

# Mark Henderson wins top honor



**Mark Henderson** of Waynesboro, Virginia, has been awarded the coveted Chief's Prize for 2015 by the Clan Henderson Society, Inc.

Previously, Henderson was awarded the Order of the Chief and a five-year pin. He has served as a convenor. Currently he is Vice President of Members and Awards Chair.

Three members of the Clan Henderson Society have been awarded the Order of the Chief Medal with Distinction. They are:

**Matthew Elder, III** of St. Louis, Missouri, was previously awarded the Order of the Chief in 2007, his fifteen-year pin and has served as a convenor.

**Beth Gay-Freeman** of Clarkesville, Georgia was previously awarded the Order of the Chief in 1991 and her twenty-five year pin. She serves as the editor of *An Canach*, the Clan Henderson Society, Inc. publication. She is a founding member of the society and has served as a convenor and historian.

**Stephen P. Henderson, Sr.**, of Jacksonville, Florida was previously awarded the Order of the Chief, his five-year pin. He has service as a convenor

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# A scarcity of Scottish clan chiefs..

Many of Scotland's ancient clans are without a chief. Perhaps you have the lineage to take up one of these ceremonial roles, writes Chris McCall



The days of clan chiefs wielding claymores and dispensing justice are long gone. Modern chieftains are purely ceremonial figures, more likely to be employed as landscape gardeners than live in Highland castles.

A series of laws passed in the aftermath of the final Jacobite rebellion in 1746 effectively stripped chiefs of any authority.

While some remain substantial landowners and local worthies, by the 20th century chieftains were largely forgotten figures. Many clans became questionable - having no recognised chief - as family lines died out. But an increasing interest in family history,

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**The 44<sup>th</sup> Stone Mountain Highland Games invites you to attend FREE Scottish genealogy speeches\* 11 AM and 1 PM Friday, Oct. 14, at the Atlanta Northeast Hilton Hotel. See you, October 14-16!**

\* Yes, it's Beth!



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Membership includes the Quarterly newsletter, "Craigellachie", via email or regular mail. It is also available in the Members Only section of the website.

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### ***Stand Fast, Craigellachie!***

**Craigellachie** (pronounced Kra-GEL'-a-key) is Gaelic for "rock of alarm." The Clan Grant motto is "**Stand Fast, Craigellachie!**" *Craigellachie* is the hill or mountain behind the modern town of Aviemore. It is also the name of a village situated about thirty miles down the River Spey from Aviemore.



# Headright Grants & Genealogy

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Headrights were grants of land to settlers and played a significant role in the expansion of the American colonies in North America prior to the American Revolution. Both the Virginia Company and Plymouth Company offered headrights to settlers as an incentive to come to the American colonies. The headright system was used in several colonies, primarily Virginia, Maryland, North and South Carolina, and Georgia.

Most headright grants were for 1 to 1,000 acres of land, and were given to anyone willing to cross the Atlantic Ocean and help populate the colonial America. Headrights were granted to anyone who would pay for the transportation costs of a laborer or indentured servant. These land grants usually consisted of 50 acres for someone newly moving to the area and 100 acres for people previously living in the area.

The concept began in Jamestown, Virginia in 1618 to solve labor shortages due to the growth and economic dependence of tobacco in Virginia as its major source crop. The growth of tobacco required large plots of land with many workers. The disproportion that existed between the amount of land available and the population created a situation with a low supply of labor, resulting in the growth of indentured servitude and slavery.

The headright system attracted many new colonists. Colonists who had already been living in Virginia were each given two headrights of 50 acres. Those who in turn paid for a newcomer immigrant to America would subsequently receive one headright each time they paid for the passage of another indi-



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Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae of Guelph, Ontario, wrote his famous poem, *In Flanders Field*, while serving as a Medical Officer in the 1st Brigade CFA (Canadian Field Artillery).

McCrae wrote the poem while stationed near



the trenches at the Ypres' salient.

It was McCrae's grandparents who left Scotland for a new life in Canada.



### Headright Grants, *continued from page 3*

vidual. Headrights were given to heads-of-households and because 50 acres were accumulated for each member of the household, families had an incentive to make the passage to the colonies together.

The headright system directly impacted the growth of indentured servitude where poor individuals would become workers for a specified number of years and provide labor in order to repay the landowners who had sponsored their transportation to the colonies. The claimants to headrights could receive grants for men, women and children since anyone could become an indentured servant. Early documentation from the Virginia Company seems to suggest that a landowner could receive a headright even if the indentured servant whose trip they sponsored did not make it to Virginia alive which was not an uncommon occurrence.



From a genealogical research perspective, many cases where these people passed away had to be documented in the court of record where the indentured servant was supposed to have performed their duties before their demise on the trip. While the majority of headrights distributed were issued under the names of British immigrants, as time went on, indentured servants who provided the heads-of-households with land came from throughout Europe and could be used as headrights, as could slaves from Africa.

