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## Giant 'Floating Head' sculpture floated up the Clyde to go on public display more than 30 years after being built

THE SCOTSMAN

Beth Murray



The dramatic sculpture was created for the 1988 Glasgow Garden Exhibition by artist Richard Groom, and was built with the help of out-of-work shipbuilders.

At more than seven metres long its stoic, expres-

sionless appearance and enormous size make it appear like an archaeological relic of an ancient lost civilization.

The Floating Head lay largely forgotten for many years at Rothesay Dock East on the north banks of the river Clyde but was tracked down in 2019 after the artist's death.

After it was re-discovered, workers from Concrete Repairs Ltd, began partially restoring and conserving it in a project led by Sculpture Placement Group (SPG) and Richard Groom's estate.

Andy Groom, the artist's brother, said: "Myself and my family were so touched at Richard's funeral where so many of his friends and colleagues commented on all of his work, especially the floating head.

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first of the next month.



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*Alastair, Beth & Tom*



*In celebration of Grandparents Day*  
A letter from your editor and Tom

*A few of the many things  
taught to us both by our  
grandparents that we  
will never, ever forget...*



Never a day passes that I do not think of my grandmother with so much love! She was a major influence in my life and even now.

I only had one grandparent, my mother's mother. As a kidlet, I didn't know any difference. I thought that was just the way things were.

Tom had two grandparents, his father's parents.

My Grandmother was Annie Roberta McDonald.

She sawed off her left index finger with a hand saw. It's true.

Thinking about writing this, I've tried to think of just a few things that my Grandmother taught me. I have failed. It would take a book the size of an encyclopaedia to even get started.

Grandmother is the reason I have done genealogy all of my life. I had a little white Bible with a middle part that had spaces for family information. (I will have to confess here that I was born able to read. Yep. It's true.)

So, I asked my Grandmother to tell me what names would go in those spaces (when I could learn to write).

She did, over and over and each time with a story about my great-grandfather, John Daniel McDonald or my great-grandmother, Zillian Zaradora Phillips or two great grandparents, James Madison McDonald who married Mary Cannon. There was also my three-great grandfather and grandmother - John McDonald who married Mary Allen. I'm still searching for more direct line Donalds!

Grandmother taught me to love Scotland and my

Scottish family right then and there, too.

She taught me to crochet and embroider.

She taught me that if I promised something, the only excuse not to keep that promise was for me to die. To this day, I have more "most dependable awards" than anybody else in the world, I'd bet. Grandmother said if I felt myself "slippin," I was to get to the promisee and explain that I was expiring. Then, I had to expire.

My Grandmother loved what she called "fat stock." That was horses first, then all the rest of the animals who lived on the farm where she grew up.

She did a great job of teaching me to love horses! I still have a tiny little china horse that used to be gold. Now, the gold has faded and it is just white glass with a few gold streaks here.

That was a Christmas gift from my Grandmother when I was about three years old. It has been with me always. Today it is glued together in so many places and has been dropped and played with not so gently. I love it and will keep it always.

Every year, my letter to Santa was very short.

*Dear Santa, I want a horse.*

*Thank you, Love, Elizabeth*

When I grew up, I had horses always.

Oh, not only could I read when I came here, but I could ride a horse as well! True! I have witnesses!

**Now, it's Toms' turn!**

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## Clan Armstrong's Mini Newsletter in its entirety for you!

**Greetings, Friends and InvictusManeo!**  
**August 2021**

I personally invite you to renew your membership in the Armstrong Clan Society today. Your membership expires(ed) on December 31 of the year noted on the address label for this letter. Checks can be mailed to Janet Armstrong, 2101 McDowling Dr, Huntsville, AL 35803 or to Armstrong Clan Society, P O Box 346, Flowery Branch, GA 30542.

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*ACS News:*

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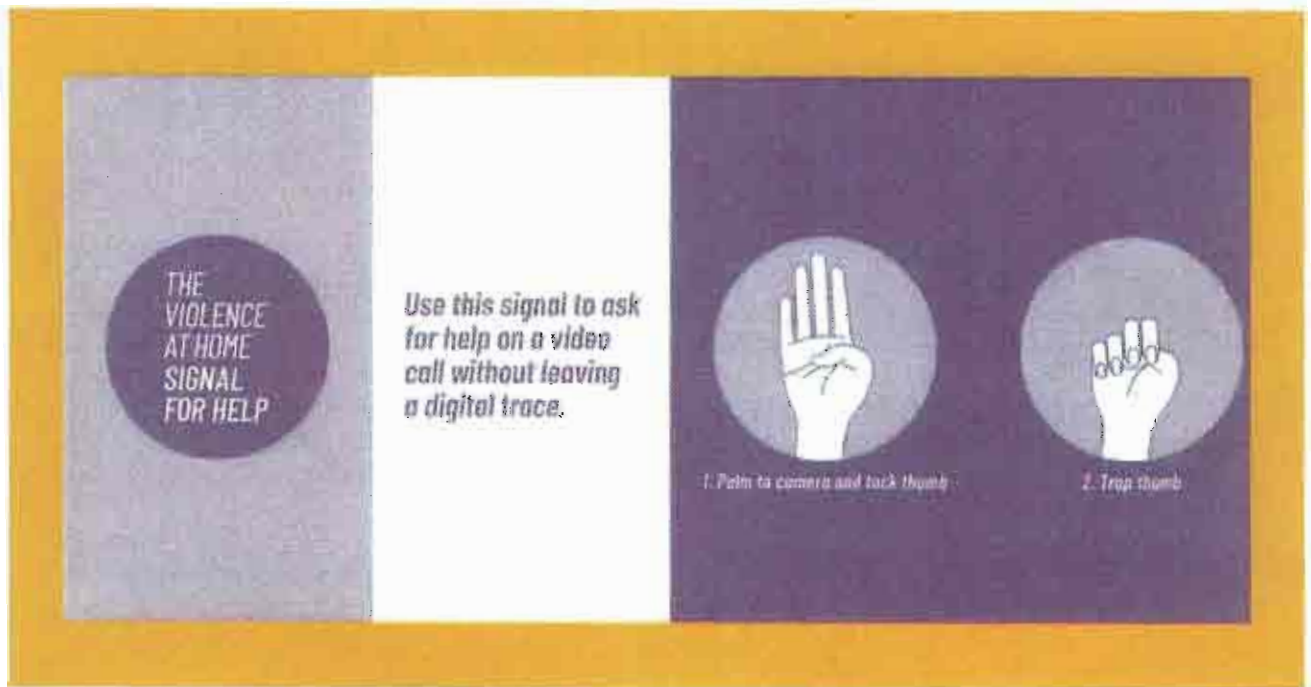
We are searching for a new Treasurer. Previous experience is preferred. Our beloved Janet Armstrong announced her retirement from the position. Thank you, Janet, for your many years of service! CS is in a much better place because of your commitment. May we all strive to have the same compassion Janet has offered our organization.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you at the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

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# The magical 'Fairy Bridge' crossing at Glen Creran that needs to be seen to be believed

*Surrounded by serene greenery,  
the arch of the fairytale bridge crosses a soothing, babbling burn.*

**Daily Record**

Sean Murphy, Tourism Writer



One of Scotland's best-kept secrets, the mystical Fairy Bridge of Glen Creran, has been spell-binding Scots for generations.

