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2013 GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES – PARADE OF TARTANS WAS CANCELLED DUE TO A WIND DRIVEN DELUGE, FOG, RAIN, RAIN! NOW, THE REST OF THE STORY...

POT cancelled at GMHG. However: Clan Colquhoun led off the Parade of Tartans anyway.

Jamie Kilpatrick decided to march for Colquhoun. The rest of us joined in.

People on the sidelines began singing *Scotland the Brave* as we marched.

When Bill Leslie began announcing us we were so over the top. We had just won Best Clan Tent and were on clouds 9, 10, and 11.

Our chief and family wanted to march with us. They weren't there when we started out. They could not catch up to us.

Beth Calhoun, Convenor for Clan Colquhoun.

And, that's not all!

It was a sloppy track!

From Mike Walker – Clan Colquhoun & Clan Hay were there.

Judi Lloyd from Scottish District Family Association writes: Clan Hay was there!



Betsey MacLean writes: Clan Maclean was there. I thought you'd want to know how all this began. Marla McLean Baswell was wearing a beautiful new costume she was planning to debut in the POT (Parade of Tartans).

When they cancelled, in her disappointment, she decided that she would march anyway.

All of the macleans decided to march with her.

Then, when the Colquhouns heard we were marching, they asked if they could join us. Since they were Honoured Clan, we sent them to the front of the parade.

One person, representing Clan Hay, came next.

As we marched, we called other clans to join us and they fell in line behind us.

The parade was great fun...possibly the most fun

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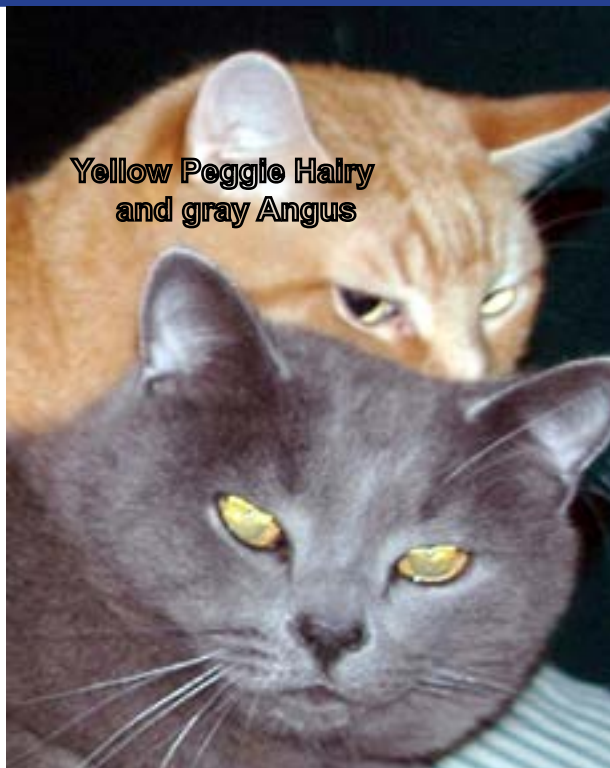
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**Yellow Peggie Hairy
 and gray Angus**

Continuing our story of what happened
 when beloved Miss Narra died....
 That night, I woke up with Angus
 snuggled up to me (gray cat left).

He had his head in my hand
 and his body snuggled to my left arm.

Next day, I called a friend and told her.
 She said, "Don't you know about cats and what they
 do when they decide it's time for them to go?"

"No," I said.

My friend said, "If they have someone they truly
 love, they make arrangements with another cat,
 whom they think is worthy,
 to take over the care of their person."

"But, I thought all of the last nineteen years and
 2 months that I was taking care of her," said I.



A letter from your editor...
**Of bears and bbq grills...
Not to mention
Parades of Tartan
in the rain...**

Usually, our life is pretty calm. We mostly just revel in being in our new-to-us home and being with each other.

Last week, everything changed in the blink of an eye.

Tom was upstairs in his office and I had already collapsed at the end of a long, pleasant, but long day.

A little after midnight, Tom called me and asked, "Are you ok?"

"Mmmmmm," I said trying to wake up.

