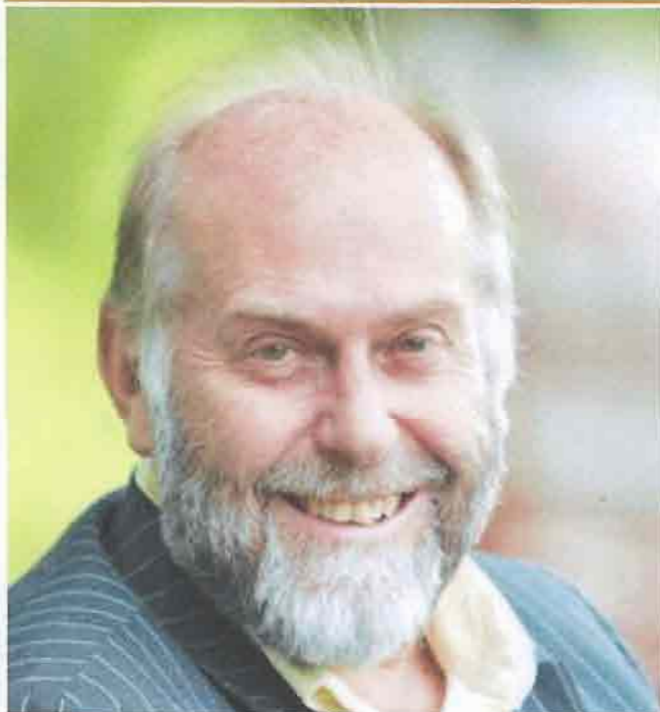


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Award-winning broadcaster and historian Alistair Moffat, who runs ScotlandsDNA.

“Taster” Tattoo in Glasgow a hit

THE pipes and drums of the Royal Military Tattoo headed to Glasgow in August for Saturday filled with sights and sounds of the annual Edinburgh classic Tattoo. The pipes and drums of the Royal Military Tattoo came to Glasgow to offer a sneak preview of the annual spectacle at Edinburgh Castle.

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Scots DNA team reveal research tracing early man now available to all

After four years a Scottish DNA ancestry research company has completed the first stage of an epic piece of research tracing the beginnings of a family tree for “all men on Earth.”

Award-winning broadcaster and historian Alistair Moffat, who runs ScotlandsDNA, has produced The Great Tree of Mankind revealing for the first time details of one of the most important moments in human history when the tree suddenly and dramatically changed shape.

All men trace their Y chromosome ancestry back to an individual scientists call “Adam” thought to have lived in Africa about 210,000 years ago.

Males pass on the Y chromosome to their sons, the single largest piece of DNA inherited as a block, which can be used to research ancestry back into the mists of prehistory.

When new genetic variants, called markers, occur with successive generations, scientists and historians can trace them and their movements from Africa to their present day locations.

Men with the same markers form haplogroups which can be found in high concentrations in specific parts of the world.

The branches of the Tree immediately below Adam were seen to divide only very slowly over a long period of time. This is because he and his descendants were

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Try hitting the "refresh" button in your browser as if the page is cached on your computer or on your ISP then this may reload the page to show the link. In the event this doesn't work then click on the "Archives" link (just below the graphic header) and then scroll down toward the bottom of the page and there it is likely you will find the link to section 1 of the current issue. The archives are in date order with the most recent towards the foot of the page.

However note that the url for section 2 is <http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft/archives/BNFTAUG2015b.pdf> if you simply edit this url so that the final "2015b" becomes a "2015a" then that will likely work as well. Mind that this applies to August 2015 but the same would apply to any other date by simply replacing b with a.

If nothing works, just email bethscribble@aol.com and she'll send you a copy of the section via email. Section 1 (A) is up a few days before the first of each month. Section 2 (B) is up about the 15th of the month preceding the issue date.

Hope this helps. Alastair

Letter from your editor...

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE AMERICAN SCOTTISH COMMUNITY?

We hear so many folks talking about what's wrong with the American Scottish community, it appeared in my head to write this time about the opposite - what's right.

Admittedly, there are things that could be better.

However, at least to me, there are a preponderance of things that are wonderful, right, happy, lovely and amazing.

I cannot count the American Scottish clan groups and heritage groups which give scholarships to deserving folks to study all manner of important Scottish arts, traditions, history and so much more.

Has anyone ever figured out exactly how much scholarship money is given each year? I helped a dear friend a few months ago with the Society of Scottish Antiquaries fellowship (FSA Scot) for a young woman who had just won a very large scholarship large enough for her to attend a year of college in Scotland from a Scottish heritage group in New England.