The magical stone footbridge, which can be found at the end of a short hike close to the hills at the head of Loch Creran, has an ethereal quality to it, and many who have crossed it say they have become a different person.

Hinting at some hidden, fantastical past, the wee bridge is noticeable for its moss-covered stones and vertical rock shards which reach upwards from its walls, and are reminiscent of small standing stones.

Surrounded by serene greenery, the arch of the bridge crosses a babbling burn, which adds to soothing effects.



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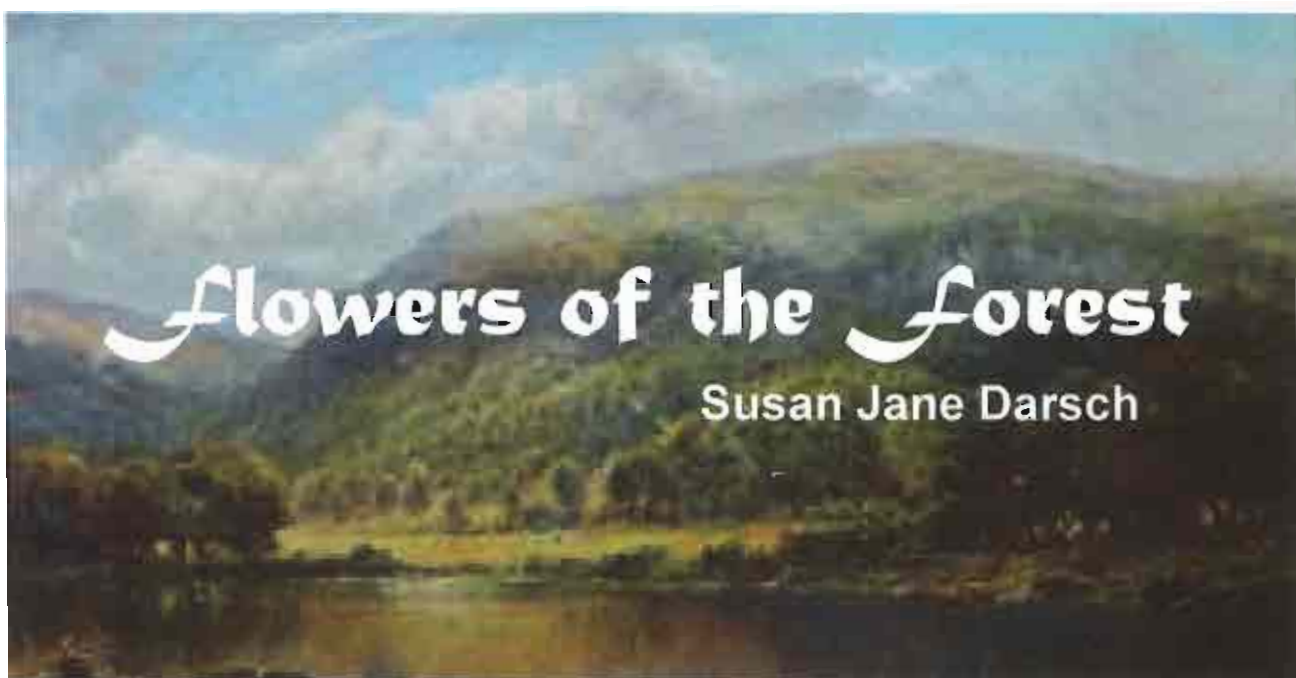
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**Susan Jane Darsch**, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, has died.

Susan Darsch was born on October 8, 1958 to Arnold and MaryJane (Brower) Darsch.

Sue matriculated through the Lake Mills Schools and graduated in 1981 from UW Madison with a degree in South Asian Studies.

Throughout her life, she would assist her father with the community's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show and play with the Lake Mills City Band.

She served as the librarian, secretary, and then president of the band.

In 1991, she bought her first purebred miniature poodle (Koki) and became in-

involved with service dog and obedience training and subsequently showing confirmation.

In 1992, she began breeding purebred miniature poodles. Sue bred seven champions of record, five of which she owned.

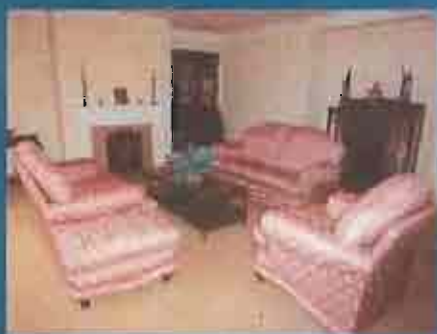
Earlier in her life, Sue contracted life threatening asthma. Then in 2013, doctors diagnosed her with breast cancer. In 2017, her diagnosis was metastatic breast cancer.

Susan Darsch is survived by her father - Arnold Pierce Darsch, sister - Pamela (David) Darsch Williams, her niece - Julia (Peter) Kendl.

She was a long-time member of the Clan Lindsay Society, Sue was also a loyal donor to the Clan Lindsay Scholarship Funds. We thank her for her support and Clan Lindsay will miss her.







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# New Clan Lindsay Scotland Tour 2022

Well. Covid did it again. We postponed our 2020 Clan Lindsay Scotland tour until 2022. After much discussion and review, we decided it was probably not a good idea to visit Scotland this year. Covid has not really disappeared over there yet. They are getting closer and things are opening up, but there are still some limitations that would have affected our tour.

So, if you are interested in visiting Edzell Castle, seeing the Tattoo at Edinburgh Castle, walking the Royal Mile to St. Giles Cathedral, visiting Holyrood (although the Queen may not be there), taking a steam train to the coast, taking a boat ride to see the puffins, visiting a pub and a distillery, along with spending time with great friends..... there is still room on the 2022 Clan Lindsay Scotland Tour.

January 1, 2022 is the deadline for deposits. If interested, please contact Jackie Lindsay at <lindsayjj@comcast.net.> She will email you all the pertinent information.



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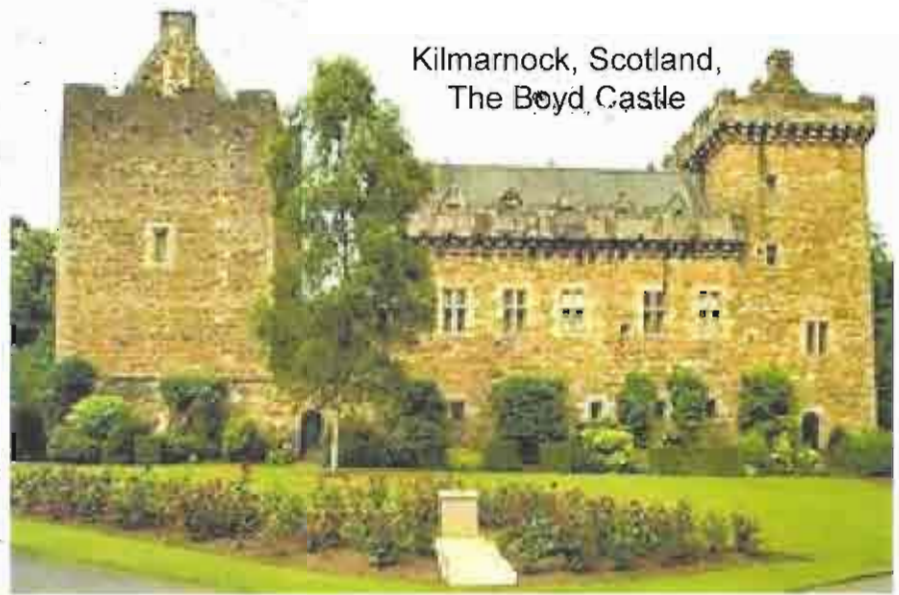