"You didn't hear the crashes?" he asked.

"Mmmmmm, no crashes I heard," I said.

"There was a huge crash...and then another...and then another - each one worse than the other," I thought you had been carrying something heavy up the stairs and had fallen.

"Nope," I answered. "I'll be right there."

Tom had turned on some of the outside lights outside. When we looked out of the kitchen door (which is a sliding glass door) we could see our very heavy bbq grill on its back - on the floor.

We started to go outside and then thought better of it...whatever, whomever had thrown the bbq about might get us!

We called the police. To say we were both spooked is an understatement.

The officer arrived and shone his light into the woods all around the house...and saw nothing but trees and trees and more trees.

We felt safe enough to creep out on the porch. We found the poor bbq grill with its top just in dozens of bits and pieces.

The officer said he didn't think dogs -even big dogs- could do what had been done.

Did I mention that our address is on Camp YONAH Road. Yonah is the Cherokee word for BEAR.

We see deer quite often...sometimes several times

a day. Once, I was working in the flowers outside and heard crashing in the woods...looked up, and saw about half a dozen of the most beautiful cows I've ever seen. They were happily fat and glossy and just having a fine time being out.

I just spoke to them, "You ladies having fun?"

Two or three of them answered me, "Mooooo."

They continued their adventure in the woods.

I've never seen anything to be frightened about...and although we've been told tales of bears around here, we'd never seen hide nor hair of one.

The officer cleared his throat and said, "Did you see the television show the other night about Big Foot in Georgia?"

"Er, er, no," we both said.

"I saw one which was about a Big Foot sighting in Georgia."

With big eyes, Tom said, "Where in Georgia?"

"About ten miles northwest of Toccoa," the officer said.

We both gulped. Guess where our house is precisely? Yep, we are ten miles northwest of Toccoa.

So, here we are, in the precise place a Big Foot has been seen.

Or, where there is a bear who is not really afraid of going near a house.



We'll patch our bbq grill. I will be sure and turn on the lights and make a racket anytime I have to go outside at night.

On another subject, we did not get to go to Grandfather this year...and when I heard about the terrible weather, I was sort of glad. When I heard about the wonderful Parade of Tartans, I felt terrible...as I know I would have had lots of gray, cloudy photos...and I also know I would have marched somewhere in there too.

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26th Annual Mòd ~ Saturday, September 21st 2013
Ligonier Highland Games, Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA



Everyone is invited! Gaelic Mòd is fun for all

The United States Mòd would like to extend a warm greeting to those clans who will be joining us in Ligonier, Pennsylvania on September 21, 2013.

An Comunn Gàidhealach Ameireaganach, the Gaelic Society of America, visits the games at Ligonier each year, to participate in the celebration of our shared Scottish heritage, by holding its annual Mòd at the games.

A Mòd, meaning “meeting”, or “court” in the old Scottish Gaelic, has developed in Scotland to be an event in which fluent speakers, as well as learners, sing, dance, recite prose and poetry, and put on plays, all in Scottish Gaelic, and are assessed and adjudicated in order to find the best of the best. For those who attend, it is a yearly celebration in the language of Scotland preserved and fostered for hundreds of years.

We here in the States who have the Gaelic, and are learning it, have held our own Mòd for 25 years, and this year we are keeping the tradition alive! For anyone who attends, it's a great time to listen to native Gaelic speakers, fluent learners, and adventurous newcomers tackling Gaelic songs, stories and poems in competition and at cèilidhs.

In addition, both Gold Medalists from Scotland's Royal National Mòd will be attending our event. This year, we will have the honor to welcome the female and male medalists, Eilidh Davies and Calum MacLeòid, brought to us courtesy of An Comunn Gàidhealach, Scotland's Gaelic Society.

We have arranged for rooms at the Antiochian Vil-

lage (<http://antiochianvillage.org/>) nearby to Ligonier for anyone who would like to stay with us and experience the Mòd from behind the scenes as well. We have a language competition on Friday night, as well as a song workshop on Sunday morning. This is wonderful opportunity to see what Gaelic is about, to experience it first hand, in a warm, welcoming environment. If attending the games and you already have arrangements, we would like to invite you all to stop by and see what we are all about!