Every issue of this publication has congratulatory articles about scholarship winners from clans.

There are so many American Scottish clans which undertake projects on their clan lands in Scotland...from small to huge. How many kirks have been refurbished, castles and buildings restored or made safe, artifacts preserved or memorials created?

How many times has a clan come to the aid of one of their own members when disasters strike? There are illnesses, deaths, homes which burn, accidents...and - as in the days of old - clan members help, assist and support their clan family with goods, with loving arms and any way they can.

Just think of the countless volunteers who make Scottish games possible? I'm sure there are thousands and thousands of folk who generously give of their time to keep Scottish traditions, sports, music and art before the entire community - Scottish or not. Games sponsor seminars and talks on everything from genealogy to

whisky tasting and music and dance.

How many clans promote the camaraderie of their own members by providing pot-luck lunches and meals for their members at games?

How many clans have Dutch Treat dinners at restaurants during/after the games everywhere?

How many clans have members who open their homes for clansmen and clanswomen after the games for a bbq or dinner or get-together?

How many clans support various entities with their advertising, contributions and volunteer help?

We are so fortunate to have book sellers who make available to us documents, books on traditions, history and art. Our Scottish vendors who make available the widest range of goods from Scotland which we might not otherwise get to enjoy.

Despite what we hear all the time, Scots are the most generous people on earth. I was on the receiving end of that generosity from 1989 - 2005 and will never get over the kindnesses shown to me when I produced this same publication in print for a nonprofit library. With the help of the some 100,000 readers and some very generous philanthropists we produced a miracle in spite of those nay-sayers who said we could not.

The most valuable things to me, as an individual, have been - and are - the friendships forged through the years. Many are friends who have become my family.

While in Scotland, I've been told that the American Scottish Community is rich because ALL Americans are rich. You probably heard me laughing all the way over here.

Yes, there are some folks who are better off financially than most...but the majority of the American Scottish Community are those who work hard and who have to carefully manage what they have. These same people are those who help with their time and energy which at times seems unlimited.

Let's not forget these good things.

What's happening at the Scottish Tartans Museum?

Things are looking up for us at The Scottish Tartans Museum because of our members and friends! Our walk in traffic is better because of tourist and summer. We have had several donations given to us of which we will always be thankful. We have two raffles going on thanks to the generous donations of WHAT A PANE – Glass Company here in Franklin! This beautiful stained glass is 25x40 and will be raffled off in late October. Tickets are 3 for \$12.00 or \$5.00 each. You do not have to be present to win! Call the museum 828-524-7472 or email us tartans@Scottishtartans.org to get your tickets today!



Our next raffle is our Tartan Quilt – designed by Debbie Patterson – supporter and Friend of The Museum. This quilt is tartan on one side and thistle purple on the other side. It is 60x90 and will be raffled in January 2016. Tickets for this are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each.

OUR BANNER PROJECT FOR OUR MUSEUM EXPANSION



We are adding approximately 700 sq feet to our museum. We are placing tartan banners as in the photo to adorn our museum. This is the first thing you see when you walk in the front door. So far we have received 25 donations. Each donation is one yard of your family tartan, a pole to display it with, all for \$50.00. As you can see, we have many more spaces to fill. If you would like to see your tartan displayed here, call us at 828-524-7472 or email us at tartans@scottishtartans.org,

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Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson,
Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant
spellings.*

We Are Clan MacTavish!



For information about joining us email: clanmactavishUSA@gmail.com

A true story, by Malcolm Forbes

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston and walked timidly without an appointment into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard, & probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge.

'We'd like to see the president,' the man said softly.

'He'll be busy all day,' the secretary snapped.

'We'll wait,' the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away.

They didn't, and the secretary grew frustrated and

The president wasn't touched. He was shocked.

'Madam,' he said, gruffly, 'we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery.'

'Oh, no,' the lady explained quickly. 'We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard.'

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, 'A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical buildings here at Harvard.'

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now. The



finally decided to disturb the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted.

'Maybe if you see them for a few minutes, they'll leave,' she said to him!

He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have the time to spend with them, and he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office. The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple.

The lady told him, 'We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus.'

lady turned to her husband and said quietly, 'Is that all it cost to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?'

Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, Stanford University, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them.

Sent to me by dear old friend, Admiral Piper.



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.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at
peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com
or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

Clan Sutherland's 2015 Sally Sutherland Educational and Charitable Fund winners!