The headright system also played a significant role in the development of the slave trade. Plantation

owners benefited from the headright system when they paid for the transportation of imported slaves. This, along with the increase in the amount of money required to bring indentured servants to the colonies, contributed to the shift towards slavery in the colonies. Until 1699, a slave was worth a headright of fifty acres. According to records, in the 1670s over 400 slaves were used as headrights in Virginia. This number increased in the 1680s and 1690s. Many families grew in power in the colonies by receiving large tracts of land when they imported slaves.

Searching for records related to headright grants can be problematic. Significant discrepancies exist between the number of headrights issued and the number of new residents throughout the colonies. Even when allowing for the high mortality rates among people during their journey to the colonies, many historians and genealogists continue to question the high number of discrepancies. Landowners would receive headrights for the dead and thus, the gap would widen between confirmed population growth and amount of headrights issued. Another explanation suggests that the secretary's office that issued the headrights grew more lax over time due to bribes or political pressure. There were few regulations in place to keep the headright system in check.

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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



You're welcome to email the president  
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Announcing -

# Clan Stewart Society in America's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

September 2-4, 2016 at Altamont, NY

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Preparations continue for the CSSA Annual General Meeting in New York State's historic Capital District. The surrounding Mohawk and Hudson River valleys, echo with Scottish history going back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Fort Ticonderoga, just north of Albany, made the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders (Black Watch) famous during the French and Indian War. For the Scottish and Stewart

history buffs the site is perfect.

A block of 10 motel rooms are set aside at the Best Western Albany Airport Inn, 200 Wolf Road, Albany NY 12205, at the price of \$95 per night. Please ask for the Clan Stewart Society in America rates when making reservations. The phone number: 844.286.9477. The website address: [www.bwalbanyairport.com](http://www.bwalbanyairport.com).



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Contact David Byrne, Region I, at [<ctbucvhanan@gmail.com>](mailto:ctbucvhanan@gmail.com)

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# Clan Home Society (International)

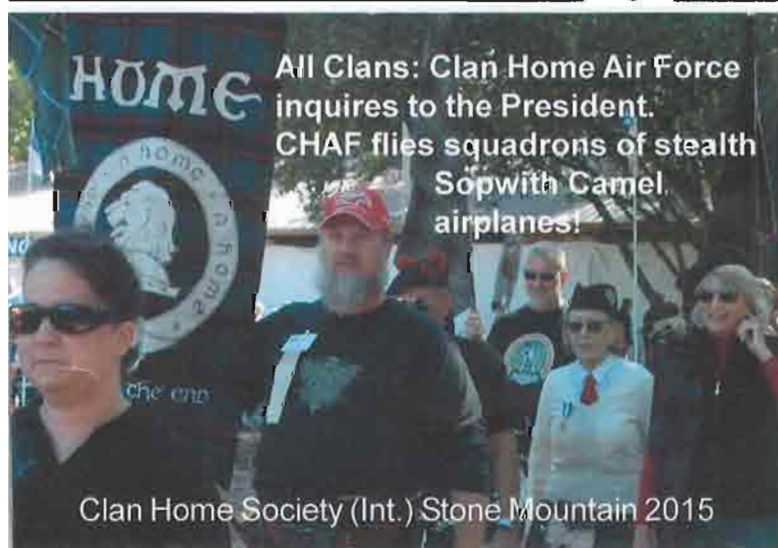


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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015



# John Hume, private rhino owner, breeder & advocate

John Hume was born in the Karoo in South Africa but grew up in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia).

He started his career as a farmer but left Zimbabwe in 1982 and returned to South Africa.

His business was in holiday resorts and in 1992, he bought Mauricedale Game Ranch in the Lowveld region of South Africa to retire.

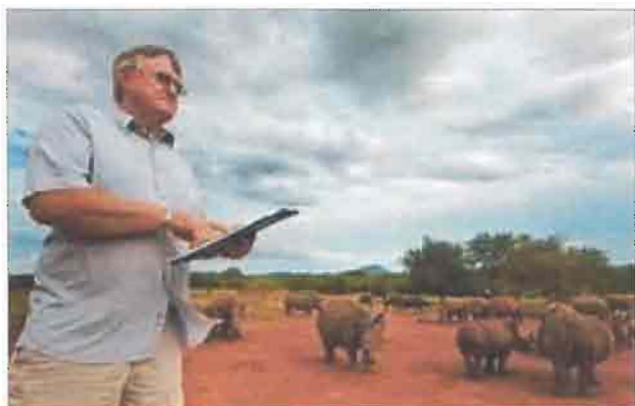
Here, he started game ranching in an extensive wildlife system and his emphasis was on rare and endangered species.