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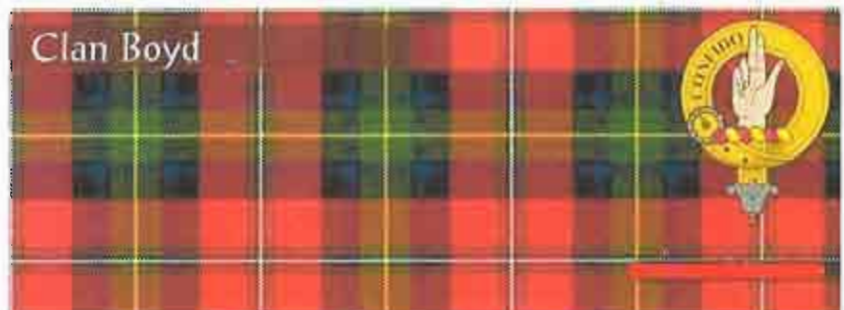


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# Glencoe turf house sheds light on life for massacred Macdonald clan

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Around 350,000 tourists visit Glencoe every year. A project to re-create a 17<sup>th</sup> century turf house is nearing completion.

It is one of the UK's most visited areas and a popular stopping point for tourists travelling to the Scottish Highlands.

Glencoe's dramatic, other-worldly landscape has made it instantly recognisable world-wide, with the infamous massacre of the Macdonald clan adding to the intrigue.

Now, a unique project hopes to shed some light on the living conditions for the 500-600 strong community that once occupied the lands in 17<sup>th</sup>-century Scotland.

Led by archaeologists, a team of volunteers building crafts specialists have re-created a heather-thatched turf house, which will become a permanent fixture, visible from the A82 that winds its way through the historic glen.

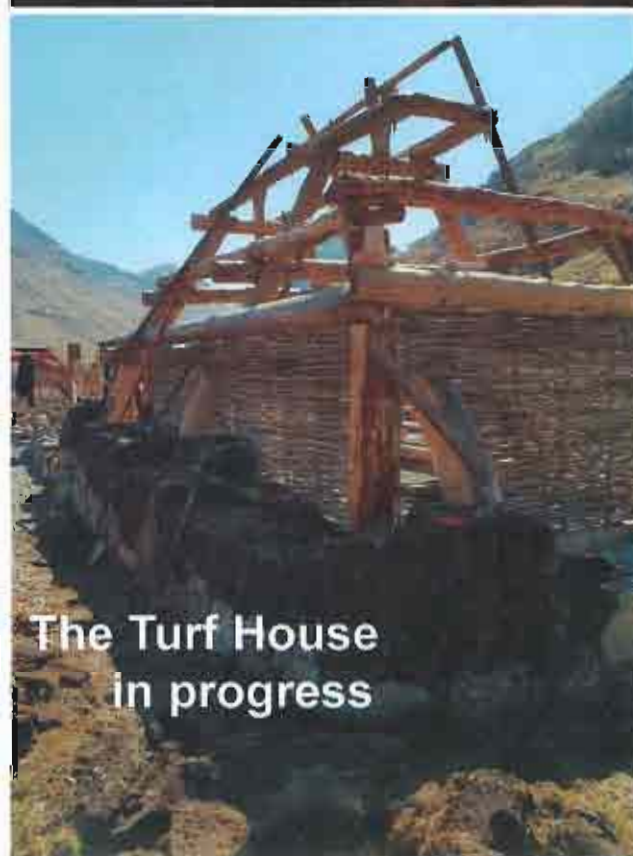
The team required planning permission to build the 4.9m high house because it is likely to welcome around 350,000 tourists over its threshold annually and there are plans to host traditional music and Gaelic story-telling events at the site.

Derek Alexander, head of archaeology for the National Trust Scotland came up with the idea for the project after a initial archaeological survey was carried out of part of the glen.

The team discovered pottery including a tankard that dates from 1650s to 1750s and a coin that was too corroded to date but are still excavating the site.

"We knew that there was some archaeology in the glen but very little was known about the early townships that were occupied from the 17<sup>th</sup> into the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

"When you drive through the glen today you see lots of stone built ruins and those are mostly related to the 19<sup>th</sup> century sheep farms. There was very little



known about earlier buildings.

"So we did a walk-over survey to find out if there was anything there, particularly at a site called is

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## Turf House at Glencoe, *continued from page 13*

Achtriachtan, which is at the eastern, uppermost end of Glencoe. The townships are mapped on the 18<sup>th</sup>-century maps and General Williams Roy's military map of Glencoe shows maybe about eight different townships, running up from where Glencoe village currently is.

"Because those have been the focus of later settlements, the chances are that earlier structures have been removed.

"We found some buildings about half-way up the glen but we also found the remains of five structures at is Achtriachtan. If you are coming north it's just before you come to the lochan on the right hand side."

The team carried out excavations at the site along with working holiday volunteers and found one complete house structure, beside the road.

They decided to recreate what they had found at a less busy area, near Glencoe Visitor Centre.

"I think people are very aware of the really quite impressive geology (of Glencoe) and the wildlife, such as the Red Deer but it was about creating something tangible, where people could relate to the historical and cultural heritage of the glen.

"We managed to raise quite a bit of funds through an appeal to our members and supporters.

"We know there was a settlement at is Achtriachtan at the time of the massacre."

An estimated 36 members and associates of Clan Macdonald were killed by Scottish Government forces; allegedly for failing to pledge allegiance to the new monarchs, William III and Mary II on February 1692.

"The head man of the village, he was John Macdonald of is Achtriachtan, on the night of the massacre was actually down visiting his brother at another settlement and he gets killed there the following morning.

"We think probably, as Achtriachtan was further up the glen and further away from the officers in charge, so that more people got away.

"There were two other forces that were sent across from Fort William, one was to block the lower end of the glen and the other was to come over the top of the Devil's Staircase and block the top end of the glen but both of those groups of soldiers were late in arriving and the second one didn't get there till about 11AM so, by that time, the massacre had started at about 5am in the morning – so warnings would have been sent all the way up the glen.

"There were 36 or 37 people killed although many others would have died through exposure in the snow. At that time there would have been about 400

people living in the glen."

He added: "We know that after the massacre, when houses were burnt, people came back quite quickly, within a week and re-buried the dead but once they are accepted into the King's peace again they re-occupied the township in August of that year."

Emily Bryce, operations manager for

Glencoe National Nature Reserve, has overseen the project to build the dwelling house which was constructed with 60 tonnes of thick turf, 185 roof caber timbers, 3500 handmade wooden pegs and six tonnes of heather.

Each house would have had an extended family of 8-10 people with wooden box beds, some chairs and stools.

She said it is likely that cattle would have shared the family home during the worst of the winter.

