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You're invited to represent your clan...and run a most beautiful course - Clan Challenge 2014

As part of the Year of Homecoming Scotland 2014 we have introduced a Clan Challenge into the 2014 Baxters Loch Ness Marathon and River Ness 10K on Sunday 28 September. We want to find out which clan is the most heavily represented when it comes to running so invite you to represent your clan and wear some tartan.

We want to discover whether the Macleods are faster than the Macraes, and find out about the far flung places you are coming from to represent your clan.

All runners in the 2014 Loch Ness Marathon and 10K have the option to register their allegiance to their clan when entering the races online.

The results of the 2014 Clan Challenge will be based on numbers of runners from each Clan who successfully complete either race.

In 2014 Scotland welcomes the world to join in the

exciting Year of Homecoming. In addition to the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup, there's our year-long programme of events and activities to showcase all that's great about Scotland; mouth-watering food & drink events, lots to get you active in our great outdoors plus spectacular arts, cultural and ancestral heritage to explore. Whenever you come and wherever you visit, you'll be very welcome so join us and be part of Homecoming Scotland 2014

Highland Homecoming is a two month-long celebration of contemporary Highland culture, taking place 1st September – 31st October 2014, beginning with the World Sheepdog Trials, taking in the Inverness Highland Meeting, and culminating with Mod Naiseanta Rioghail – The Royal National Mod, it will see a huge amount of activity take place in the Highland Capital, from the traditional to the cutting edge.



September 17 will be Citizenship Day!

Clan Bell Clan Bell North America.



This old West Marche Clan, one of the Border Clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the “rieving” if the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared “unruly by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called “Redcloak” and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

CBI 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.

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

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You're invited to Tallahassee for St. Andrews Society fun in September!

In just a few short weeks St. Andrews Society (of Tallahassee, FL) will be hosting our fall covered dish supper. It will be held at Fellowship Presbyterian Church located at 3158 S. Shamrock St. on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 PM.

Our special guest Capt. James Wilson will give us some history on Scots that we may not be familiar with.

Capt. Wilson was born in Scotland in 1740. He served with the 10th North Carolina Regiment from 1777-1778. He then joined the 14th South Carolina Artillery. He was taken prisoner in 1780 during the fall of Charleston. He was released in a prisoner exchange.

He was married to Eliza

Gordon who was born in Edinburgh Scotland.

Also in September, St. Andrews will be hosting a culinary ceilidh at the Publix Aprons located at the Publix store in the Village Commons (Thomasville Road).

This will be a great opportunity to enjoy Scottish cuisine prepared by expert chefs and enjoy fellowship with other

SAS members. The ceilidh will begin at 6:30 on September 26th.

Please plan on attending these and other events and support your St. Andrews Society.

Thanks to Jim Hart, St. Andrews Society of Tallahassee, Florida, piper.



Scottish Weather?

Traveling to Scotland in the near future?

Before you go, check the weather at: www.metoffice.gov.uk

With thanks to the St. Andrews Society of Tallahassee, Florida *St. Andrews Cross*.

Happy Birthday

Richard Davis Halliley!
Wow, the big 60!!

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- 4 Arnhem Tour of Paleis Het Loo & gardens; afternoon at leisure or optional battlefield & Airborne Museum tour Nijmegen. Evening at leisure to stroll cobbled streets
- 5 Kinderdijk Tour Kinderdijk windmills, a UNESCO Site Antwerp. Evening at leisure

6 Antwerp Half-day city tour including Cathedral of Our Lady & Steen Castle; afternoon free time

7 Ghent & Excursion to Brugge, a UNESCO Site, Bruges including guided walk with Church of Our Lady & *Beguinage*

8 Delta Works Stop in Veere and enjoy a walking tour, Delta Works excursion!; Scenic afternoon cruising Rotterdam. Evening at leisure to explore on your own

