

# Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

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## Scottish Heritage USA, Inc. awards \$18,300<sup>00</sup> in grant funds to five recipients in 2017



### 1. The National Trust for Scotland (NTS) \$6,800.00 for two projects:

A. *Falkland Palace-Beekeeping interpretation* \$3,800.00

The Falkland Palace in Fife is a masterpiece of 16<sup>th</sup> century Scottish architecture with a rich and fascinating history. Built by James IV and James V, the pal-

form visitors of the role and plight of honey bees and the importance of pollination for many crops.

B. *And Busses for Bairns* \$3,000.00

To ensure young people living in Scotland have an opportunity to learn about their heritage "Busses for Bairns" provides transportation for schools to bring students to the various educational opportunities offered by the National Trust for Scotland. Trust properties offer limitless chances to all sectors of education and activities and can be tailored to match the requirements of each group. The countryside properties combined with NTS's Countryside Ranger Service allow schools to move the classroom outdoors and students learn about environmental education, climate change and many other topics. Similarly, the castles and houses in the care of the Trust are steeped in rich history and provide excellent opportunities to bring textbooks to life through the many interactive activities offered by the Trust.



ace followed the rise and fall of the Stuart dynasty and was a favored hunting lodge of Mary, Queen of Scots.

The Palace has historic links with John Gedde, the first beekeeper to keep bees in wooden hives instead of straw "skeps". The National Trust has recently purchased hives and equipment to introduce a black bee colony in the palace gardens. Scottish Heritage USA has granted funds for the National Trust to begin a stimulating interpretation on beekeeping, Gedde's life and his connection with Falkland Palace.

A viewing hive will allow visitors to see bees safely at close quarters, incorporated into an array of interpretive ideas showing pollination and life cycles. With the bee population in alarming decline, this project will in-

### 2. The Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center \$4,000.00 to complete the renovation and upgrading the first floor of the Museum to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Museum is a non-profit operated entirely by volunteers and is the only museum outside of Scotland dedicated to the history and traditions of the tartan and highland dress. Exhibits include artifacts from Neolithic,

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More photos from the 2017 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games on pages 20 - 23 this section!  
A special treat! Pages 32 & 33 bring you **Clan MacNab at the 2017 Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh!**

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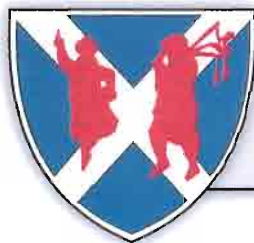
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**SHUSA award recipients, continued from page 1**



Roman and Celtic migration, and Medieval and Renaissance eras.

It was founded by The Scottish Tartans Society (STS) which was estab-

lished in Scotland in 1963, to create and maintain the Register of All Publicly Known Tartans, encourage research into Highland Dress and to provide a design service for new tartans. Originally established in Highlands, North Carolina in 1988. The museum has been in Franklin since 1994.

The museum gallery features kilts dating back to c. 1800, and tartan specimens c. 1725. Over 500 tartan samples are on display, including tartans for clans, families, districts, and other organizations. The computer database, courtesy of the Scottish Tartans Authority, contains thousands of unique tartan designs, both historic and modern.

**3. MacFarlane's Company (A Scottish Historical Re-enactment Troupe) received**

**\$1,500.00**

for its annual volunteer trip to Scotland where they will be participating in the Culloden Archeology and History Lecture Series. They will also be laying a wreath on behalf of Scottish Heritage USA at the Culloden 270<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Ceremony and doing Living History talks to the public. The group will appear at the Highland Folk Village and participating in the National Trust's Glenfinnan Monument for Living History demonstration. They will also be visiting primary schools in North Ballachulish, Glencoe Village and Ballachulish with Living History presentations and presenting books to the schools as part of their Book Donation Program.



The group will appear at Stirling Castle to present Living History in the Great Hall and will visit children in hospitals near Glasgow and Aberdeen.

**4. The Cultural Village at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC \$1,500.00**

The Scottish Cultural Village provides educational and entertaining presentations by experts who are eager to share their knowledge. Every thirty (30) minutes a new presentation is given to the audience that touches upon an interesting facet of Scottish life. Talks and demonstrations include the following and many more:



*Men's Great Kilt* "So you're going to wear the great kilt, here's how!" Mysteries of the great kilt are revealed through a wee chat and an entertaining demonstration. Learn why it looks fantastic on all men!

*Women's 18th Century Clothing* "What's that up her petticoat?" Come see the scandalous Scottish striptease with a very proper lass from the 1750's. Learn about underpinnings to outerwear and how to wear it appropriately.

*Blue Ridge Brass / Pipes & Drum* The group will be the featured performers at a luncheon concert. They will be presented by Ed Miller, premier Scottish Folk Singer. He will introduce the various musical selections with a brief history and explain why the songs are relevant today.

*Scotsman on the Mountain* The famed conservationist and Scotland-born John Muir visited Grandfather Mountain in September of 1898. "I couldn't hold it in and began to jump about and sing and glory in it all," stated Muir. What was Muir so excited about? Join Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation naturalist Amy Renfranz to learn more

*The Darien Venture A Scottish Tragedy?* Darien, a jungle-clad province on the Panamanian isthmus, played a key role in the formation of Britain. The Company of Scotland's attempt to establish a trading post and colony

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Clan Rattray



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**Septs:** Brewlands, Dalrulzion, Drimmie, Lude, Persie, Rannagulzion.