He bought a few rhinos early on (5), but over the years developed a great passion for these gentle animals. He owns more rhinos than anyone else in the world—around 1,160.

At his farm in Klerksdorp, about 100 miles southeast of Johannesburg, he has a vet who works year-round dehorning them. At the moment John and his farms harvest horn from their adult rhinos every 18 months with no ill effects to the animal.

Rhino horn, like hair, grows back. When it is stolen illegally by poachers, who often hack off the horn with machetes, the animals either bleed to death or the wound becomes infected.

John Hume's hope is that his preservation efforts will counteract widespread poaching.



A ban on rhino horn trade was implemented in 1977. When Black Rhinos were listed as Appendix 1 animals in 1977, there were still more than 50,000 left. Today, there are about 3800 and they are critically endangered.

- ◆ The Northern white rhino, that numbered between 2 000 and 4 000 animals in the 1970s, is extinct in the wild today, much like the Javan rhinoceros.

- ◆ In Swaziland, the “Rhino War” lasted from 1988 - 1992, during which time this country lost 80% of its rhino population to poachers.

- ◆ In Mozambique, the rhino is all but extinct.

- ◆ In 1992, Botswana had less than 20 White rhinos left and the Black rhino was locally extinct.

- ◆ In Tanzania, numbers of both species of rhino have declined drastically over the past 50 years. There were approximately 10,000 Black rhinos here in the 1960s and by 1984, there were only 3,000. Six years later, in 1990, there were less than 100 Black rhinos left in Tanzania.

- ◆ There were about 20,000 Black rhinos in Kenya in the 1960s. Today, there are about 700.

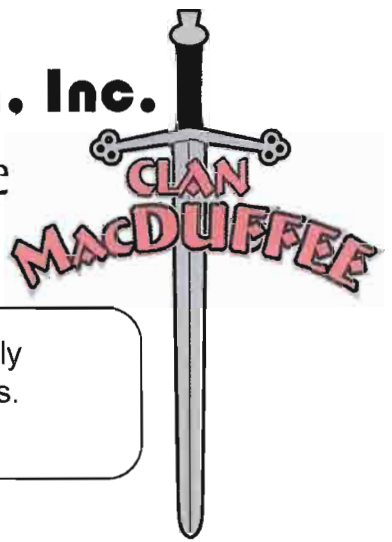
As of June, 2016, South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeals has legalized rhino horn trade in South Africa again, rejecting an appeal by the government to keep a ban on domestic trade in place.

Mr. Hume says that if he can feed the demand with legally-obtained rhino horn, he can slow the illegal trade as well as sustain his own operation, and aid in preserving these beautiful animals for future generations.

With thanks to *The Home Works*, publication of the Clan Home. Email <gath2009@verizon.net> for more information on the Clan Home.

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# *Soldiers of the Church*

John W. Pritchard (1919)

## *Preface*

The authentic records gathered and preserved in this volume show the part which the Covenanter Church took in the great war of 1914-1918 to defend Christian liberty and democracy against the long-premeditated and gigantically prepared-for attack of Germany and her allies, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria, in an effort to dominate the world by a brutal and immoral military despotism.

These records establish the fact that the Covenanter's attitude toward civil government does affect his loyalty to his country but that it affects it by emphasizing it, and they show that 7.4% of the entire membership of the American Covenanter Church were enrolled in the various departments of military service, a percentage probably greater than that of any other denomination.

People who do not understand marvel that a Covenanter will give his life for his country but withholds his vote at election time.

A Covenanter will give his life because of his loyalty to his country, and withholds his vote at election time because of his loyalty to Christ.

To become a soldier he is required to swear loyalty to his country, and that he is always eager to do; but to vote at election he is required to swear to a Constitution of Civil Government that does not recognize the existence of God, the authority of Christ over the nation, nor any obligation to obey His moral law; and that his conception of loyalty to Christ will not



permit him to do.

This volume is published to show the true character of the Covenanter, and to aid in securing for him his rightful place in history.

The Scotch are proverbially prompt, thorough and fearless in performance, but loth to talk of their achievements; and in their war work, herein recorded, all Covenanters show their Scotch ancestry.

More than six hundred American Covenanters were in the war, above two hundred of whom went overseas, and many of these were with Pershing fighting their way to the Rhine.

The secretary of the Church's Win-the-War Committee told how all but impossible it was to get any of our ministers, so many of whom rendered splendid service and a great deal of it, here at home, to report their work.

And the boys in the flaming battle lines, like their pastors, are true sons of their heroic forbears.

Scores of others than Covenanter soldiers published whole books of their adventures in trenches, going over the top, and in NoMan's Land, and thrilled audiences with their stories.