The Sally Sutherland Educational and Charitable Fund (SSECF) was established by the Clan Sutherland Society of North America, Inc. for the purpose of preserving Scottish traditions, developing of ethnic pride, and encouraging a closer bond between Scots in North America and Scotland. The Board of Directors of the SSECF is very pleased to announce that five outstanding young Highland dancers have each been awarded a \$250.00 scholarship. Each dancer submitted a very impressive application, with references, showing their dedication and perseverance in their studies of the Scottish arts.

Kayla Sutherland, age 13, London, Ontario, Canada, will attend the 2015 British Association of Teachers of Dancing (BATD) Conference and Workshop in San Diego with the help of the scholarship. Already this year, Kayla has earned the Champion trophy and title at the Carolina Open Championship in Charlotte, the Celtic Arts Open Championship in Bellingham, and the Ontario Open Championship. She studies at the Sutherland Studio of Dance in London, Ontario where her grandmother, Anne Sutherland, is director and dance instructor.

Megan Ashworth, age 24, San Diego, California is extensively trained in Highland dance. In addition to competing nationwide, she has achieved the highest Highland teaching credentials and plans to further her qualifications. Her scholarship will help fund her studies with Fred DeMarse for the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dance Judges Exam.

Beret Dernbach, age 12, San Diego, California, is a premier Highland dancer. She placed 3rd overall in the USA National Championships in her age group this

past year. Beret's scholarship is for continuing her studies at the Pamela Ashworth School of Dance.

Alison Ashworth, age 20, is a third year a student at the University of British Columbia. In addition to her schoolwork, she continues to compete in Highland dancing all across the US and Canada. The SSECF scholarship will help fund her dance classes at the Cheryl Rafter School in Vancouver, BC.

Emma Schiff, age 15, Oak Park, California, has accomplished much in Highland dance competition. In 2014, she won the titles of US Champion, Canadian Open Champion, Scottish Open Champion, and 2nd runner-up at the World Finals in Scotland. The SSECF scholarship will help fund her continued studies with the Armstrong School of Highland Dance.

The SSECF fund aides individuals who wish to further their education in studies pertaining to Scottish history, culture, music, genealogy, or any other viable project that promotes Scottish culture in all of its manifestations.

The SSECF Board challenges the CSSNA members to help promote the availability of this scholarship to anyone you might know that meets the criteria. We would like to see all talents apply, in addition to dance.

Also please consider making a donation to the SSECF. It is a 501(c) (3) organization and, therefore, tax-deductible. Make your checks payable to the treasurer, Richard Langford.

2015 SSECF Board of Directors: Gayle Sutherland, Chairman, Jesse Sutherland, Andy Sutherland and Richard Langford.

With thanks to the *Dunrobin Piper*, publication of the Clan Sutherland Society of North America.



Clan Sutherland, Australia, has a brand new website up and running.
<http://goldenvale.wix.com/clansutherlandaus>

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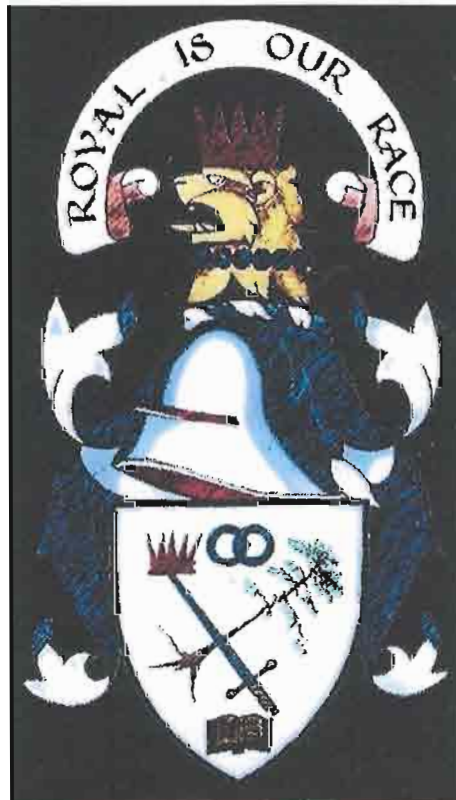
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who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

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100th HAPPY BIRTHDAY *Doris Leslie Lee!*

Doris Leslie Lee celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, June 27, 2015. Gathered at the Carlisle Senior Living Community (Naples, FL) were her brother, David Alexander Leslie Jr. (93 yrs.), San Diego CA; her children - John (Judy) Lee, San Francisco, CA, and Dana (Cletus) Reeves, Naples, FL; two nieces, three nephews and one grandnephew and numerous friends.