## SHUSA award recipients, *continued from page 3*

in the late 17th century incurred massive debts that would become intrinsic to the negotiation of the Act of Union between England and Scotland in 1707. Learn why Darien is synonymous with disaster; often mentioned but never explored; the fate of its inhabitants obscured by infamy and the rainforest.

*The Viking Invasion of Scotland* Viking depredations had been recorded in the British Isles since the late 8th century and Scandinavian settlement on Scotland's western seaboard may have begun before the turn of the 9th century. Claims to this region by Norwegian kings date to the turn of the 12th century when the King of Norway established himself in the Hebrides and the Isle of Mann.

*Captain Kidd* Captain William Kidd was a Scottish sailor who was tried and executed for piracy after returning from a voyage to the Indian Ocean. Some modern historians deem his piratical reputation unjust, as there is evidence that Kidd acted only as a privateer. Kidd's fame springs largely from the sensational circumstances of his questioning before the English Parliament and the ensuing trial.

### 5. Blue-Ridge Brass, Pipes & Drums \$4,500.00

Blue-Ridge Brass exists to promote the musical arts and preservation of Celtic heritage to the public through the education, practice, promotion, and performance of Scottish traditional and contemporary music. All members are volunteers and receive no monetary compensation for their work.

The band intends to produce an audio CD of traditional and contemporary Celtic music with a successful completion of the recording producing a marketable product. The proceeds will be used in the band's scholarship program for beginning pipers.

Scottish Heritage will partially fund the \$8,000.00 project with \$4,500.00.



## Kitty Tolson Carroll accepted into the Raptor Awards Network

Accipiter Enterprises is proud to announce that they have been accepted into the Raptor Awards Network as a Member. [www.raptorawards.co.uk/map/](http://www.raptorawards.co.uk/map/).

Based in London, England, Raptor Awards develops accredited courses for delivery through its network of approved members; which comprise bird of prey based businesses that provide training and assessment. This accreditation includes any aspect relating to birds of prey (falcons, hawks, kites, owls, eagles, vultures and their kin): Education, full-flight programs, Falconry Experience and Instruction Schools, Pest Bird and Wildlife Control (Falconry Based Bird and Wildlife Abatement), Zoological keeping and Displays, Rehabilitative care of injured wild birds of prey; even a Veterinary technician course for raptors is being developed.

Kitty Tolson Carroll, Licensed falconer since 1974, is on several committees to develop these college level course materials.

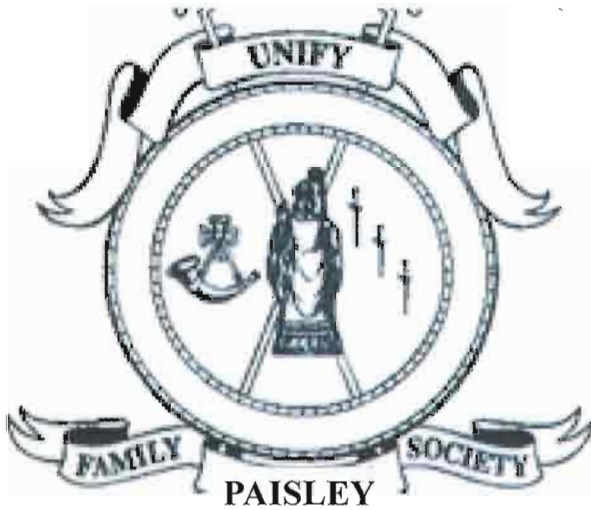
This committee includes some of the most respected and well-known names in the UK falconry community: Jemima Parry-Jones, MBE, Neil Forbes, DVM, amongst them.

Kitty states: "I am honored to be the first International Member of the Raptor Awards Membership Network. I have always wanted to share my knowledge and love of falconry. I get to work on an international scale during the development phases, setting the highest level of standards and practices that all raptors working with humans deserve".

Her business: Accipiter Enterprises has three divisions: Free-Flight programs; International Falconry Academy; and Bird Strike Force.com: Pest bird and Wildlife Control. [www.birdsofprey.net](http://www.birdsofprey.net) [www.birdstrikeforce.com](http://www.birdstrikeforce.com) are the websites.

Fairs and festivals, events, parks, schools, wildlife shows, outdoor recreation departments, grand openings, even private parties are just some of the venues that they are available for.