If you would like to join us, the forms to make reservations are here: <http://usmod.wordpress.com/2013/07/14/reserve-your-place-at-the-2013-u-s-national-mod/>

The form itself is: <http://usmod.files.wordpress.com/2013/07/us-mod-2013-packet-2.pdf>

We also welcome donations to support our efforts to continue holding our Mòd. Donations are tax-deductible in the United States as allowed by law. For \$35 or less, you can be a Caraid (friend) of the Mòd; for \$36-\$50, a Laoch (champion); for \$51-100, a Gaisgeach (hero); and for more than \$100, a Tighearna or Ban-tighearna (lord or lady). Those donating \$200 or more will be elevated to Rìgh (king) or Ban-rìghinn (queen)! At least as far as we're concerned! There is a donation page on the form mentioned above.

The Mòd Committee hopes you will be able to join us in Ligonier, or if not, please consider making a donation.




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Bill Caudill
 writes:

Welcome to several **NEW** members of the Scotland County Highland Games Group!

We had a great planning session Tuesday night, and our next meeting will be on August 20 for anyone who is interested in volunteering!

We're ahead of last year's count at this time for ALL areas - pipe bands, dancers, clans registered.....if you're not IN yet, let us hear from you!

Business and individual sponsorships are still available - as are tickets to last year's "hit" event - the 2nd Annual Whisky Tasting....which by the way is the best bargain of the whole weekend for those who are whisky aficionados!

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Orange and Sticky & Yummy

Dundee, Scotland is celebrated in many books and journals as being the place where marmalade was invented. Janet Keiller, the wife of a retired merchant, is alleged to have created the popular breakfast preserve in her shop, inadvertently laying the foundations for a successful family dynasty.

However, conflicting accounts of the rise of the Keillers surfaced in recent years, so in this article we shall look at the alternative story of the Keiller family and possibly modify the popular myth.

The Keiller operation grew from humble beginnings, and the truth behind how the family actually started making their famous produce has been somewhat romanticized over the years.

Popular folklore decrees that John Keiller, a retired merchant, was one day walking through the harbor area in Dundee and came across a Spanish ship which had arrived in the port to seek shelter from a storm. From this ship he is said to have bought a quantity of Seville oranges and taken them home to his wife, who used these unfamiliar ingredients to make an orange preserve – but somewhere in the process something went amiss and she ended up with what we know today as Dundee marmalade.

It is generally accepted that the Keillers went from the discovery of marmalade to a factory operation in a remarkably short time; such was the desire and profitability of this new, exotic – but still familiar – product. However, recent research has unearthed the more humble beginnings and arduous rise to profitability of the Keillers – and also discovered a story beset by jealousy and commercial fratricide.

In his book, *The Keiller Dynasty 1800-1879*, academic WM Matthew dispels the romantics' theory and charts how the Keillers rose from a small sweet shop in the Seagate area of Dundee to exporting their product to places as far afield as Shanghai and Sydney.

Janet Keiller specialized in selling jam and pot 'boilings,' with fruit picked from local farms – namely the berry fields of Blairgowrie and the Carse of Gowrie, a 26-mile stretch of rich farmland that separates Dundee from the city of Perth.

The notion that Keiller invented marmalade from scratch is rather suspect, especially as recipes for simi-



lar 'pots' have been traced back to the 1500s; what is more probable is that she, an experienced maker of sweets and jam, used her existing knowledge and new raw materials to put her own particular twist on an existing recipe and came up with the 'orange chip' marmalade we know today.

Janet Keiller eventually handed over the shop to her son, James Keiller, but he still relied heavily on his mother's expertise.

James married a local girl named Barbara Robertson – unfortunately she died in 1817, but he married again within a year, this time to a Margaret Spence, who would eventually have a major impact on the family business.

Margaret Keiller would take control, along with her eldest son Alex, upon her husband's death in 1839 until her own eventual demise in 1850 – by which time the Keiller brand had finally started growing.