On Sunday, June 27, 1915 in rural Williamstown, Lewis County, MO, Doris Leslie was born. She was the second child of six and the second daughter of David Alexander Leslie, Sr. and Bertha Etta Turner Leslie.

Over the years, Doris traced her genealogy back from Missouri to Kentucky to Pennsylvania where her ancestors settled after coming to America. She and her husband Cliff, travelled discovering gravesites, various homesteads (one with the original cabin still occupied) and met numerous relatives with whom she corresponds



when possible. This lineage certified her to be a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Since 1959, this family of Leslies have held reunions, if not annually, then every five years.

Descendants of John Leslie, Bardstown, Nelson Co. KY; David Leslie of Washington Co, PA; Solomon Leslie of Washington Co., PA; and Peter Leslie of Washington County PA.

With thanks to *Grip Fast*, Journal of the Clan Leslie Society International.

Congratulations to J. Barry Leslie & Robert Leslie

The Clan Leslie Society, International Council has bestowed the following awards:

The Bartholomew Award was bestowed on **J. Barrie Leslie** of CLANZ (Clan Leslie Society of Australia and New Zealand).

The Bartholomew Award is given to any member, person, or organization deemed to have given outstanding contribution or service to Clan Leslie through major preservation works or written historical works.

The 2014 Convenor of the year award was given to **Robert Leslie** of Canada. The Convenor of the Award is given to a member who is active in hosting tents at Highland games and actively and successfully



recruits new members. Robert recruited eleven new members in 2014 and hosted numerous tents.



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Formerly unknown Flora MacDonald portrait found

From the pages of Rich and Rita Shader's latest *Celtic Seasons* comes the story of a previously unknown 18th century painting of Flora MacDonald which may have been unearthed by an art enthusiast in the United States.

Flora MacDonald famously helped Bonnie Prince Charlie evade capture after his defeat at the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

Raphael Jorge bought the oil painting from an art gallery in Florida.

The signature on the work - "A. Ramsay" - suggests the artist was Edinburgh-born Allan Ramsay, whose portraits included paintings of South Uist-born MacDonald.

Another clue to suggest that the painting is of MacDonald is a white rose, a symbol of Prince Charles and his followers, which adorns the bodice of the lady in the painting.

Mr. Jorge bought the painting for one thousand pounds and is having it professionally restored.

He believes MacDonald may have brought the portrait from Scotland to America. She emigrated to North Carolina in 1774 with her husband, Allan MacDonald, to run a plantation.

The following year, the American War of Independence broke out between the British government and the American colonists.

MacDonald's husband was an officer in the Loyalist forces righting alongside the British against the Patriots.

A story goes that MacDonald addressed a newly raised unit of Highland Loyalists in Gaelic as they prepared for battle. She spoke of loyalty, bravery and sacrifices of the Scots.

MacDonald later returned to Scotland. She died in 1790 and is buried in Kilmuir Cemetery on Skye.

Once restored, Mr. Jorge plans to offer the painting for sale.

To subscribe to *Celtic Seasons*, just send your name, address and any monetary donation to: Rich Shader, 173 Greystone Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28792.

The story of the Episcopal shield



The St. Andrew's Cross in the Episcopal Church shield, (upper left side) pays homage to the Scottish role in the consecration of the first Episcopal bishop in the United States, Bishop Seabury.

The blue of the Scottish flag also reflects the American flag.

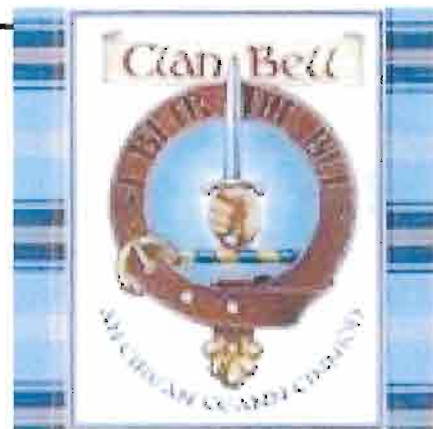
The nine smaller crosses that make up the cross represent the first nine dioceses that convened in Philadelphia in 1789 to ratify the Church's initial constitution and unify all Episcopalians into a single national church.

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Save the date for the
Highland Games at
Historic
Bethabara Park
in Winston-Salem, NC -
May 14, 2016...
beautiful historic site,
free admission
to the public!

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This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, 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 were "encouraged" to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called "Redcloak" and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America 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.

