SNP positions reveals 4 SNP's of acceptable quality which will be downstream of the A8062 cluster. This cluster has been identified as BY11673 by FTDNA.

Clan Forrester extends our thanks to Steve St. Clair, and Craig Sinclair, for their work and contributions to this research. Steve has granted permission for link to the Herdmanston Lineage for those who wish to know more.

["stclairresearch.com/content/L11-P310-Herdmanston.html"](http://stclairresearch.com/content/L11-P310-Herdmanston.html)

# 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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