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The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

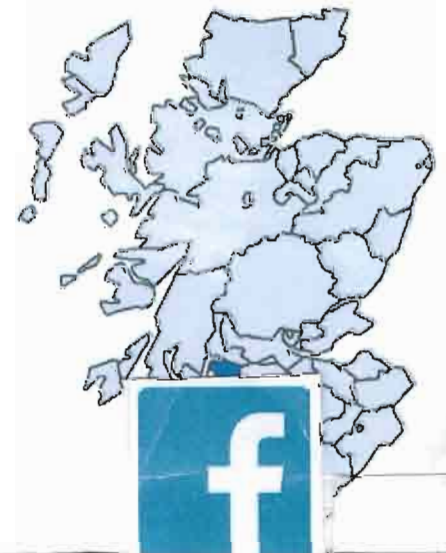


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



Check out the **Paisley Family Society** webpage at [www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk) to see what's happening with us in 2017. Contact Martha Brown at [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com). For the Paisley DNA Project, visit [dlangsto@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangsto@yahoo.com)



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# Have you heard? Gilnockie Tower News

## About the Anglo-Scottish Border

The season has started well for Gilnockie Tower, even taking into account the sign at the end of the tower entrance road indicating that the building is "Closed". By chatting with our budding visitors, we suspect that the majority of people who have driven up the driveway just want to have a 'cheeky wee keek' at the building while visiting the Esk Valley area. No doubt they were drawn in by the numerous tradesmen's vehicles parked by the side of the tower.

If you were one of these visitors, then please accept our sincere apologies that we could not let you witness the changes in all of the rooms within the tower. Boring old health and safety regulations stopped us.

We have many visitors who arrive at the tower searching for kin folks, and they have little they can tell us about the people or places they are researching ... other than they did have a relative who lived in the Debatable Lands many, many years ago. We are preparing an explanation document to help describe that process. To initially help us help you: Research weel afore ee sie oos wi the richt hoose, richt dauts, richt sowel, an' t'en we'el dae whit wi kin tae help ee oot!

Converted into a more common Border dialect: Research well before you meet with us, preferably as near to the correct place, correct dates, and correct person as you can, and then we will do what we can to help you out. Our team want to help the budding historians, so help us and we will endeavour to help you.

### *From the Tower*

This month, folks, the tower has tested the numerous artisans working in the building at Gilnockie. Having said that, the tower repair work now is coming to an end, with many of the finishing touches being put in place by carpenters, electricians, stone masons and other trades working on site. It is our intention to go into detail, giving you a blow by blow story about what exactly went on. Regretfully, time has caught up with us this last two months, but the tale will be told over the next few months.

All that said, a wee romantic story before we go any further. This one brings tears to my eyes. A few months ago we invited the local fire brigade into the tower to clarify the fire protection needs for the inside of the building. Mike, the fire officer from the Dumfries Fire Station, and I were discussing

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fire prevention strategy for the first floor of the building when this young man came huffing and puffing up the tower spiral staircase entering into the first floor room, red in the face. "Excuse me," says I, "can we help?" "Yes!" says our man, "I would love to propose to my girl in front of the Gilnockie Tower Great Hall fire place, if that was in order?" Mike and I looked at each other and in unison said, "Aye Lad, be our guest."

A few moments later the guy and his elegant lady arrived back, obviously she was not interested in old castles, nor had she any knowledge of what was about to happen. Manoeuvring the lady up to the stone fire place our man gets down on one knee and proposes delicately, lovingly and reverently, looking deep into her eyes. Silence, absolute silence in the room for what seemed like a Millennium, then, with a tear and a simple "Yes," he swept her into his arms. The official onsite photographers, the fire officer and I recorded the entire event on the couple's i-Phone.

Regretfully the affair went so quickly we did not get any details other than the number on the back of the black Porsche 911 driving up the roadway and away from the tower. If anyone knows more about this story, please do be so kind as to let us know the final outcome.

We'll tell you much more about the tower repairs shortly, other than that the decorators have arrived this morning! Getting our 'Lady of the Esk Valley into an operable condition is our priority.

#### ***From The Reiver Trail 60 -***

The Reiver Trail 60 has been a part of our Border Reiver Tour experience for over 20 years, but, alas, it is reaching a time in its life where tender loving care is required. We have set up a group who will look at how we can inject more information along with more interest into the experience, but this will take time.

The Reiver Trail as it is at the moment takes the visitor back to the days when their forefathers were part of the Debatable Lands between England and Scotland.

Definitely, we'll say more on this extremely interesting subject as travel we through our *Have You Heard?* journey.

#### ***A Grave Situation!***

The theft of the land around the Johnnie Armstrong grave at Teviothead remains an ongoing problem, with little help from our politicians, either local or National. Again it is our intention to go deep into the root cause of this problem, with the hope that some of the recipients of this newsletter can help us raise the roof at Holyrood, Edinburgh and start the recovery process of the land at Teviothead. We'll have much more on that subject as we develop this newsletter.

#### ***Owt Else -***

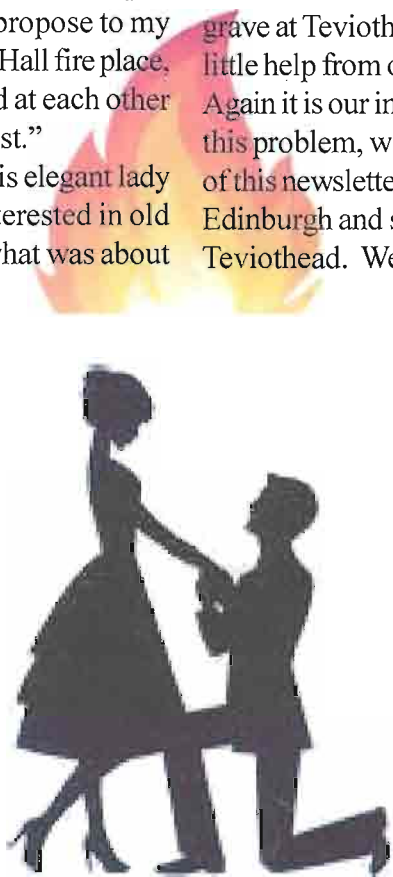
Roger O. LaPointe, Staff Writer, with the *Sentinel-Tribune* (Bowling Green, Ohio) published the rather interesting and attached article "Tartan's tale weaves together BG man, Neil Armstrong, piece of history lands at Ohio History Connection after 45 years, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017". Part of the content relates to the Neil Armstrong Lunar or Moon tartan produced in the town of Langholm, the textile town 6 miles to the north of Gilnockie Tower.