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

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It's near the anniversary of the '45 Jacobite Rising

Thanks to Torin Finney, Clan Davidson

Bonnie Prince Charlie began the '45 Jacobite Rising - July 23, 1745 in Scotland's history.

On 23 July 1745, Charles Edward Stuart landed at Eriskay with a force of seven men. Charles Edward, who became known as Bonnie Prince Charlie, was on a mission to restore the Stuarts to the throne. Although his invading party was small, he soon gained the assistance of Cameron of Lochiel and with the assistance of a growing number of Highlanders, was able to raise his standard at Glenfinnan and from there, mount an attack on Edinburgh.

Charles Edward Stuart and his army went on to fight at the Battle of Prestonpans in September 1745, defeating a government army and marching further south, gathering thousands of supporters on the way. However, they would face eventual defeat at the Battle of Culloden the following year.



That Famous Scottish Rain

If there's one thing that you can be sure about when discussing Scottish weather, it's that rain is going to play a big part in it no matter where exactly you are!

But, the west coast is usually wetter than the east coast and the further north, or north-west, that you go the wetter it's going to get.

The western Highlands are the wettest place in the United Kingdom and can get up to 118" inches of rain in a year (no, that's not a typo... one hundred and eighteen inches!!).

Out of the 365 days in every year, chances are it's going to be raining at some time during approx 250 of them.

The driest months of the year are often May, June or September... but that doesn't mean that in any given week that you won't get wet.

There are no guarantees here.

Episcopal shield explained, *continued from page 13*

This document was needed to formally separate from the Church of England so that clergy would not be required to accept the supremacy of the British monarch. The red Cross of St. George represents the Church of England.

Thank you to *Celtic Seasons, from the Streams of Celtic Consciousness*. To subscribe to *Celtic Seasons*, just send your name, address and any monetary donation to: Rich Shader, 173 Greystone Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28792.



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Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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

Clan Ramsay has opened up a Ramsay World Connect Project!

We are using traditional genealogical research methods, DNA testing, Collaboration and the Private

Ramsay Master Data Base to bring Ramsay families together. Other Clans have looked at our processes and how we incorporate that into our Ramsay Master Data Base and are copying our systems. We have over 8000 Ramsay Pedigree files in our sortable data base and we even have Eddie Ramsay in Scotland using the data base and loading data why we sleep in the USA.

We now have over 330 Ramsay DNA tested families and with this large sampling and our data base we will be able to help you make the biggest Ramsay genealogical advancement for your family in decades. I've attached the Ramsay DNA results Spreadsheet that will help you see that the 37 markers will tell us your closest DNA match and will continue to do so as others DNA test in the future. DNA is taken by simple by using the swabs provided in the DNA kit and swabbing your mouth and send the sample in in the veils provide in the kit. Please remember that in about 60 days after you send in your DNA kit we will be able to narrow your search down to just a few families then we use the data base to isolate specific Ramsay's that are probably your missing connections. Note in the DNA spreadsheet attached are **Families** that have a **decimal point** within the Family # column represent families that we have helped merge

DNA kits together.

Please email me with your current contact information so if I need to contact you via mail, email, telephone, Skype, etc. I can quickly contact you. Please remember that we have over 6000 Ramsay contacts world wide Tibet, New Zealand, Australia, Finland, Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Canada, Jamaica, Brazil, USA, France, etc so it is imperative that I connect your contact information to you in our file.

Please do not pass up this DNA opportunity to narrow your search for you Ramsay ancestors.

I look forward to working with you.

Regards,

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PS: Other Clans are saying that we are setting the new standards for Genealogical Research.

PSS: Join our team and gain access to our sortable Private Ramsay Master Data. If interested please visit the Clan Ramsay Web site <http://clanramsay.org/join.html> and learn how you can join. Just one hour a month of your time can help.



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Hidden Genealogical Resources: State and Local Censuses

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Census records are the most popular research tool used by most genealogists. Most genealogists concentrate their searches on federal or national censuses taken in the United States or foreign countries such as Canada, Ireland, England, and throughout Europe. Federal censuses in the United States have been taken every ten years since 1790.

Many people fail to initially realize the potential value of using censuses taken by state and local authorities. Several states in America took their own censuses throughout the 1800s and continue this practice today. While some were only statistical in nature, many also contained questions requiring personal information from each resident. Many of these censuses were taken at the halfway mark between the federal censuses. State censuses can be useful for tracking people who moved frequently. Sometimes the information found included questions that are not found in federal censuses.

