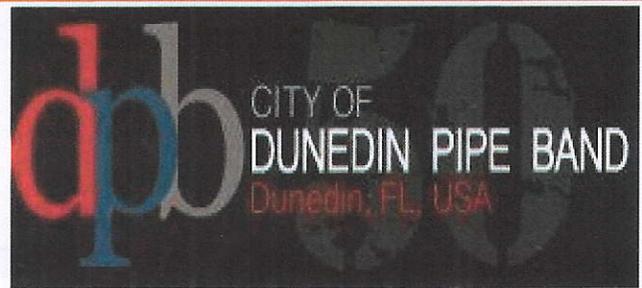


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# **Congratulations! City of Dunedin (FL) Pipe Band - 2019 NA Champions**



Coming off of an amazing season where the DPB won the 2018 Grade 2 World Championships, the EUSPBA upgraded the group to Grade 1 for the 2019 season. That made the Dunedin Pipe Band the only Grade One band in the United States.

The DPB had a successful trip to Georgetown (Ontario) back in June taking first prize in a medley draw contest against the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highland-

ers and the 78<sup>th</sup> Halifax Citadel. The DPB spent a couple of months preparing for the trip to Maxville in August for the North American Championships.

After 2 very successful runs of the MSR and Medley, the band again took first prize in Grade 1 nudging out the 78<sup>th</sup> Fraser Highlanders on ensemble preference aggregate.

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PORTLAND, OREGON

# Portland Horse Rings

*Tiny horses tethered to antique rings are scattered around the city.*

Tiny horses have been taking over Portland's streets for decades. Look down, and you'll likely find some tethered to one of the antique horse rings scattered throughout the sidewalks.

Scott Wayne Indiana, a Portland resident, began tethering toy steeds to the horse rings in 2005. His quirky personal art project soon took off. Before long, other Portland residents were adding their own tiny horses to the herd. Now, many of the city's horse rings have plastic ponies attached to them.

Locals have long been tethering toyhorses to the rings scattered throughout the city.

The trend shot off at a gallop after Indiana's Portland Horse Project gained traction.

More than a decade since Indiana's first toy horses descended upon the streets, people still have yet to rein in their enthusiasm for the project.

People leave treats,

tack, hay, and riders for the little equines (and their occasional dinosaur friends).

One Portland couple even got engaged after meeting because of one of the horses.

In addition to adding a fun touch of equine whimsy to the streets, the Portland Horse Project also preserves an often overlooked part of the city's heritage. The horse rings date to the 19th and early 20th centuries and hark back to a time when horse-drawn carriages were the main method of transportation.

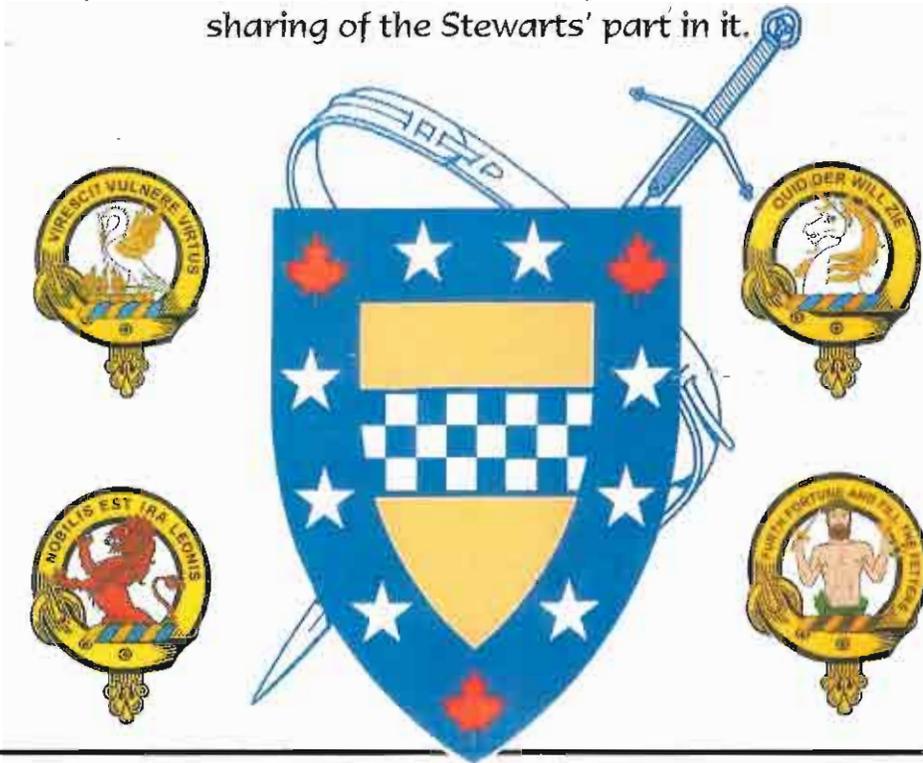


Over time, Portland began losing these small relics of its horsey history as construction tore up its streets and sidewalks. But in the 1970s, one of its residents began complaining about the lost rings and thus spurred their preservation. Now, the rusted circles are protected and must be replaced following any construction.



# Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc.

501(c)(3) Not For Profit Organization dedicated to the preservation of Scottish Heritage and History and the sharing of the Stewarts' part in it.



The Stewart dynasty descended from King Robert I's daughter and her husband, Walter the Steward. Despite early unrest and weak government caused by several Stewart kings succeeding as minors, the dynasty flourished for over three centuries.

During this time, Scotland moved forward to become a modern and prosperous nation. Stewart monarchs such as King James IV and VI were Renaissance patrons of artistic, scientific, commercial, religious and political endeavour, sponsoring figures including the poet, Robert Henryson, and humanist, George Buchanan.

Also of significance was the arrival in the mid-sixteenth century of the Reformation movement, bringing about the replacement of Catholic Mary Queen of Scots by her son King James VI.

It was through the Stewart dynasty that the two thrones of England and Scotland - and later the governments - came to be united.

The 'Marriage of the Thistle and the Rose' took place at Stirling Castle in 1503 between King James IV and Princess Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.

This union of the Scottish and English Royal families eventually led in 1603 to the succession of a Stewart (now with a change of spelling) to the throne of England.

CSSA is represented at approximately 40 Scottish/Celtic events around the country each year. We are always looking for folks with our passion to volunteer to start more.

We also have a presence on the Internet with a website, <[clansstewart.org](http://clansstewart.org)> (official) and a Facebook page listed as *Clan Stewart Society in America* (unofficial).

Though we have maintained our low annual \$25 membership, we are still able to sponsor trophies for dance, drums and pipes and establish scholarships for institutions providing cultural Scottish curriculums and we also sponsor the competition of a record-holding female athlete.

For CSSA membership information: <[clansstewart.org](http://clansstewart.org)> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)

# Anglo-Scottish Borders now has link World Wide from Dublin & Beyond!

Carlisle Lake District Airport (CAX) launched commercial flights for the first time in more than 25 years on July 4th.

The Stobart Group-owned and operated airport teamed-up with Scotland's Airline, Loganair, to offer air links to and from Dublin, London Southend Airport and Belfast City Airport, opening Cumbria and the Lake District region to the South East of England, Northern Ireland and The Republic of Ireland.



The airport, which once served as an RAF airfield, has been transformed thanks to a new and modern terminal, its own Borderlands Café and new runways and taxiways.

The airport also offers free car parking and free mini bus connections with Carlisle Train Station.

Flights are on sale via <[www.loganair.co.uk](http://www.loganair.co.uk)>, with fares to Belfast City starting from £39.99 and to Dublin and London Southend from £44.99 – including 20kg of baggage allowance.

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## Clan Sinclair members at the June 19 - 23 International Sinclair Gathering in Canada



*Shown in the photograph are Clan Sinclair members from across Canada, the United States, Scotland and even Australia.*



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# Correspondence is <sup>still</sup> very important in genealogical research!

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Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

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Researching family history is exciting but time consuming. While the Internet has provided many new research opportunities thanks to digitization projects, only about 20% of the potential information is available online.

At some point, most researchers will need to write letters or emails requesting information or assistance from an institution or family member.

Entities such as churches, courthouses, funeral homes, genealogical and historical society repositories, government agencies, libraries, museums, and schools are a few examples of sources where records and information are potentially available.

In other instances, your research may involve contacting family members. Since family members are often doing their own genealogical research, collaborating with them is one of the best ways to enhance or update your own research.

Prior to contacting any entity, especially a governmental agency or courthouse, be sure to visit their website. Whether your intent is to contact them via email or regular postal mail, you must familiarize yourself with the following information:

1. Can photocopies of documents be sent by mail? 2. What records are available and for what time periods?

Have the records been indexed?

Can indexes for a particular surname be obtained by mail?

What are the costs for obtaining copies via email, fax, or regular mail? NOTE: Some entities, especially libraries, offer to send scanned images



via email free or at a reduced rate.

Is a complete citation (exact name, date, etc.) required, or can searches be conducted?

What is the average turnaround time for genealogy requests?

Following the guidelines listed below should help put yourself in the best position for success in obtaining a satisfactory response:

1. Keep the text clear and concise. State what information you need and include only the background information that may help someone find the answer to your request.

Include alternate name spellings, nicknames, etc. under which any records may be found.

When sending queries via postal mail, always include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE). Be sure to include your name and address on the letter, as well as the SASE. Be sure the SASE is large enough to accommodate multiple 8 ½ x 11 sheets of paper.

Include your email address and phone number with your letter. This allows the person handling your request to contact you quickly if they have any questions.