She was involved in some elements of the build



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Hi All

Sincere apologies for not updating for such a long time. So many of you have emailed us asking about Finlay and the wider campaign. Full regular updates will start again from next week.

Just to put your minds at rest, Finlay is doing magnificently well and thriving. We have some big decisions to make soon and we will do a full post on this shortly. However, rest assured he is a very happy and healthy wildcat and very much enjoying life. The picture in this update was taken yesterday evening. He is just beautiful.

In terms of our wider efforts to save the Clashindarroch, we have been and are still in preparation for what is going to be a crucial September on a number of fronts. Again we will do a full update next week.

Just a technical point to inform you of. If you haven't been active on the change platform for a while then you may stop getting updates from us. It may be worth you signing another good cause on the platform so you keep getting our emails from this platform.

We hope you are all keeping well. We have been catching our breath and getting our strength back for what will be a hugely important autumn and winter for the future of the Scottish wildcat.

You can find out more about our work at: [www.wildcathaven.com](http://www.wildcathaven.com)

Very best wishes

The Wildcat Haven Team and Finlay

## Turf House at Glencoe, *continued from page 15*

herself, including harvesting the wattle – the woven lattice of wooden strips which would have been daubed with wet soil, clay, sand, animal dung and straw to form the walls. The team weren't able to use as many volunteers as planned due to pandemic restrictions.

She said: "We started on site in February and then it's been a continuous process. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, they wouldn't have spent this long on it. The entire community would have got involved because you do need a lot of labour.

"All the way through we tried to do things with as little modern power tools as possible.

"When we raised the cruck (the wooden frame that holds the house together) we used a traditional gin pole and a hand winch and just lots of people pulling. There were about ten people involved in that.

"The maintenance would have been little and often, you would add a bit more heather if that was going down.

"We wanted it to be as authentic as possible but it's probably a bit over-engineered because it needs to meet health and safety requirements."

The team haven't decided what the interior will look like yet and will be asking visitors for their thoughts over the Autumn, before it opens in Spring next year.

"It might be more of an audio-visual experience, potentially with shadows of people projected on the walls and the sounds of what life would have been like. There might be a peat fire.

"Visitors have been popping over and there has definitely be a lot of interest. There's nothing else like it in the west Highlands. I think people are excited to see history being brought back to life in a very real way."





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# Alex Beaton

## On the Beaton Path

Dear Friends,

Hope this finds you well and safe, wearing your masks and getting your inoculations.

From 6:00 in the morning until 11:00 at night, Linda really has her hands full with my well-being. As the months have passed, I require more attention and care. What we had once with the VA which allowed me 30 days of in-hospital respite has, unfortunately changed, and the 30 days now must be taken at home with a Respite Nurse. The break that Linda would enjoy is no longer there as it's been very difficult finding a nurse to look after me for the 1-3 days/month the VA allows respite. Our wonderful friend and former nursing student, Ashley, helps when her schedule allows; it's not easy getting consecutive days off.

I sound like a broken record, but it sure is "loads of fun" enjoying the heck out of Maggie. This past July 17<sup>th</sup>, she turned 3 years of age and each week she amazes Linda and I with her increased vocabulary and mannerisms.

Speaking of birthdays, I just celebrated my 77<sup>th</sup> on July 15<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate the cards you sent me.

### ***The Cumberland Three***

I have received several emails asking about my *Cumberland Three* album. As you may recall in my last *Newsletter* I shared a link to a video that showed "yours truly" at the start of my career on a popular television show, *Hullabaloo*. I am very pleased to announce that a CD is now available of our album, *Introducing the Cumberland Three* and can be found on my website, <[www.alexbeaton.com](http://www.alexbeaton.com)>. Trust me, I think you would really like it as I enjoyed listening and reminiscing of that time in my life; it was the start of my professional career in music and entertainment.

On another note, country music was quite popular in Scotland when I was growing up. Artists like Hank Williams, Eddie Arnold, Patsy Cline and others had received a lot of air play on the radio. This genre had a large sales market in music. I was a fan then and remain one to this day.

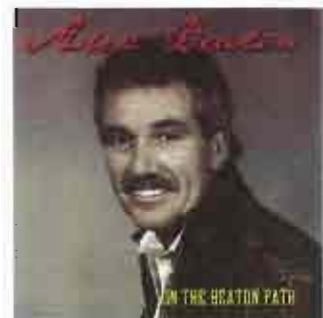
After arriving in Los Angeles in 1972, an ex-Army



friend of mine and I got together and composed a song called, *I'd Rather Live Alone with Me, (Than Live Alone with You)*. A true country tear-jerker. RCA's Sunbury/Dunbar, published the song. We entered the song in the inaugural "International Song Music Festival" in 1973. And it was chosen as one of the three finalists in the Professional Country Music category. The festival was held over 4 days at the Saratoga Springs Performing Arts Center located in upstate New York. Our song was performed by the Hager Twins.

### ***On the Beaton Path***

As a result of that success, I produced a Country album, *On The Beaton Path*. This recording features four original songs by "yours truly", including the opening track, *Seasons*. The album also features some great Country classics like, *Long, Black Veil*, *Sea of Heartbreak* and *Ramblin Fever* as well as Roger Whittaker's beautiful composition, *The Last Farewell*. This CD is also available for purchase on my website, [www.alexbeaton.com](http://www.alexbeaton.com).



With the lack of so many Scottish festivals being

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# Picture Scotland: Wonderful shot captures Highland cows taking a wee dip to escape the heat on Mull

*Reader Brendan O'Hare takes home the £100 prize with his Scottish picture postcard photo.*

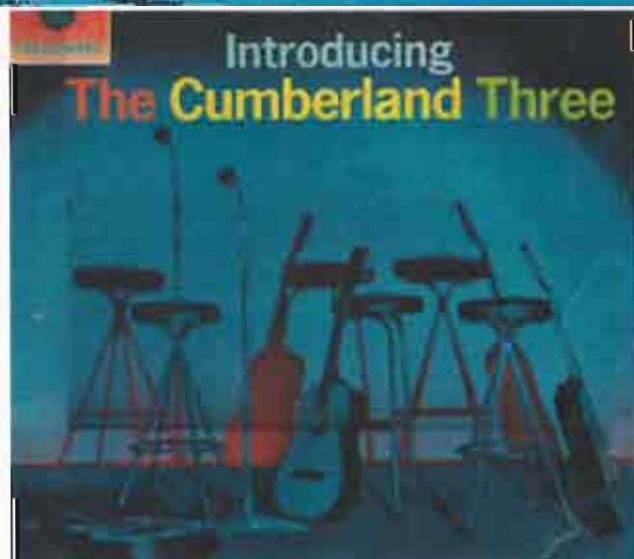


**Alex Beaton**, continued from page 13  
held because of the concern over the virus, once again I ask you to look at my catalog and have sympathy on a poor Scottish folk singer.

For those of you attending the Virginia Scottish Games on September 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, you will find my product for sale in Jil Chambliss & Scooter Muse's tent. It will also be for sale at the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Games on September 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and can be found in the Seamus Kennedy tent.