Covenanter soldiers wrote never a line to their own Church weekly, and their home letters from the front line trenches, or from "Somewhere in France

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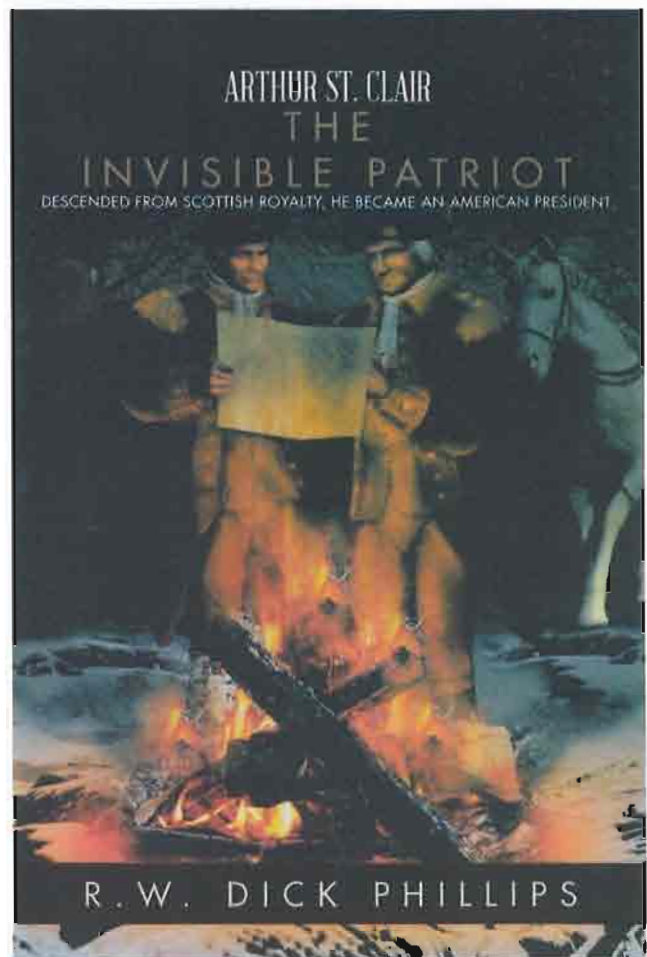
enroute to the Rhine,” at least those letters of which we have learned, almost invariably concluded with a warning not to allow the Editor of their Church paper to have them.

Prof. Wm. M. Sloane, author of *The Century Company’s Life of Napoleon of The Balkan States*, and other standard histories, in an article written for the *Christian Nation*, spoke of the high place accorded to Covenanters by great historians after the Reformation, but only the most widely read and unprejudiced students of both political and Church history understand why they merit such distinguished praise.

The Covenanters themselves have not written history. They have merely made it.

And so, the author of this volume, himself denied the privilege of companionship with his young friends in the camps or on the battlefields, is endeavoring to do for them that which they would not even assist in doing for themselves, relate their share in history-making during the period of the war, enshrine their deeds, and perpetuate the memory of their valor and their loyalty to Christ and their country.

With many thanks to Alastair McIntyre and ElectricScotland.com. If you would like to read the complete story of the Covenanters in World War I, simply visit: <<http://www.electricscotland.com/bible/soldiersofthechurch.pdf>>



## A “must read”

Sometimes there’s a story behind a story which might be inconvenient truths for, or expose the agendas of, those in charge. Often the public never hears those back stories, mostly for political reasons. The effects of these falsely reported stories can be disastrous to the reputation of the person involved.

But for 240 years?

Such occurrences happened often during the formation and development of America, when Congress was micro-managing every military aspect of the war. During his 40-year military and public service to America, Arthur St. Clair survived three such actions by Congress and although his career grew steadily, his deserved reputation as a brilliant strategist and courageous military leader did not. And yet this patriot, who became a Major General, a Congressman, President of Congress and Federal Governor of the Northwest Territory, has generally been ignored by historians for centuries.

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# Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.



Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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

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**Arthur St. Clair**, *continued from page 13*

St. Clair walked with the giants of the American Revolution, Franklin, Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Green, Lafayette, Adams and others.

It was Washington who recruited him as one of the early Scottish Freemasons in America. Many St. Clair/Sinclair descendants even say that Ben Franklin inducted him. Perhaps one reason why historians haven't written about this courageous Scot is because he thought and acted outside the box. He always tried to do what was right, regardless of the consequences. This often put him in the crosshairs of the powers that be and he paid a heavy price.

"It's one thing to help your commander restore his reputation, like St. Clair did for Washington in the last days of 1776-77. Although he expected no credit then, it was quite another to be made a scapegoat for military mistakes of Congress and others.

"One doesn't easily recover from that," says author, R. W. Dick Phillips, who recently released the book entitled, *Arthur St. Clair, The Invisible Patriot*, which is available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and other book stores.