If you are willing to have them respond to you via email and would accept scanned images versus photocopies, be sure to indicate that this is an option. It may save you money and result in a faster

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## **Clan Keith President, Elizabeth Keith, has a three generation family gathering at the 2019 Glasgow Highland Games**

### **Genealogical Correspondence,**

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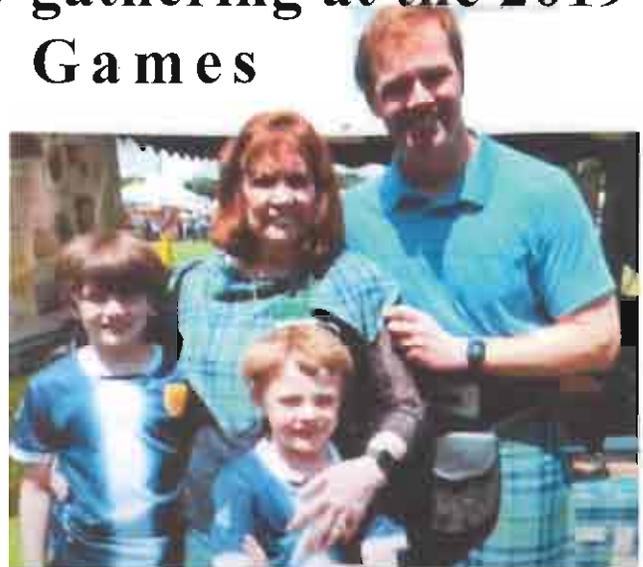
response.

Be polite and courteous. "Please" and "thank you" goes a long way.

Proofread your letter or email for grammar and spelling, making sure that your request is easy to understand and that you have included accurate names, dates and places.

Keep a copy of your letter or email, at least until you receive a reply, and make note of it in your correspondence log.

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John C. Keith, and his boys, Emerson and Preston, drove up from Nashville Saturday morning to visit John's mother, Elizabeth Keith. Both young boys have attended the Glasgow Games each year since they were babies

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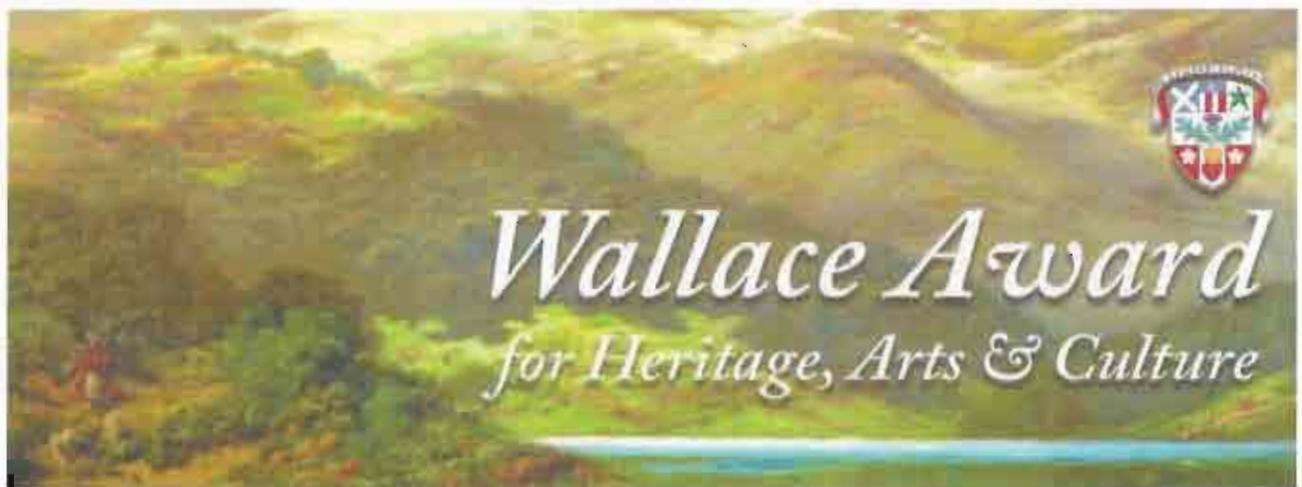


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Members and Friends of the American-Scottish Foundation, please put Friday evening, November 8 on your calendars and plan to participate in the Wallace Awards Celebration in New York. The evening will honor: - **Francis Finlay, CMG, OBE**, for his contributions to Anglo American Heritage Arts, Culture and Education. - **Paul Little**, for his contributions to transatlantic partnerships in

the field of Scotland's education, science and maritime studies

The Wallace Awards recognize those of Scottish descent who have made exceptional contributions in the fields of Heritage, the Arts, and Culture.

Chaired by Elizabeth De Forest Scott, Olivia Fussell and Roderick Gow, the evening is an opportunity for members and friends of the Foundation to celebrate the work of the ASF, our honorees and Scottish American heritage in style.

From the music of the Alex Donner Orchestra to the sound of the bagpipes, you will enjoy a Whisky Tasting from Glendronach, and a Scottish menu overseen by Gary Maclean, Scotland's National Chef. It will be an evening of celebration.

Reservations of all kinds may be made by visiting: <americanscottishfoundation@gmail.com>

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The extensive silent auction of exceptional items and a live auction led by auctioneer George McNeely will be held during the Wallace Awards Celebration.

The Wallace Awards evening will benefit the ongoing work of the American-Scottish Foundation with a portion of the proceeds directed to the ASF Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton Bursary Program.

Details of past Wallace Awards Celebrations may be found on our website together with a list of our past distinguished Wallace Honorees.

