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Uncle Sam's Highlanders "do us proud" at Mey Games at John O'Groats Field in Caithness

Elizabeth Roscoe,
Uncle Sam's Highlanders

With winds blowing upwards of twenty to thirty miles an hour, the Uncle Sam's Highlanders competed at the Mey Games in Scotland the weekend of August 4th and 5th, 2018.

HRH Prince Charles, Chieftain of the Games, invited Help for Heroes to enter a team as well.



Organizers from the Royal British Legion Wick, Canisbay and Latheron Branch invited both para and Invictus athletes to compete in traditional Highland track-and-

field events. This was the first time that disabled competitors have been included within a traditional Highland Games in Scotland.

The games were held at the John O'Groats Showground in Caithness.

We'll have more photos and statistics from the Mey Games in Section A for September.



The Uncle Sam's Highlanders tug-of-war team takes part in the Mey Highland & Cultural Games at the John O'Groats Showground in Caithness. Teams representing Help for Heroes and the US Invictus Games team competed in an event described as a cross between a Highland Games and Invictus Games.

Uncle Sam's Highlanders traveled to John O'Groats Showground, Caithness, Scotland to compete at the Castle Mey Highland and Cultural Games.

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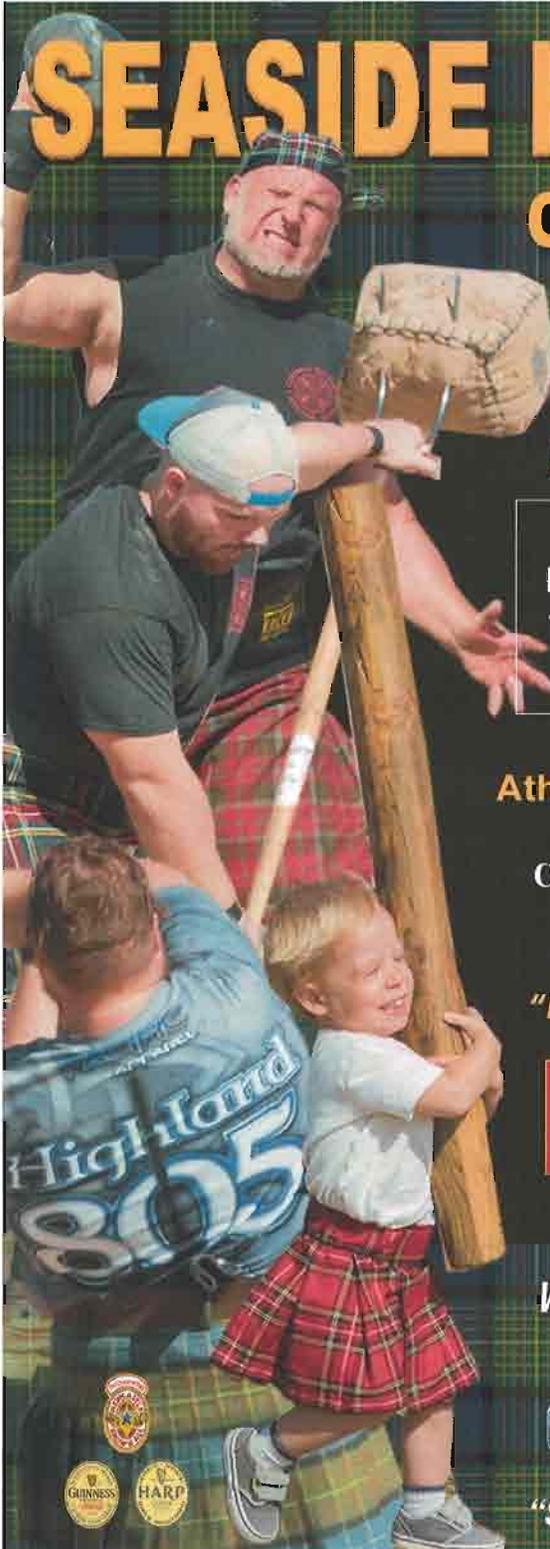
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Having been featured in photos, ads, and films, the island fortress known as Eilean Donan has spent centuries solidifying its position as the most iconic image of Scotland for natives and foreigners alike.

Built on an island a mile away from the Village of Dornie, the land was first occupied in 634 AD, home to the monastic cell of Bishop Donan.

During the 13th century Alexander II built the first incarnation of Eilean Donan to defend the surrounding mountains of Kintail and the Isle of Skye against the Viking hordes.

This original castle is said to have an immense curtained wall connecting seven towers and spanning the entire island.

Come 1719, a lesser-known Jacobite uprising partially destroyed the structure, and for the

following 200 years it lay in near ruins. Finally in 1911, Colonel John MacRae-Gilstrap arrived. He bought the island and restored the castle, re-opening it in 1932.

Jutting artfully from its island perch at the intersection of three lochs, the castle has been featured in a number of ad campaigns and films, such as *Highlander* and *Entrapment*.

Today, what is deemed the fourth incarnation of the castle (the history of the second and third structures remains unknown) is still owned by the MacRae family, who run a tourist center and restaurant for those who care to venture into the Feudal folds of Scotland's history.

Know Before You Go

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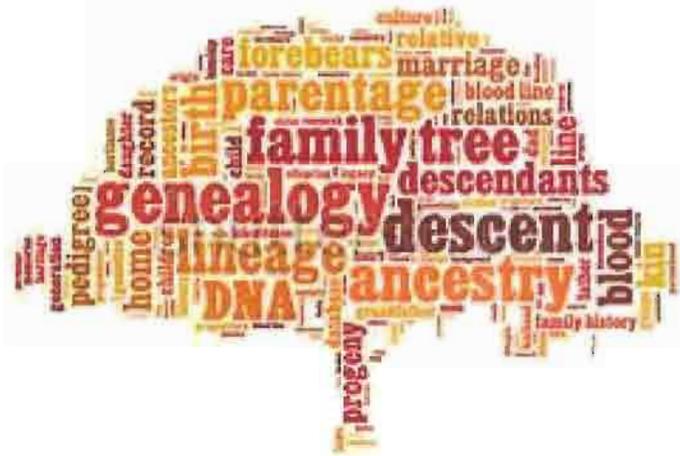
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Tracing Your Hispanic/Latino Family History

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Speakers: Bryan L. Mulcahy – Reference Librarian – Fort Myers Regional Library;

Paul R. Rivera – Lee County Genealogical Society

Time: 9:30-12:15pm; South Building 1561 Lee Street; Meeting Rooms A & B

Our seminar will focus on research strategies designed to assist patrons in successfully tracing their Hispanic/Latino ancestors throughout the world. In the second portion of the program, Paul Rivera will present a case study of how he successfully researched his Puerto Rican heritage.

Genealogical Search Techniques on the Internet

Thursday, October 4, Friday, October 5, Saturday, October 6, 2018

Speaker: Carol Rooksby Weidlich, Past President, Lee County Genealogical Society, and Bryan L. Mulcahy, Fort Myers Regional Library

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

** Important Note – Thursday and Friday morning classes. Because the sessions begin at 9:30am, patrons who arrive early between 8:30 and 9am, should be able to find spaces in the free patron parking lot adjacent to the meeting rooms. There are some eating places along First Street that serve breakfast. If you must park on the street, it is .25 per hour.

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The Clan Sinclair AGM at the 2018 Loch Norman Scottish Highland Games near Huntersville, North Carolina is above.