Dyeing or colouring the woollen yarn to the designer's

specific colours and woven by a local factory known as the 'Mill on the Hill' on the outskirts of the town, this beautiful tartan was a great success during the time Armstrong made history on another sphere in space. Ian Maxwell was the factory owner at the time and tartan designer named the tartan The Moon Tartan and The Lunar Tartan made in Armstrong's honour, to celebrate his journey and landing on the moon's surface, and of course his visit to the Muckle Toon o' Langholm.

If you view the International Tartan Index it records that "The black, brown and grey were from the lunar rock brought back to earth by the Apollo flights, and the red was for the rocket flame." A sample length of the cloth is still held in the Clan Armstrong Trust archive and can be viewed upon request.

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# CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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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.



Contact Lloyd Gibson, CBSI President, at [<azbuchanan12@gmail.com>](mailto:azbuchanan12@gmail.com)

## Middle Tennessee Highland Games

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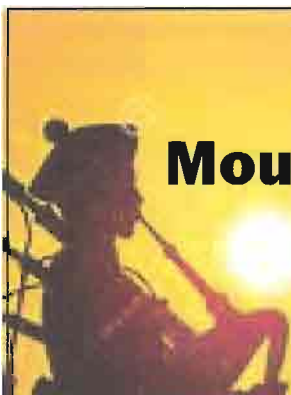
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## Free Genealogy Seminar in Fort Myers, Florida!

Here are the latest listings of upcoming genealogy programs scheduled for September at the Fort Myers Regional Library Meeting Rooms located at 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

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.
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3. E-Mail: Contact Bryan L. Mulcahy at [bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com).



### Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Saturday, September 16, 2017

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian,  
Fort Myers Regional Library.

Time: 9:30am-12:15pm South Building 1651 Lee  
Street Meeting Rooms A & B

Seminar will focus on the genealogical research value contained in these maps. They were originally created for assessing fire insurance liability in urbanized areas in the United States but contain detailed information about buildings in approximately 12,000 US towns and cities.

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library located at 2450 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

You may Tel: (239) 533-4626 or Fax: (239) 485-1160. Email: [<bmulcahy@leegov.com>](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com)



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# Compiling Successful Genealogical Queries



Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Patrons seeking information via regular postal (snail) mail or email is a common occurrence even in the age of Twitter and Instagram. For most genealogical queries, many agencies will only accept queries sent via email or regular snail mail. Detailed queries using Twitter and Instagram usually only work well between individuals. When sending a query to a library, archive, or genealogical/historical society, posting to a message board, or publication for a newsletter, there are several guidelines that must be followed to ensure success.

1. If handwritten, the query absolutely must be written in legible writing. If your handwriting is bad, it is imperative that you get someone to write the letter for you.

2. If typed or created using a word processing program, it needs to be proof read.

3. Never include more than 3 surnames in the query and be sure that the surnames are in bold capitalized letters.

4. Keep your query brief and stick to the basic facts, such as the following:

a. List the persons complete name and brief identifying details.

b. Provide a complete date such as 14 December 1953 or April 10, 1962. Do not use something like 6/1/53.

c. If you are unsure about a date, use terms such as “about”, circa”, or “ca” in front of the date, and include a complete location if known as in “about 25 July

1923, in Lee County, Florida).

d. You must use the correct postal code when abbreviating the state. There is a big difference between AL (Alabama) and AR (Arkansas). When in doubt, write out the complete state name.

5. Once again, be sure to state the relevant facts in a brief concise format. Long detailed letters will seldom be answered.

6. Be sure to have your facts readily at hand before you write your query.

While most libraries will answer brief queries with no or minimal charges, many agencies will charge you for each search they do on your query.

7. When using snail mail for your queries, be sure to include a SASE (stamped self-addressed envelope) with the proper postage and

large enough to accommodate at least three 8 ½ x 11 sheets of paper.

8. Before sending any queries to an agency, library, church, or any other organization, it is wise to visit their website and view the guidelines for access, fees, and options available for receiving the information. For instance, a growing number of entities will wave some or all fees if the sender is satisfied with a scanned email copy of their records. For more information, visit the Fort Myers Regional Library located at 2450 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

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Dear Legacy user,

We are proud to share with you the biggest step forward we have ever made with our Legacy Family Tree software and our FamilyTreeWebinars.com webinar series. We have entered into an acquisition agreement with MyHeritage, a leading global destination for family history and DNA with 91 million users in 196 countries. The acquisition will provide the resources and cutting edge technologies to advance and expand both our #1 rated software and our #1 rated webinar series. Think Legacy is good now? Watch out future – here we come!