At 328-pages and 24 chapters, the book deals with this native Scot becoming a British officer to fight the French in Canada's Seven Years War. After retiring and settling in western Pennsylvania, he spent most of the next decade helping the Scottish settlers fight off Indian attacks and worked in various judicial capacities assigned by Governor Penn. After he learned that the Indian raids had been incited by the British command in Virginia, he became increasingly critical of the British taxation and their brutal treatment of Colonists and their families.

Accepting a commission as Colonel in the Continental Army, his recruiting talent, strategic planning and leadership experience quickly became known and he found himself promoted to Brigadier General and assigned to Washington's senior staff within a year. But the war was not going well and Washington had lost most of his men during 1776 and was suffering trust issues with his Major Generals Charles Lee and Horatio Gates.

When his most experienced Major General Mercer died in the battle of Princeton, Washington saw St. Clair, the man that had helped him turn around an



all-but-lost revolutionary war with three victories in New Jersey, as his next Major General.

The two were trusted fellow combatants and remained friends during the first 20 years of the Republic.

This book details the stories behind several incorrectly-reported stories of St. Clair's life. The author describes the book as both biographical and a historical commentary, reflecting his extensive research.

A retired public relations executive, Phillips' moved to the Ohio Valley to be closer to their family and he became interested in its rich history.

"After some newspaper and magazine articles about early pioneers began appearing, my fellow Rotarians suggested I look at Arthur St. Clair, the namesake of our city, St. Clairsville, Ohio," said Phillips, adding, I didn't expect to take on a retirement project of this magnitude, but after researching the Library of Congress and about 70 other sources, I was hooked. St. Clair's story needed to be told!"

Reach R. W. Dick Phillips on Facebook (also

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## An Airean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIan). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

**MOTTO:** Sola Virtus Nobilitat (Virtue Alone Ennobles)

**WAR CRY:** "The Henderson's Are Here!"

### Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique

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The statutory birth, marriage and death indexes for 2015 will be released soon by *Scotland's People*.

To contact *Scotlands People*, just go to: <<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

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**Arthur St. Clair**, *continued from page 15*



under book title). See reader reviews on Amazon.com, also available on Walmart.com, Barnes and Noble and various museum Book Stores, such as Rosslyn Chapel in Midlothian, Scotland

Arthur St. Clair, *The Invisible Patriot*

You can purchase this book on Amazon.com



*The Clan Henderson Society, Inc., Chief's Award medal. The Chief's Award has a green ribbon and the Chief's Award with Distinction has a blue and yellow ribbon.*

**Clan Henderson awards**, *continued from page 1* and serves now as the Clan Henderson Society, Inc., genealogist.

There are seven recipients of the Order of the Chief Medal: They include: **Allen Henderson** of Livingston, West Lothian in the United Kingdom. He was previously honored with his five-year pin and has served as a convenor and commissioner.

**Charles B. Henderson** of St. Louis, Missouri, has been a convenor for the Clan Henderson Society.

**Dennis S. Henderson** of San Jose, California, has worked as a convenor.

**Donald L. Henderson, Jr.**, of Oxford, Pennsylvania, previously received his five-year pin and has held the offices of convenor and event organizer.

**Carol Martin** of Clarksburg, Massachusetts, received her five-year pin, is a Highland Dance Mom, has been a convenor and is treasurer of the Clan Henderson Society, Inc.

**Elton Stilwell** of Comfort, Texas has served as a convenor.

**Shirley Sue Stiffler**, of Modesto, California has received her 15-year pin and served as a convenor.

If you wish more information on the Clan Henderson Society, Inc., please contact Mark Henderson, FSA Scot at <[hendo28@comcast.net](mailto:hendo28@comcast.net)>

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And what does that mean, you may ask?

Well, it means that you can look forward to two solid days of Scottish fun and frivolity, games and gaiety and the tension of competition in these various venues: Colorful Highland Dancers compete for prize money and trophies on the *AMTRAK* Stage near the front entrance—you can't miss them!

Then, follow your ears to the beat of the drums and a multitude of bagpipers for the Pipe and Drum Band Competition on Lot C oceanside beside the Food Court.

Check your timing so you don't miss the colorful Drum Major Competition on the green beside the Alex Beaton Stage.