In 1845, under the leadership of Alex Keiller, the firm moved from the Seagate, their premises for over 40 years, to Castle Street, where they occupied two buildings – a shop and a factory. This is the first major sign that the enterprise was growing at a decent rate.

Alex was an extremely hard-nosed businessman and, in an attempt to maximize profits and take advantage of the favorable tax conditions, he authorized the purchase of a small property in Guernsey, Channel Islands, which capitalized on the lack of sugar duties and, while managed by his brother William, accounted for one third of the Keiller's net output, although the Guernsey stock always carried the Dundee logo.

Alex Keiller fitted the stereotype of a business tycoon, although to call him a tycoon possibly overstates his importance in the city of Dundee. In a city built around the jute and flax spinning industry, a sector that employed thousands, the Keiller's small operation

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(300 employees) was, by comparison, fairly insignificant.

The Keillers did much for putting the city of Dundee on the national and international map, but within the city itself they were not recognized as the global brand that they were.

Alex's paranoia about rival businesses and his brother's performance in the Channel Islands would undermine their own relationship and provide a sad end to what should be a success story. William, the appointed proprietor of the Channel Islands operation, was Alex's younger sibling and lacked the business acumen of his older brother. Alex, often dismayed with the lack of profitability recorded in Guernsey, constantly reprimanded his brother for, on occasions, the poor quality of produce, slip-ups in packing which resulted in destroyed goods and, his biggest source of fear, the comparative lack of profitability when placed alongside his own Dundee-based operation. The Guernsey operation, with all its foibles, lasted until 1879 before being



transferred to North Woolwich and brought back under the control of the Dundee plant.

The Keiller name continued to grow, and attracted outside investment well into the 20th Century. They built on their humble beginnings and traded off the notion – which still exists to this day – that Janet Keiller invented marmalade. She may not have invented marmalade but her version of it is one of the best tasting around!

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Left to right: G. Allen Cummings, Sir Alastair Gordon Cumming, Dr. Christopher Cummins

A visit with the Cummings Chief

I am glad to inform you that Dr. Cummins and myself had just the very best meeting with our Chief, Sir Alastair Gordon Cumming, earlier today. Additionally, Sir Alastair did a marvelous job of preparing lunch! That was much appreciated by Dr. Cummins and myself more than you can know. I was raised very rural and very poor. At best, the only thing my family could offer another was friendship and a hot meal. It is refreshing to know that the good man that our Chief is, is of the same kindness towards others regardless of his stature. And for this he is much respected more than he knows.

Dr. Cummins and myself will be supporting the Chief with his endeavors to having a Clan Cumming Centre at Altyre in the future. Our Chief gave us a look at where he is planning for the Clan Cumming Centre to be.

It is also noted that in future issues of our newsletter,

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Clan Skene Association, Inc.

The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/CARNIE, CURREHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, HALYARD/HALLYARD, MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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Metes and Bounds by Bryan Mulcahy

"Metes and bounds" is a method of describing land as real property in contrast to personal property. The system has been used in England for many centuries. This practice also was prevalent in the original thirteen colonies that eventually became the United States of America, and throughout the British Empire based on English common law. Metes and bounds was a system commonly used in this era to measure distances and note landmarks.

Up to the time of the Revolutionary War through the beginning of the nineteenth century, land, when parceled out, and sold or granted, was described by metes and bounds and that system is still in existence in the following states, or in those portions which had been sold or granted when the present plan of surveys was adopted: New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas and the six New England States. This system also was used throughout the British Empire.

A Visit with the Chief, continued from page 11

we will have a 'Message from the Chief' page whereby updates from Altyre will be provided by Sir Alystair.

We also asked the Chief if we could obtain an official photograph of him and also a 'message from the Chief' that could be displayed by our conveners at their displays at Scottish Festivals and Highland Games. Sir Alastair was very receptive to making this a reality.

Dr. Cummins and I was asked that if our Chief planned a visit to the United States, would we have a good showing of Cummings in attendance. Of course my response was, "indeed we would". I am confident that meeting in either Dallas or St Louis would produce the best turn out for our Chief since either is centrally located. What say you Cumming?