The New York state censuses from 1855 to 1875 asked for each individual's county of birth, if born in New York. The 1865 census included multiple questions pertaining to military service. Many state censuses also included questions pertaining to personal possessions and the value and use of property such as real estate, cattle, machinery, tools, etc.

Many local jurisdictions such as towns, villages,

townships, counties, provinces, and school districts took their own version of censuses. Many questions were worded based on the social, economic, or educational makeup of the area. Some good sources for locating additional information on this topic include the following:

Ancestry.com – Wiki – State and Local Censuses

[http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=State and Local Censuses](http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=State_and_Local_Censuses)

Genealogy Research Guides – State Census Records

<http://www.researchguides.net/census/state.htm>

United States Bureau of the Census – State Censuses https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/other_resources/state_censuses.html

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*Definition of mythology:
genealogy without documentation.*



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.

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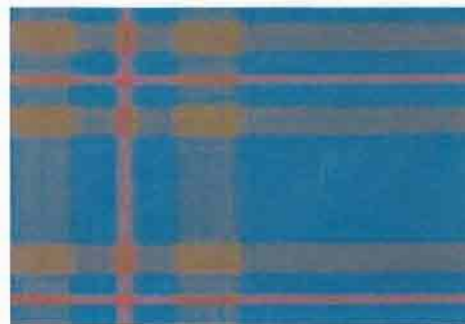
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George Square echoed to the thrilling sound of tunes old and new as the performers took part in a march past the City Chambers.

Taking part this year were the massed bands of the RAF, the Top Secret Drum Corps Switzerland, the Citadel Regimental Band and Pipes South Carolina, Hjaltibonhoga Fiddlers from Shetland, Changxing Lotus Dragon Dance Group and there was an excerpt from a Bollywood love story featuring bhangara dancers from Scotland and India.

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The massed pipes and drums marching in George Square as part of the Edinburgh Tattoo march

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hunter-gatherers who probably lived in family bands living off wild harvest of roots, fruits, fungi and animals they could trap, with the population growing slowly.

Mr Moffat said: "But then the Great Tree abruptly changes. About 4,500 years ago, many new branches suddenly appear over a very short period.

This is noticeable across the whole Tree but particularly clear under the very British and European Y chromosome haplogroup, R1b S145, where a staggering 25 new branches are found.

"What this means is something simple yet hugely significant – many more children being born and surviving to adulthood. The men born at this time created new sub-types in the Y chromosome Tree which then created more in a huge lateral expansion. There was no corresponding expansion of mitochondrial DNA which only women pass on to all their children."

Mr Moffat said DNA research showed this was highly likely to indicate an invasion by a warrior elite, small bands of highly aggressive and sexually predatory men sailing by small boats to Britain and Ireland over a short space of time around 2,500BC from Spain, Portugal and southern France.

ScotlandsDNA, with assistance from Dr. James F. Wilson of the Centre for Population Health Sciences in Edinburgh, has shown how 573 Y chromosome sub-types descend from Adam and relate to each other. The number to be doubled by the end of the year.

Connections to Adam and be traced by scotlandsdna.com - £200 for men, £170 for women.

Originally published in *The Scotsman*. <<http://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/heritage/scots-dna-team-reveal-research-tracing-early-man-1-3852633>>

Clan MacCord Society

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

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The Irish Currach team of Phoenix now forming! You're welcome to join!

Currach Team Phoenix is looking for rowers! No rowing experience is necessary. We have just started offering opportunities to row the Teams' two 18' authentic three-seat currachs. If you are interested, contact me and I will add your email to the Currach Team Phoenix list. You will then receive an automated invitation to choose rowing slots on Saturdays and Thursdays. Members of Currach Team Phoenix will have the choice of competitive rowing, recreational rowing, planning and promoting events, learning about the history and culture of the Irish currach, constructing a currach, and helping with the administration of the group. Thank you for your interest in this new ICC program.

A currach is a type of rowing boat that originates from Ireland's seafaring heritage and was traditionally made from animal skins stretched over a wooden frame. It is similar to the coracle that emerged from Wales. However, the coracle is considerably smaller than some of the larger currachs. It has traditionally been used both at sea and on inland waters.

The currach's design and construction is believed to be unique to the Irish and Scottish west coasts, allowing for variations in shape and size by region. It is sometimes referred to as a naomhóg in the counties of Kerry and Cork and in West Clare as a canoe.