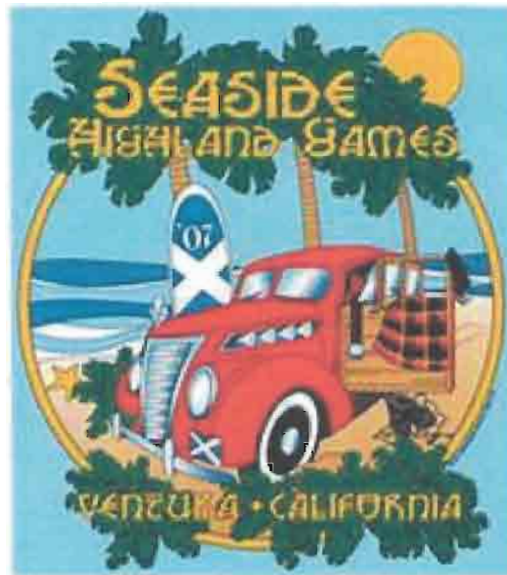
Moving a little deeper down Clan Row you will find the famous Scottish Fiddle Competition, the only one extant in California when we started it and convinced the very talented Colyn Fischer and partner Shauna Pickett Gordon—professionally known as The Peat Fire Flame—to oversee and to judge these talented musicians.

But wait! There is more to come! At the extreme end of Clan Row in Morgan Arena you can't miss seeing those Mighty Hunks, the Scottish Heavy Athletes doing their best to break a few world records and to throw higher, further and straighter than

those before them. Yes, the cabers will be flying!!

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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.
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.

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## 7 useful tips for discovering stories and details in newspapers that shaped your ancestors lives:



1. Search Last Name nationwide, then refine. 2. Pay attention to "Please Copy" notices. 3. Search on name variations. 4. Search for events. 5. Social notices provide many clues. 6. Use quotations for phrases. 7. Use keywords and exclude keywords. [genealogy@genealogybank.com](mailto:genealogy@genealogybank.com)

### Seaside Highland Games, *continued from page 19*

After the Herding Dog demonstrations, shaggy Highland cattle are nearby and *shaggy Scots, too*, in a fun for all Bearded Scot Contest!

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Special guests The US Marine Corps Band will join the many Scottish Bagpipe and Drum Bands for an Opening Ceremonies and Grand Parade not to be missed at noon sharp on Saturday and a meaningful Closing and Awards Ceremony near the end of Sunday's festivities.

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The centrally located Alex Beaton Stage will be home to long time friends *The Browne Sisters & George Cavanaugh* and back "for the first time ever" *Eric Rigler and Dirk Freymuth* with a completely new acoustic bagpipe and guitar sound like none other!

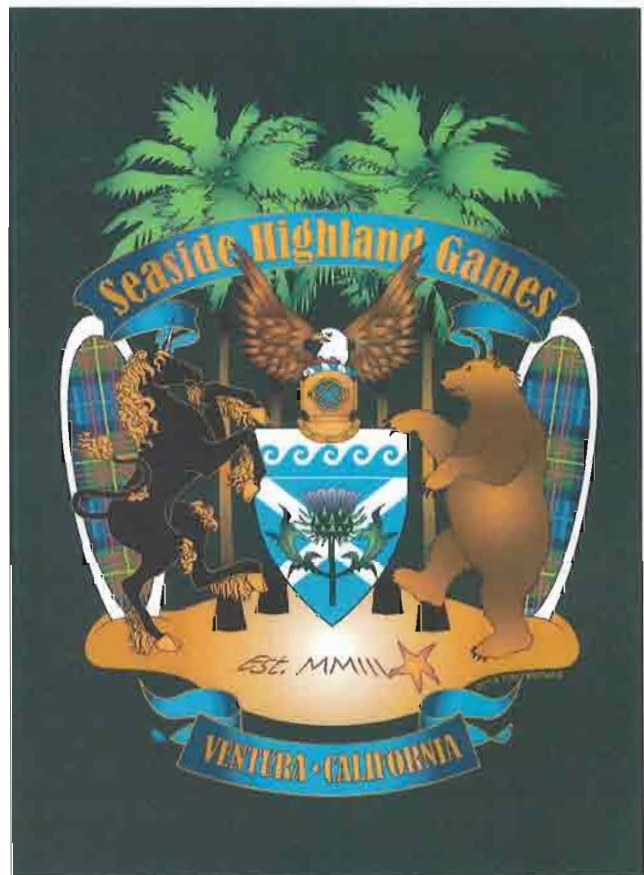
Lurking toward the extreme end of Clan Row, you cannot miss the sights and sounds of the Celtic Rock Stage anchored by heavy favorites *The Angry Brians* with lively local buddies, *The Ploughboys!*

One more stop midway down Clan Row is a wee stage we call The Pavilion Stage and it will be hopping all day with such acts as *Three for Joy*, *Gillie Wheesels* and others.

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Plus, you are likely to find the great Los Angeles Fifes and Drums anywhere on the grounds.

Now, maybe time for some excellent Scottish and Irish food and bev, or shopping among unique and quality vendors or taking a class should you want



*2013 Seaside Games design by Tom Freeman.*

to know more about Celtic cooking with *The Celtic Caterer* himself, Eric McBride, or history, the Gaelic language or Single Malt Scotch!

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# What really happened in the UK on June 23<sup>rd</sup>?