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The American-Scottish Foundation® introduced the Wallace Award® in 1970 to recognize the extraordinary diversity of contribution that Scots have made to the world - and, in particular, to recognize one or more living citizens or residents of the United States of Scottish descent for their individual contributions to the well being of this country. The Foundation has now expanded the Award's reach to include either Scots or Americans who have made an important contribution to American/Scottish relationships.

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As this photograph shows, thatch buildings are a traditional and iconic Scottish roofing material for Highland buildings. In fact, thatch was the very first roofing material in the country and the practice has continued well into the twentieth century. Heather, reed, marram grass, and rye are all used to make the thatch roofs. Scottish builders have used the most diversity of materials and techniques of any other region of Europe. Sadly, thatch roofed buildings are slowly disappearing from the Scottish landscape. They are difficult to maintain and more problematic than modern roofing materials. An effort is underway in Scotland to preserve the remaining thatch roofed structures.



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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!

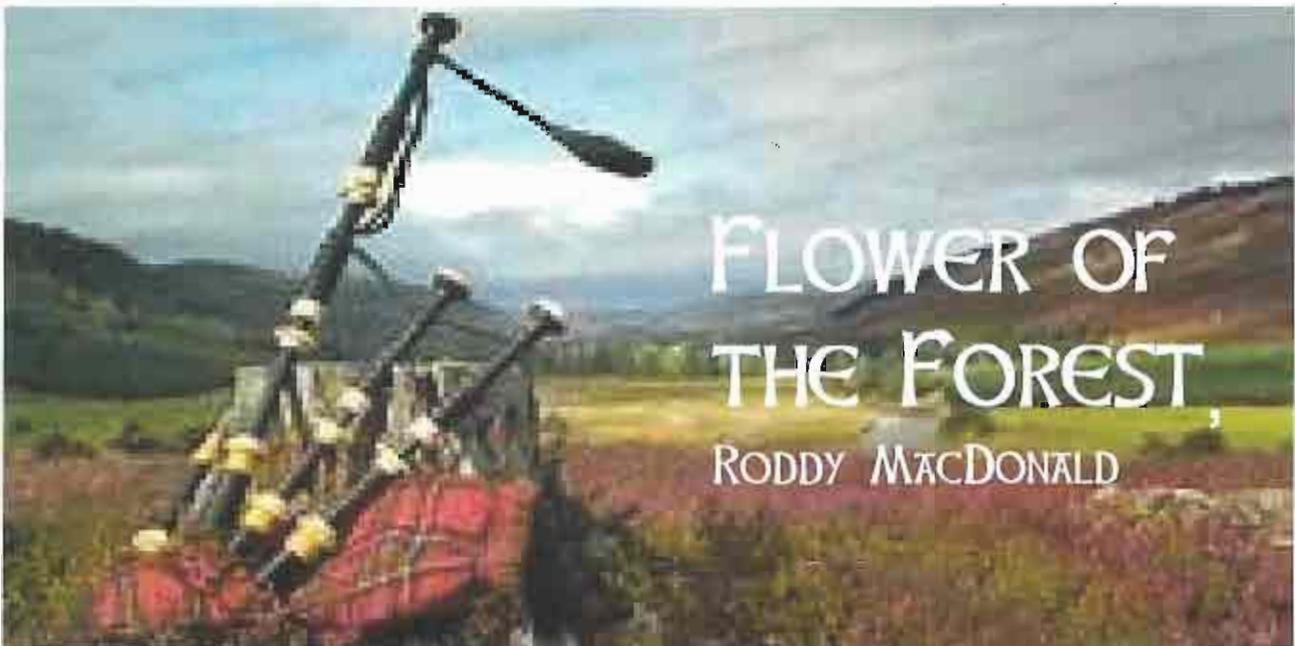
Septs and spellings include: Achindachy - Astine - Aston - Austen - Austin - Cate(s) - Dick - Dickson - Dicson - Dixon - Dixson - Falconer - Faulkner - Harvey - Harvie - Hackston - Haxton - Hervie - Hervey - Hurrie - Hurry - Keath - Keech - Keeth - Keith - Keyth - Kite - Lum - Lumgair - MacAustin - MacDick - MacDicken - MacDickie - MacDeetch - MacKeeth - MacKeitch - MacKeith - Marshall - Urie - Urry

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto: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!



We mourn the passing of Roderick (Roddy) MacDonald, who entered into rest on Wednesday July 24, 2019.

He was born November 21, 1938 to Helen and Henry MacDonald in Blue Island, Illinois.

Roddy was a passionate scholar of Scottish music, poetry, and culture.

This passion, which he shared with family and friends, led him to become Pipe Major of the Chicago Stockyard Kilty Band, a member of the Midlothian Scottish Pipe Band, and to form the City of Marshall, Michigan Pipe Band.

After moving to Indianapolis, he was a member of the Carmel American Legion Post 155.

He was also an early supporter of the Scottish American Club of Indiana (1984), the



Founder and Pipe Major for the Clan Nae Gael Pipe Band (1980-85), which became the Scottish Society Pipe Band (1985-94), and later the Celtic Cross Pipe Band.