The Right Honorable Malcolm Sinclair, The Earl of Caithness and Hereditary Chief of Clan Sinclair is in the front row holding his cromag and wearing his chieflv feathers.

With thanks to the Clan Sinclair and Alta Ginn for her help with the above photograph taken by Mariel Hunkeler.

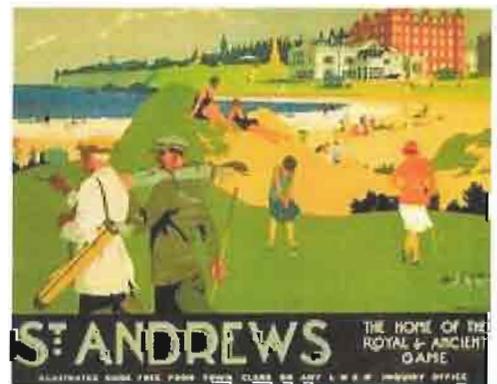
With thanks, as well, to *Yours Aye*, their publication. Please contact their Membership Chairman, Keith Sinclair, for membership information. Just email him at <kasinclair2016@gmail.com>



Did you know these things about the Scots?

- ◆ A Scot, Captain Patrick Ferguson, invented the breech loading rifle.
- ◆ A Scot, Major General Lachlan Macquarie, is known as the 'Father of Australia'.
- ◆ A Scot, Sir John Alexander Macdonald, was the first Prime Minister of Canada, under confederation.
- ◆ A Scot, Thomas Blake Glover, was one of the founding fathers of modern Japan.
- ◆ A Scot, Henry Faulds, pioneered the use of fingerprints as means of undisputed identity of people.
- ◆ A Scot, Robert Stirling, invented the Stirling engine in 1850. Stirling engines are being studied at NASA for use in powering space vehicles with solar energy!
- ◆ The Scots invented Golf.

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Chev. Cleve Robert Ferguson, GOTJ, BMTJ, passed away Wednesday June 6, 2018 at Saddleback Memorial Hospital at Laguna Hills California.

Mr. Ferguson was the son of Frank and Ruth Ferguson of Los Angeles. Robert Ferguson was invested into the Supreme Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Grand Priory of the

Scots, in 1998. He was a Knight Commander, member of the Order's Privy Council, and earned special recognition as the Priory's Advocate. He was also an active member of the Clan Ferguson Society of North America, and was a Regional Vice President.

Mr. Ferguson (BOB) was an Adjunct professor of Astronomy at the University of La Verne, California. Bob also taught telescope optics at the University of California Los Angeles and at Irvine. He was a co-founder and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Wilson Institute which oversees the operation of the Mount Wilson Observatories.

Bob was an attorney at law and practiced in the fields of complex business and land use litigation. He was a graduate of University of Southern California with an A.B. in Economics and a Juris Doctor. He also studied European economics and literature at the University of Vienna, Austria. Between 1994 and

2002, he taught Evidence and Civil Procedure at the University of La Verne's College of Law.

He was married to the former Peggy Burke of Statesboro, Georgia. Bob had two children, Shari and Timothy Ferguson

Chev. James Paul Valjean, III, KTJ passed away on April 10th, 2018, at the age of 62.

Born in Yonkers, New York, James moved to



California during his days in the United States Air Force. After his honorable discharge, he eventually settled permanently in Southern California making a career in the energy auditing business.

In recent years, enjoying semi-retirement, he started a honey and avocado oil

business and was a favorite at local farmers markets.

He had many interests, ranging from football, BBQ, fine dining, music and dancing. He had a passion for serving the community, and was always willing to help regardless of the duties. One of his trademark phrases was, "I'm happy to be of service".

His volunteer activities included supporting the

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The Armstrong Clan Society

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

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
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If you are interested in a new word which is a British military term... The word is “FOUND.”

It was correctly used here: "A Guard of Honour is paraded in the square FOUND by the Royal Company of Archers and the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland."

The word “found” is a British military term – it just means “provided by” – but it is the correct military term!

With many thanks to George Alexander Way of Plean, the Much Hon. Baron of Plean.

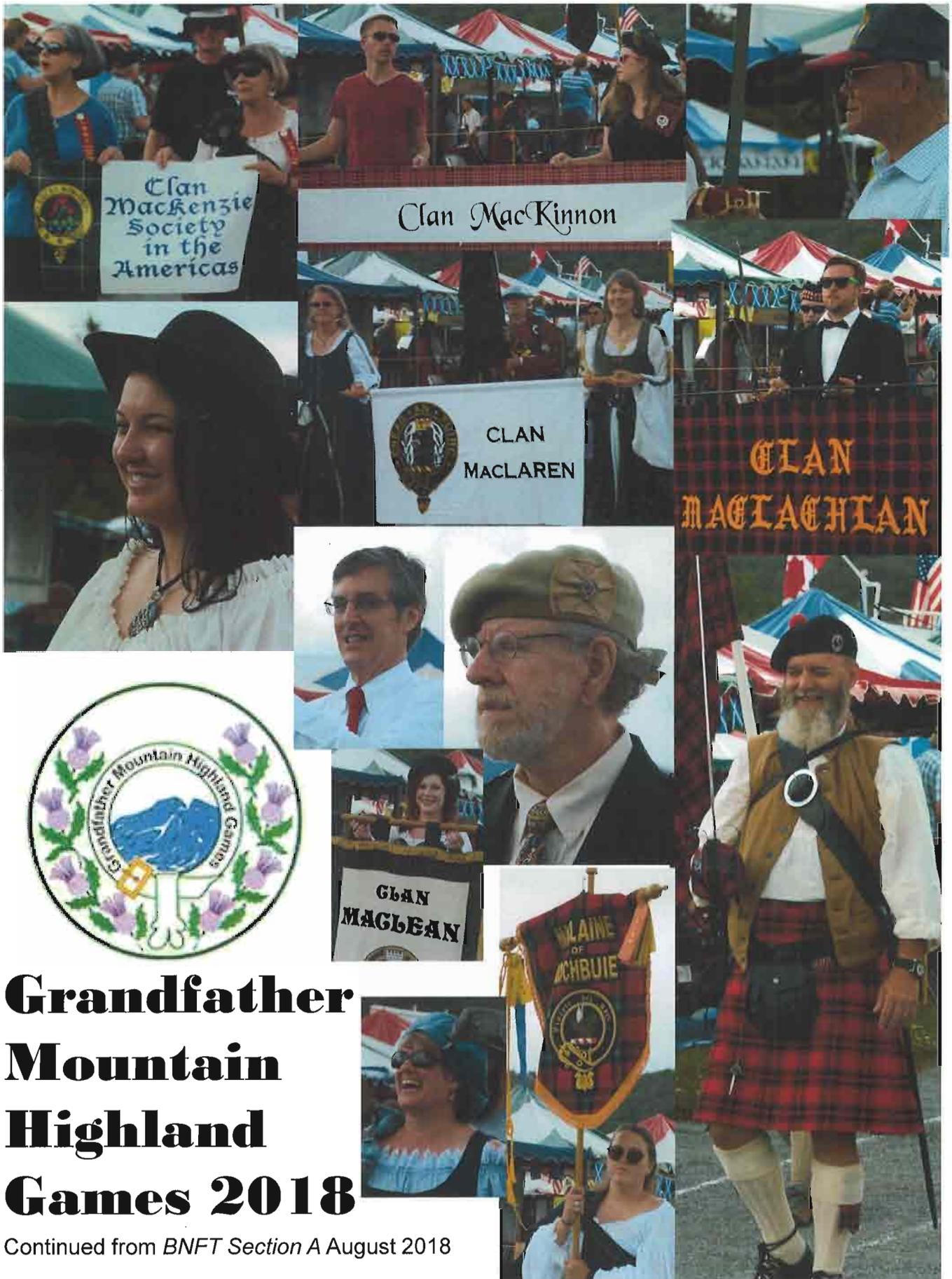


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Scottish Knights Templar, various church events and the San Juan Capistrano Fiesta Association. In 2018, he took the top spot in the 60th Annual Swallows Day Parade, acting as both Parade and Mercado Street Faire Chairman, and provided expert leader-

ship culminating in one of the most successful and well received seasons on record.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; mother Joan, brother Craig, sister Karen, nieces Megan, Erin and Rachael, and nephews Doug and John.