9 Amsterdam Keukenhof Gardens excursion & free time to visit Museum Square or sample local fare

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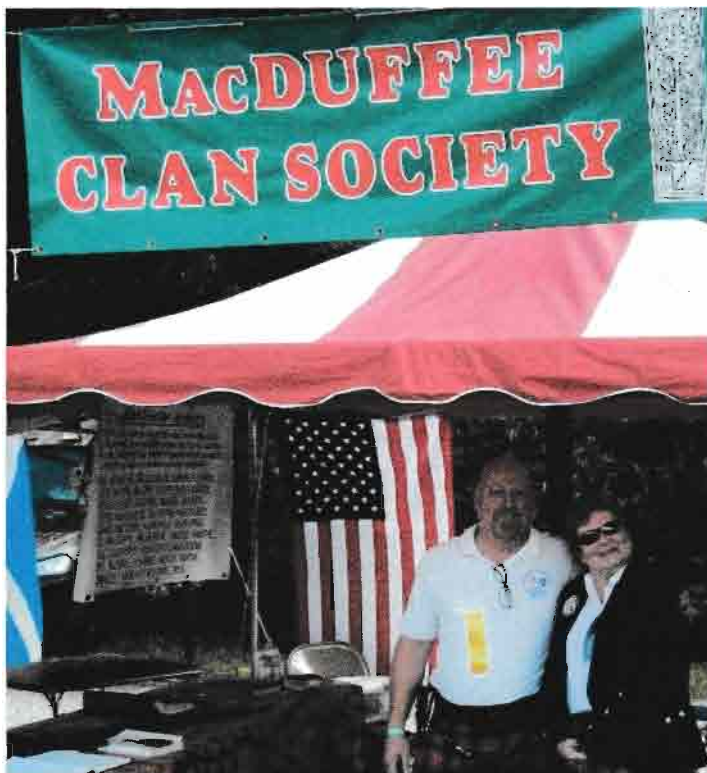


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To see the many names on the Clan Donald sept/allied family list, please visit:

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MacDuffee Clan Society to Sponsor Tent at Loon Mountain Games



Yes, following a successful time at Grandfather Mountain the Clan Society is heading north for the Loon Mountain Games in Lincoln, New Hampshire. Loon Mountain is one of the top five Games in North America and will run from September 19th to the 21st. We welcome everyone to join us for these Games particularly those who find Grandfather a long drive. Many of our original Clan Society members and officers came from what our genealogists call the Northern Line of MacDuffees.

Grandfather Mountain was a success this year with a number of potential new members stopping by the tent and sharing their family connections to the MacDuffees. Most importantly the weather really cooperated this year with only one brief shower.

The attached photo shows David McDuffie and Jen McDuffie in our tent. David and Jen greeted new members during the GMHG.

More information on Grandfather will come this fall. If you attended the games and have photos to share please send them to Julie MacDuffie Hall juliehall522@yahoo.com or to Tom McDuffie at

Did you know that Robin Williams' middle name was Maclaren?

The Tennessee Valley Scottish Society shared this information and photo at this time when everyone is so very sad at his loss.

You were so loved by so many.



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Please consider joining us at the Loon Games and enjoy New Hampshire in September. Advance purchase Weekend Pass tickets (ordered by 9-16-2014) at a 25% discount may be secured at www.loonmtn.com or call 1-800-358-7268.

Best regards,
Thomas McDuffie, President
MacDuffie Clan Society

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Flowers of the Forest

SAS Loses Much Loved Member *By Jean Holzapfel* of the St. Andrews Society of Tallahassee, Florida.

Jean McCully passed away on July 25 after a long illness.

Jean was a member of the Society since its inception and she was always available to help in any way she could. She and Al held the New Members' Reception at their home on Live Oak Plantation many times to the enjoyment of members.



Always the gracious hostess, she enjoyed doing all the things she was good at - organizing, flower arranging, cooking, decorating - she was the "hostess with the mostess".

Jean and Al went to Scotland with the SAS back in 1996 and the 30 members who went on the tour with them enjoyed all the beauty and history of Scotland while getting to know each other better. Jean will be remembered forever and can never be replaced.

Sue Janet Overton Walker - was born January 30, 1927 to W.B. (Wilson Bass) and Effie Lew (White) Overton of Erwin, TN.

She had two brothers and a sister: Aahmes Tyler Overton (Gladys Wolpert) and (Thommie Rhodes), Rev. Wilson Burney Overton (Miriam Card) and Glenda Overton Tilson (Glenn).

She was a very proud "Golden Pioneer" graduate of Tusculum College, Class of 1948.

In 1950, she married her soul mate, Orby James

Walker, son of John Monroe Sterling Greene Walker and Jessie Myrtle Steele.

The couple moved to Knoxville and in 1958 their only daughter was born, Robin Steele Walker.

Suzy had nephews and nieces: Aahmes and Marilyn Overton, Bob and Ann Overton, Patricia Watson, Miriam and Sam Lawhorn, Georgann and Tom Byerly, Judy Stansberry, Wilson and Brenda Overton, Glenn and Susan Tilson, Lew and Doug Higgins, David and Gina-Marie Tilson, and Janet and Allen Green.

From Orby's side were Fred and Ted Walker, Margie and Ashley Elledge, Sylvia and George Hunter, Shirley Darnel, and Jewel Harvey.

She also had numerous great-nieces and nephews. Orby passed away in December of 1996.

Suzy, Orby and Robin were all members of Graystone Presbyterian Church where Suzy served as an Elder, Sunday School Superintendant and several terms as Clerk of Session.

