

# JUSTICE FOR FINLAY

Emily, Director, Wildcat Haven CIC

First and most importantly, Finlay is still alive. He is improving but physically there are still many months of recuperation to go, such is the level of his deterioration.

We promised to show you recent pictures of Finlay after he was returned to us.

The picture to the right was taken after he was returned after 4.5 months of detention by the police.

The video was taken just days before his seizure and acts as a comparison. We apologize in advance if this causes upset as we know how much Finlay

means to you all.

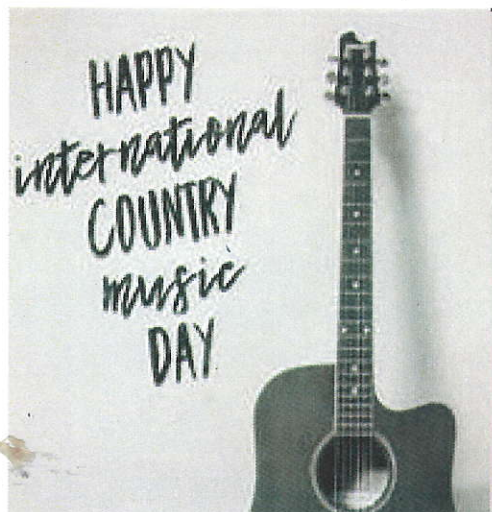
His physical demise is obvious. You can clearly see his rib cage and how his body collapses inwards between his rib and pelvic area. This is called pronounced abdominal tuck. Look how gaunt his back end is. His leg and hip bones are very visible. The muscle that once covered his shoulders and rump has now disappeared. He has lost all of his bulk.



*Finlay back home*

You will also note the poor condition of his coat. That once sleek and shiny coat is now scruffy and patchy due to the excessive

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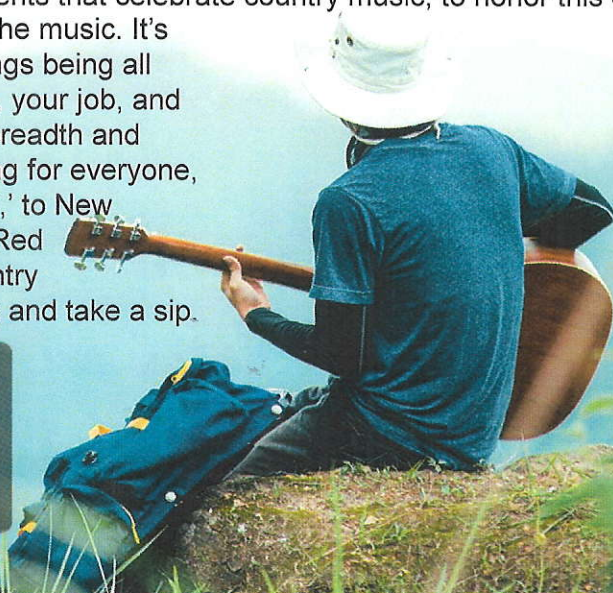
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since 2007 or  
read the current issue.

Section B is "up" on the  
Internet about the  
15<sup>th</sup> of each month.  
Section A is "up"  
the first of the next month.

**International Country Music Day**, on September 17, is a day of festivals, concerts, dances, and all kinds of other events that celebrate country music, to honor this distinctly American genre. Today is about the music. It's popular to joke about country songs being all about losing your dog, your truck, your job, and your girlfriend, but in reality, the breadth and depth of the genre offer something for everyone, from Williams' 'Hey Good Lookin', to New Country songs like Toby Keith's 'Red Solo Cup.' On International Country Music Day, dip into the wellspring and take a sip.

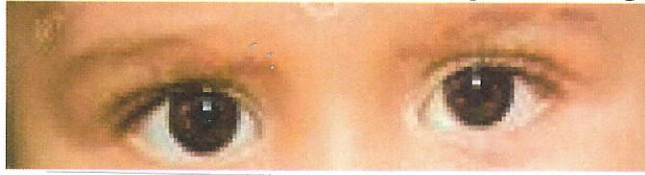
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**Music Day**



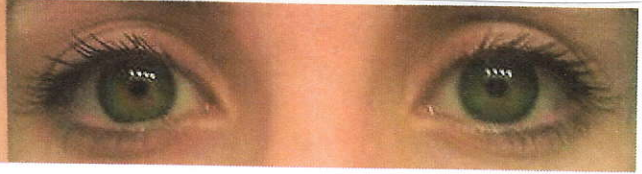


# A Letter from your editor

## A personal mystery concerning my eyes



Beth's eyes, original equipment.



Beth's eyes, what they have evolved into.

When I started school at six years of age, I only now realize that I was subjected to what they call today "bullying."

It was my eyes. My eyes were a very dark brown and very large. The other kids would go "Mooooo!" whenever I appeared. They would laugh and point out that my eyes were the color of a cow's eyes. "Are you a cow?" they would ask.

This happened every day at recess and lunch and at any other time the other kids could get away with it.

Of course, this hurt my baby feelings. I had never been treated unkindly before.

After trying really hard to keep these frightening happenings at school to myself, I finally asked my beloved grannie why the others at school kept calling me a cow because of my very brown eyes?

She had been born Annie Roberta McDonald, so it was not surprising that she told me, "Since you are a Macdonald, when you grow up your eyes will be green."

Me? GREEN eyes? I'd have to wait and see.

That helped my feelings, but I was still made fun of all through grammar school.

The unkind teasing stopped as I grew a bit older, but I never forgot the unkindness of those very young and very mean kids.

Fast forward to an afternoon when I was working for WMOP All American Country Radio in Ocala, Florida. I had to apply for a Press Pass to something big and important, so there I was answering questions for the event official.

She looked at me and said, "Eyes, GREEN!"

I about fainted. I thought of what my grandmother had told me all those years ago. I had never doubted her. If my grannie said it, it was true! And, here it was just as she had promised!

Just the other month I had to get a new driver's license and the lady looked at me and said, "Eyes, HAZEL."