An excellent bagpipe player, Roddy played for numerous weddings and funerals, and taught many students, including his son Roderick D. MacDonald, who precedes him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judith, as well as his daughters Mary (Richard) Woolington, Margaret (Robert) Fischer, Sarah (Weldon) Cox, Katherine (Chris) MacDonald, granddaughter Corrina Cox, grandsons Iain MacDonald and Rex Woolington, and sister Colleen (William) Sumey.

He was remembered at a Mass of Christian Burial on Monday July 29, in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 500 East 42nd Street, Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Joan of Arc Centennial Campaign for Church Restoration.

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



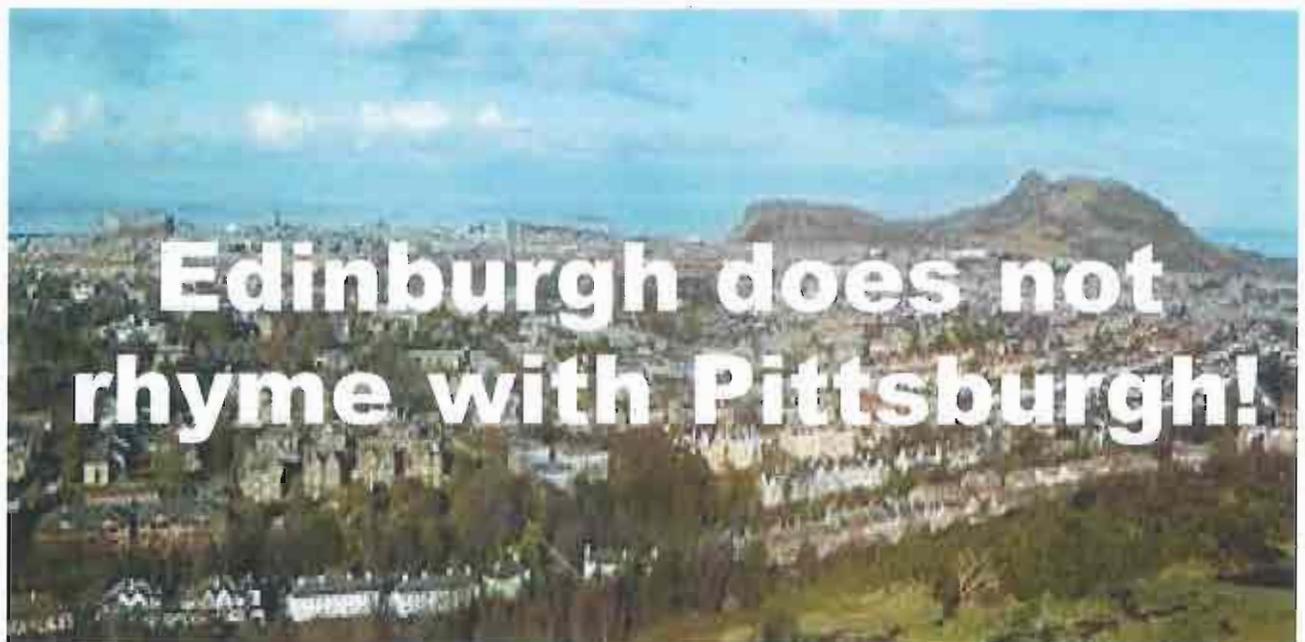
Chief Steven  
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**Broughton Ferry** - Pronounced "Brottie" Ferry and located three miles east of Dundee, there was indeed a ferry to Newport there until the Tay Road Bridge made it redundant in 1966. It became the favored spot for successful Dundonian jute manufacturers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to construct their handsome villas.

**Carnoustie** - This seaside town was very much in the news when the Open Golf Championship was held at the links course in the town. Hopefully all the commentators will now know that its name is pronounced "Carnoostie" - with the emphasis on the second syllable.

**Comrie** - Pronounced "Cumry" with the emphasis on the first syllable, this lovely Perthshire town sits astride the geological "Highland Fault Line" and minor earth tremors are not infrequent.

**Culross** - the name of this historic village on the shores of the Firth of Forth in Fife has not really been created to confuse the tourists. Despite the spelling, it is pronounced "Cooross" with the

emphasis on the first syllable.

**Culter** - Pronounced "Coolter" with the accent on the first syllable, the name of this village on the periphery of Aberdeen, on the road to Royal Deeside, is from the Gaelic "cul tir" or "back lands."

A few miles along the same road is Peterculter.

**Culzean** - Pronounced "Kullane" with the accent on the second syllable. The Kennedy family became established in Ayrshire in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The family, now known as the Earls of Cassillis engaged Robert Adam to design the now famous Culzean Castle.

**Dalziel** - Dalziel is a village in North Lanarkshire. Dalziel, Dalzell or Dalzell are all

Scottish Lowland surnames. All should be pronounced "dee-el" or "deeyel" with the accent on the first syllable. The odd pronunciation goes back to the days when "yogh," a letter in old English and Scots, was in use. When printing became standardized in the 16th century, the "yogh" fell out of use and "z" was substituted. But, the spoken language continued with the sound.