The usage of the currach is thought to date back to

at least around the year 500 when a Latin account of the voyage of St Brendan describes a similar vessel to the currach in its modern form. Despite conjecture over the truth of the voyage, the implication is that the boat was

based on one that was widely used at the time. Some accounts claim a much earlier presence of the currach – from 100 BC and accounts of that time speak of large ocean going sailing currachs roving the North Atlantic.

There are currently 7 Currach Racing clubs in the USA (NY, CT, WI, OH, PA, MA,

MD). Phoenix will be the 8th.

The currachs will be demonstrated from time to time at the Tempe Town Lake Marina. This will give possible enthusiasts a chance to see, first hand, if they want to participate in the Irish Currach Team of Phoenix. Those who have an interest can actually row a currach with a member of the ICTP (time permitting).

We hope to make this team one of the programs within Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation offerings.

One of the 2 currachs will be launched at 4 pm on Thursday, November 7th, for our first scheduled demonstration. If you are interested in this please contact Paul Ahern at paulahern@qwest.net so you can be added to the list. You may also call 623-572-5828.

The Irish Cultural Learning Foundation, Phoenix, AZ.



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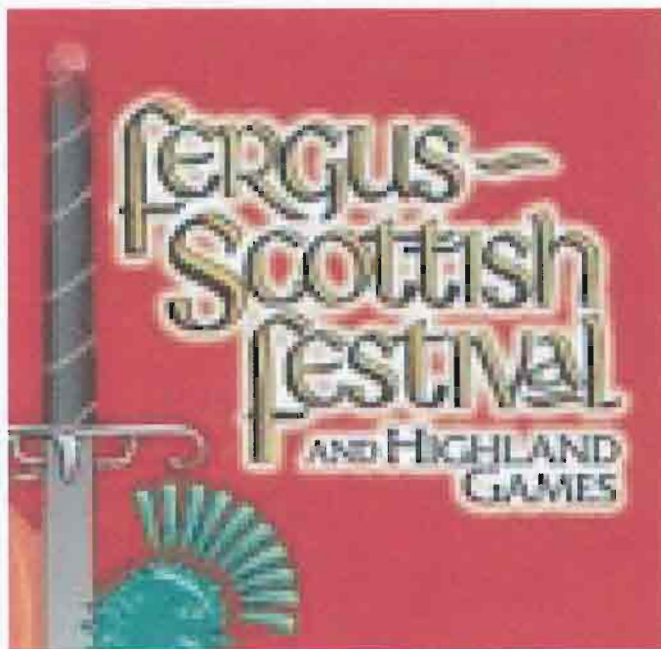


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2016 Clan Leslie Gathering - Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Every two years, the Clan Leslie has a Gathering at a location chosen by the Clan Chief and the Clan Leslie Society International (CLSI). The CLSI organizes this Gathering and also holds its Biennial meeting on the last day of the Gathering. This meeting of the CLSI is presided over by the Chieftain, the elected head of the Society.

In August of 2016, the Clan Leslie Gathering will be held along with the 2016 Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games.

This will be only the second time that the Clan Leslie Gathering has been held in Canada. The Fergus Festival is one of the largest in Canada and offers great Scottish entertainment and education as well as a lot of fun. The Chief of Clan Leslie, the Honourable Alexander Leslie, will be the Honoured Chief of the Festival and the Clan Leslie will be the featured Clan.

The 2015 Fergus Festival web site will answer all your questions about the many entertaining events (see URL below). Robert Leslie of Acton, Ontario, and his team of volunteers have been working on an exciting program for the Clan Leslie which is almost ready for you to see. Please mark your 2016 calendars and be prepared to respond quickly when you receive the program. In the meantime, take a look at the website for the festival: <http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com/>

William Leslie, Commissioner, Clan Leslie North America

The Magic Bank Account

The author of this is not known. It was found in the billfold of Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, Alabama, after he died in 1982.



Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!"

It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...

Shocked?

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The Visit of King George IV to Scotland, 1822

The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center, Franklin, NC **James A. Bullman**

The result of King George IV's visit on Scotland, was not, nor can it be left out of tartan history. What we see today at clan tents, Scottish Highland Games (U.S.A.), the explosion of tartan. The stories we hear true or false can be traced back to this event. Traced to an English King.

George IV came to Scotland in 1822. You must remember no reigning monarch had visited Scotland in about 150 years. The ministers of George's government prompted this visit to keep him out of their intrigue.

The ministers said the visit would make him more popular and keep Scottish minds off rebellious thinking.