How will all this affect you? Entirely positively. Here's a flavor of what you can expect in the future:

- A host of new features in Legacy software – we will be developing future versions of Legacy together. We have already started working on the new Tree Sync feature (to optionally have your Legacy file in a private or collaborative tree at MyHeritage)

- Improved webinar platform to surpass the 1,000-virtual seat limitation we currently have

- Significant discounts on MyHeritage services and DNA kits for Legacy users and webinar viewers not available anywhere else

- Most importantly, you can expect the same high-quality support and service that you have come to expect from us. The entire Legacy and webinar teams will continue on at MyHeritage in our existing roles.

“The more I’ve learned about and experimented with MyHeritage, the more I have felt we need to partner together,” said Geoff Rasmussen, founder of the

FamilyTreeWebinars.com webinar series and “the face” of Legacy Family Tree software. “The technology behind their online trees and historical records is incredible – second to none. MyHeritage has positioned itself to become the leader of the future of the genealogy industry and we can be a part of it. It’s the perfect match – our software and webinars combined with their resources, technologies, and international reach will help both of us accomplish our mission – to help the world find their ancestors.”

We have published a separate article on our blog that addresses more of the details and has answers to questions you might have.

Just as we are excited to contribute to the success of our new owners at MyHeritage, they, too, are anxious to elevate our Legacy software and webinar series to levels that have been beyond our reach.

To celebrate the acquisition, we are offering a limited time, never-offered-before discount on Legacy 9 software and annual webinar memberships. Through Sunday, August 13 (Geoff’s birthday), take 50% off:

- Legacy 9 software – from \$34.95 \$17.48

- 1 year webinar membership (or extension) – \$49.95 \$24.98

Thank you all for your continuing support as we enter this exciting new chapter in the Millennium story.

Best regards,

Dave, Ken, Geoff, and everyone at the Legacy Family Tree/Millennia team

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I don't know how to say this, but....  
you don't have a hamster anymore.

# Clan Davidson Society of North America



Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society of North America**.

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

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

For more information, check out our website at [clandavidson.org](http://clandavidson.org) or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net).



# Six "hidden gems" from across Scotland have been revealed after a nationwide search.

The public vote was co-ordinated by *Dig It! 2017*, the year long celebration of the country's archaeology.

In total, more than 12,000 votes were cast over two months for the 28 nominated locations in the poll.

The winners are:

1. **Govan Stones, Glasgow.** With over 2,000 votes, this was the most popular site. The collection consists of 31 medieval stones carved in the Viking era, including carved crosses and five Viking hogback stones.

2. **Ardrossan Castle.** The medieval ruin in North Ayrshire once played host to some of Scotland's most powerful people including William Wallace.

3. **The Howff, Dundee.** A 453-year-old graveyard landed in third place with over 1,000 votes.

*Dig It! 2017* Project Manager Dr Jeff Saunders said he had been delighted with the response from the public.



## **Gilnockie tower,** *continued from page 9*

Below is a link you can use to check out the Sentinel-Tribune on-line version of this story, and a photo of the tartan can be viewed.

[http://www.sent-trib.com/news/front\\_page/tartan-s-tale-weaves-together-bg-man-neil-armstrong/article\\_c223f9aa-dd12-5a24-bcd1-3fc6e381d783.html](http://www.sent-trib.com/news/front_page/tartan-s-tale-weaves-together-bg-man-neil-armstrong/article_c223f9aa-dd12-5a24-bcd1-3fc6e381d783.html)

The author apologies for the length of this HYH. Pressures developed by the 'Lady of the Valley' have taken him away from the HYH document content, but this next month, August 2017 we can get into the real story of the Anglo-Scottish Border Esk Valley.

There are only a couple of pages in this issue. So for the readers who have mentioned in their communications with me that their coffee had gone cold by the time they had read the content in issue 63, I await your comments on these pages with interest.

Our grateful and everlasting thank you to those who help us, Thank you. Aye tae ee a', Ian M.

Gilnockie Tower will open as a Visitor Centre very shortly.

Connect us on [gilnockietower@gmail.com](mailto:gilnockietower@gmail.com) and Mobile/Cell Phone: 07733 065587



4. **James Watt Cottage, Bo'ness.** The former workshop of the inventor James Watt, whose steam engine played a key role in the Industrial Revolution, was also among the top sites.



5. **Campbeltown Picture House.** One of the earliest surviving purpose-built cinemas in the UK, located in Argyll and Bute, also gained strong support from the public.



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The Clan Grant Society - USA

is  
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**40** *Years*

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To All Clan Grant Society Members...

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

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

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

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

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

will be leading us in a toast to:

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

Baronet of Nova Scotia, 33rd Chief of Grant.

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

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

in addition to stickers of membership.

**Ian Georgeson  
Commercial/Editorial/PR  
photographer based in  
Edinburgh covering all of  
central Scotland.**

I studied Photography at Edinburgh's Stevenson College (Now Edinburgh College) to HND level and won the title of Student Photographer of the year.

In April 2005 I took up the position of staff photographer at *The Edinburgh Evening News/The Scotsman/Scotland on Sunday* which I held for 9 years.