"What color are hazel eyes?" I thought.

Tom got his "headlight" out this morning and put it on his head, removed my spectacles, and gazed into my eyes with the bright light.

He finally pronounced my eye color. "Striped," he said.

"What do you mean, striped?" I asked. You can't have striped eyes!"

"Yes, you can, dah'lin. You do. They are green on the outside, go a little gray towards the center and then are sort of amber right at the middle," Tom said.

Doing more studying, I learned your eyes can change color depending on what color your clothing is, and what "humor" you are in. Different colors for happy and joyful and for grumpy or angry.

I'm seldom grumpy or angry so I don't guess mine are much that color.

I've wondered if there was anyone else who had a dramatic eye color change?

My grannie's eyes were gray, my mother's eyes were brown, both of my brothers had blue eyes and everybody's but mine stayed the same.

Please let me know if you've experienced a major eye color change.

I'm predominantly Scottish according to my DNA tests. Is this something rare that happens or is it just ordinary within the Scottish folks? I guess this strangeness could come from any of the 93 - and counting - Scottish clans from whom I genealogically descend.

Yes, I am a Scottish Mutt.



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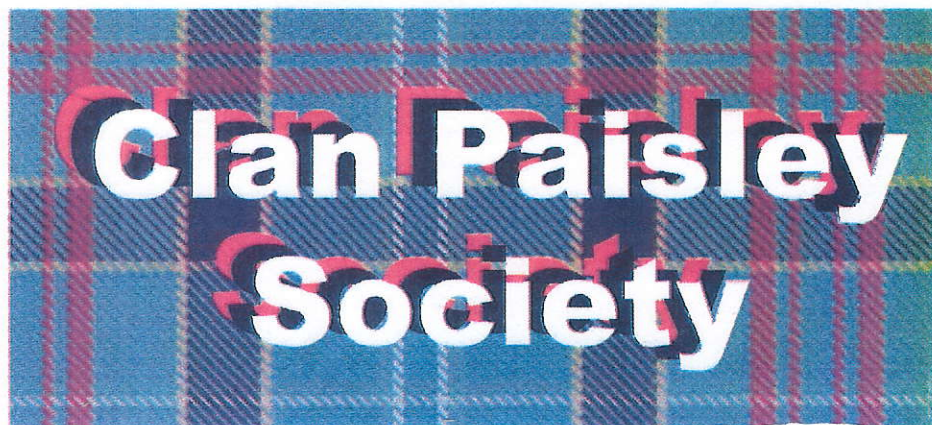
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*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)  
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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# Midhope Castle *Outlander* Location: *A Complete Lallybroch Guide*



Posted by Rebecca

There is no other *Outlander* location that provokes the warm fuzzies quite as much as the Midhope Castle *Outlander* location. It is an otherwise unassuming abandoned shell of a building in the middle of a random farm in South Queensferry. But it is the Lallybroch location. Jamie Fraser's own Broch Turach, his clan's ancestral home and his calm amongst the chaos.

To walk down the path as Claire and Jamie do and see that gorgeous homely manor house is surreal and amazing.

Midhope Castle was just a simple 16<sup>th</sup>-century tower house transferred from one well-to-do family to the next. Then, in the late 1800s/early 1900s it fell into disrepair. But since it is a Category A listed building, it is still standing.

I'll break it to you now that Midhope Castle is derelict and dangerous to enter, so all the Midhope Castle filming locations for *Outlander* are exterior shots only.

This Lallybroch location is one of the most prolific *Outlander* filming locations in the entire show. So, exactly where is Lallybroch? Which scenes and episodes did the Lallybroch Castle location appear in and how can you visit?! This complete guide answers every one of those questions and more!

Where Was *Outlander* Filmed in Midhope Castle?

*Lallybroch Outlander Scenes at Midhope Castle*  
*Outlander* Season One

"Castle Leoch" – Episode Two, Season One

"Lallybroch" – Episode 12, Season One

"The Watch" – Episode 13, Season One

"The Search" – Episode 14, Season One

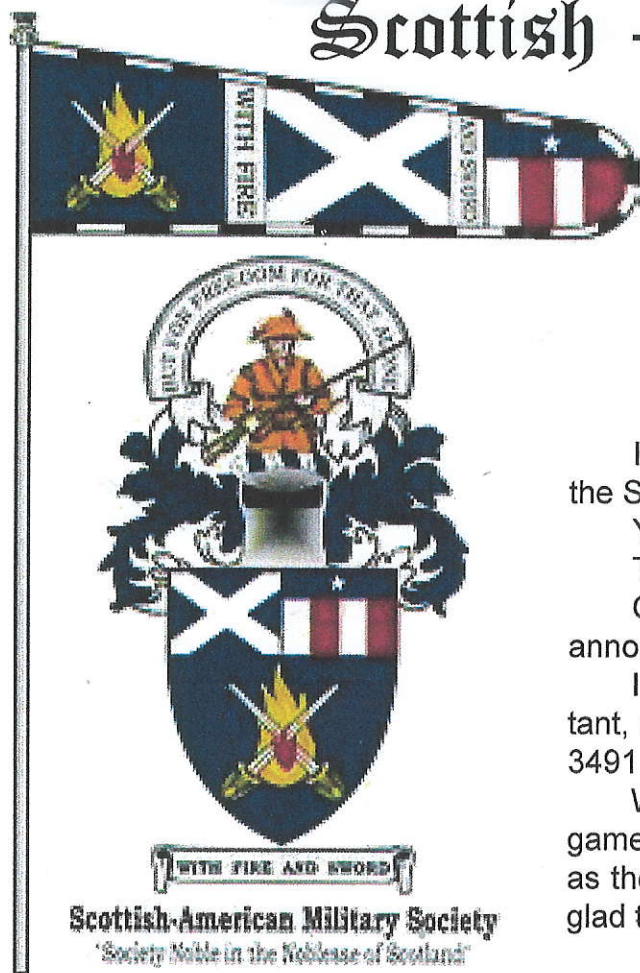
Lallybroch Castle in Scotland appears first as a flashback when Jamie recounts his flogging at the hands of Black Jack Randall to Claire in "Castle

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# 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.