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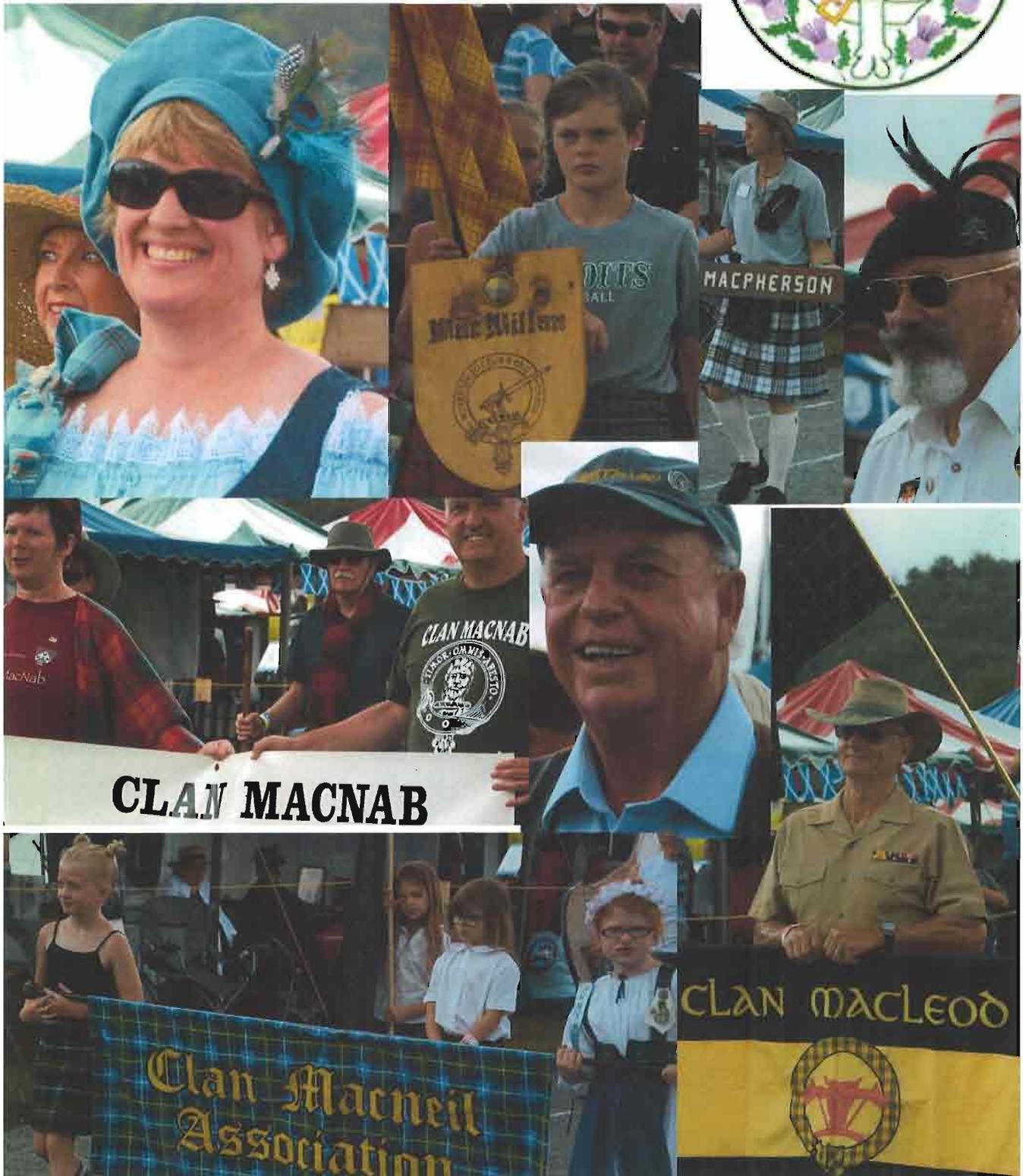
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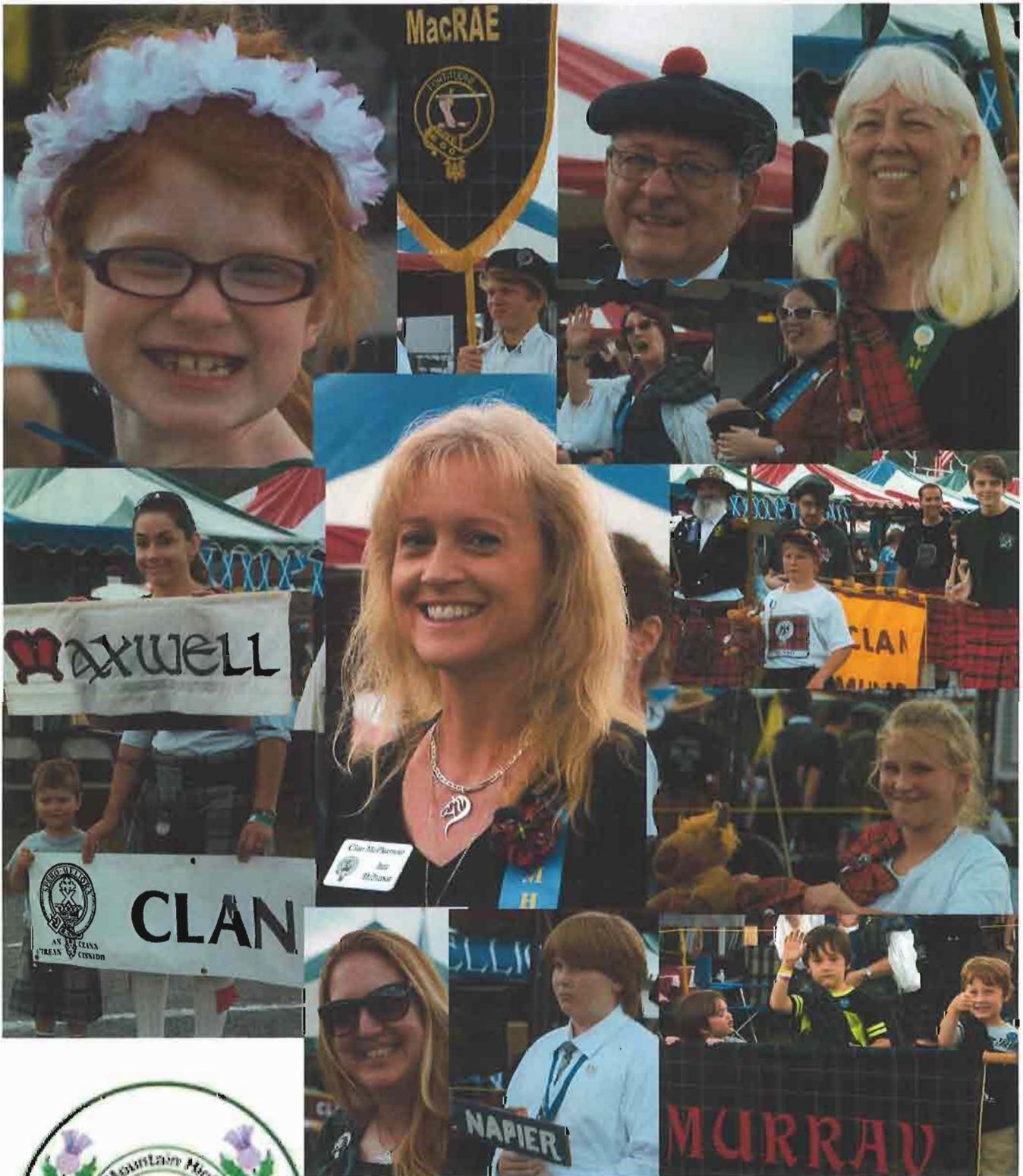
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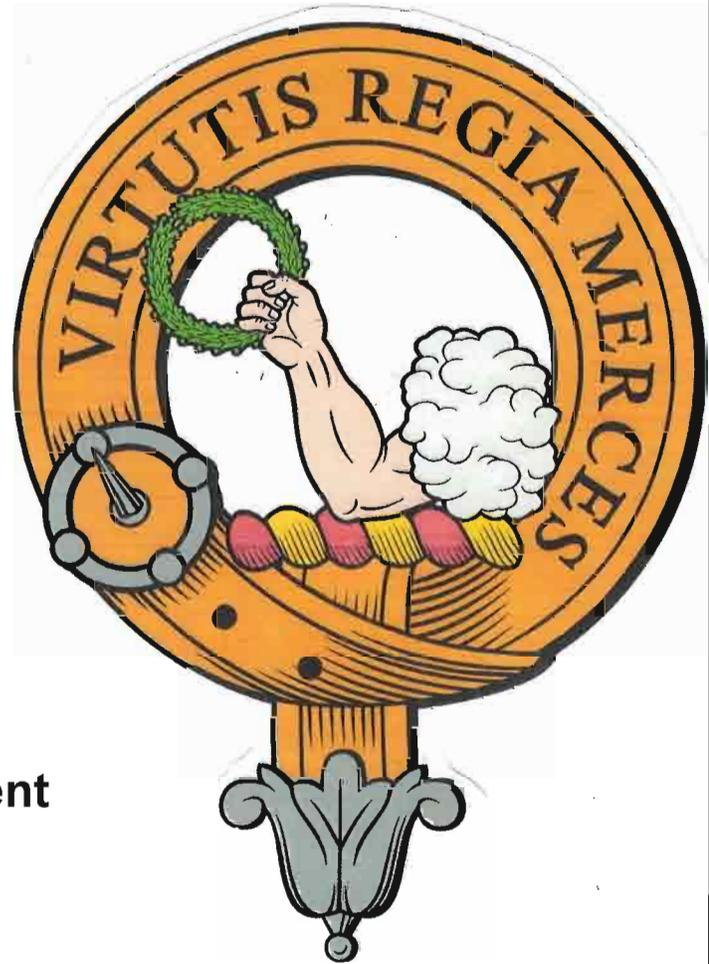
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The Italian highlanders who may have Scottish roots