There, they have a strong faith family.

In 1960 Thomas Newland hired Suzy to be his Administrative Secretary at Fort Sanders Presbyterian Hospital.

Suzy was proud to have earned the professional title of "Certified Professional Secretary" and was active in her professional organization, IAAP. She was several times recognized as the local Secretary of the Year and once progressed to the International SOTY competition where she placed second.



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MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

of Clan Mac Fie



Annual General Meeting held each year in July
at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.
You are always welcome to attend.

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Flowers of the Forest, *Continued from page 9*

After retiring once from Administration, Suzy went back to work at the hospital part-time for ten years as the Receptionist in the Surgical Lounge.

Altogether, she worked for 42 years at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center where she was loved and admired.

She enjoyed meeting "The Lunch Bunch" - Barbara Nicely, Germaine Gombert, Jeannie Stephens, Judith Hodge, Daphne Wiggall, Barbara Laymond and Joleen Cureton, and volunteering in the Library with Nedra Cook.

Suzy and Orby were both members of the South Knoxville Optimist and Opti-Mrs. Clubs.

For a while, Suzy joined Robin as a member of McGhee-Tyson Squadron of The Civil Air Patrol and she was a member and hard-working mainstay of Clan Stewart Society in America and DAR.

Suzy and Orby were on the Board of the John Sevier Memorial Association and were also long-time members of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

Suzy was blessed with many close friends, co-workers, and neighbors. She was a "mom" to all the "brothers and sisters," Robin has added, especially The Firm (Karen Hawkins, Harriet Cooper, Donna Long, Debbie Painter, Teena Rassega, Barbara Benson, Miriam Zimmermann, Amy Anderson, and Mary Conn.)

Special were Laura and Steve Cheatham, and Beth Urquhart.

In recent years, Wilma Parrott and Holston Rehab have taken special care of her.

Suzy passed away on August 6, 2014.

She would want any donations in lieu of flowers to be sent to Graystone Presbyterian Church 139 Woodlawn Pike Knoxville, TN 37920, Tusculum College PO Box 5040, Greeneville, Tennessee 37743, or Fort Sanders Foundation 280 Fort Sanders West Blvd., Suite 202 Knoxville, TN 37922.

Don't put plastic flowers on her grave- she'll "come back and haunt you."

Thank you to all the healthcare professionals who

have taken good care of her. Inurnment will be at a later date.

Robert E. Montgomery, 92, died Saturday, March 22, 2014, at his home in South Hero, Vermont, surrounded by his family.

He was born on January 10, 1922, in the Bronx, New York, son of Robert Edwin Montgomery and Anna Sandrock.

He was a World War II veteran who served in the United States Marine Corps, both stateside and in the Pacific Theater.

In 1947, he married Elizabeth Jane "BJ" Brownell of Burlington, Vermont.

After graduating from UVM in 1951, he settled in Colchester, where he resided until moving to Keeler Bay in 1997.

He spent his entire career at the Chittenden Trust Company in Burlington, where he started as a teller, retiring as Executive Vice President and Treasurer. He also co-owned the Shelbourne Harbor Shipyard during the 1960s and 1970s.

He was active in numerous local organizations, serving on the Colchester School Board, Planning Board and as Selectman in the 1960s. He was a founding member and longtime treasurer of the Colchester Center Volunteer Fire Department. He was a director of the Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation and served as vestryman and treasurer of St. James Episcopal Church in Essex Junction when the parish was first founded. He was one of the founding directors of the Champlain Maritime Society. He was a longtime volunteer with CIDER in the Champlain Islands.

He was a long-time member of the Clan Montgomery Society International.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth: six children, Bruce and wife Nancy of Woolwich, Maine; Douglas and wife Colleen of Burlington; Brian and wife Debbie; Ann of Colchester; David and wife Karen of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Joan and husband Rick of Gallion, Alabama. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Donations may be made to CIDER, Box 13, South Hero, Vermont 05486.



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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.
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Flowers of the Forest

Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr., loved and respected by many, left us to go to heaven on August 12, 2014, to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A funeral service will be held August 15, 2014 at 7 PM in the Chapel of Tim Stewart



Funeral Home, Lawrenceville, Georgia with Pastor Dustin Pennington officiating.

Known by many in the community as the local dentist, "Sami" was known for so much more in his incredible life.

Sami was a devoted son, brother,

father, dentist, farmer and friend.

He was born to Carl Samuel and Annie Mae Graham in New Harbor, North Carolina on August 1st, 1945 and became a Gwinnett Resident in the early 1950s. He graduated Gordon High School in 1963 and was the class president. Following High School Sami attended the University of Georgia and Emory University and held degrees in chemistry, physics and dentistry.