**In closing, in my own words, our Chief just the very best. He is a good and kind man and one that is much respected. It was my honor to meet with him today. More will be made available in the quarterly newsletter. Chevalier G. Allen Cummings, KTJ
President, Clan Cumming Society of the United States
Edinburgh, Scotland**

The system of metes and bounds was used in connection with the Rectangular Survey System to describe a tract of land beginning with a specific starting point. The metes and bounds system uses physical features of the local topography, along with directions and distances, to define and describe the boundaries of a parcel of land. The boundaries are described working around the parcel in sequence, from a point of beginning, returning back to the same point.

Legal descriptions may include references to other adjoining parcels and their owners, and may also be referenced in later surveys. At the time the description was written, the boundaries may have been marked on the ground with permanent markings placed where there were no suitable natural landmarks.

The term "metes" refers to a boundary defined by the measurement of each straight run, specified by a distance between the terminal points, and an orientation or direction. A direction may be a simple compass bearing, or a precise orientation determined by accurate survey methods.

The term "bounds" refers to a more general boundary description, such as along a certain watercourse, a stone wall, an adjoining public roadway, or an existing building. The system is often used to define larger pieces of property (e.g. farms), and political subdivisions (e.g. town boundaries) where precise definition is not required or would be far too expensive, or previously designated boundaries can be incorporated into the description.

The ability to understand these types of land records can be very beneficial to genealogy researchers having the time and patience to understand the process. A number of books and websites are available to assist researchers in learning how to use the metes and bounds system. The most difficult issue for many is deciphering the handwriting on the older documents. Several books have been written to assist with this process.

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Rick Norred writes:

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Boone Hall is a wonderful venue and Charleston is a great city for a week-end getaway linked with a little Heavy Throwing!

Be advised that there is NOT a Masters or a B Division in Charleston. We have Pros, Invited A's and then an OPEN AMATEUR Division.

Because of the size of the field, the Open Division is limited to 12 Athletes. If we have greater numbers than the field can handle, there will be a CUT after the Stone and the HWD to trim the Field.

You can submit the entry form electronically to me. Thanks and I am looking forward to seeing you in Charleston.
<http://charlestonscots.org/>

Waterlogged Clans, *continued from page 1*

Betsy McLean is the NC Convenor for Clan Gillean, USA (Clan Maclean)
NC Convenor

Staci Ingram from Clan Graham. They marched, teasing about them being a soggy graham cracker.

Marching with Clan Graham were Fred, Camilla and Kathleen Wheelless.

The Murrays marched after us but they did not have time to grab a sign with their name so they were never announced by anyone. Cory Murray marched with a friend.

It was SO GREAT to take part in such a high-spirited show of clan pride! Three cheers to the Colquhouns for leading the way.

Kathleen Wheelless Clan Graham

Bob Neill, President of Clan Macneil Association (America), stoically bore the banner as the lone Macneil slogging through the Parade of Tartans march, while Clan members working the Hospitality Tent cheered him on.

A few wet members of Clan Home marched.

Camille Simmons – Clan Home

Clan Ross was present with our tartan. Everyone else "washed out". Alvin Tyndall

Clan MacKay was there. Ours was one of the tents ripped to shreds by the winds so I'm surprised anyone could see and/or hear anything. I thought the guys were crazy when they walked by! LOL Bless them, Scots through and through.

Jessica Russell Clan MacKay

I remember Clan Muir being announced

Robert D McDonald

I thought I saw Clan Bell out there but not 100% sure-noticed them when we were down packing up the Stewart tent.

Clan Colquhoun (Not necessarily in order)

Clan Hay

Clan Graham

Clan Murray

Clan Macneil

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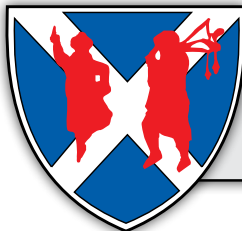
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Adult (Sat.) \$19, (Sun.) \$17 | Child (4-12) \$6

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Bill Caudill writes: There are 14 bands currently registered for competition at the Scotland County Highland Games. The roster as of today consists of: Grade V - Savannah, Palmetto, Wake and District, Jamestown, Greater Richmond, and North Atlanta. Grade IV - NC State University, Upstate United, City of Chattanooga, Wake and District, Jamestown, and Loch Norman

Grade III - St. Andrews University and Greater Richmond

I have heard rumor of a couple more entries floating around.....hoping they will materialize. We are already 40% larger than last year!