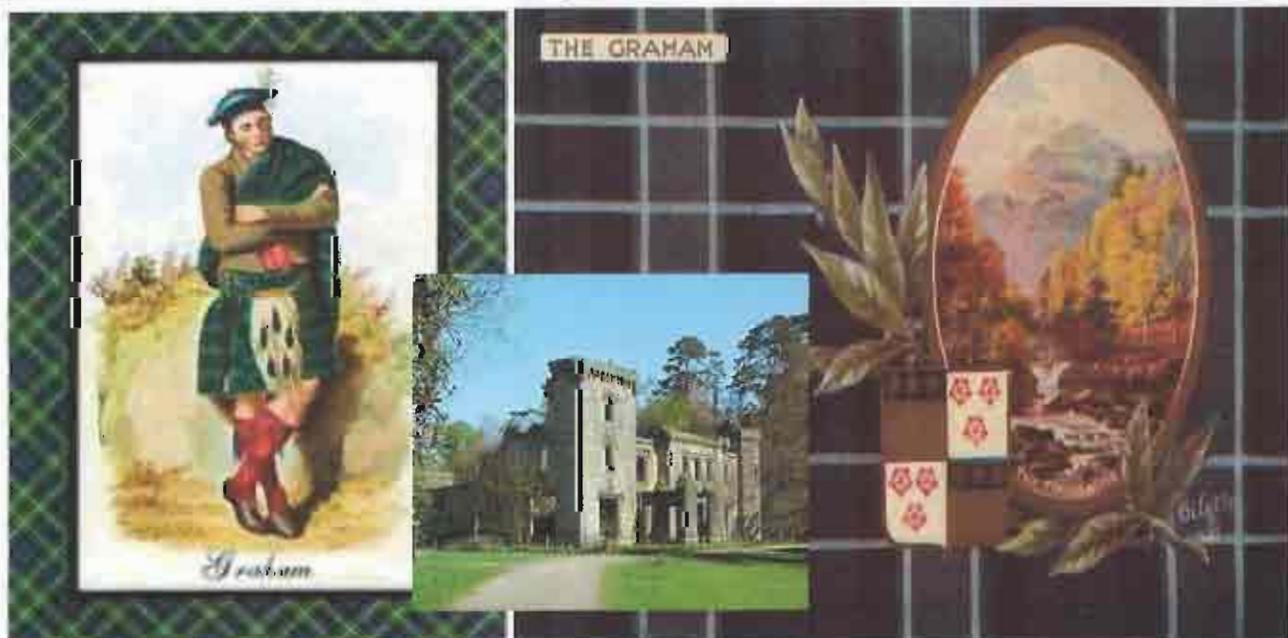
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# CLAN KEITH USA FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Edwin "Paul" Ottis Keith, Jr.,  
June Caroline Marvin Keith



*Joy and Paul Keith, Conveners from Tryon, NC, receiving the A.J. Marshall Memorial Award from Keith President, Jonathon Austin, at the 2016 AGM at Mount Pleasant, SC. (Photo by Woody Williams).*

**Edwin "Paul" Ottis Keith, Jr.**, 72, of Tryon, North Carolina, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

He was the son of the late Edwin Paul Ottis Keith, Sr. and Roberta Hardy Keith and husband of Joy Ann Howell Keith.

He was a member of New Testament Christian Fellowship Church and earned a Doctorate in Christian Counseling. He was Chaplain for Clan Keith USA for the last twelve years.

He was in the US Army 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry during Vietnam and retired from Sanford Fire & Rescue as a Fire Inspector.

In addition to his wife, Joy, he is survived by two sons, James Edwin Keith (Mindy) and Joshua Vincent Keith (Sharon); a brother, Cedric Bradley Keith, four grandchildren, Joel Christopher Keith, Mykala Ivane Keith, Daniel Edwin Keith and Zachary Ryan Stout; two great grandchildren, Amelia and Kora. He was predeceased by three brothers, Aaron, Ryan, and Tommy Keith.

Mr. Keith's memorial service was held at the New Testament Christian Fellowship Church in Landrum, SC. Military Honors were performed at the conclusion of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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**Jane Caroline Marvin Keith** died peacefully in her sleep September 8, 2018, aged 99 years 11 months.

She was born in West Edmeston, NY, October 3, 1918, the daughter of Jewett Lull Marvin and Jessie Eliza Holmes Marvin.

She grew up in Brookfield and graduated from BHS in 1936, having designed the school crest, as part of a contest, in her Senior year.

She continued her education at Cortland Normal School (now SUNY Cortland). While there, Caroline played first violin in the orchestra, and worked for the Science Department. She was among the top ten in her class, was on the President's List, and graduated in 1939.

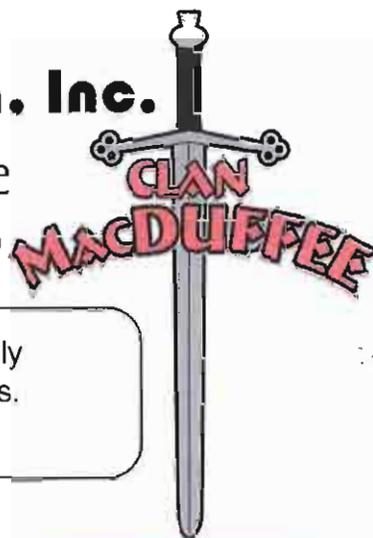
Her first job was teaching Kindergarten at Owen D. Young School in Van Hornesville, for two years. Then she taught Kindergarten in New Berlin.