Upon graduating college he held various positions including custodian, hospital orderly, CDC Researcher and Forensic Dentist.

Sami loved to play soccer (especially with his kids), hunt, farm and sail during his free time. He was a member of the Atlanta St. Andrews Society.

Sami accomplished many extraordinary things during his time here, but his greatest love and joy was his family.

He will greatly be missed by his wife and best friend Jean Marie, brother Jim Graham, and his seven children; Michelle Pennington (Dustin), Carl Samuel Graham III (Dawn), Samantha Graham, Dylan Graham (Kahlin), Liliya Calvin (Shawn), Seamas Graham and Ian Graham.

Sami was also a proud grandfather to Matthew

Pennington, Michael Pennington, Mark Pennington, Madeline Graham, Sadie Graham, Stella Graham, Abigail Graham, Sophia Graham, Hayden Calvin and Carl Samuel Graham IV.

Sami will be remembered for his loving heart, generous spirit and unconditional devotion to his family.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The United Methodist Children's Home at 500 S Columbia Dr, Decatur, GA 30030.

David McDonald Rankin, passed away suddenly on Saturday, August 9, 2014. Born October 7, 1958, he was the beloved son of the late William Joseph and Jane McDonald Rankin.

David graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.A. in History, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. He was a life-long member of Clan Donald USA giving over twenty years of service as an officer. In 2013 he was appointed Mid-East Region Commissioner Emeritus of Clan Donald USA. At the time of his death he was also an active member of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore.



He is survived by sisters Jane (James) Reeves, Mary Jo (Paul) Fisher, and by brother, Bill (Nadine) Rankin. He was a cherished uncle of Kelsey Fisher and Jessica Fisher.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the American Heart Association.



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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The Coat of Arms of the Armstrong Clan Society granted by the Lord Lyon in 1985.

Exciting news from The Clan Armstrong Trust

As a result of recent developments, especially the permanent loss of our museum in Lodge Walk, Langholm, Scotland, the Trust has been cooperating with a fledgling organization called *The Langholm and Eskdale Visitor Network*.

The result is that the owners of the Eskdale Hotel, in the town center, have generously donated space within the hotel where we can have a permanent display of Armstrong artefacts and historic memorabilia which memorabilia and will be called “**Armstrongs at the Eskdale**”.

To launch this project we will be working hard over the summer to bring it to fruition for a Grand Opening, and Armstrong Gathering, held over the weekend of the 12th, 13th and 14th of September 2014.

The opening of the display/exhibition will be on Friday the 12th followed by a formal dinner in the Eskdale Hotel and the remainder of the weekend will be taken up with visits to the Reiver Trail, Carlisle Castle and the Tullie House Museum.

If you would like to attend the opening, email frank.wherrett1@talktalk.net.

If you would like to stay at the Eskdale Hotel contact john.noonan1@hotmail.com AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

***Too good not to share with everyone!
Clan Armstrong’s “Raising the
Clan” call at 2014 GMHG***

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games & our R. Joseph Williams

Peter Armstrong, ACS President

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC always open on Thursday evening at MacRae Meadows with a gathering of the clans and massive pipe and drum band provided by the students at the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming.

During the opening ceremonies, each clan is called to “Raise the Clan”. Though no prize is given for the best “call,” R. Joseph Williams from the Clan Armstrong Society was present to represent us when called.

Afterwards and all weekend we heard from many people how his “call” was by far the best of all the clans gathered that evening. He is pictured below, backlit with torches and here is his “Raising the Clan call”:

‘On the borders were the Armstrongs, brave men, somewhat unruly, and ill tae tame.’

That’s what the Scottish parliament had to say about us when we shared those borders with our good friends the Elliots and the Grahams.

We’ve left those borders, travelled tae the mountains of North Carolina and even tae the moon... first.

First! We were there first ye bastards, it’s oors!
[Pause] You’re welcome tae visit... bring your own rocket.

Our clan motto ‘Invictus Maneo’ means two things tonight, it means ‘I Remain Unvanquished’ and that Clan Armstrong is on the mountain!
INVICTUS MANEO!





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Concerning Scottish Fishing from John J.G. McGill, FSA (Scot)
Secretary Scotland-UN to Dr. Franz Fischler, Commissioner for
Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development
Commission of the European Union, Brussels
(With many thanks to Alastair McIntyre and Electric Scotland!)

There is no sign here of any recognition by the Commission and Council of Fisheries Ministers that their record in this field has been one of abysmal, disastrous failure of a magnitude that, in the private sector, would result in the dismissal of an entire management and the drastic restructuring or winding up of the organisation concerned.