The 2013 Scotland County Highland Games will be held Saturday, October 5th on the grounds of the John Blue Home and Historical Complex in Laurinburg. This site contains the John Blue Home and several other historic Scottish-American homesteads as well as a working ante-bellum cotton gin, and a general store. The games site provides an immersion into the Scottish-American historical experience of this region. Local hotels and restaurants will offer Scottish-inspired Southern hospitality to welcome you to Laurinburg and Scotland County, North Carolina.



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Any person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot in any of its various spellings, including the spouse or descendant of such person, or any person who would like to be a friend of the Elliot Clan is welcome to join the group.

Please contact the treasurer for a membership form or visit <http://www.elliotclanusa.com/> for a form.

The Clan Elliot Society, USA

Treasurer: Patricia Tennyson Bell
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Glen Cathey has recently put up
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and it is ready for you to join and participate.
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Incorporated to serve our members worldwide to preserve our legacy. Our Associates can assist you with surname related activities including events, DNA genealogy, heraldry, surname history and more.

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Flowers of the Forest

Col. James W. Sinclair, USMC, passed away peacefully at age 68, surrounded by family, Friday, July 26, 2013. A man of incredible integrity and kindness, Col. Sinclair was a beloved husband to Patricia Sinclair, loving father to three children, son Bryan Sinclair of Woodside, California, Elizabeth Saelzler, and Katherine Isaacson, and a loving grandfather to granddaughter Alexandra.

Col. Sinclair was a highly decorated Viet Nam combat veteran, receiving the Meritorious Service, Navy Commendation with "V", Organized Marine Corps Reserve, National Defense, Viet Nam Service with four stars, Armed Forces Reserve with two devices, and the Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry.

After retirement, Col. Sinclair was an active member of the community, substitute teaching at local schools, volunteering at the VA Medical Center, as well as the Memphis International Airport.

His passionate love of music carried throughout his life; Col. Sinclair was active in the Bartlett Community Band entertaining citizens of both Bartlett and Memphis, Tennessee.

**The Tartans Authority
invites news items from YOU**

**As always, we welcome news items
from readers on any topics
to do with tartan, Highland dress
and the World of Scotland overseas.**

**All contributions to:
admin@tartansauthority.com**

Go West young van! (Ouch!)

The most westerly point in Great Britain is Ardnamurchan Point and it's here that one of our members Polly Cook photographed this campervan for us. Some of you may remember Polly when she was Polly Wittering at Perth-based weavers House of Edgar where she designed the acclaimed collection of Irish County tartans back in 1997.

To get to Ardnamurchan Point, Polly - and the campervan driver - would have driven 25 miles through some of the most amazing landscapes on a road that time forgot - a narrow single track route that is typical of many of the Scotland's rural roads over half a century ago.

A fantastic drive and well worth the effort. <http://www.thetartancamper.com/>

Many thank you's to The Scottish Tartan Society's publication, The Tartan Herald for this article, as well as the article on Norwegian tartan..



Clan Forrester

Society

Come - Join the Forresters!

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

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CLAN DONALD USA

John F. McDonald, Jr.

Clan Donald has always been first in the minds of Donald descendents throughout the world. Clan Societies date to the late 1800s with the establishment of the Clan Donald Society of Glasgow in 1889 and the Clan Donald Society of Edinburgh in 1891. While many Donald's immigrated to North America, there was no formal Clan Donald organization until the mid 1950s.

In the 1930s, Major Reginald Henry Macdonald of Kingsburgh, O.B.E. (Retired), a senior cadet of Sleat and personal friend of Lord Alexander Macdonald, relocated with his wife from their home in New Zealand to Pittsburgh, PA. He became a United States citizen in 1940. In 1954, he returned to South Uist for the unveiling of a memorial to his Great-Great-Grandmother, Flora McDonald. During this visit, the Right Honorable Alexander Godfrey Macdonald of Macdonald, Lord Macdonald, High Chief of Clan Donald, asked his friend Reginald to establish a Clan Donald Society in the United States. On August 31, 1954, Lord Macdonald commissioned Reginald as his High Commissioner in the United States.