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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



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Leoch.” Then, after the pair become husband and wife, Jamie takes Claire back to his ancestral home of Castle Lallybroch to meet his sister Jenny in “Lallybroch.” Whilst staying at Lallybroch for an extended period of time, Claire helps Jenny give birth in “The Watch.” And finally, the whole family attempts to outsmart the Redcoats and find Jamie in “The Search.”

*Outlander Season Two*

“Faith” – Episode Seven, Season Two

“The Fox’s Lair” –  
Episode Eight, Season  
Two

“Dragonfly in Amber” – Episode 13, Season  
Two

After their ordeal in France, Claire and Jamie return to Scotland and Lallybroch mid-season in “Faith.” Jamie and Claire reluctantly garner support for the Jacobite Rebellion in “The Fox’s Lair.” And in the last episode of the season, “Dragonfly in Amber”, Claire visits the Outlander Lallybroch location in present-day 1968.

*Outlander Season Three*

“The Battle Joined” – Episode One, Season  
Three

“Surrender” – Episode Two, Season Three

“First Wife” – Episode Eight, Season Three  
After the Battle of Culloden, Jamie is miraculously saved from execution. The Redcoats drop him off at Lallybroch half-dead at the end of “The Battle Joined.” For years after the battle, soldiers turn up unannounced at Lallybroch looking for Red Jamie or The Dun Bonnet in “Surrender.” Claire and Jamie turn up at Lallybroch, reunited once again after the fire in Jamie’s Edinburgh print shop in “First Wife.”

*Outlander Season Four*

“Down the Rabbit Hole” – Episode Seven,  
Season Four

Lallybroch appears only a couple of times in the latest seasons. Once Claire and Jamie’s daughter Brianna goes back through the stones at Craigh na Dun, she meets her Uncle Ian Murray at Lallybroch who helps her book passage to America in “Down the Rabbit Hole.”

*Outlander Season Five*

“The Fiery Cross” –  
Episode One, Season Five

It is the briefest of appearances, but Lallybroch appears for a final time (so far!) in a flashback to the death of Jamie’s mum. Murtagh promises to protect and watch over Jamie as they sit on a log outside Broch Turach in “The Fiery Cross.”

*Other Midhope  
Castle Outlander Locations*

Midhope Castle is  
the main Lallybroch Out-

lander location, but it is not the only one. In the season one episode “Lallybroch”, Preston Mill & Phantassie Doocot in East Linton stands in as the Lallybroch mill. This is the infamous scene where Jamie is stood in the water wearing only his birthday suit to the delight of fans everywhere.

*Midhope Castle in Scotland: Planning Your  
Trip*

*How to Get There By Car (& Parking)*

It is a 35 – 45 drive from Edinburgh to Midhope Castle, around 40 minutes from Glasgow, and around half an hour from Stirling. Most of the journey is along main roads and motorways, but

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the last five minutes or so is a little off the beaten path.

Parking at Midhope Castle is a faff and a half. Because there are so few spaces, you need to first go to either Hopetoun House Ticket Kiosk or the Hopetoun Farm Shop for a parking pass. I recommend the farm shop because it is probably easier to find and you won't need to go too far out of your way. The shop's postcode is EH52 6QZ. You can pay the eyewatering £10 for a vehicle pass in cash or card.

Then, use the postcode EH30 9SL to drive to Midhope Castle where you can park up.

#### *How to Get There By Public Transport*

Honestly, there is not a good public transport option to Midhope Castle. You could get a bus or train to Linlithgow and then Jamie could pick you up on horseback, maybe? Or, perhaps there are some standing stones in Edinburgh or Glasgow you could travel through?

#### *Opening Times & Ticket Prices*

In peak season April 1st – October 31st, Midhope Castle is open 9:00 – 17:00 with the last admission at 16:45 every day. From November 1st to December 23rd, they operate reduced hours from 10:00 – 15:00 every day. Midhope Castle is completely closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Admission is £4 per person (under-fives are free) in cash to the kiosk in the car park. But you can book online here.

As you can tell, it is a bit of a makeshift attraction that doesn't have a lot of infrastructures. The only reason Midhope Castle is open to the public is due to so many people wanting to visit the famous filming locations of *Outlander*. And often, on random days, it is closed. Check Hopetoun House's website for up-to-date information.

#### *Book Your Place on an Outlander Tour in Scotland*

Of course, you could visit Midhope Castle by booking a place on one of the *Outlander* tours in Scotland as I did! I went on the *Haggis Adventures One Day Outlander Trail* from Edinburgh and it was amazing. Less than

£50 and we visited Linlithgow Palace, Doune Castle, Culross, Falkland and Midhope Castle. Our guide and driver was also fun, energetic and knowledgeable about Scotland we listened to some Scottish folk music on the ride, too.

Some other great Scotland *Outlander* tours I've heard of include *Rabbie's Outlander Adventure One Day Tours* from Glasgow or Edinburgh. Plus, *Outlander* locations from the books as well as filming locations for *Outlander* the TV show.





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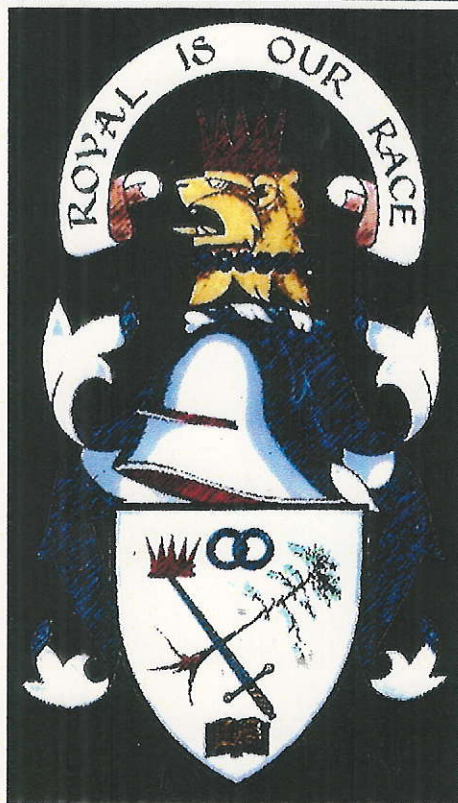
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# All about the elusive Scottish Haggis

With thanks to my sweet friend of many, many years, **Claude Buchanan**, from New Zealand

The Haggis is described in various ancient publications and over the years has been the butt of many a joke.