The positive aspects of the proposals have not been lost on us. For example, we approve of the proposals for regional fishing management structures for the transnational aspects of conservation and management, and especially of the predominance of practical fishermen in their membership, but we strongly object to their proposed status as “regional advisory committees”.

These bodies must *not* be subject to control from Brussels, but must be completely autonomous management authorities responsible only to the national governments **whose waters they cover**. Any such central control would be in conflict with the basic principles of federal government and in any case could serve no useful purpose, since Brussels would be totally dependent on the expertise and judgement of the regional authorities, who alone would be acquainted with local conditions.

We also note that the Commission’s proposals adopt the principle of priority of access to marine resources by local fishing interests, with outsiders being admitted only where resources surplus to sustainable local catching capacity are available. This perfectly reasonable principle

has, however, been adopted only in respect of third states whose waters are fished by Community vessels. **This same principle must now be applied by the Community internally, in respect of all Community waters out to the 200-mile or median limits.**

Such positive examples apart, what concerns us is that the proposals ignore a number of factors that are of central importance if the future of any kind of viable fishing industry is to be guaranteed.

For example, with the exception of distant-water vessels, there is no justification for any EU member state maintaining a fishing fleet with a catching capacity that exceeds the renewable resources of its own territorial waters. Anything in excess of this is simply a means of preying on other members, to the detriment of employment there, with the resulting negative economic, social and cultural effects on fishing communities that Scotland has already experienced.

Furthermore, all member states must be forced to conserve the resources of their own waters – and if those waters are overfished (as is widely the case, especially in the southern EU member states), there can be no question of admitting that country’s fleet to the national waters of other members in order to compensate for its mismanagement.

In these respects it would be expedient for the EU to retain a police function, as well as for the regulation of distant-water fishing by Community vessels, in agreement with non-EU countries.

The worst offenders with grossly excessive capacities (meaning Spain in the first instance) must have their fleets reduced accordingly. We are sympathetic towards those countries that are experiencing problems of unemployment, with which we ourselves are not unacquainted.

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Clan Leslie Society International

Septs: Abernethy, Bartholomew,
Carnie, Laing, and More (Moore)
and other spelling variations

David Leslie White,
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**The Hon. Alexander Leslie,
Chief of Clan Leslie**





Where did the name ‘Scotland’ come from in the first place, you wonder?

Where did the name ‘Scotland’ come from in the first place? Scotland is named for a Gaelic tribe who originally came from Ireland to the western part of Scotland in the 5th & 6th centuries. By the 11th century, they had come to dominate the whole of mainland Scotland. These Gaels traced their roots back through the mists of time to the mother of their race, Scotia, who was the daughter of an Egyptian pharaoh. According to one myth, her descendants migrated to Iberia and then to Ireland.”

Thank you to *Non Oblitus*, publication of the Clan MacTavish International. This nugget of information was from *Scottish Miscellany* by Jonathon Green which was donated to the clan by Rick and Debbie Backus.

Imogene Elrod “Jean” McCully (1930 - 2014), age 84, entered into rest Friday, July 25, 2014, at Margaret Dozier Hospice House at Big Bend Hospice.

Jean was born in Sparta, Tennessee to her parents, the late Orbe and Irene Elrod.

She received her nursing degree from the University of Tennessee, where she met and married the love of her life, Dr. Alvie Carl McCully on June 30, 1954. They recently celebrated their "Diamond" 60th wedding anniversary. In 1963 they moved their young family to Tallahassee, where "Mac" joined Dr's Larry Smiths and Robert Webster Urology Practice.

Thus began Jean's long and everlasting legacy with Tallahassee. Jean loved giving back to her community, she did this with her endless involvement with countless organizations, which included Big Bend Hospice Founder and Board Member, TMH Auxiliary and Gala, Springtime Tallahassee, Boys and Girls Club, just to name a few. She was also a member of Faith Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida.

Jean was also preceded in death by two children, John and Jay McCully; a sister, Geneve Edmonds and a brother, Bobby Elrod.

Survivors include her husband Dr. A.C. McCully; four children, Bob McCully, Patti Trudeau and husband Mark, Bill McCully and wife Terry McCully and Mari McCully all of Tallahassee; six grandchildren, Donald, Erin, Wayne, Patrick, Brian, Shannon; three great-grandchildren, Kady, Ryan and Olivia; two sisters, Sue Berry of Kansas City and Dorothy Munoz of Pasadena, CA; numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Blvd., Tallahassee, 32308 or TMH Foundation, 1331 E. 6th Ave. Tallahassee, 32303.