Dany Mitzman, Gurro, northern Italy

Thousands of Italians emigrated to Scotland in the 20th Century, but it seems that 400 years earlier a group of Scots may have settled in a village in the Italian Alps. So local legend has it... And there are plenty of signs to suggest that maybe, just maybe, it's true.

High up in the mountains of northern Italy, just a few kilometres from the Swiss border, the people of the tiny village of Gurro speak a strange dialect, incomprehensible even to the other villages in the same valley.

They have peculiar surnames, and the women's traditional costume features a patterned underskirt that looks suspiciously like tartan.

Even some of their surnames, including Gibi, Patriti and Donaldi, are just Italianized forms of Gibbs, Fitzpatrick and MacDonald.

One possible explanation is that their forefathers include a unit of Scottish soldiers - the Garde Ecosaise - who served the French King, Francis I, and were defeated with him at the Battle of Pavia, near Milan, in February 1525.

The story goes that while trying to make their way home the Scots stopped in Gurro, where they got snowed in for the winter. Many locals believe they never left.

"I've heard talk about this story since I was a child," says Alma Dresti, who was born and bred in Gurro.

"I know it's probably at least part legend but I like to believe in it and I do think there could be some truth in it.

"I like to imagine those strapping young soldiers trying to return home, stopping here, and liking it so much they stayed even once spring had come."

One tale describes how the Scottish visitors stole girls from the next village, celebrating their trophy brides with big parties - before waking the village priest at dawn to legalise their unions.

Alma says this could explain a custom peculiar to Gurro, in which receptions were traditionally held before the marriage ceremony and weddings took place early in the morning.

"This tradition of having the wedding lunch one week before the actual marriage continued until the 1950s," she says. "My parents, who got married in January 1951, did that - they had a big party with all their relatives a week before the wedding, then returned to

their family homes, and then a week later got married at 6am in church."

Now 95, Alma's mother could once be found on a sunny bench passing the time of day with other women, all wearing traditional dress, including the tartan underskirt. Some have the surname Patriti, which they believe is derived from "Patrick".

As we walk along the steep cobbled streets, Alma's youngest daughter, Sabrina, points out to me an unusual architectural feature - some of the buildings have wooden supports under the windows, positioned to form what looks like the St Andrew's cross. And she says some consider Celtic-derived words in their dialect to be a sign of Scottish origins.

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Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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Scottish Highlanders from Italy, *continued from page 19*

"Especially the way you say 'yes'. It's 'si' in Italian and usually, in other dialects, you just change it a bit, like 'shi'," she says. "Here it's 'aye'. They actually switch the accent so it's more 'ayee' than 'aye' but it sounds like the Scottish way."

There are plenty more fragments of apparent evidence that locals can list. One is a typical folk song with words indicating nostalgia for the sea, although 500 years ago the people of Gurro would never have travelled far enough to see it. And there is a fisherman's knot that must have been taught to the mountain folk by men who fished.

All this so impressed a Scottish amateur anthropologist, Lt Col Gayre of Gayre and Nigg, baron of Locheshyre, that he embarked on his own investigation.

His book, *The Lost Clan* - concluded that the people of Gurro most likely could claim Scottish descent, and in 1973 he symbolically adopted them into his own clan.

Silvano Dresti (no relation of Alma's - it's a common name in Gurro) recalls an unforgettable party that was thrown to celebrate. "There was a lot of excitement and the whole village was decorated with Scottish and Italian flags for the occasion. Being affiliated to a clan made us proud," he says.

Silvano remembers the kilted Scottish baron and bagpipers, and VIP guests including Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, who would later become president of Italy. A BBC Scotland television crew captured it all on film.

Silvano was 18 at the time. "I was a bell ringer," he says. "I'd learned the Scottish anthem, Scotland the Brave, which I practised playing on our church bells up in the bell tower."

Alma Dresti remembers that the preparations began long in advance, with people cleaning, tidying, weeding and planting flowers.

Throughout the summer, groups of men and women gathered in the mountains above the village to practise old folk songs that they performed on the day, she says. She was 21 and her first daughter, just

two months old, was the youngest villager in traditional costume that day.