This elusive tiny creature is known for its uncanny ability to evade the hunters of the Highlands of Scotland who have systematically over the years sought to find, and kill the Haggis, and render its tenderloins into a highly prized delicacy to be served at the table to guests of high renown.

Throughout Scottish history, the Haggis has been presented to such dignitaries as Prince Charles Stewart, William Wallace, and King Robert the Bruce - to name but a few, and it is known that Bonnie Prince Charlie dined on a Royal Haggis on the evening preceding the fatal battle of Culloden.

The Northern Haggis, found only in the Highlands of Scotland, is considered by local people to be the most elusive - hard to locate amongst the fields of heather in which it lives. It is about the size of a small oval ball (smaller than the well-known rugby ball), its mane is the color of green akin to the green of the Heather leaf and when crouched low amongst the underbrush almost impossible to locate.

Due to the overzealous hunting of this highly prized delicacy, the Highland authorities have established a licensing authority and now issue a Haggis Hunting Licence, which is rather like the duck shooting season in New Zealand restricts Haggis hunting to just one month in the Scottish

summer. There are further restrictions imposed upon this license period, such as the requirement of hunters to use only net traps to capture the Haggis and that hunters must play the Bagpipes to encourage the Haggis to indulge in their favorite game of ring running to the tune of Bonny Scotland. The Haggis is very fleet-footed. It moves around the mountains along well-formed paths which allow the Haggis to move in a dancing motion akin to the steps of the most difficult highland sword dance.

Once the Haggis is disturbed and commences its dance the hunters are able to discern the movement and encourage the haggis into the waiting traps.

At that stage, the dogs - specially trained to collect

the netted haggis without damaging its delicate flesh are loosed and the Haggis returned to the hunters where the haggis is suffocated thus ensuring that the delicate flesh is preserved in pristine condition with not a drop of Haggis bloodshed.

The Haggis' mane is then shorn and cooked along with the Haggis.

Used in this manner as an edible green and tasting akin to spinach the mane is dispersed amongst the surrounding neeps.

The haggis having been placed in the center of the dish is then presented to the surrounding guests with great ceremony.

Classified as the great chieftain of the pudding race, this Scottish delicacy and the associated ceremony are presented here today for all to enjoy.



**Claude has recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Send him greetings at <buchanan3832@gmail.com> There are birthday photos on page 13**



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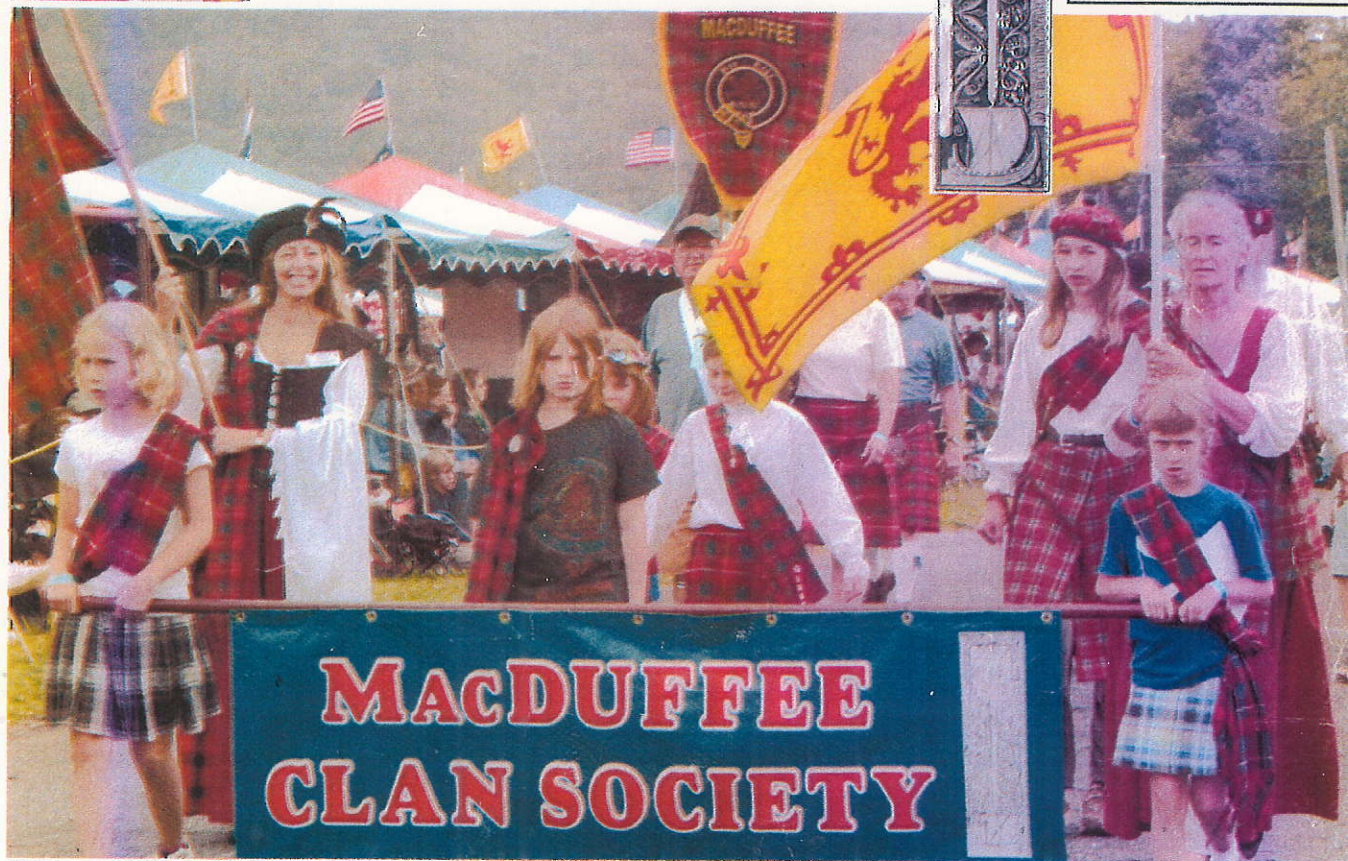
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# The story of something amazing