Sir Walter Scott who knew George was chosen to stage this grandiose event. Scott had authored a book called "Waverly". In this book the romantic image of the Highlanders was born. Some of the images we take as gospel were born in "Waverly". So we have a king needing an image uplift and an author with a grand romantic novel.

About this same time many Celtic societies were born. Scott was chairman of one of these, The Celtic Society of Edinburgh.

After the Repeal of the Ban on Tartan, such societies were formed in England and Scotland. In most cases they were joined by "Highland Aristocrats" promoting their or the Waverly idea of Highland Dress. They also promoted highland culture with members attending meetings wearing "their garb of old Gaul."

Scott saw the need to invent a pageant in which ancient Scotland was born again. The king would be presented as a son of old Scotland, therefore winning the Scots hearts and minds and take their minds off radical reform.

George IV in 1822 placed an order for about 1,400 pounds of "The Old Highland Garb" - The tartan outfit was to be of a bright red tartan which today is called Royal Stewart. Also include were silver and

gold mounted pistols, sword, dirk and many gold chains.

Scott formed a committee to oversee this grand event. His principal assistant was Major General David Stewart of Garth. Scott also took advice on staging this theatrical event from the young actor - manager - William Henry Murray, whose talent with stage costumes was used to revive the ancient dress.

Many people had great concerns about the do's and don'ts of procedure and etiquette as it concerned the king and his royal party.

Always willing to fill the need, Scott printed a shilling booklet. This booklet gave one and all a detailed outline of events and very detailed advice of etiquette and dress. It also included a dress code for Highland

chiefs and peers of Scotland. Everyone was reminded that the king was going to be kilted and had set a condition to attend the grand ball. "No gentleman is to be allowed in unless properly dressed in the old Highland garb of proper clan tartan."

Now you had chiefs, peers and gentlemen of note asking what clan tartan? "So thickens the plot" Enter William Wilson and Son's who gladly supplied Highlander and Lowlander with a proper tartan. So Wilson number X became the old and ancient Clan X Tartan. Wilson's added 40 looms to meet the demand. Edinburgh kilt makers never had it so good.

The king's ship had arrived on the 14th of August 1822, but due to heavy rains in Edinburgh the king did not make his official appearance until the 15th. Dressed in a naval uniform he was greeted by all the important personage. A procession followed with the king in his carriage and a mass of lowland regiments plus highland clan regiments with massed pipe bands escorted the king the 3 miles to Edinburgh. When they arrived at a medieval gate, the king received the keys to the city.

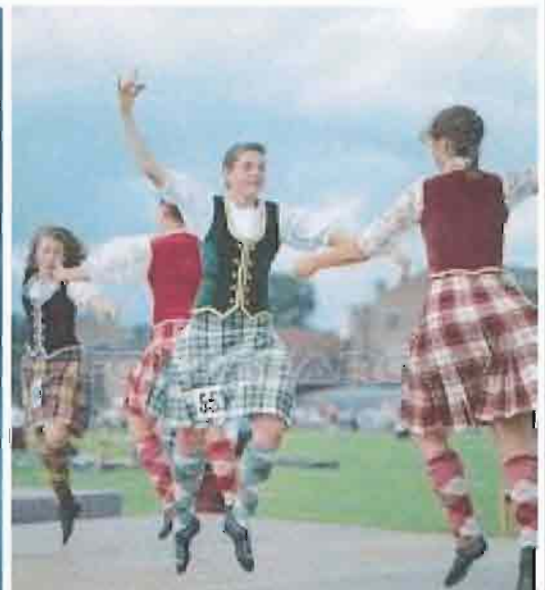
Most of the pageantry was theatrical based on

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the Waverly dream. Attracting much attention and talk, were the outfits or the “Old Highland Garb”.

Saturday, the 17th, the king was in residence at Holyrood to meet and greet the peers or other notables of Scotland. The king was attired in the bright red tartan outfit he had ordered. There was one small problem, the king's kilt was a bit short for modesty, so he wore pink tights under it to cover what needed to be covered.

At the grand ball on the 23rd, the king appeared in a field marshal's uniform rather than the wee kilt all had anticipated.

On the 27th, the king attended a production of Sir Walter Scott's *Rob Roy*. On Thursday, the 29th, George left Edinburgh joining his ship for the return to England.

From the 15th of the month until the 29th, many gala events of mostly theatrical nature took place. But all during the grand events, a seed was being planted, the seed of clan tartan, clan association, clan history, real and imagined.

This seed grew to what we have today, clan tartan, highland games and a tartan for everything.

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2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.

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4. Yesterday is forever gone.

5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning.

So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

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