"It was such an emotion to watch the procession from the church square - the baron, the mayor, all the guests and the bagpipe players. It was so different. I still get goosebumps when I think back to it."

Her husband, Adriano Dresti, who was a village councillor at the time, has equally fond - though perhaps hazier - memories.

"We had a party in the municipal offices with the baron. There was an immediate feeling of kinship. He brought three or four crates of whisky!" he laughs.

The bar in the village had always been called the Scotch Bar (it's now the *circolo degli scozzesi* - the Scottish social club) but after the ceremony the bond with Scotland was consolidated.

Silvano Dresti took up the bagpipes, though he is keen to specify that he plays the easier Italian variety, the *baghet bergamasco*.

His brother, Giorgio, once dropped in on the Gayre family at their home, Minard Castle, near Inveraray. "When

he said he was from Gurro, they welcomed him in," Silvano says.

Silvano has not visited the castle but will never forget the moment he finally made it to Scotland. His eyes mist as he remembers getting off the coach before crossing over the border from England. "The guide explained to us, 'Over there that's where Scotland begins'. It was then and there that I felt some emotions rise up inside me that I really can't explain... Scotland... I remember thinking, 'This is the land they say we come from.'"

Stepping off the bus in Edinburgh, he heard the sound of bagpipes. "I followed the sound through the streets until I reached the spot in front of a big store where there was a bagpiper in his kilt and finery. I already felt moved by the sound of bagpipes, but to be in the kingdom of Scottish bagpipes under the castle... that was so powerful."





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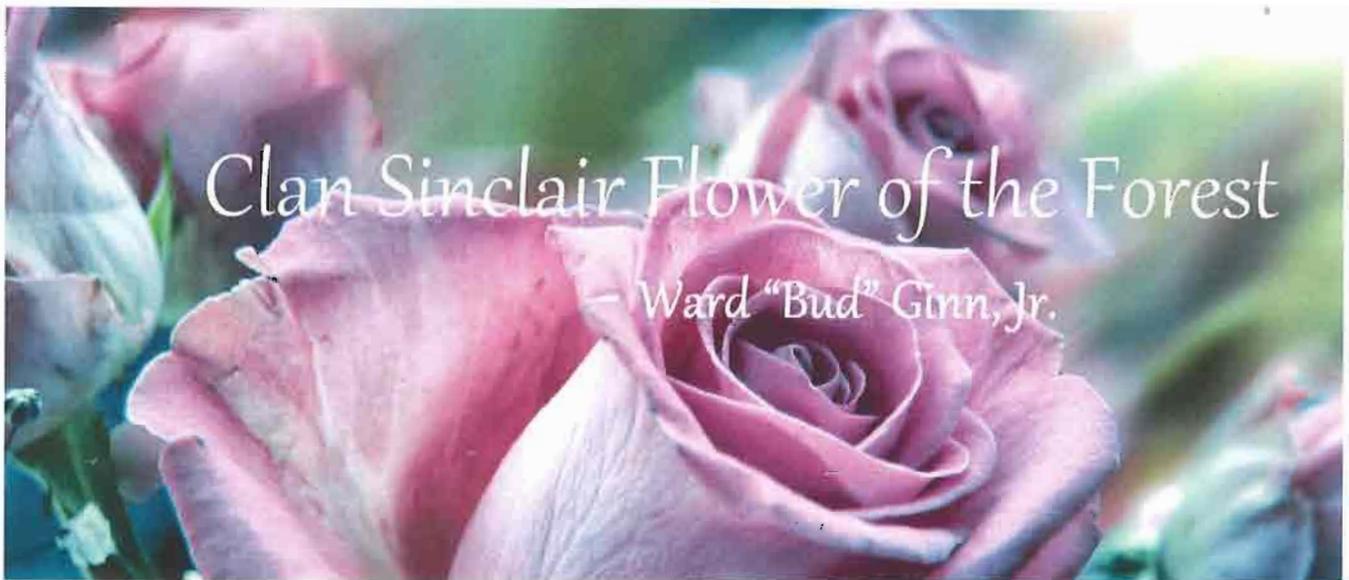
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Ward “Bud” Ginn, Jr., died August 1, 2018 at 80 years of age. He served as Editor of the *Yours Aye* newsletter, Clan Historian, and Clan Commissioner for Virginia for Clan Sinclair. At the Clan Sinclair International Gathering in Edinburgh in August 2017, Bud, even though he wasn’t in attendance, received “The Chief’s Collar” award. This was presented to Bud to recognize his outstanding service and the continued excellence in Bud’s many roles within the Association. He not only set the bar of performance high but continued to exceed these excellent standards. Clan Sinclair Association (USA) was indeed fortunate to have someone of his caliber in these capacities.

Bud joined Clan Sinclair USA in July 1997. As an interesting aside, it was somewhat of a stretch for Bud to qualify for membership. His surname was not Sinclair and he had no Sinclairs close to him in his family tree. To make the necessary connection, he had to trace a particular family line on his mother’s side back 20 generations to Mary Sinclair, the ninth daughter of Prince Henry Sinclair who married Sir Thomas de Sumerville. Though he had to travel a long distance in time to find a Sinclair in his family genealogy, Bud took great pride that the connection is with one of the clan’s most illustrious members.

In the 21 years that he has been a member, Bud has been actively involved in clan activities in several different capacities. Initially, he along with Tom and Shelagh Sinclair assisted Virginia Commissioner Susan Green Grady, hosting tents at various venues in Northern Virginia. In early 2000, Bud was appointed Commissioner in Virginia, a post he shared with Alison Sinclair Lawrence. Bud and Tom also represented Clan Sinclair as Commissioner for Maryland, hosting tents at several festivals and games in the Washington area. In Virginia and Maryland, Clan Sinclair had the reputation as being the “friendly clan.”



In March 2002, Bud was appointed to the position of Historian to replace Laurel Fechner who resigned her position for health reasons. As Historian, he undertook a number of initiatives to heighten the awareness of fellow clansmen of the clan’s rich history. Among these was Bud’s efforts to make accessible at a nominal cost, a number of historical works about the clan’s history previously-out-of-print and unavailable. To this end, he made electronic copies of *The Saint-Clairs of the Isles* and *The Sinclair Family of*

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Clan MacCord Society

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

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Ward “Bud” Ginn, Jr., *continued from page 23*

Virginia in CD format. He also edited and compiled descriptive accounts of Rosslyn Chapel and Castle in CD and in hardcopy. Bud and his son, Bryan made a video of the 2005 International Clan Gathering in Scotland in DVD format. During the past eight years, Bud has been a frequent contributor of articles to the newsletter *Yours Aye*, many having to do with the history of the ancient family of Sinclairs in Scotland. He also authored a number of brochures for use by the Association’s commissioners, including several in response to all the publicity concerning the Clan’s connections to the *DaVinci Code* plot. Given his long professional career as a legal writer, Bud’s historical research was fact based, leaving no room for specu-

lation. His work included research regarding the clan’s connections to Freemasonry and the Knights Templar.

In early 2003, Bud was appointed Editor of Clan Sinclair USA’s newsletter *Yours Aye* upon the resignation of the previous editor. The newsletter for the second quarter of 2018 was the fifty-eighth newsletter that he published with help from his wife, “Assistant AJ”.

Bud and his wife, Alta Jean, attended clan gatherings at Stone Mountain, Grandfather Mountain, Loon Mountain, hosted the 2013th AGM at The Plains, Virginia and as well attended the International Gatherings held in Scotland in 2000 and 2005.