As always, thank you for your love and support.  
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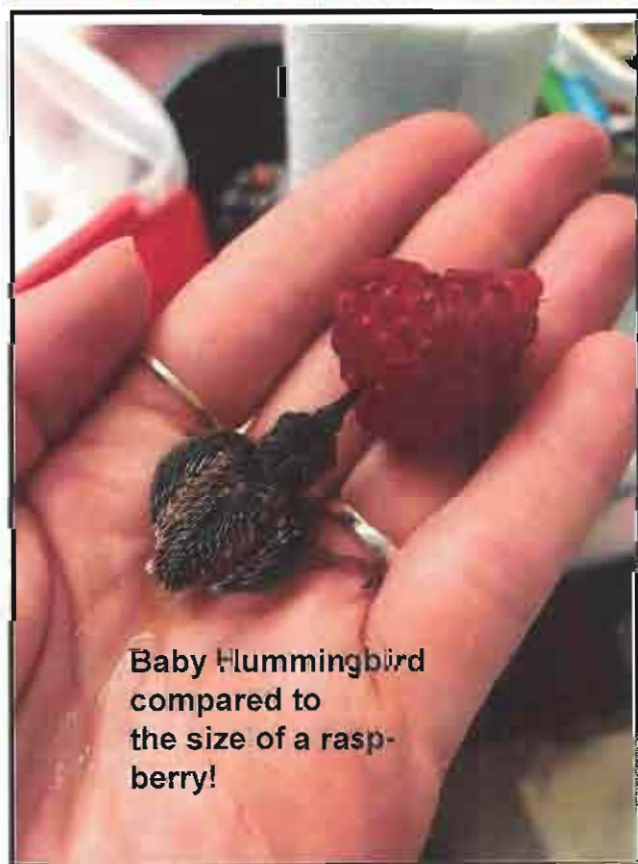
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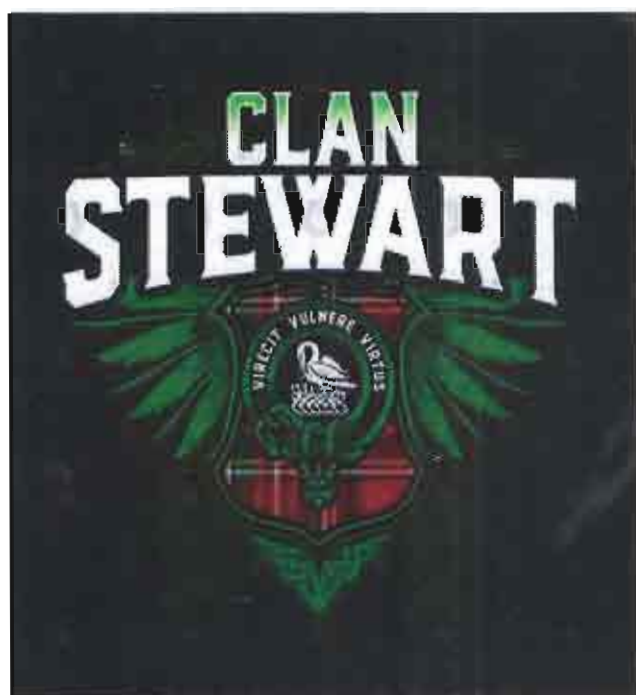
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## ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL 2021

Due to the continuing uncertainties, pandemic-related restrictions on gatherings and approaching deadlines, the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis regrettably must cancel the festival portion of the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games & Festival.

However, to continue our mission and support of our athletes, we are holding the Indianapolis Scottish Heavy Athletics Invitational on October 9th, 2021.

Further details to be announced soon. Thank you.

## *You are invited to the* **2021 CSSA Annual General Meeting**

This year, the annual general meeting of the Clan Stewart Association will be held at Charleston Scottish Games, November 6 at Riverfront Park.

The host hotel for games is Hampton Inn Mount Pleasant/Patriots Place, 255 Sessions Way, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464. 843-881-3300.

There is a KOA Campground at 3157 N Highway 17, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466. info 843-849-5177 or 800-562-5796. <koa.com/campgrounds/mount-pleasant-charleston/>

We will send a special AGM email with the final details of the activities on October 1st.

Tickets to games may be ordered online through the games website link, or at the gate.

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www.charlestonscottishgames.com">

Advance tickets are \$20

Gate admission is \$30

Other activities, having a fee, will be the responsibility of the individual at the location. We hope that will encourage new members to join us for dinner somewhere Saturday night.

I would like to try to get a "tentative count" if you think you will be able to attend, I need to make sure any venues booked are large enough to accommodate all of us. <Leenders.sue@gmail.com>

There will be a mealtime get-together after the games Saturday. The location depends on the number of members who wish to attend.

All members are invited to attend in the big convention tent at the festival. Time to be announced at the event.



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# Voter Registration Records can be a great help to genealogists

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS



**Bryan Mulcahy, MLS**

Voter registration records are useful for genealogical research. Registration records certify the eligibility of voters and record participation in local, state, and national elections.

Registrations are one of many underutilized public record sources containing relevant genealogical information. Content and format of information on voter registration records often vary from place to place.

When researching voter's records, remember that voting was limited to men until Congress ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920 which granted suffrage – the right to vote in elections – to all women.

Under normal and legitimate legal circumstances, researchers can expect to find some or all of the following types of information:

1. Name of the person registered to vote
2. Birth date and year
3. Voting number
4. Registration number
5. Place of birth
6. Voting precinct or district
7. Address
8. Party affiliation
9. Race or nationality
10. Poll tax amount
11. Miscellaneous personal information

Examples of what might constitute "miscellaneous personal information" include:

1. Occupation
2. Land/property ownership
3. Slaves
4. How citizenship was acquired:
  - a. Citizenship of father
  - b. Marriage to a citizen
  - c. Decree of court
  - d. Father's naturalization

- e. Naturalization of husband
- f. Act of Congress

In most cases, where voter's registration records indicate the voter was naturalized, the record will show the year, name of court, date of proceeding, and place where proceeding took place. Some may even name the presiding judicial official and their legal title. This information can lead you into naturalization records. "Poll tax" requirements for the privilege of voting provide researchers with another avenue in those states that required this form of payment. To access these types of records, follow the same search strategy by finding the state or county of interest and then enter the term "poll tax" as your subject heading. Not all states had voting stipulations for the collection of a "poll tax".

Older records are usually found in the county courthouse, courthouse annex, local historical society library, state archives, or the state historical society library. The Secretary of State normally has jurisdiction over the state archives. Older records are usually found in those states where the state archives have possession of voting records. Current records are usually maintained at the county level by the county elections supervisor (who is also under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State) on a database shared with main office in the respective Capitol. For more information on this topic, feel free to request the electronic study guide that goes into greater detail.