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

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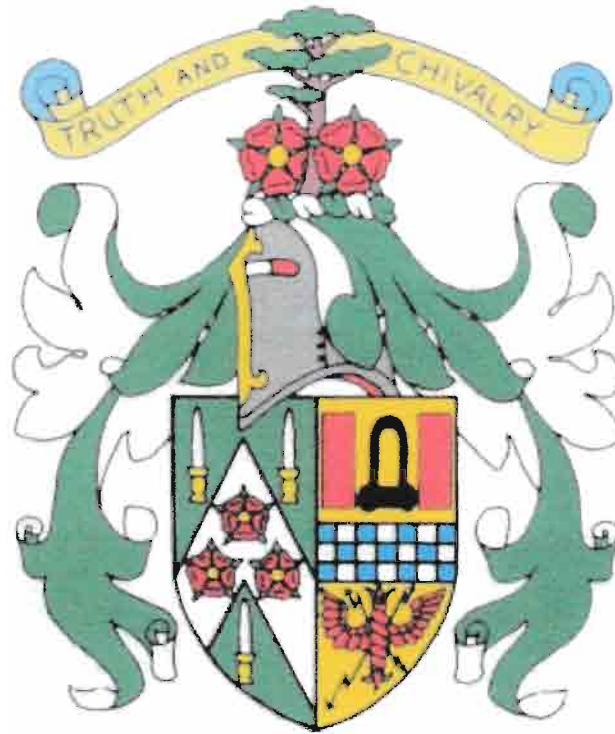
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Morris of Balgonie and Eddergoll. Peacefully, at home, on Friday, August 1, 2014, **Margaret**, aged 76 years, loving wife of Raymond, a dearly loved mum of Stuart and mother-in-law of Kelly.

Funeral service was at Kirkcaldy Crematorium, on Tuesday, August 12, to which all friends were respectfully invited.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu can be made on leaving the Crematorium for the British Heart Foundation and the Fife Branch of the Order of St John.

Margaret Morris' grandfather served in the Royal Garrison Artillery during World War I and her father served in the Royal Navy between the wars.

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 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.

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Evaluating Evidence: The Key to Genealogical Success

One of the most fundamental issues that all genealogists must deal with is evaluating the truth and accuracy behind facts uncovered during the research process. An inevitable fact of life in genealogy is that sources, facts, and information cannot be taken at face value. Some sources will prove more valuable than others.

The first important question for consideration is whether the source was original, as in being created or discovered at the time of the actual event or circumstance? If not, it would go into the category of being a derivative source as in material produced by copying an original or manipulating its content. Examples of this would include abstracts, compilations, databases, extracts, transcripts, translations, and authored works such as historical monographs or family histories. In the best case scenario, using original records is the best option. Every time a record is copied, transcribed, abstracted, etc, the possibility of human error exists.

The second question involves whether the informant or the person who created the record had firsthand knowledge of the information or event? If the answer is yes, this qualifies as a primary source. If the informant or creator of the record learned it secondhand, this is classified as secondary.

Research proves that in most cases primary information is more reliable than secondary infor-

mation. Records can contain both primary and secondary information. Detailed newspaper obituaries may include primary information about a given decedent as in when and where the deceased died, and what activities they were engaged in at the time of death. The secondary information may include where and when he/she was born, the names of parents, grandparents, and highlights of the person's life.

The process of determining whether information is primary or secondary can be challenging, especially if you don't know the identity or background of the informant. The obituary may have been written by the deceased's mother. Under those circumstances it is highly probable that most of the information will be primary, including the birth date and place. If it was written by the father, it would be more likely to be secondary since experience has proven that men have a poor record of remembering details of that nature.

Finally, the question should be asked, does the information contained in the record answer the question directly, or do you need to search for additional details to fully determine the answer? In the first case, a direct accurate answer would be classified as providing direct evidence. If you must look to other sources because something leaves you with doubts, it would be categorized as secondary. When going through the evaluation process, the key concept is the following question "Do the known facts fit the circumstances?"



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We would point out, however, that **no treaty empowers the European Union to create unemployment in one member state in order to benefit employment in another.**

The present fisheries “policy” is therefore blatantly illegal in this respect. Not only must the policy itself be reversed; the adverse consequences that that policy has had for the Scottish national fishing industry must also be made good in their entirety.

Apart from such strategic functions the European Union definitely has no business to be involved in the direct management and conservation of fisheries – or indeed the direct management of any industry or economic sector! That is not a legitimate function of the Union! Its proven record in this respect is in any case one of unmitigated, disastrous failure.