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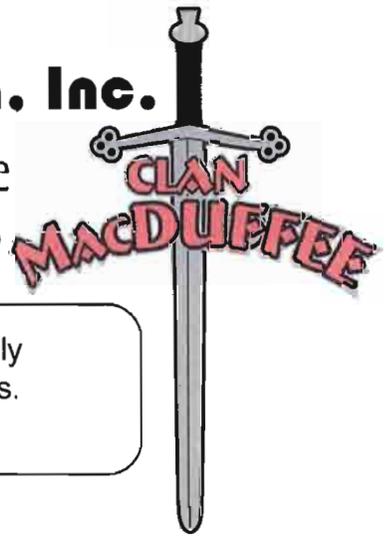


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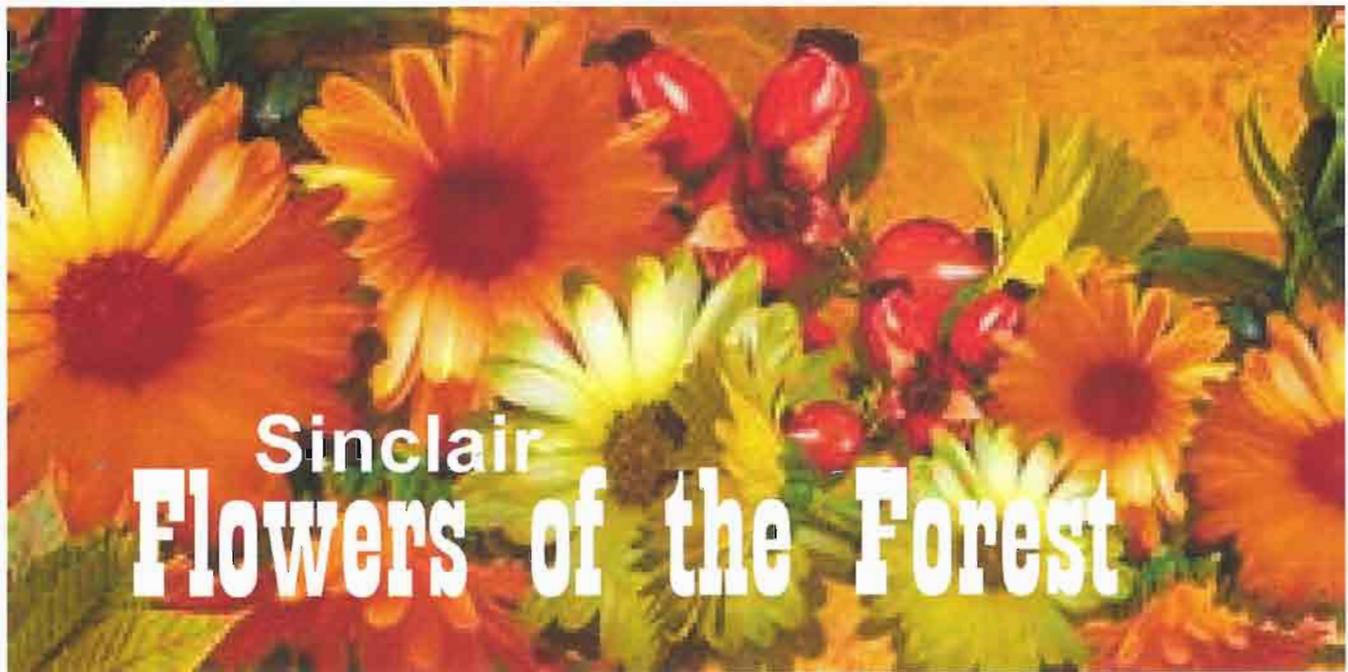
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Jean Schade Boos, (Jeannie), 76, long time resident of Atlanta, was born in Bloomfield, New Jersey. January 17, 1941. Her parents were, Dr. Arthur Schade and Jean McDougal Sinclair. Jeannie passed on Good Friday, April 14, 2017, after having battled Glioblastoma Multiform, (GBM) brain cancer for 16 months.

She was a graduate of Duke University, BA History and MA Teaching and an MA in Education from Georgia State University. She had retired from teaching in the Decatur School system.

She is survived by her husband, Louis J. Boos; Daughter, Alexandra Rooks Hughes; Tucker, GA., son, Jason Sinclair Rooks, Avondale Estates, GA., and grandchildren; Catherine (Catie) Rooks, Dawson Rooks and Keelia Hughes.

There was a Celebration of her Life in Atlanta, GA. Jeannie joined our Clan Sinclair (USA) family in 2001.

“April 14, 2018 will be the one year from Jeannie’s passing. Jeannie loved her Scottish heritage with the Sinclair’s and Whitelaw’s on her Mother’s side. Our family will continue to attend and support the Scottish Games in the Atlanta area.

You will note that Jeannie’s wishes are that she be cremated and half her ashes spread in her favorite city in the world. The whole family went to Paris, France, over Thanksgiving week 2017 and accom-

plished that half. Next year, we will all fly to Scotland and fulfill the Scottish part of her request. Jeannie had enjoyed visiting the family castle at Wick.”

Best regards, Lou Boos

Heather Anna Maria Snider Sinclair, 45, passed away suddenly on March 29, 2018 at her Olympia home. She was born on October 2, 1971 to David R. Snider and Sharon (Moore) Snider Sinclair. Heather was born with a rare, lifethreatening immune deficiency, and against all odds, she survived.

Heather graduated with honors from Puget Sound High School. She attended South Puget Sound Community College. She worked in the restaurant and hospitality industry for twenty years. She also owned and operated Amiable Books, an independent online bookstore specializing in out-of-print and first edition books.

Her hobbies and interests were varied. She enjoyed Scottish Highland dancing, genealogy, poetry and photography. She began dancing at age 9 and won numerous awards for her exceptional talent. Heather was a longstanding and active member of Clan Sinclair USA (Since 1983), and she participated in forty events as a co-commissioner and association member.

She loved all things Scottish and especially en-

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Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliotts of known Scottish descent.

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

www.elliotclan.com

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

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

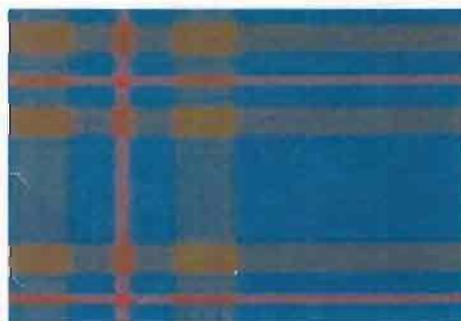
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Boldly and Rightly





Sinclair Flowers of the Forest,

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joyed photographing Scotland's stunning natural landscapes.

Her father, David R. Snider, precedes her in death. She is survived by her son Sawyer H.R. Sinclair; mother Sharon Snider Sinclair; brother Jeremy Snider; aunt Lois Snider; uncle Lee Kula; nieces Page and Adelaine Snider; nephew Cameron Snider and sister-in-law Summer Rowe-Snider.

R. W. "Dick" Phillips, 80, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at his home. He was born May 5, 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio, only son of the late Cletus W. and Elsie Potancik Phillips. Dick was a retired executive and owner of Phillips and Partners Public Relations, Phoenix, AZ.

He attended John Carroll University and was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Dedicated to his community, he was a member of St. Clairsville Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus and former board member of Gompers Habilitation Center in Phoenix. Dick was a parishioner at St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling, WV.