Upon his return he enlisted the aid of many Mac Donald's in Pittsburgh and with their help, they formed the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust on December 15, 1955. This Trust sponsored the Clan Donald Games in Ligonier PA, later to be known as the Ligonier Highland Games.

On November 8, 1956, The Clan Donald Society of America was incorporated in Pennsylvania. Together with many MacDonald's from throughout the eastern US, he appointed regional commissioners. Together with Nestor (Mac) McDonald, Agnes MacRae Morton and Donald MacDonald, he helped establish the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

In the succeeding years with the assistance of Bill (Crusty Bill) McDonald of New York together with James A. McDonald our Genealogist and many others, Clan Donald grew throughout the United States.

Reginald died in 1964 and was succeeded by his deputy, Robert E. MacDonald of St. Louis. Robert was president of a large construction company and traveled extensively throughout the world. His company constructed the St. Louis Arch. In 1971 while traveling overseas he died leaving the office of High Commissioner vacant.



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In 1970, Lord Alexander Macdonald died and his son Lord Godfrey James Macdonald, our present High Chief matriculated to the Arms of High Chief of Clan Donald. Lord and Lady Macdonald first visited the US in 1971 and were greeted by Bill and Ruth McDonald. Nestor McDonald invited them to be guests of Honor at the Grandfather games and while there were introduced to Ellice and Rosa McDonald. Ellice and Rose invited them back to their home "Invergarry" in Delaware. While there "Crusty" Bill spoke of the vacancy of a High Commissioner. Upon Bill's advice, Lord Macdonald appointed Robertson McDonald of Nashville TN, Bill's cousin, as High Commissioner. Nestor McDonald remained as Deputy High Commissioner. Nestor had been offered the position as High Commissioner but declined due to business responsibilities.

Robertson was an enthusiastic High Commissioner and Clan Donald flourished. Robertson however due to reasons of health, was forced to resign in 1976. Once again we were left without a High Commissioner, Nestor again declining the HC position.

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Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2012

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

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

www.elliotclan.com

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
Email: dublincolleen@sbcglobal.net

Write: 2984 Siskiyou Boulevard
Medford, Oregon 97504

(Fortiter Et Recte)
Boldly and Rightly



It was a period of great concern until Lord Macdonald convinced Ellice to be High Commissioner. The morning after Ellice accepted, he awoke to say "What have I done?"

Ellice "jumped into" the responsibilities of the Office immediately. He solicited and received the tremendous support of Clan men and women through the United States. He initially divided the US into 12 Regions later to become 13. He reincorporated Clan Donald in Delaware and wrote the Bi-Laws under which we presently operate. These have been revised many times since that initial filing. An important Article in the By-Laws is that the High Chief appoints the High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner. This had been the practice to that time but this formalized the practice. Thus CDUSA is not a Society with elected officials but an extension of the Clan in Scotland. This makes Clan Donald USA unique of all clan societies in the US where their officials are elected.

Ellice established and published By Sea By Land which we still enjoy today. He named Robertson High Commissioner Emeritus and Nestor Deputy High Emeritus. Douglas Murdock of California was appointed Deputy High Commissioner. Ellice formalized CDUSA's representation at Highland Games with the tents which have become the focus of welcome and refreshment for visiting Clan members.

Ellice stepped down on January 1, 1983 and Doug was appointed HC with John F. McDonald Jr. as Deputy HC.

1979 saw the first AGM outside of the Grandfather Games which was held at the Ligonier Highland Games. This AGM established the structure of workshops and meetings which is the format today. Following the 1980 AGM, it has been the practice to hold AGM's throughout the US, including Alaska, hosted by the various regions.