Furthermore, there is no such thing as a homogeneous European fishing industry that would be capable of being managed on a central basis. There is therefore no way that such centralised management could possibly cope with the different conditions in an enlarged Community, with two dozen states fishing for a vast range of regionally unique commercial species in the Baltic, North Sea, Atlantic, Mediterranean, Adriatic and Black Seas, and with considerable divergences of local economic, social and cultural conditions and fish consumption patterns. Not even with the aid of regional “advisory” committees would it be possible to conduct such a system with any degree of homogeneity. **The only answer here** is the abolition of the CFP as such and the transfer of its powers back to where they belong at national and regional level.

Fishing is not a suitable area for European integration. Somewhere there must be limits to integration, and fishing has been proved by experience to be well beyond those limits. **The** European Union is overstretched here, and must confine its activities to those areas where integration is patently feasible.

The current disaster to fish stocks is not something that has “just happened”. There was never any problem of this nature before the involvement of the European Community in fishing. **It is a direct result of the ideology of unrestricted freedom of access to all waters,** and there will be no improvement until this purely ideo-

logical “policy” is abandoned and reversed.

Let nobody be under any illusions regarding the strength of feeling within the Scottish fishing industry and the country at large, where there has recently been an upsurge of sometimes virulent anti-EU feeling. Any talk of a “European Ideal” is regarded here as hypocritical whitewash. There is nothing whatever idealistic about the “European Ideal”.

In practice, as applied to fishing, it has proved to be simply a tool of nationalist intrigue, with commercial interests running rampant at the cost of destroying centuries-old fishing communities.

We hold the European Commission and the Council of Fisheries Ministers entirely responsible for the disastrous decline of fish stocks and for the completely unnecessary rundown of our national fishing industry.

We hold the European Union responsible, not merely for compensating for this damage, but also for reversing its effects, **leading to the systematically planned restoration of the Scottish fishing industry to its pre-1975 status as regards catching capacity and employment prospects.**

We expect you to publish a road map to this goal as soon as possible.

We observe a close parallel here to the attitude of the old guard of the Soviet system, who, after seven decades of obvious failure, were still protesting that their ideological centralist system was the right one and only needed time to prove itself. If this stubborn refusal by the European Commission and Council of Ministers to face up to the reality of the present untenable situation continues, then some kind of unilateral action will be necessary along the lines of that adopted by Iceland to protect its fisheries from being exhausted by foreign plundering.

We say this to the Commission and Council of Fisheries Ministers: You have cut a swathe of destruction through a fishing industry that had remained balanced and viable for centuries prior to your interference.

You have devastated communities, you have caused immense misery and personal hardship to individuals and families, you have destroyed age-old cultures, and you have upset the entire ecological balance of the wa-

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ters on which we depend for our livelihood. We have no faith in your competence, we have no faith in your intentions, and we have the deepest distrust of your motives.

We therefore have one simple message for “Europe”: Give Scotland the means to rectify the appalling ecological, environmental, economic and social havoc that your fisheries “policy” has caused here – and then get out of our lives!

There is another aspect of this orgy of mismanagement, incompetence and political corruption on which we must make our position clear:

We have reason to believe that the United Kingdom government representatives have been using the fishing industry as a bargaining counter in EU-internal and other negotiations. Let us make it abundantly clear that the Scottish fishing industry is not going to be used as a trade-off in order to buy negotiating concessions in other unrelated fields. We hereby reject and disavow absolutely any and all steps that the United Kingdom representatives have taken along these lines from the basic EEC entry negotiations right to the present day as well as any that may be taken in the future. We regard all such agreements on fishing that have been taken without the consent of the Scottish fishing industry and the Scottish Parliament as invalid, and we refuse to consider Scotland bound by them. We regard any collusion along these lines by the United Kingdom government with any other member state, or with the Community as a whole, as an illegal action that also renders the negotiators personally responsible for the consequential losses suffered by the fishing communities.

In this connection we have noted the circumstances surrounding the replacement of the previous Fisheries General Director after verbal representations by the Spanish Prime Minister to the Commission President.

We must also make it clear that, in stating the above, we are not adopting a purely negative approach to the European Union or to the integration process as a whole. In the light of international developments over the past few decades, with the emergence of global and regional structures, we accept the necessity of European integra-

tion in specific areas where it is clearly appropriate as a means of guaranteeing the maintenance of good governance.

Fishing, however, is not one of those areas, as has been proved by the disastrous developments over the past 30 years. Integration here has had an entirely negative effect without a single redeeming feature. It has proved to be the reverse of good governance, and in the case of Scotland it has destroyed a conservation balance that had previously been maintained for centuries. Three decades is long enough to prove that this brainless ideology does not work and can never work.

There is only one answer to this situation: With the exception of the strategic police functions mentioned above, control of fishing must be returned to national governments and regional fishing councils. National fleets, with catching capacities balanced in relation to their own sustainable national resources, must normally be restricted to fishing their own waters, with special licences to fish in other national waters being subject to the availability of marine resources there that are surplus to the **sustainable catching capacities of the local fishing fleets**.