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We had the honour to be asked to make an exceptionally unique Sgian Dubh for Jim Nethery, Seanchaidh of the Clan Graham in the USA.

Jim supplied the wood for the project from a piece of French oak recovered from the wreck of The *HMS Invincible*, a 74-gun warship captured from the French in 1744 and then put into service within the British Royal Navy until she ran aground and sank in the Solent in 1758.

John Broomhead, the first diver to see the *Invincible* after 221 years on the sandy floor of the Solent in 1979, kindly provided the historic wood from his collection.

From the *Invincible* oak, we carved the handle and sheath with a smooth, polished finish and treated them with gunstock oil and wax.

We used solid gold to make the clan crest and cross inlays, ferrules, and pins.

The pommel stone is Loch Lomond Red Jasper which was cut and polished by Nat Forno of Scottish Gemstones.

The blade is Swedish Damasteel, crafted by bladesmith Chris Grant.

The presentation box was made by Karl Peet of Bespoke Craft, also from the *Invincible* oak and into which we made and inlaid the solid gold Clan Graham crest.

This was a wonderful project to undertake but also quite complex and time-consuming and we'd like to thank Chris, Nat, and Karl for their contribu-



tions and Jim for his patience and for his comments;

"The *Invincible* Sgian Dubh represents me personally in both the materials and the design.

The Loch Lomond Jasper and the belted crest reflect my Scottish heritage. The wood from the *Invincible* reflects my English and French Huguenot ancestry. The inlaid crest and three escallops show my Clan Graham's allegiance and the cross my Templar Order.

Finally, the uniquely beautiful Damasteel blade represents my Norse heritage.

Overall my Sgian Dubh's simple clean lines and unique materials make it completely a bespoke work of art. Something I will always treasure and wear with unmitigated pride.

With My Gratitude and Thanks,  
W. James Nethery, FSA Scot  
Seanchaidh, Clan Graham in NA

*And, another note from Jim.*

Beth, Glad you like it. The entire project took four and one-half years to complete.

From meeting John Broomhead in Portsmouth and selecting the wood he had brought up from the wreckage of the *Invincible* after more than 200 years and learning his story of discovering the ship in the Solent, everything was interesting.

Then meeting with Rab, Tanya Gordon and their son Max in Inverness and planning the de-

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# The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs,  
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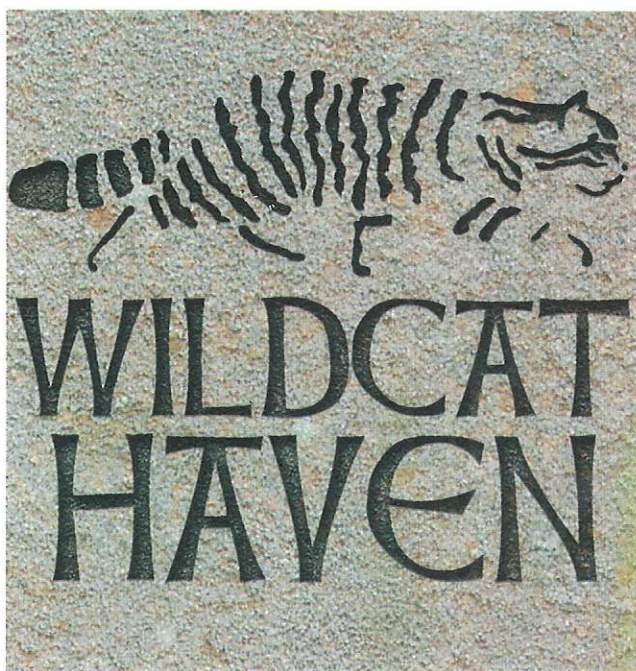
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For membership application, email **Janet Armstrong** at <jdumeyer@hotmail.com> or download from <<http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>>. Note, "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <[chrisarmys@gmail.com](mailto:chrisarmys@gmail.com)>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!





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sign of the Sgain Dubh.

I think the most time consuming factor was the need to desalinize the wood after two centuries of salt water exposure.

Acquiring the various parts of the project and bringing them together also took time.

It required patience on my part and I had to keep reminding myself that it would be a truly unique and very personal object when it was completed.

I think the results speak for themselves.