In March 2014 I moved on to being a Freelance photographer still working with *The Scotsman* and other printed/digital media outlets

I also now shoot for a wide range of clients including Transport for Edinburgh, Edinburgh City Council, Edinburgh Airport, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Asda, Pets at Home, Greggs, Cala Homes, Waldorf Astoria Hotels. (*See more next column.*)



Ian Georgeson is photographing many of the clans who are marching in the 2017 Military Tattoo in Scotland.

**We have a wonderful surprise and treat for you on pages 32 and 33 of this section of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*...There, you will find photographs of Mr. Georgeson's featuring Clan MacNab as one of the first clans ever to march at the Tattoo!**

And, there's more! Mr. Georgeson has promised he will send more photos of more clans as they become available...and we will publish a few of them in *BNFT*.

The best news is that if you'd like to see all 50 of the photos Mr. Georgeson took of the Clan MacNab, all you have to do is go to the website printed to the right of this column.

Use the one with numbers on the end to see the MacNab's doing themselves proud. Use the other to get to Ian Georgeson's website.

Mr. Georgeson is the most patient person I have ever known...as it took about 3 days for him to get through your editor's very thick skull how to technically be able to do this! Thank you, Sir!

<http://www.iangeorgesonphotography.co.uk/>  
<http://www.iangeorgesonphotography.co.uk/p439575332>

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**Scotland's Hidden Gems, continued from page 17**



**6. Lincluden Collegiate Church, Dumfries**

The final spot on the list went to the church in southern Scotland where visitors can still find angels and cherubs carved in the stone.

Marie Christie, of *VisitScotland*, said all the hidden gems highlighted the "rich and diverse history" of the country.

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# **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games**

*photographs with thanks to James J. Shaffer*

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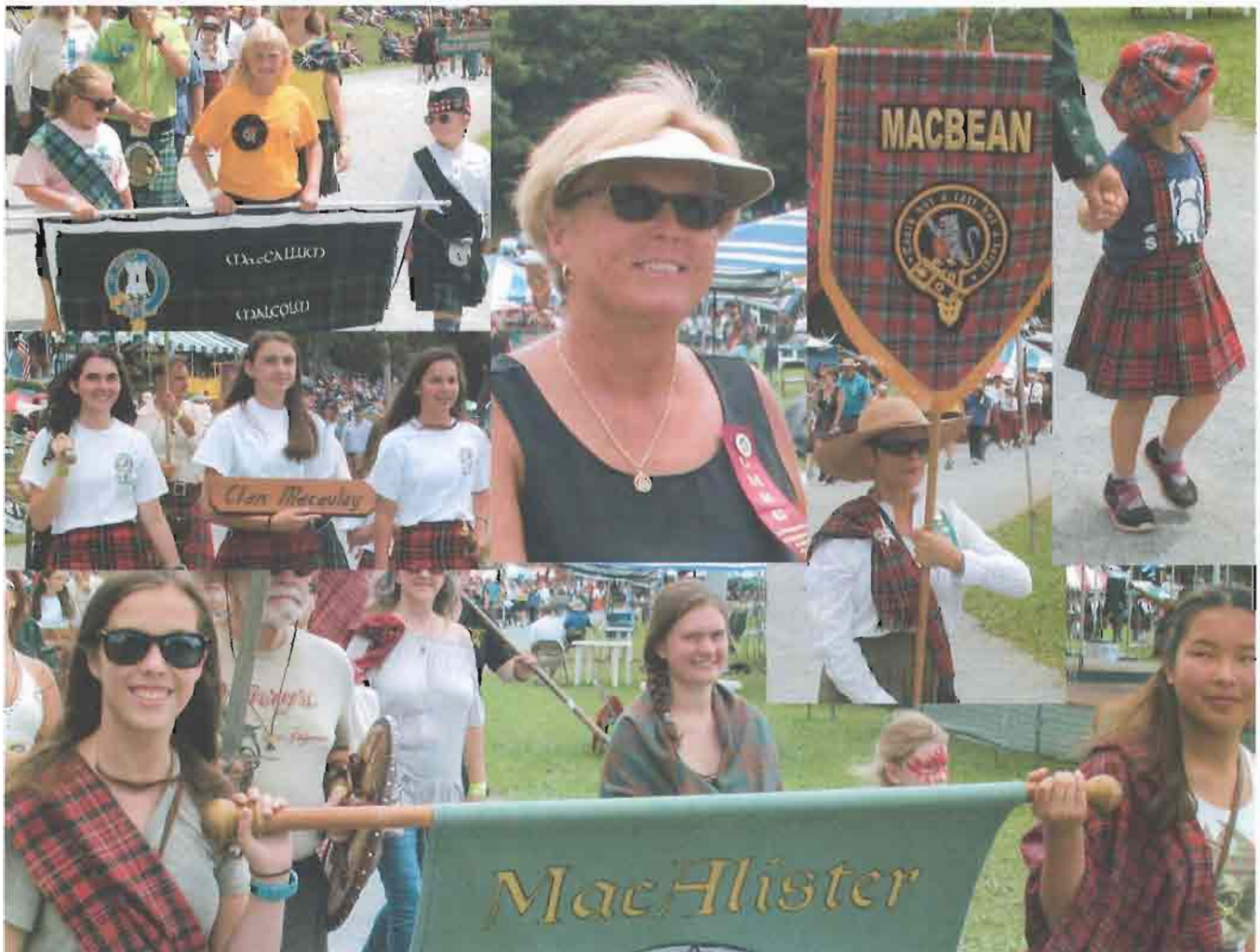


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Clan Grant AGM Stone Mountain, GA 2016



# Flowers of the Forest

**Aubrey Russell Bowles, III**, Past National Governor of the Jamestowne Society from 1975-1977 passed away 28 April 2017. “Bunky” was a longtime sponsor for the Jamestowne Society’s November Membership Meetings at the Commonwealth Club.