**Rich Shader, *Celtic Seasons* editor**

As you might have read or heard, the United Kingdom, in a national referendum, narrowly voted - 52% to 48%, to leave the European Union (EU). This came as a shock to many people because most polls had predicted a victory for the pro-EU side. (Think of it as Texas voting to leave the US.)

The result, panic in the world markets, losing nearly \$3 trillion dollars.

Prime Minister (PM) David Cameron, who had backed staying in the EU, promptly resigned.

Theresa May is now the new Prime Minister.

Unfortunately, no one thought the people would vote to leave.

Generally speaking, the younger generation voted to remain while the older generation voted to leave.

The PM's people said the folks heading up in the "Leave" campaign should have had a plan in place to exit the EU in case they won. The Leave Campaign insisted the PM should have made the plans, with the result that no one had made plans.

Then, a big surprise - the people who had campaigned for Britain to leave started admitting that the promises they had made in the campaign were lies.

The public believed the campaign promises, but did not fully understand the ramifications.

Nearly 4 million voters petitioned for a do-over

vote.

As Scotland voted heavily to Remain (62% to 38%), the first minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon - whose SNP party campaigns for Scottish independence - said she will try to keep Scotland in the EU, either by blocking the UK's exit or by pushing for another Scottish independence referendum.

Sturgeon does seem to be the only one with a plan, even if it does involve pulling apart a 300-year-old kingdom.

Northern Ireland voted heavily to Remain, largely because of the supporting role the EU played in its peace process and because it's the only part of the UK to have land borders with the EU (with the Republic of Ireland).

Theresa May, as the new PM, said she will honor the will of the people carrying out Britain's exit from the European Union.

"Personally," said Mr. Shader, "I see a second Scottish vote for independence in the near future."

With many thanks to *Celtic Seasons - from the Streams of Celtic Consciousness*. To subscribe simply send your name and address and any monetary donation to Rich Shader, 173 Greystone Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28792. Please make checks to Rich Shader.



## Clan Donald USA, Texas Region at 2016 San Antonio, Texas games

The photo is at the "Calling of the Clans" at the 2016 San Antonio Highland Games in Helotes, Texas.

With thanks to *Forward Together*, publication of the Texas Region, Clan Donald, USA. For more information, contact Gary Tate, Texas Commissioner, CDUSA at: <rdpd2835@hotmail.com>



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# Flowers of the Forest

*This is from the Forward Together publication of Clan Donald USA Texas Region.*

*The following was submitted by John and Hazel Blue. On behalf of Clan Donald USA, we send our deepest sympathies to the Blue family.*

Our son, **William Blue**, died on Feb 24 of this year in Kingwood, TX.

William was born at the Presbyterian hospital in Dallas on Feb 17, 1971.

He was afflicted with a form of autism and in spite of this, he managed to graduate from special education programs at Plano East High School and Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell, NM.

He worked at Cozymel's restaurant in Plano for 13 years while securing a black belt in defensive karate.

After his family moved to Kingwood, he worked for 10 years at the Kroger grocery store there.

Because of his hearty greetings to customers and the general public on the streets, he became one of the best known and beloved characters in town.

Upon his death there were special events held in memoriam at Kroger and at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingwood, as well as articles in the local newspaper.

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**Betty Huggett**, born 1 April 1920 in Bristol and died 5 July 2016 in South Africa, was one of a group of seventeen Womens Auxiliary Air Force who were recruited into the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) in May 1944.

Huggett went solo that month after just 11 hours of flight training.

The principal job of the ATA girls was to ferry new or repaired aircraft from factories to the command aerodromes – “Anything to Anywhere” was the slogan. It was dangerous but vital work.

Huggett's logbook shows that her flight schedule was unrelenting – many “air taxi flights” included her first Spitfire flight.

Huggett was posted to No 4 Ferry Pool at Prestwick in May 1945 and was given orders to fly a Barracuda torpedo bomber from Prestwick to Lossiemouth. Her flight plan took her over the Firth of Forth and then northwards.

While over the Forth the weather deteriorated badly; the clouds enveloped the plane and she experienced much turbulence.

Huggett had been trained to return to base in the event of bad weather: the aircraft were expensive and vital for the war effort. But as she turned, the plane lost height severely and Huggett just had time to brace herself as the plane hit the water.

Years later she recalled: “It sat there on the surface for a few moments, then started sinking. I must have gone down quite decently, like in a lift.”

She wrote in her log book: “All things considered, it was a good landing.”

The aircraft settled on the sea bed. Huggett took a deep breath and released the straps in her cockpit and floated to the grim, blackened surface of the Forth. She had no life jacket and was only wearing normal ATA uniform.

She shouted for help.

Visibility was bad, but a trawler, *Provide*, from the nearby fishing port of St. Monans heard her cries and steamed towards her.

“Hang on, laddie,” the skipper, John Morris, cried reassuringly.