Aye, Jim

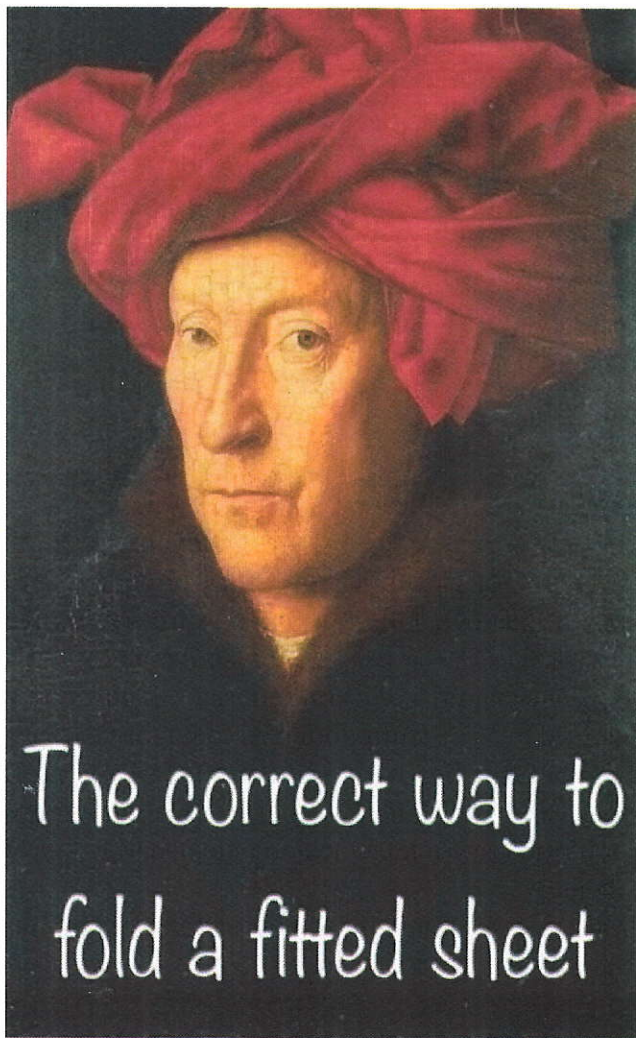
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shedding he has endured. If you wish to help us get justice for Finlay, they please visit <<https://www.gofundme.com/f/savethewildcat>>.

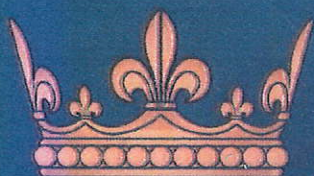
We know that many of you care deeply for Finlay and from the thousands of messages we have received from you, we know too that there is a strong feeling that those responsible for what has happened, should be fully held to account. It is not right and it is not acceptable and it must never happen again to any animal.

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# Flower of the Forest

Samuel Kohler Fuller

**Samuel Kohler Fuller**, a longtime resident of Charlotte and Huntersville went home to be with the Lord, Jesus Christ peacefully on August 9<sup>th</sup> at his home surrounded by his family.

Born July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1937, to Samuel C. Fuller and Evelyn Fuller and raised between Los Angeles, California, and New York City.

He graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science. He was a distinguished member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

Upon graduation, Sam's career took him to California, Las Vegas, Chicago, New York, Nashville, Atlanta, and ultimately Charlotte, where he called home. Sam retired in Huntersville in 2005.

Sam's career in media and broadcast television encompassed more than five decades. He worked at WBTV, WCCB, King World Productions, PCA, and Tribune Entertainment, where he held several executive sales management positions and was known for his lifelong client relationships.

Sam was a man who served the Lord and loved giving back to his community.

Over many years Sam coached youth football, served on the board of directors at Historic Rural Hill, was a deacon at Bethel Presbyterian Church and Hillsboro Presbyterian Churches, and served

as President of the Charlotte Ad Club.

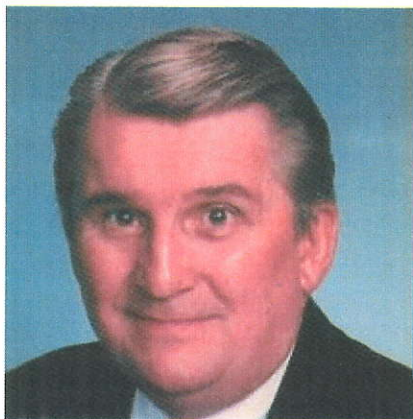
Sam was a man who was truly larger than life. Sam's love of cooking, weekly golf outings, love of Scottish heritage, traveling, piano playing and entertaining fueled his many passions and enduring friendships.

His incredible sense of humor served as a welcome to his hundreds of friends and loving family living across the country.

Sam is survived by his wife Betty Fuller, and children, Samuel Kenneth Fuller, Theresa Fuller Harden, and Micah Lee Fuller (Sandy). He loved his five grandchildren Chantelle Fuller, Vance Harden II (Emma), Colby Harden (Nicole), Samuel Kyle Fuller (Megan), and Caroline Fuller, as well as two great-grandchildren, Marley Harden, and Axel Fuller.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for anyone who is interested to make a donation to the American Parkinson's Disease Foundation at [https://www.apdaparkinson.org/0000d41/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&gclid=CjwKCAjwi8iXBhBeEiwAKbUofTp5GIW0u3Go4Zheb0c6r4UcqSuV9Q57vOOAG1UA40992dOkYsi3BoCAvkQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.apdaparkinson.org/0000d41/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&gclid=CjwKCAjwi8iXBhBeEiwAKbUofTp5GIW0u3Go4Zheb0c6r4UcqSuV9Q57vOOAG1UA40992dOkYsi3BoCAvkQAvD_BwE)

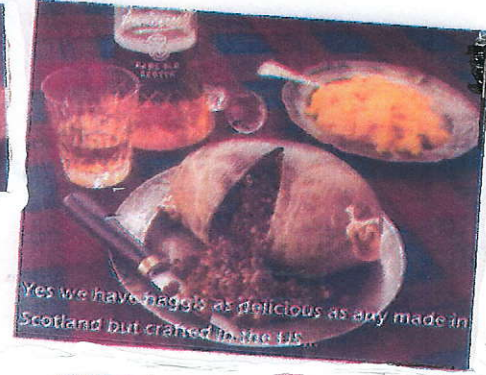
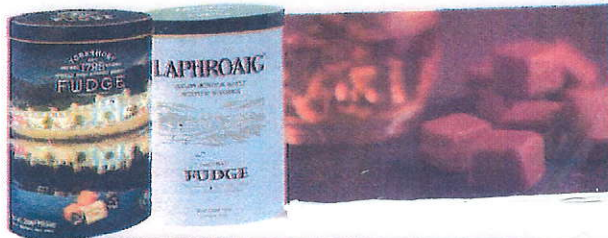
The family wishes to thank the many friends and family who cared for Sam as well as members of caregivers and hospice.