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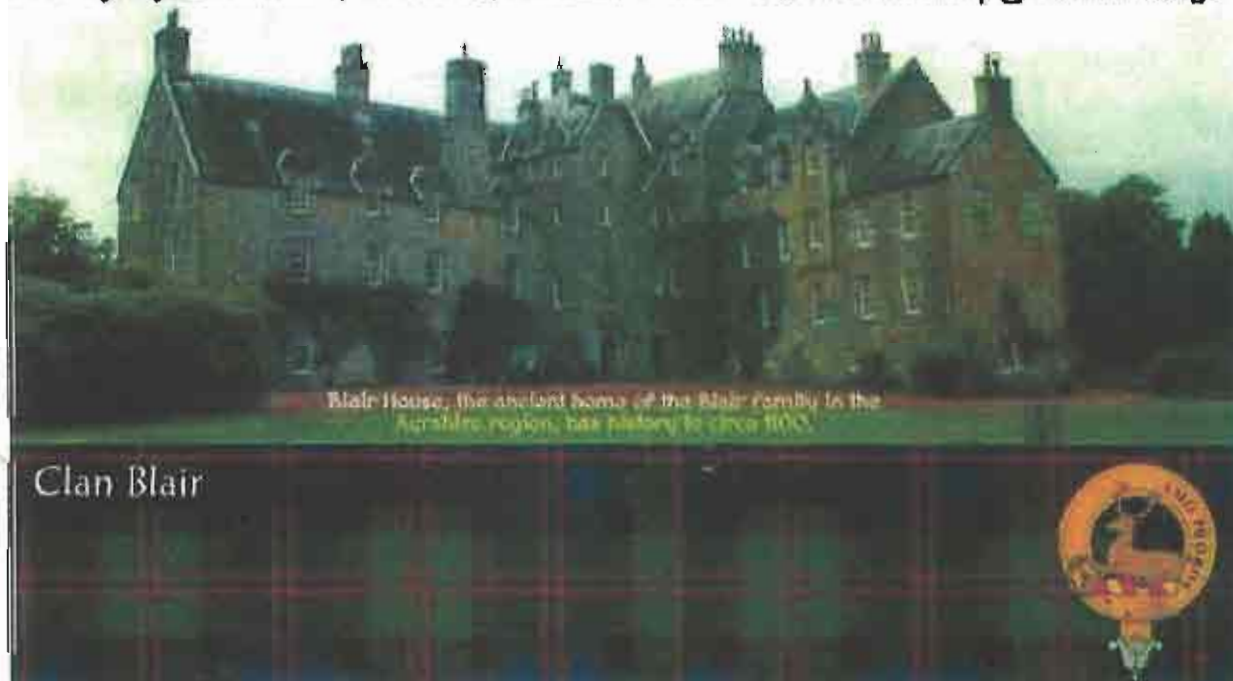
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In this edition we are focusing on 'Slow Travel.'

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Scotland's landscapes, mountains, valleys, lochs, towns and cities are all iconic and simply magnificent to experience up close, so take your time to explore all that Scotland has to offer.

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As we move closer to full 're-opening,' we look at some great ways to plan and enjoy some relaxing and 'slow' breaks in Scotland.

## **Clan Anderson Society celebrates at the 2021 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games!**

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games opened Thursday evening, July 8<sup>th</sup> with the Calling of the Clans. Clan Anderson was represented by Luke Webber who did such a fine job that people from many clans came by our tent over the weekend to comment.

Maryann Henry was the Sponsor for Clan Anderson.

Grandfather covers three days and we had a great crowd all three days.

Our president, treasurer, and webpage director were all present at these games!

Food was provided by Letha Weaver, the Carolina Convener, and our treasurer, Karen Anderson.

Numerous people visited our tent to learn about our clan and have the opportunity to join us.

We had a good turnout for the Parade of Tartans on Sunday. Randall Anderson took our flag to the Kirkin' o' the Tartans and Scott Anderson carried our flag in the Parade of Tartans.

Wesley Weaver, FSA Scot  
President/Clan Anderson Society

# Scottish - American Military Society

## General Elijah Clark Post #60



If you are a veteran of Celtic heritage, you can join the Scottish - American Military Society.

You can visit our webpage for more information. The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

Our meeting times, dates and places are to be announced as soon as it is possible.

In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General Elijah Clark Post #60. Call 1-676-873-3491 or visit his email at <[rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)>

When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.



# Scottish - American Military Society



If you would like information on joining the Scottish - American Military Society, please contact: **Rick Conn**, Adjutant, General James Jackson Post #60, 2683 Brocklin Drive, Grayson, GA 30017 -1432. Telephone **678-873-3491**. Email: <[rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)> <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>



# The magical stones of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis.

*If you've never been there, this is as close as you can get in photos.*



**The full moon rises over the mystical stones** (Image: Emma Sarah Rennie)

Emma Sarah Rennie lives near the Callanish Standing Stones and photographs them all the time.

The neolithic site on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, which was thought to have been erected around 5000 years ago, was the real-life site that inspired *Craigh Na Dun*, the magical circle that allows Claire (Caitriona Balfe) is able to travel back in time in the hit show.

Overlooking the Atlantic, this magical site has enchanted all who have visited for thousands of years, with Emma, who is based on the island no stranger to its charms.

The snapper, who is originally from South Africa, but has a lifetime connection to Scotland, moved to the island after coming to the music festival in 2002.

She owns the old Blackhouse Tearoom next to the main Callanish Standing Stones.

"I live in the village a mile from Callanish I can see the stones from my house and other standing stones that are part of the extended Callanish complex (which is vast).

"It's been a learning curve for me for years. I'm always learning. I don't think I'll ever get 'the perfect shot' but my photographs convey atmosphere and feeling that puts me in a category of my own making.

"Both photography and the stones bring up so many subjects I never run out of new interests and goals. I really love editing and sharing the photos too."

Emma regularly shared her incredible collection of images online, started a *Facebook* page for her photography - *CallanishDigitalDesign* - in 2013, where she now sells her photography of one of Scotland's most famous sites.

Over the years it's taken her to London to the finals of an art competition (the Art Gemini prize) and help her to connect with people worldwide.

Emma, who has also set up a new website at <[www.callanishblackhousetearoom.com](http://www.callanishblackhousetearoom.com)> as she fights to restore her tearoom, explained: "For years photography has been a form of therapy for me helping me through difficult times.

"It helps shift your focus and can slowly reignite enchantment in this disenchanted world."

The keen photographer explained that she was delighted by the response to her most recent collection of pics.

"I have people who regularly share my posts and several groups I share in."



**Chief of the Paisley  
Family, Duncan W.  
Paisley of Westerlea.**

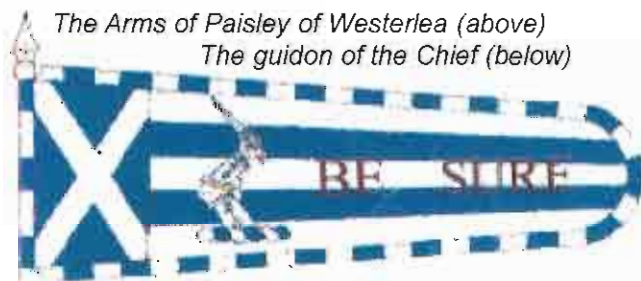


All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Paisley Family Society USA Branch, FaceBook account can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Paisley-Family-Society-USA-branch-195070730565352/>



*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)  
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots, 1165-1214.