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Time is running out for the EU on this issue. We intend to pursue this matter with the Intergovernmental Conference in 2004, but at the same time we must make it clear that matters may be taken out of the hands of the European Union. Separatism is not a viable political option nowadays, and there is no question of Scotland attempting to exist in isolation outside the European structures. Having made that clear, however, we have recommended to all of the Scottish political parties that, on the resumption of constitutional independence, Scotland should withdraw from the European Union and participate in European affairs through membership of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and the European Economic Area (EEA), thereby giving it the same status as the fishing countries Iceland and Norway.

The Scottish elections on 1 May 2003 resulted in the return of an unprecedented number of members of

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the Scottish Parliament committed to full independence. Three of the political parties represented there have adopted constitutional independence as a main policy goal, and it is a strong theme running through the remainder, including the non-party independent members. Scotland is presently a member of two political unions, British and European, but - largely as a reaction to the fisheries policy that you are pursuing - it may well secede from both unions within the foreseeable future. You have it in your power to influence such a course of events one way or the other.

We will not have to emphasise that, since around one third of the fish resources in the North East Atlantic and North Sea fall within the Scottish legal jurisdiction, this would effectively mean the end of the Common Fisheries Policy. There is no such thing as a British or United Kingdom legal jurisdiction over those resources (we suspect that you may have been misled on this point), since under the terms of the Treaty of Union between Scotland and England the Scottish and English legal ju-

risdictions remain entirely independent of each other.

We would point out particularly in this connection that Scotland's opinion has never been invited on the question of open access to its national waters.

The initiative therefore lies in your hands. We in Scotland have come to the end of our patience - and of our tolerance. There can be no question of leaving the matter in its present state. We are not interested in half measures like the useless tinkering with the CFP that you are presently proposing. There must be a planned and incisive restoration of the Scottish fishing industry to its pre-1975 capacity and status. The European Community has caused the damage, and the European Community must bear the burden of restoration. We look forward to hearing your proposals to this end.

For and on behalf of the Scotland-UN Committee,
John J.G. McGill, FSA (Scot.)

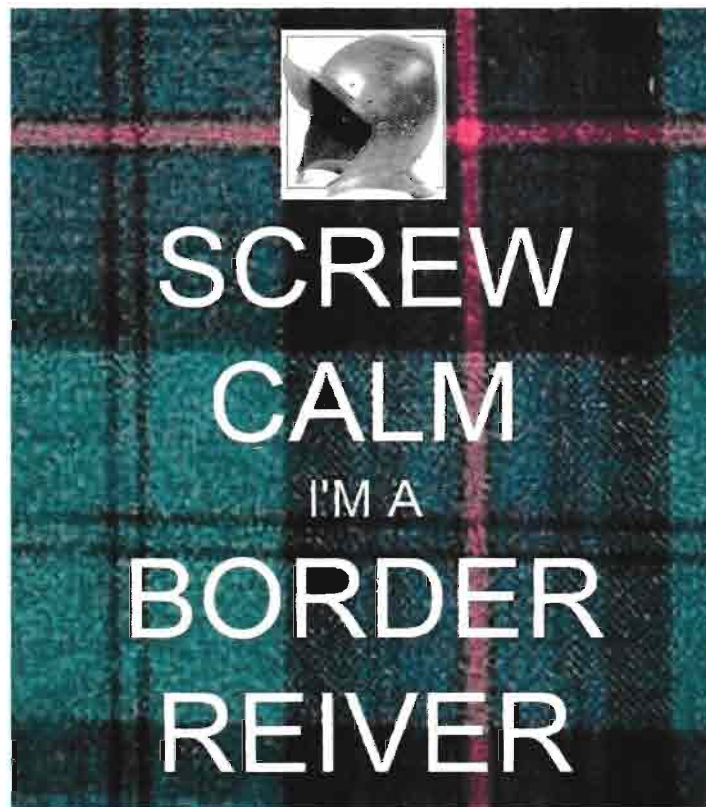
An update from Alastair...

Your editor writes: Since this letter was originally written a couple of months ago, I emailed Alastair at Electric Scotland.com and asked if there had been any developments.

This is the reply I just now opened: "Since then things have just got worse really. The referendum is due in just one months time and if we vote YES then the ruling SNP will take us into the EU that caused all this devastation. They have also refused a referendum on the issue. That said there is a fight to instead take us into EFTA and the EEA where we could control our own waters and that fight will get a lot louder after the vote."

"Mind that the Vote is on 18th September. Scotland's leading historian, Sir Tom Devine, has said he is in favour of a YES vote." A.I.Mc.

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