After her marriage to Donald Parks Keith of North Brookfield in 1943, she took four years off to raise her first three children.

In 1948 Brookfield School Principal John Grantier discovered that the district had enough 5-year-olds to start a Kindergarten. The night before the first day of school, he asked Caroline to become Brookfield's first kindergarten teacher. The next day she began what was to become a storied 32-year career. She retired in 1979, a year after the death of Donald.

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# Congratulations

## Mary Dowell and Clay Ackiss

Mary Annette Dowell and F. Clay Ackiss were married April 27, 2019

at St. Patrick's Church, Fort Knox,  
by Rev. Paul "Sonny" Weeghman Smith.

Maid of Honor was Lisa Corum, MD and the  
Best Man was Leonard Spencer Tully, III.

The groom wore Davidson tartan while the  
groomsmen wore Black Watch.

The reception was held at the Saber and Quill  
Club, Fiddler's Green, where they dined  
on ale, salmon, chicken, parsnips  
and 30 pounds of haggis.

The bride and groom are  
members of the Scottish Society of Louisville.

## Something you've never, ever experienced before! The fragrance of Egypt!

If you're in Washington, D.C., you can smell something wonderful! Ancient Egyptian perfumes have been recreated and you may learn of this most recent recreation yourself: the scent is on display at the National Geographic Museum's exhibition "Queens of Egypt" until September 15, 2019.

There's not enough perfume to coat an entire sail as Cleopatra did the first time she met Marc Antony, but you can dab a little on your arm.





# Clan Forrester

## Society

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## Greetings from Iceland

It is so much easier to travel from the UK to European countries, that we cannot resist the temptation to use summer time off from the university to explore. This summer it was Iceland. I had been intrigued by this land of fire and ice since one of my university professors (that was a loong time ago) came back from a Fulbright exchange there. It has a low population density (the entire country has less people than Indianapolis) but a high density of incredible scenery. So I will let the pictures speak for themselves, with only a wee bit of interpretation. Here you go.....

There are amazing waterfalls and cascades:



With many thanks to: **Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D.**  
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## Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2019

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](http://www.elliotclan.com)

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

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

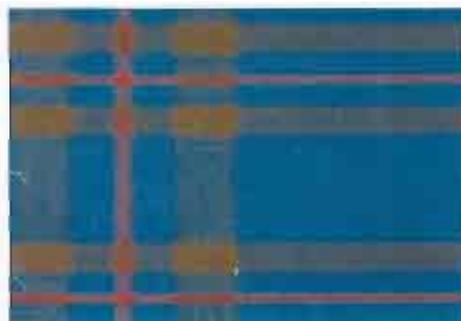
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Mountains and fjords:



Including some which are obviously volcanic craters.



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# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

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This one is called the Politician River – so named because it cannot make up its mind which way to go.



And more waterfalls, like Dynjandi:



And more waterfalls, like Godafoss:



Icelandic construction is interesting. There are some amazingly rough and twisty roads – like the thin dirt-brown line in this photo.



Rivers, both wild and meandering



And tunnels of many miles in length, passing under the mountains – some with crossroad intersections in the middle.



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There are tiny quaint churches dotting the hillsides.



This one is named the Blue Church for its coloring, both inside and out.



Those churches, and many of the houses, like these cute little homes, have an interesting construction. The ground level is poured concrete, and then everything above that is metal, with corrugated sheet metal walls. There aren't many trees in Iceland, so use of wood is avoided.



This is the rift canyon created by the mid-Atlantic continental drift. The canyon wall on the right is part of the European continental plate. The ridge on the left is the edge of the North American continental plate. The two are continuing to drift apart at an infinitesimally slow rate. Iceland is the only place on earth where the rift between the two plates occurs above the surface of the ocean.



We saw unexpected wildlife, like this huge jellyfish.



And tons of seabirds, such as Curlew, Diver, Slovenian Grebe, Godwit, Whimbrel, Fallarow, Arctic Tern and Plover.



Perhaps the most amazing things in Iceland, however, are the Lava fields.



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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.

## 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](mailto: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.



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# Scottish Society of Indianapolis Flower of the Forest

Donna Mae Lawson

**Donna Mae Hines Lawson**, 76, a lifetime resident of Hendricks County passed away at her home early Mon. morning. At her request, funeral services were held at "The Barn" on the Lawson Family Farm, located at 4850 W. County Road 350 N., Danville. Visitation was held there. Burial took place in the Knights of Pythias Cemetery at Lizton.

She was born in Lizton to the late Donald A. and Lucille (Ginn) Hines.

Donna Mae was a graduate of Lizton High School, and later received a BS degree in Home Economics from Purdue University.

She taught home economics in the North Salem and Granville Wells schools. Later she worked as a substitute teacher for several local school systems including Danville, Tri-West, and Speedway.