For the Paisley DNA Project, visit  
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Check out the  
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to see what's happening with us this  
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# WRITING for 8 - 16 year olds



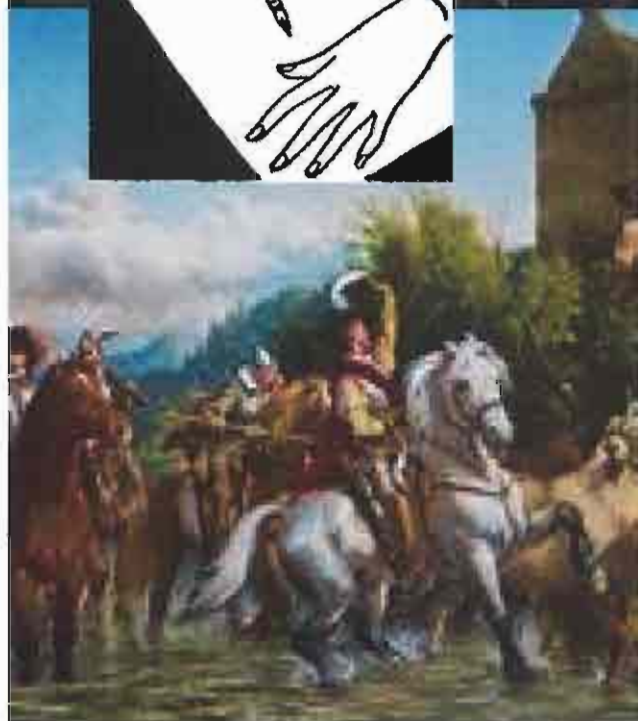
## TOURNAMENT

This Writing Tournament is for 8 - 16 year olds and is on the theme of *Border Reivers*.

The competition closes on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September and all the details to enter can be found on

**wjkite.com**

The Writing Tournament is totally free. There are good prizes and judges!



### This Thomson family needs your help!

Our genealogy group is kind spread out for hundreds of miles but heres our problem Our surname is **THOMSON**, our GGrandfather was born at Bannockburn Jan. 1, 1827 and he, with an older brother, **ALEXANDER** became orphans (mother died first, maybe at childbirth) Father died about 1832. The 2 boys were taken by their grandfather to Edinburgh to be raised. The grandfather was an Innkeeper and had a stagecoach. At age sixteen **ARTHUR** was sent to an uncles home in Syracuse, New York to go to school. Only problem was he stayed with some friends and went to Montreal (his ship was the *Margaret Bogle*) arriving week July 1, 1843. He lived in Montrereal for maybe 4 years going to the USA at Detroit about 1847. I think I found him in the 1841 census of Edinburgh. I don't know where to go from here unless one of your readers has a family tradition about a young **THOMSON** boy leaving Scotland to go to the United States and was never heard from again.

If someone has a tradition like this, I sure would like to hear from them! One more thing, I can't positively say that the grandfather had the surname **THOMSON** although I have assumed so. I suppose it could have been his mothers father and that I don't have!

If you have information, please contact <deanthomson5@gmail.com>



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# Flowers of the Forest

Sam W. Houston  
Damaris Hayman

**Sam W. Houston**, my beloved oldest brother, passed away on Sunday and is now at peace in the presence of God. *Gay Walters.*

Sam W. Houston was a man of great intellect, honor, and love. The greatest of these was love for his cherished wife, Clara, his daughters, Ruth Ann and Julia, and his grandchildren, Jenna and Isy.

He inspired others to share his passions in science, philosophy, history, and music, and he encouraged his family, students, and friends to develop their minds and pursue their dreams.

He earned a PhD in electrical engineering at SMU, following degrees at Southeastern and LSU.

As a highly respected mind and contributor to his field as a systems engineer at TRW in Redondo Beach, California, his greatest goal was to improve lives, and his influence enriched others beyond measure.

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**Damaris Hayman** was the epitome of breezy good humour and jolly hockey sticks in dozens of films and television shows in the 1950s and 1960s. She appeared mainly in supporting or even walk-on roles, but is revered by *Doctor Who* fans as the White Witch of Devil's End in one of the most popular stories from the early years.

In the 1971 storyline *The Daemons* she and the Doctor, played by Jon Pertwee, join forces against

the Master, who is masquerading as the new vicar of a sleepy little English village and is intent on summoning an ancient demon, really an alien, that is buried beneath his church. Hayman's character was so popular that she was revived in a belated video spin-off almost half a century later.

Hayman's toothy, upper-class and eccentric characters became a very familiar feature of British dramas and comedy, and one of her most memorably surreal appearances was in an episode of the punk-era sitcom *The Young Ones* in 1984 when she meets dopey hippy Neil in another churchyard.

She is seen pushing a dead body around in a wheelbarrow. "Do you dig graves?" she asks Neil.

Neil: "Yeah, they're alright."

"I'm so glad, I think they're wonderful," she replies and off she goes.

A barrister's daughter and only child, Damaris Ann Kennedy Hayman was born in the upmarket Kensington district of London in 1929. She attended Cheltenham Ladies' College and the Royal Academy of Music, before pursuing a career in theatre in Scotland.

She learned the ropes as an actress, director and producer with the Byre Theatre in St Andrews, over several seasons in the first half of the 1950s. She made her debut in a series of "rather bad plays by new au-

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## Flowers of the Forest, continued from page 35

thors" before graduating to the role of Madame Arcati, the eccentric medium in Noel Coward's play *Blithe Spirit*.

Hayman made well over 100 films and TV shows and retired in the mid-1990s, though she continued to appear at *Doctor Who* conventions. The character of Miss Hawthorne was to provide her with her swansong in 2017 when she reprised the role in *The White Witch of Devil's End*.

A DVD drama made by Reeltime Pictures, it told Miss Hawthorne's life story largely in the form of a dramatic monologue, with dramatic visualisations and soundtrack.

Hayman was a great animal lover and in her spare time did a lot of work for animal charities. She never married and did not have children.

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### Letter from your editor and Tom,

*Continued from page 3*

father's parents, William Grady Freeman and Lillie Meredith Freeman. They lived just across the road from our house so I was a frequent visitor. It was farm country and populated with fields, woods, streams, and critters. For me, it was heaven.

Living on a farm is a great environment for learning as almost every sunrise offers a chance to gain new experiences. Before I was in junior high school, I could drive a tractor, split wood, cook over a campfire, repair a mangled barb wire fence and shoe my own horse.

One of the proudest moments of my life was the first time I successfully plowed a field using a horse-drawn plow. It was my horse pulling and I freely admit she was doing her best to help me learn the art of tilling the soil. You better believe she got a big apple after her regular feeding that evening.

Sometimes, I would stay overnight at my grandparent's house. There would be a delicious scratch-made supper and, if I was good, a cake or cobbler pie fresh out of the oven for dessert. Then, after grandpa and I helped clean up the dishes, there would be an hour or two by



the fireplace hearing magical stories about life before electricity, cars, phones, or radios... Life before paved roads, refrigerators, flu epidemics, and world wars.

I have a treasury of those memories but there are a few that manage to be beloved above the rest.

Grandma Freeman was locally known to bake the best cakes. It was a gift she had learned at her own grandma's knee when just a child.

And thereby hangs the tale of Fallen Cakes.

You see, my Grandpa was especially fond of fallen (or sad) cakes. Somehow I seem to have developed the same predilection. So, when Grandpa knew I was coming over to stay the night, he would wait until Miss Lillie was busy with laundry out in the wellhouse and sneak into the unguarded kitchen, carefully open the oven door and slam it shut before making his getaway. He knew that Grandma wouldn't throw it out because I was coming over that evening.

Many are the times I heard Grandma threatening to call down a vengeance that would be righteous in nature and epic in magnitude.