He loved the Jamestowne Society and remained active long after his tenure as Governor, currently serving as chair of the Bylaws Committee. He practiced law with the firm Bowles and Bowles for 58 years in Richmond, Virginia.

“Bunky” was a man whose natural grace was the very definition of ‘Virginia Gentleman’,” recalled immediate Past Governor David Woodroof. “His friendship and numerous contributions to the Society will continue as an inspiration to all fortunate to have known him.”

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**Admiral Shirley Piper** was born on March 11, 1939 and passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2017.

Admiral was a resident of Florida.

Admiral proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corp.

*From 5<sup>th</sup> grade, this lovely man was my dear friend. He was a fine athlete in every sport in which he competed. He was a scholar. He was an astute and discerning businessman. He was very knowledgeable about politics. He loved to laugh. He was a loving husband to his wife and a gentle giant of a father to his son. He was kind and caring and loyal to all of his friends.*

*Above all, he was a genuine and real friend to me. I will miss him. Your ed.*

**D o u g l a s James Weddell Turnbull** died in his home on July 9, 2017 in Marietta, Georgia surrounded by loving family.

He was 92.

Doug was born on April 3, 1925 in Essex, England to his parents, Kenneth and Grace Turnbull.

He married Paula Sperring in 1950.

His lifelong career as a design engineer in aeronautics began at the de Havilland Aeronautical Technical School.

Doug soon came to the US to work for Lockheed Corporation and later McDonnell Douglas Corporation.

He retired to his home in Marietta, Georgia where he continued his interest in aviation via the Aviation Wing of the Marietta Museum of History.

Doug is survived by his wife of 67 years, Paula; sons, Peter (Stephanie), Iain, James, and Rob; daughters, Fiona, Helen Goody (Jeff), and Rowena Magrecki (Tom); daughter-in-law Terri; and 11 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son, Paul and brother, Kenneth.

Douglas was buried in a private ceremony on Friday, July 14, 2017 in Conyers, Georgia. A memorial service is planned for later this year.



# LALLANS

## The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters

### *A lovely letter for July 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 turns out, it is great fun!)

#### Lords of the Isles

I hae been raedin ae buikie cried, *Islay Voices*, edited by Jenni Minto an Les Wilson an published by Birlinn Ltd., Edinburgh 2016 an it is made up o fowks observations an screivins gaein back ower mony ceinturies frae the present dey.

The Island of Islay, for those faa dinnae ken, wis the seat o the Lords of the Isles, MacDonalids, frae the great Somerled onwards for near 400 year syne.

Noo mony fowk, especially the sudron like tae mak oot that us Heilan fowk wir nocht but savages an heathens fan naethin cuid be furder frae the truth.

Christianity cam the the Islands o Scotland first an syne spread inland, ower the the aist an syne south. Onywey, thay Lairds oot in Islay wir nae kings, but thay ruled ower ae kinrig. It wis the maist able faa wuid inherit the title an he ruled wi ae court o soun an worthy advisors.

Noo fan the Laird held ae banquet it wis the Bard, the poet, faa sat at his richt haun side. The Bard wis maist important for he wuid compose the poems o the great man's deeds, be it in battle or governance. The Bard wuid alsaecite the Laird's lineage gaein bek ower mony ceinturies till he reached Abraham.

Michty yon maun hae been a lang tale I here some o ye sey. Weel ye maun alloo for ae wee bit o novelty! Neist tae the Bard sat the Apothocary, the doactor. The doactors haed the nem o MacBeth an fauir frae bein glorified Spey wives thay men held correspondence wi

the great physicians o thair age, screivin letters tae Italy aa in Latin!

Thay Latinised thair nem tae Beaton.

Ane o the MacBeths screived the follaein advise tae his Laird bek in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ceintury. *Rise early ilk morning, brush the sleep frae yer hair an rub the sleep frae yer body. Gang oot for ae guid strang walk in the clear air, preferably on ae high place an afore breakfasting. Tak aathin in moderation, including wine.*

Soun kin modren? There is ae story that ane o the Kings o Scotland haed ae malaise an naithin cuid cure him. Nane o his physicians cuid help so he arranged for ae saumple o his urine tae be sent tae the MacBeth wi

ae notie o his symptoms.