Donna Mae was a very talented organist and vocalist. She began playing organ at church when she was 14, and continued for many years, as well as singing in several church choirs, choral groups, the Matinee Musicale and the Fairview Presbyterian Church Choir in Indianapolis, of which she was currently a member.

She also was a 50+ year member of the Modern Homemakers and the Extension Chorus/Treble Makers. She was a member of the Scottish Society of Indianapolis.

Donna Mae met her future husband and the "love of her life" Mark G. Lawson in 1958 at the Jamestown Fish Fry, where she and her sisters were hired to sing with the Curly Funkhouser Band, and Mark was hired to play saxophone. They later married December 27, 1964 in the Jamestown Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Mark, children, Terri E. (Doug) Girt of Markelville,



*Donna Mae and Mark Lawson.*

IN, Donald Patrick (Karin) Lawson of Nampa, ID, Samuel J. (Rebekah) Lawson of Indianapolis, grandchildren, Caleb and Carl Girt, Hannah, Malachi, Ian, Gabriel, and Tyson Lawson. Also surviving are her sisters, Marjorie (Harold) Emmert of Orlando, FL and Joanne (Dick) Hayes of Seneca, SC.

Weaver & Randolph Funeral Home Danville entrusted with the arrangements.

V i s i t : <http://www.weaverandrolphfuneralhomes.com/obituary/donna-mae-lawson>

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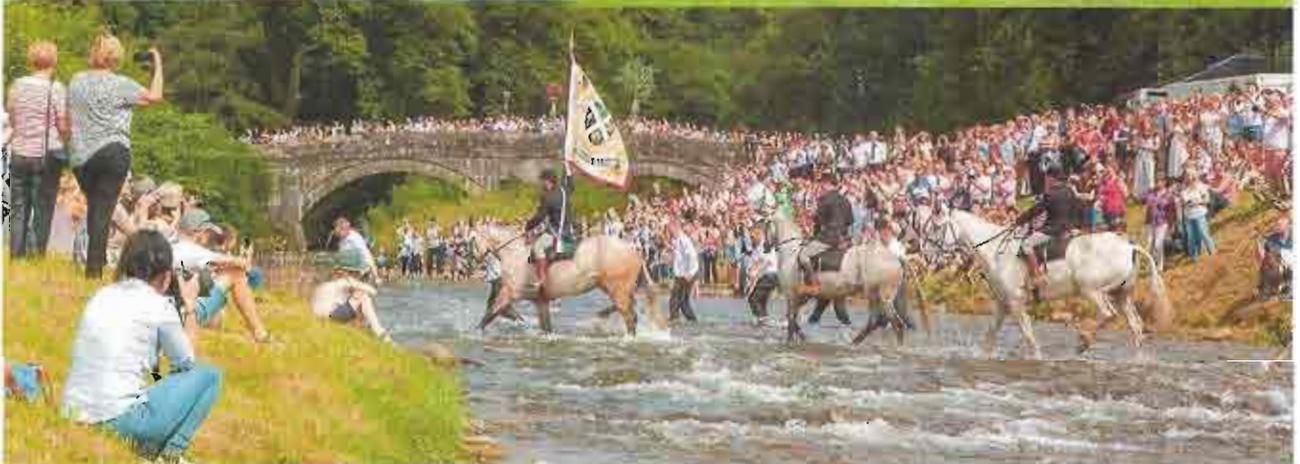
"O'n D'thainig thu."  
Remember the men from whom  
you have come.

**The Clan Macneil President: Kenneth McNeil,**  
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# Langholm Common Riding



Langholm has long held its annual common riding event around the borders of the Dumfries and Galloway town. The event involves riders on horseback checking the boundaries of the town which is known as “Muckle Toon.” It commemorates the practice from the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries where there were frequent raids on the Anglo-Scottish border by those Scots known as the Border Reivers. The common riding also commemorates the Scottish defeat at the Battle of Flodden.

The Langholm event has taken place on the last Friday in July since 1759.

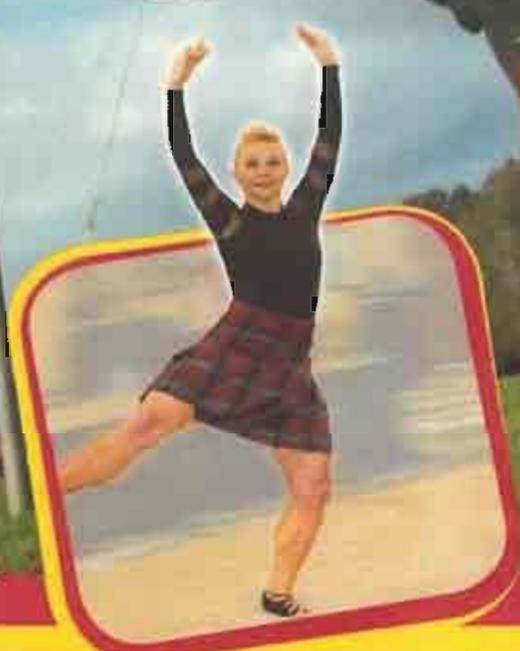
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