This brings to mind another episode where Grandpa's future contentment was endangered.

A lifelong coffee enthusiast, Grandpa always ended the day with a cup of coffee. Everyday. Coffee. Real coffee. Always.

After Grandma retired to bed, Grandpa and I would grab the old kerosene lantern and head off for one more check to ensure the horses were safe and calm. Then it was back to the house for more kitchen-related mischief.

Grandpa still had his first coffee pot, bought

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# Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc.

Friends,

2020 - and all of the canceled highland games nationwide - are now behind us. With great hope we look forward to the 2021 season of games and festivals.

While we are saddened to have canceled the 2020 games for the health and safety of our guests, we are delighted that our dedicated volunteers were able to provide our guests with a 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games. Now a permanent fixture on the internet, our virtual games can continuously be enjoyed by all until we can all get back on the field and gather for what is internationally known as the "friendly games."

We are looking forward to hosting and seeing you in **2021** as we present the **49th Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival** October 16th and 17th in the meadow at Stone Mountain Park, GA. Information about 2021 tickets and events will be posted on our website sometime in January.

**Until then relive the 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games on our website.**

Once again, we look forward to 2021 and safely gathering with you, our friends, at the games. See you there!

Yours Aye,

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to ease his young pains when he was working on a cattle drive. He kept it on a shelf high above the stove and always handled

it with an almost reverent, gentle touch.

The pot was white-dappled blue enamel and carried the dents and scrapes of a life well used. Into it, he would load his secret coffee recipe rendering even the vilest and pernicious coffee into the Elixir of Manly Contentment. He would stand carefully over the pot as it heated on the stove, listening for that first bubble to pop. With his pocket watch in hand, he would mark the time until all had reached the golden plane of perfection.

As a young lad not yet in grade school, I watched enthralled with every move and nuance of the process as if I were watching a master wizard at his craft. Having been aware of his nightly ritual, I had recently been offered a taste of this potion and knew my first joy of coffee. On this night, before pouring his own cup, he reached back on the high shelf and brought down something he clasped in his hands so I couldn't see what they held.

And then it was Christmas, New Year, and my birthday all at the same time. He opened his hands and there sat a half-sized blue enam-

eled cup, just like his except in size.

That was the best coffee I ever tasted and remains so today. I would gladly give much to have that old beaten coffee pot again.

It was only after Grandpa's death that Grandma told me she had always let Grady Freeman ruin her cakes. He loved her as much as he loved her "sad" cakes and she would have ruined them all herself to make her Grady and her grandson so happy.

I guess it's only fair to tell one on Grandma, too. Once, when she was well into her seventies, my mother took her to have her teeth pulled. All at once.

After they returned, Mom asked Grandma to stay in the car till she could unlock the door and take the groceries in. When Mom went back outside, the car was empty. She called out to Grandma and, to her surprise, she heard a reply from above. Looking up she was flabbergasted to see Grandma up in the cherry tree. Mom asked how she had gotten up the tree. Lillie Meredith Freeman replied: Florence, don't be upset with me. I didn't mean to scare you. I just wanted some fresh cherries to bake a pie. Why don't ya'll come over about seven and put some of that ice cream you bought to good use?

Grady and Lillie Freeman taught me a lot. They had lived hard lives and never had much money. But, they were happy. They enjoyed a deep and abiding love for each other, their children, and their children's children.

I hope I will someday, prove worthy of them and their limitless and unconditional love.

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### **The Floating Head, *continued from page 1***

"It became apparent very quickly we had to find it, fix it, float it. We couldn't believe our luck when we found and met with Offshore Workboats who had rescued it.

"We then tracked down and met Ian Henderson, the owner of the head, who has allowed us the opportunity to display the head again for the public to see.

"We're really grateful to all of them, and everyone else, who has made it possible for us to have the

sculpture restored and returned to the heart of Glasgow."

The conservation work has deliberately been done to ensure that the age of the sculpture remains clear, as a representation of how nature encroaches on man-made objects.

A crowdfunding campaign run by SPG and the family helped cover the costs of the restoration.

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Michelle Emery-Barker, SPG Co-Director, said: "People have very fond memories of the garden festival, and a huge attachment to Glasgow's heritage as a world-centre of shipbuilding, so we're really pleased to have the sculpture floating on the Clyde once again."

"It's an astonishing story – an artwork that was nearly destroyed being rediscovered after decades, restored by the boat-builders of today, and then towed back up the river and proudly put back on public display."

"We think it will really resonate with people, and hopefully be quite an attraction for Doors Open Day."

Gemma Wild, Heritage Outreach Manager of Glasgow Heritage Trust, said: "Glasgow City Heritage Trust was delighted to be able to support this

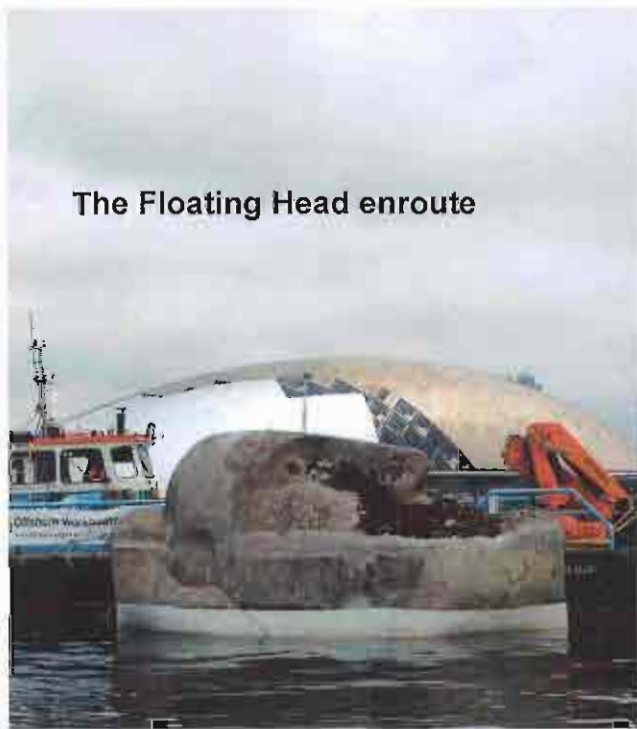
project via a Heritage Grant.

"The Garden Festival of 1988 holds a special place in the memories of many Glaswegians and marked a turning point in Glasgow's transformation from industrial powerhouse to cultural centre."

"The refloating of Richard Groom's sculpture and the accompanying programme of workshops with Glasgow Science Centre offers an exciting opportunity to engage Glasgow's communities with the legacy of the Garden Festival and Glasgow's shipbuilding heritage."

The Floating Head will be moored in the Canting Basin at Govan Dicks from now until October 6 and will form a centrepiece of Glasgow Doors Open day.

**The Floating Head enroute**



Torin means "Chief" and is of Gaelic and Irish origin. It is pronounced "To-rin."

Torin's birthday was August 19 and he was born in 2018. His parents are Kirsten Noel Dorshimer (nee Peterson) and Dan Dorshimer. His grandparents are Dorrie and Carl Peterson, favorite Scottish entertainer and writer and friends o' mine!

His mom is a geoloist for the State of Pennsylvania and his father works for a medical supply company.

They live in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