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# The countdown to the Buchanan Inauguration has begun!

A letter from the Lady Buchanan, Paula

Dear Beth,

The countdown to the Buchanan Inauguration has begun!

Well, things have been very exciting as everything appears to be coming together for the Inauguration weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at Cambusmore.

We have been really delighted to hear that approximately ten Clan chiefs and/or their representatives and heirs, will be joining us on the day and, hopefully, also take part in the Saturday morning parade.

The Lord Lyon has also mentioned he will be there, which will also make things more authentic. There will also be the three Buchanan chief's pipers from different places round the world, who will be playing not only the historically linked Buchanan tunes, but who will also be playing new ones created for the event.

For the ceremony itself, we have been creating a historic event using the new set of 'Buchanan Clan Jewels' we have commissioned from a number of excellent Scottish Craftsmen and women. These insignia will be used for the new ceremony based on our Clan's ancient pictish roots.

These include the Stone Seat of the Buchanan (see photo upper right), a lion sword, a bear dirk, a falcon sguian dhu, a white rod, a silver jacobite rose (see image) and many other items. We will also be creating a Chiefs court for clan members to have their own titles and particular roles to play in this truly historic Celtic procession and ceremony.

We are trying to keep the historical elements of the event but also make it more contemporary, relevant and interesting. We will even be wearing a new inauguration Buchanan tartan, created and



*The Stone seat of the Buchanan*

designed by our daughter especially for this event. (see image over)

We are also adding in plenty of different elements of entertainment and competition throughout. This includes mini Scottish Buchanan games for those who are young or young at heart!

Later that evening there will be a ceilidh for which we have the best Scottish local band to guide everyone through their paces.

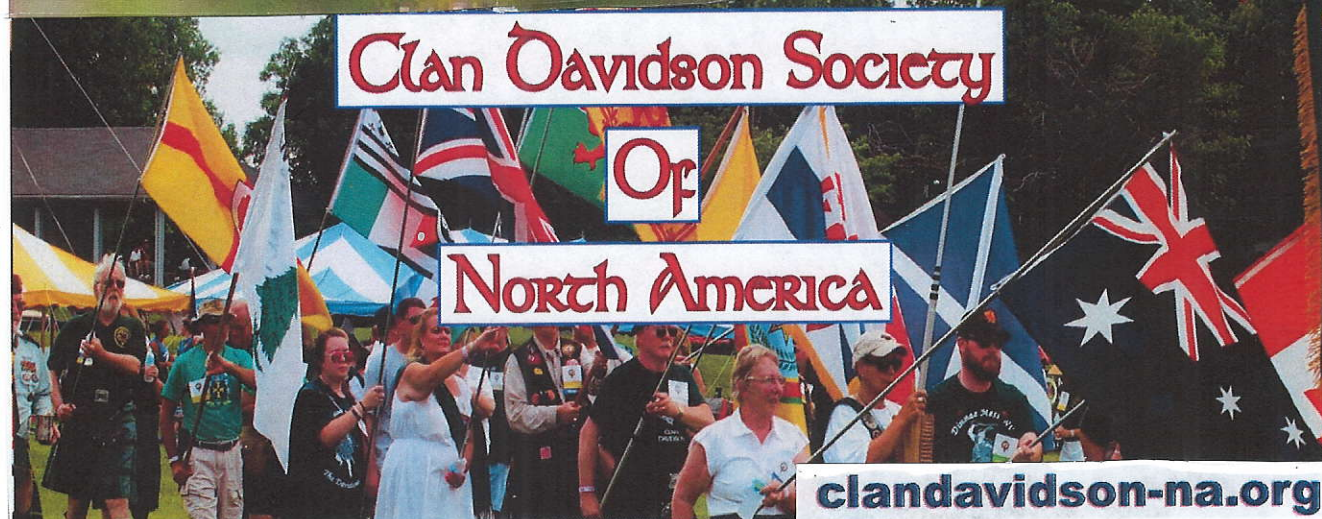
We will be including some more traditional Scottish reels as these are really the biz and what

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For tickets to the Inauguration: <[www.buchananchief.org.uk](http://www.buchananchief.org.uk)>



# Clan Davidson Society of North America



Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society of North America**.

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The Clan Davidson Society of North America is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the US IRS as a 501 c(3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDS-NorAm publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40-60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

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For more information, check out our website at [<clandavidson.org>](http://clandavidson.org) or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [<sennachie@earthlink.net>](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net).



## The Buchanan Inauguration, *continued from page 21*

reeling is all about. They can be wild so flat shoes are recommended!

The next day, after a service at the Cambusmore chapel, will be the first Buchanan Parliament in over 350 years. We will bring out some of the Clan Jewels for this, particularly the white rod of justice.

Next there will be more Buchanan-related talks related to Buchanan tartans, the close relationship between the well-known Scottish poet Sir Walter Scott and our family, as well as a talk from our expert Scottish genealogist.

Following this, there will be house and garden tours which will be rounded up with the three feathers dinner. This will be commenced with a quiz and then after dinner, there will be presentations to different members of the Clan.

The ticket sales will only be open for a couple of weeks now so book soon if you would like to join us for this truly historic event.

Anyone can buy tickets for different parts of the event at the website [www.buchananchief.org.uk](http://www.buchananchief.org.uk) as it is open, not just to Buchanans, but all interested in attending a one-off event celebrating the Scottish Clan system, the like of which will not have been seen for many years.