Surviving are his loving wife, Mary Agnes Palinkas Phillips, of St. Clairsville; two daughters, Mary D. Phillips (Michael Quinn, IV) of Silver Springs, MD and Patricia M. Phillips of Wheeling; a son, Richard Brian Phillips of St. Clairsville; three grandchildren, Michael F. Quinn, V, Timothy Philip Quinn and Patricia Tiu; and four cousins.

Most recently, Dick authored, "*Arthur St. Clair, The Invisible Patriot*," about the first Federal Governor, Northwest Territory. Dick joined our Clan Sinclair (USA) family in 2010.

Sally Sinclair Sanford at Strathblane Falconry near Glasgow.



In April 2017, Sally Sinclair Sanford fulfilled a long-time dream of flying birds of prey.

She portrays Lady Sarah Sinclair of Rosslyn Castle, a late 15th century Lowland gentlewoman, in the Society for Creative Anachronism. With thanks to the Clan Sinclair USA and their publication *Yours Aye*. To contact Clan Sinclair, visit <clansinclairusa.org>



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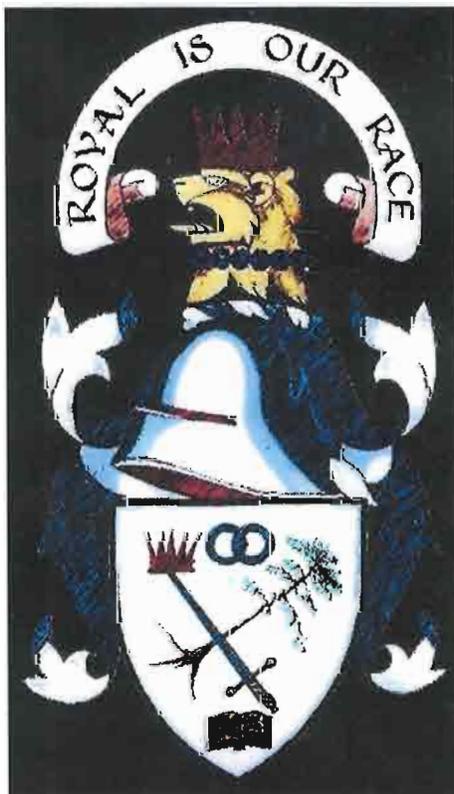
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Beginning another “adventure” from Dr. Pete Hylton

(Remember, this begins in Section B, but will continue in Section A. As your editor does the sections backwards - it makes sense to her - eventually, folks will read them in their proper order.)



Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D.
 Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
 Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology
 Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
 Fulbright Scholar

Bergen is the only large city we visited, and it is great for tourists with hundreds of shops and pubs and a fantastic fresh seafood market. Here is the great hall in the restored 13th century castle known as Hakom’s Hall.



Adjacent to it is the only slightly newer Rosenkrantz Tower, which is under renovation – so no pictures....except of me trying on some period battle gear. Which way to the Crusades ?



One of my favorite parts of the trip was the hike up to Northern Europe’s largest glacier....40 miles in length....this photo shows only a small tongue of it that can be reached on foot. The glacier is much smaller today than it was in the past, as proved by photos across the years. It is melting rapidly in the warming climate.

My other favorite thing was scholbrod. I love these Norwegian pastries.



The summer color for Norway appears to be purple, just like back in Caithness.



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



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The historic churches of Norway are beautiful. Here are several wooden churches, mostly built about 150-200 years ago.



But most amazing are the 13th-14th century stave churches. There are only 29 remaining in the world, and Norway is proud to have preserved 28 of them. It was believed that there were once well over 1000. We visited this one at Kvernes. Everything is made from wood, including all the beautifully intricate carving inside.



Hanging in the middle of the sanctuary was the “votive ship” or “church ship” meant to symbolize the journey of life. Traditionally these were constructed and donated to the church by seamen seeking God’s protection, and are fairly common in Scandinavia. The one in the Kvernes stave church is quite impressive.



This church is only used for a few yearly services or special occasions such as weddings. Normal services are held in the newer church next door.



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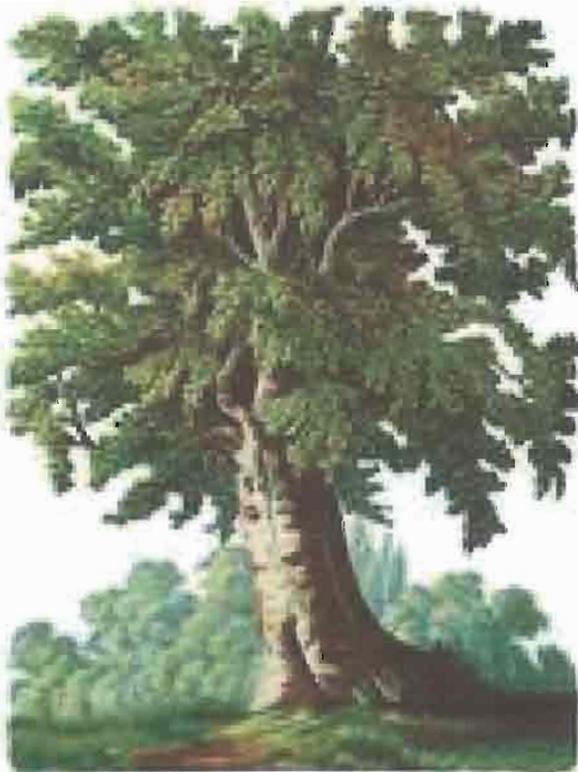


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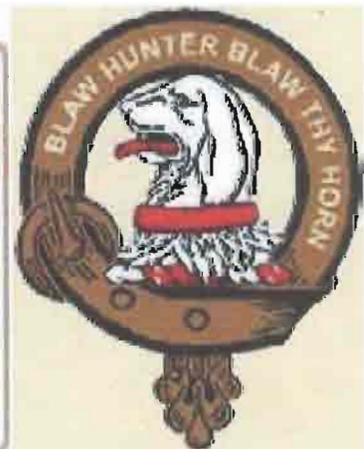
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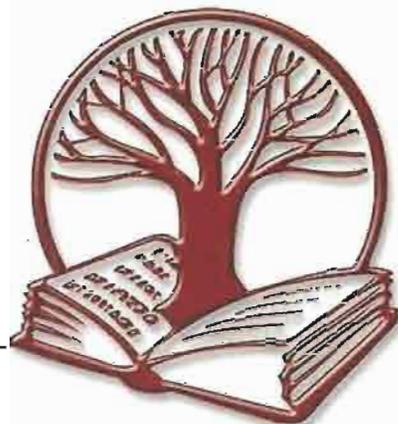
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Your Family History

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Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS



Today, many people in the 20-40 age range are becoming interested in genealogy, largely due to accessibility of information via the Internet. The biggest mistake many genealogists make is waiting until after their parents, grandparents, or other older family members have passed away before they start work on the family history. Most remember hearing stories and seeing documents as they were growing up but were too busy with school, work, or raising children to become involved at that point in their lives. Many of the people in the older generation had first-hand knowledge of important family details that could later shed light on research challenges.

If you find yourself in a position where genealogy and history have made an impression on you, here are some steps you can take that will make your future research much easier, even if you can't become actively involved at the present time.

Write down family details on family group sheets and pedigree charts as events happen. One major advantage you have today is the growing number of genealogical software programs that make recording this information faster, and it can be saved and edited as needed.