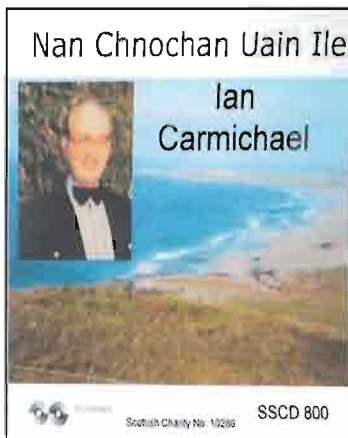
Noo his physicians in Embro (Edinburgh) wirnae ower pleased wi this so thay chynged the King's saumple for ae vial o bull's piss. Aa but the mannie in Islay wisnae baet. He devised ae cure frae the symptoms sent it tae the King faa made a fu recovery.

Gin yer nem is MacBeth or Beaton, be fell proud o yer bluidline.

Islay nooadeys is best kent for its Malt Whiskies, but the site at Finlaggan is weel worth ae visit gin ye iver gang tae yon airt.

Ian Carmichael, (see the piktur) is frae the Island of Islay an he was ane o oor best Gaelic Singers o re-

*Continued on page 29*



# 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.

The Clan Macneil President: Robert "Bob" Neill,  
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# Texas Scottish Festivals Fall 2017



**Kerr County Celtic Festival,  
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**Sunday, October 8 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
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http://tylerscottishfest.weebly.com/

**Saturday, October 14 - No admission fee**  
**56th Annual Scottish Gathering and Highland Games  
in Salado, TX**  
www.saladoscottishgames.com  
Friday, November 10 through Sunday, November 12

**Letter from George Watt, continued from page 27**  
cent times. I wis fell pleased fan Ian gaed us permission  
tae mak available his recordins on oor Scotsoun label.

Gin ye want tae ken mair o oor recordins be it  
Gaelic or Scots, poetry or sang, Bagpipe or fiddle mu-  
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George T Watt

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# Clan Bell International



This

old West Marche Clan, one of 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" of 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, and 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 inquires from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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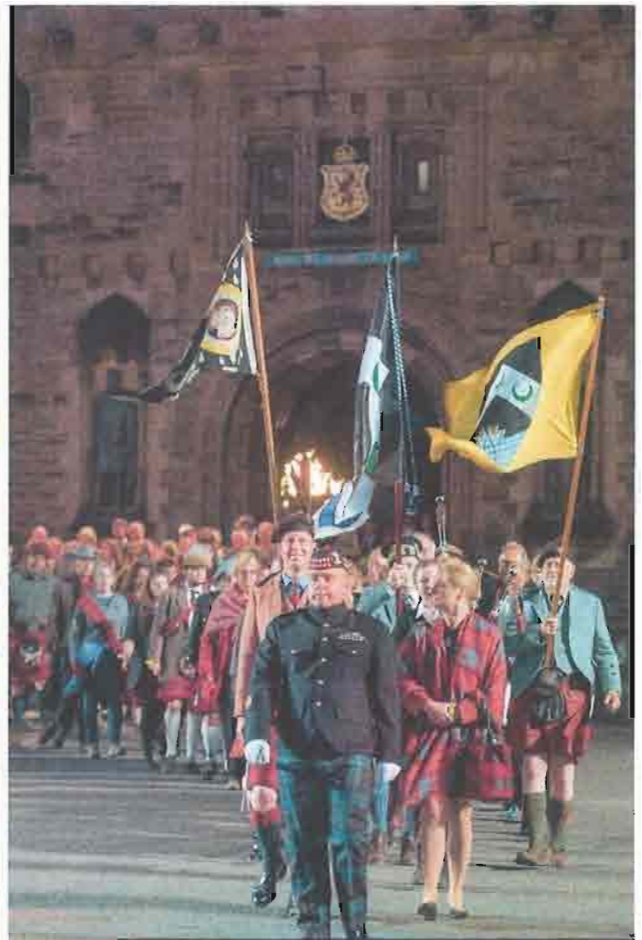
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*Clan Davidson at play at the 2017 Glasgow Games!*



**Clan MacNab at the 2017  
Royal Military Tattoo  
in Edinburgh**





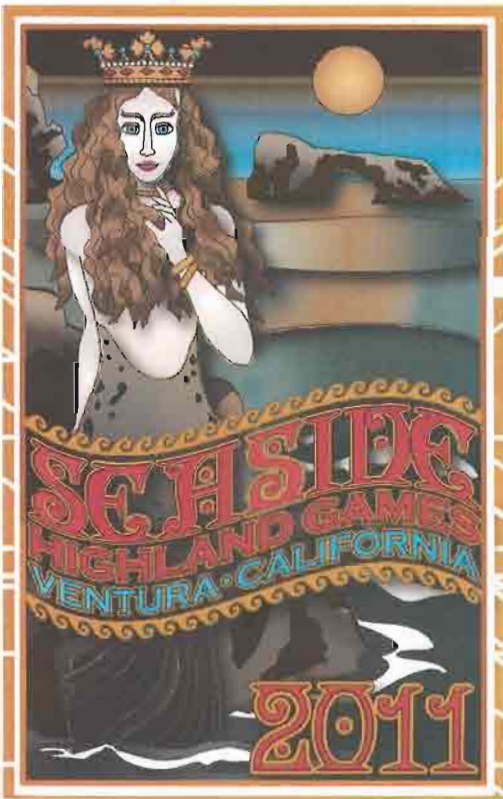


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To see all 50 pictures of Clan MacNab at the 2017  
Royal Military Tattoo in Edinburgh, just visit:

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