Through the succeeding years financial stability has been obtained with life and annual dues accountability. A Scholarship recognizing excellence in Piping, Drumming, Celtic Fiddle is awarded annually as well as the Clan Donald Cultural Scholarship. These together with the Clan Donald Academic Scholarship, sponsored by the Clan Donald Foundation are available to members of CDUSA, their children and family members.

The Clan Donald Archives and Genealogy records reside at the Odem Library in Moultrie, GA with our three

branches through the US. There are many other additions to CDUSA which have occurred since its humble beginning in 1956 and we continue to grow.

We were the first Clan organization in the US and we remain the largest and most successful to this day.

The list of past High Commissioners are:

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| 1954-1964 | Maj. Reginald Henry Macdonald of Kingsburgh, dec. |
| 1964-1971 | Robert E. MacDonald, dec. |
| 1971-1975 | Robertson McDonald, dec. |
| 1976-1982 | Ellice McDonald, Jr., dec. |
| 1983-1985 | Douglas F. Murdock, dec. |
| 1986-1989 | John F. McDonald, Jr. |
| 1990-1992 | Robert C. Galbraith |
| 1993-1995 | Col. Jack E. McDonald, dec. |
| 1996-1998 | Angus McBryde, dec. |
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| 2005-2007 | Lt. Col. Albert E. Manning, Ret. |



Donald of the Isles

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Tartans to the Arctic

Travelling 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle to talk for 40 minutes on tartans seems

a little excessive but that's just what Crieff-based Brian Wilton of the Scottish Tartans Authority did very recently.

It took one car, three coaches and two aircraft to reach the northern town of Harstad on the country's largest island just off the north-west coast of Norway.

"The Northern Norwegian Artists Centre organise an annual seminar" explained Brian, "and this year decided to hold a Scottish evening during which they could learn more of the history of Scotland through that of tartan.

There is a great cultural affinity between Norway and Scotland - their isolated fjords tend to equate to our remote Highland glens and they speak of Viking Chieftains just as we talk of Clan Chieftains.

During the 16th and 17th centuries there was also much trade between Caithness and Norway.

Friendly relations seemed to break down in 1612 however when a Scottish mercenary expedition of some 300 men landed in southern Norway en route to fight for the king of Sweden. They were ambushed by about 400 Norwegian farmers and at the end of the slaughter that marked the Battle of Kringen, only about 15 Scots remained. One of them was apparently a weaver and is said to have taught the art and the craft of tartan to the local inhabitants which has resulted in many tartans and tartan-like designs being incorporated into many of Norway's bunads - regional costumes.



Tartan in Norway?

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If you see the Clan Keith Society USA, Inc. tent at a Highland Games anywhere...be sure and come by to visit.

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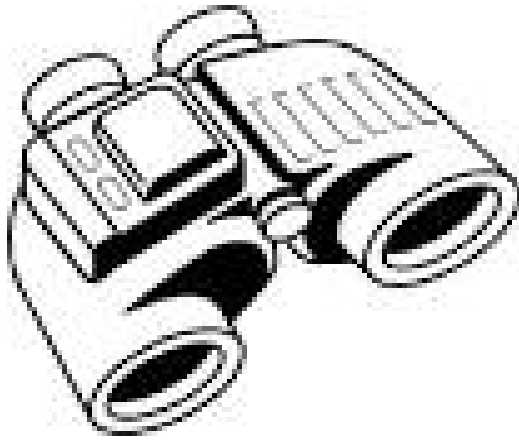


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The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc., is a proud Border Clan with a fascinating history.

The best way to learn of the Borderers in general and the Clan Keith Society in particular is to join this group.

Membership is by "name/s carried" and it is not expensive - but one of the finest investments you will ever make! Contact Clan Keith USA today.



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You will enjoy both of these websites. You will laugh and sometimes you want to cry - not because it's scary or sad - but because you're seeing something so wonderful and beautiful

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There are LOTS more of the same subject equally wonderful.

Clan Blair Society

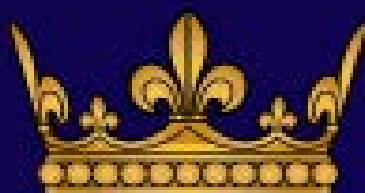
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