She was fondly known throughout the service as the “ATA Mermaid” after her sinking.

She married Major Peter Huggett in 1950, moving to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). In 1964, they moved to Eastern Cape in South Africa.

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# “Our ship has come in.”

“Our ship has come in” is an old, old phrase, from old seafaring days, full of hope and wonder.

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Then, maybe, just maybe, one chance day the ship would come back, weather-beaten, its sails hoving into view, its hull riding low in the channel waters, loaded with spices from India, or silks from China, or tea, or



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## A thank you from Ava...

At the beginning of the summer, I, along with some of my friends, received the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta scholarship for Highland dancing.

I used it for a dance camp in North Carolina: the School of Scottish Arts (SSA).

The camp was such an amazing experience for me; I had two great teachers, I saw friends I hadn't talked to in a while, the food was awesome, and I think it really prepared me for the competition held the days after camp was over.

I placed both of the days that I competed, which has never happened for me before, and I placed fairly

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# Clan Bell International



This

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

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

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

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

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

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especially among those whose ancestors had emigrated from Scotland, prompted a revival in clan societies from the mid-20th century onwards.

Fingal's Cave, on the island of Staffa, was once part of the lands owned by the MacQuarries. The clan has had no recognised chief since the early 19th century.

Ranald Alasdair MacDonald spent 30 years fighting to be recognised as the 32nd chief of the MacDonalds of Keppoch, a battle he finally won in 2006.

Scotland's newest clan chief, Iain Alexander Gunn, was appointed in April this year. He became the first recognised head of Clan Gunn since 1785.

There are currently more than 150 questionable clans. Some have recognised 'commanders', a rank below chief which must be renewed every 10 years.

All chiefs and commanders must be recognised by the Lyon Court - an ancient legal office in charge of all heraldic symbols and state cer-



emonies in Scotland.

**MacQuarrie:** This ancient family once owned the islands of Ulva, Staffa and Gometra in the Inner Hebrides, as well as large parts of Mull.

Among its most famous members was Major-General Lachlan Macquarie, often referred to as 'The Father of Australia'.

He served as the last autocratic governor of New South Wales until 1821 and oversaw the settlement's transformation from a penal colony to a free settlement.

Although there is an active Clan MacQuarrie society, the last recognised chief died in 1818 and no one has claimed the title since.

One of Scotland's oldest clans appoints new chief

**Maxwell:** The impressive Caerlaverock Castle on the south coast of Scotland was built by the Maxwells, a powerful lowland clan, in the 13th century.

Robert Maxwell, 9th Lord Maxwell, was created Earl of Nithsdale in 1620, reflecting the family's prestige.

The last clan chief, the fifth Earl of Nithsdale, was a fervent Jacobite supporter and was captured following the battle of Preston in 1715. He was sentenced to death and imprisoned in the Tower of London, but somehow managed to escape - while dressed as a maid - with the help of his wife.

The earl fled to Rome and died without issue.

**MacFarlane:** Descendants of the ancient earls of Lennox, the MacFarlanes principally lived on the north-western shore of Loch Lomond.

They played a key role in the battle of Pinkie Cleugh in 1547, and later supported the forces which defeated Mary, Queen of Scots, at the battle of Langside in 1567.

Such was their reputation for cattle rustling and fighting, the clan was denounced by the Scottish Parliament in 1594 and its clansmen were often persecuted.

Several hundred later immigrated to Ireland as a

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*Ava is fourth from the right.*

well.

At camp, I worked really, really hard, and it ended up paying off as I received a partial scholarship for next year because of my constant hard work.

None of that could have happened without your generosity, so thank you very much!

That is me (on page 27) holding my School of Scottish Arts scholarship, which I could not have received without your St. Andrews Society of Atlanta scholarship! Thank you!

*Ava Smith*



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result.

The 20th and final chief, William Macfarlane, died in 1866.

**Pringle:** A common name in the Scottish Borders to this day, the Pringles have had no clan chief since John Hoppringle died in 1737.

An active Clan Pringle society encourages members of the family to trace their ancestry as part of a concerted effort to appoint a new chief.

**Buchanan:** This family, whose principal seat was in Stirlingshire, proves the complex nature of legally identifying a new chief for the first time in more than 350 years.

John Buchanan of Buchanan, the last chief, died around 1680.

The clan was once a powerful



force in central Scotland.

Buchanans fought at Flodden in 1513 and were firm supporters of the Covenanters in the mid-1600s.

The Buchanan Society, which traces its origins to a charity founded in Glasgow in 1725, remains active and claims to be the oldest clan-related society in the world.

With thanks to *The Scotsman* newspaper, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Read more at: <http://www.scotsman.com/heritage/people-places/the-scottish-clans-looking-to-appoint-new-chiefs-1-4194405>



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