If you wish to create a binder or family album to store pictures charts, or documents for future reference, start the album with yourself, and work your

way back through generations in your family line. Include specific details about yourself and as many people in your family as possible. This could be in the form of a timeline for each individual, in which the major highlights are listed chronologically. Some people supplement a timeline with an individual or family narrative sheet that includes details for the specific chronological entries.

Take the time to record dates and identify the people, locations, and events shown in photographs. Instead of writing on the photographs, some people use a separate sheet with a number assigned to

each photograph. Many genealogy software programs include the capability to add pictures and documents.

Create a scrapbook of memories of important events that you can share with your children or other family members.

Save and/or scan newspaper clippings, online articles, or social media pages that apply to family members. Be sure to include the name, location, date and source.

Write a personal history and/or begin keeping a journal.

Keep in touch with younger members of your family, sharing details about what life was like for you at their age. Be sure to make copies for your-

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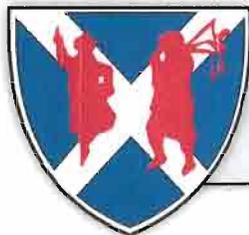
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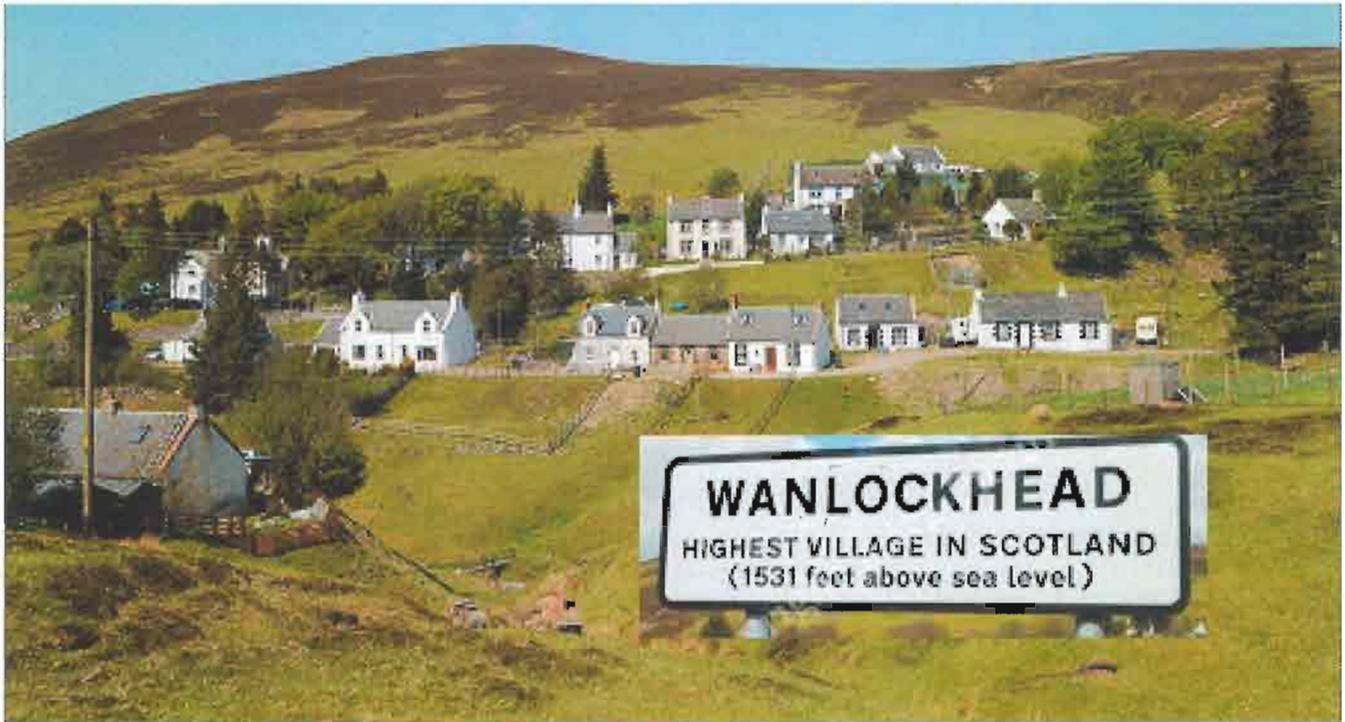
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The village of Wanlockhead lies one mile south of Leadhills at the head of the Mennock Pass, which forms part of the Southern Uplands and is officially Scotland's highest village at an average height of around 410m.

With thanks to the Clan Grant Society (Australia) Newsletter. Initial enquiries should be directed to Mr Brian Noble by email at <brnoble@bigpond.com>

Genealogy ideas, *continued from page 35*
self.

If you enjoy crafts, create some type of memento such as a quilt, blanket, painting, or picture that symbolizes various aspects of your ancestors' lives.

Make plans now for what will happen to your research, genealogical software, data files, memorabilia, etc. in the event of your passing. This can be in the form of a codicil as part of your will. Designate a trusted family member or friend and include this designation with your will.

If none of these options seem feasible, consider leaving your materials to a selected repository. Be sure to contact the repository to determine whether they can accept the material before you finalize your arrangements.

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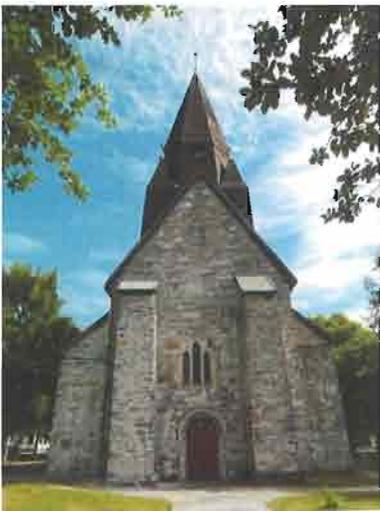
Its interior is also beautifully decorated. And also has a church ship.



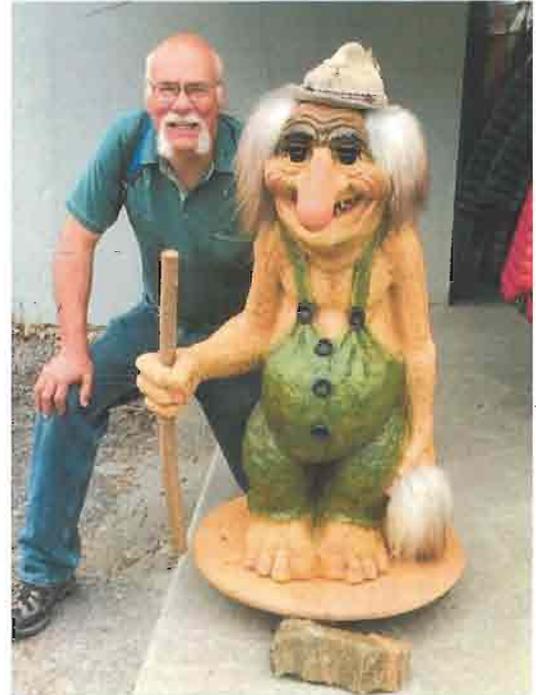
There are also stone churches which are from the centuries following the stave churches.



And this unique 12th century church in Voss is stone below, but has a steeple that looks like it belongs on a stave church.



That's about it for this summer's travels, except for a wee quiz. Can you find the troll in this picture? My friend Dave says that the troll is obviously the one with the gray hair.



Time to head back home to the Highlands of Scotland.



"Did not strong connections draw me elsewhere, I believe Scotland would be the country I would choose to end my days in."

Benjamin Franklin

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