Also for those who are already planning a trip

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*A family historic sword which will be used as one of the insignia in the inauguration.*



*The the new inauguration tartan designed by Lucy Buchanan, daughter of the Lady Buchanan and The Buchanan*



*This was given to the family of Francis Buchanan of Arnprior who was Mike's ancestor. This was for the role he played as the treasurer of Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army. His name is written alongside the other martyrs on one of the inner petals, reflecting his major role in the uprising. He was hung, drawn and quartered at Carlisle in 1746.*

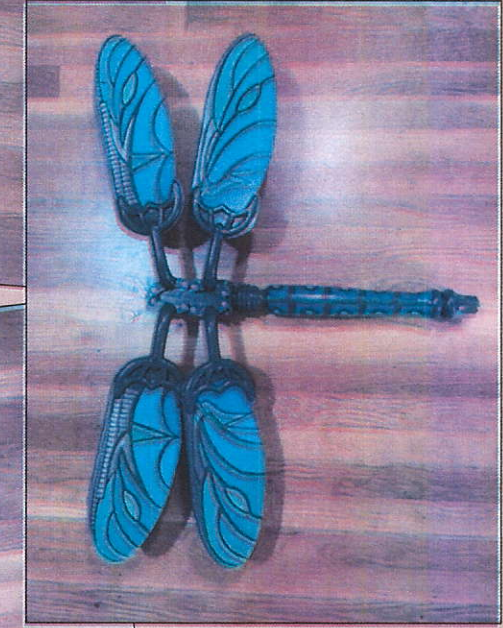
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In response to a commission request to develop a smaller dragonfly for smaller apartment living ... voila ... at 2/3 the size, we have this sweet little 32 1/2 x 29 1/2 inch cutie.



## The Buchanan Inauguration, continued from page 21

Scotland, you are very welcome to join us for part of these, or all of these, events. Mike and I are very much looking forwards to seeing you there as we will all be making history together.

For those who will not be in Scotland and who cannot attend, this event should also be available to see next year in a BBC documentary that is being made about this truly authentic, one-off Celtic event. So look out for that and see you at Cambusmore!

Paula Buchanan  
The Lady Buchanan



*This is a replica of the wee silver sword of Leny which was given by King Culen\* of Scotland around 970 AD to Mike's ancestor Gilesbic Moir, who was the Leny of that Ilk.*

*It represented the long-time owner of the Leny estates and was effectively an early Pictish version of a land charter before things started to be written down (as Picts did not write things down as it was against their beliefs).*

*It is thought to be the earliest Scottish symbol of investiture. It was with all the family charters confiscated from its owner Francis Buchanan of Leny and Arnprior after the Jacobite revolution.*

*He was later hung drawn and quartered due to his role in being the treasurer in Bonnie Prince Charles's army. We recreated this wee sword from an early published drawing of it after it had been taken from us.*

*It came to the Buchanan family after the heiress to the Leny of that Ilk married one of the Buchanan chief's sons in around the 13<sup>th</sup> century and the lands progressed down in our family ever since.*

*Interestingly, you can see the blade is curved, as this was often the case in early Celtic days.*



*The bear Cromach part of the clan jewels for the Buchanan inauguration. This bear reflects our Pictish Buchanan of leny roote.*

*\*Culen of Scotland - Wikiwand*

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*Culen ruled as king of Scotland following the death of Dubh in 967, he reigned from 967-971 although was recognized as early as 966 as king. He was born in the 10th century and died in 971. He was the son of Indulf and an unknown mother. He also possibly ruled as king of Strathclyde during his reign.*

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For information and how to join, see our website: [<https://clanarthur.org/>](https://clanarthur.org/)

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**Chief John Alexander MacArthur of that Ilk**



# Clan Lindsay sponsored Highland Dancer, Beret Dernbach, wins again!

At the Costa Mesa Scottish Highland Games, Clan Lindsay sponsored Beret Dernbach, wins another Scottish Highland Dance!

Beret is one of Clan Lindsay's most successful Scholarship recipients.

She had a wonderful time at Costa Mesa! Look at that smile.

Beret was the recipient of the 2022 Eunice Baird Whittlesey Academic Scholarship from Clan Lindsay. This scholarship is awarded by *ScotDance USA* to a college student who demonstrates commitment to Highland dancing, their academics and other extracurricular activities.

"The trophies they awarded were gorgeous - most of them were inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright, making them special keepsakes," Beret said.

Just a few of Beret's honors include First Place Overall Solo Choreography, 16 and under 20; Winner of 18 and under 20 years Open Premiership with straight first places. She is also the 2022 US National Champion in 18 years and over group with straight first places. She says this is her fourth US Championship title!



*Damp Lindsays in the Damp 2022 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Parade of Damp Tartans: (L-R) Hilary, Lindsay and Suki (Her service dog.), Irene and James and James, Bennett and Candice.*



# Clan *Blair* Society

**Memberships are cordially invited  
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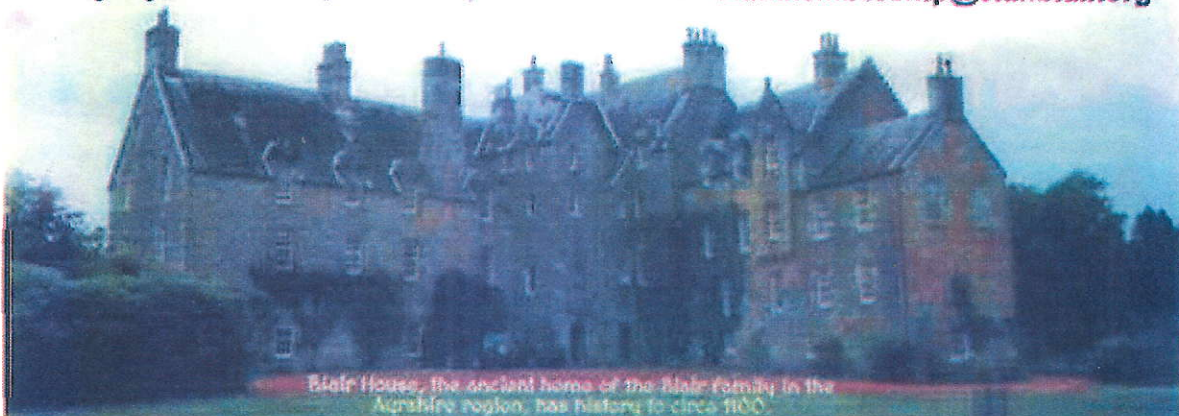
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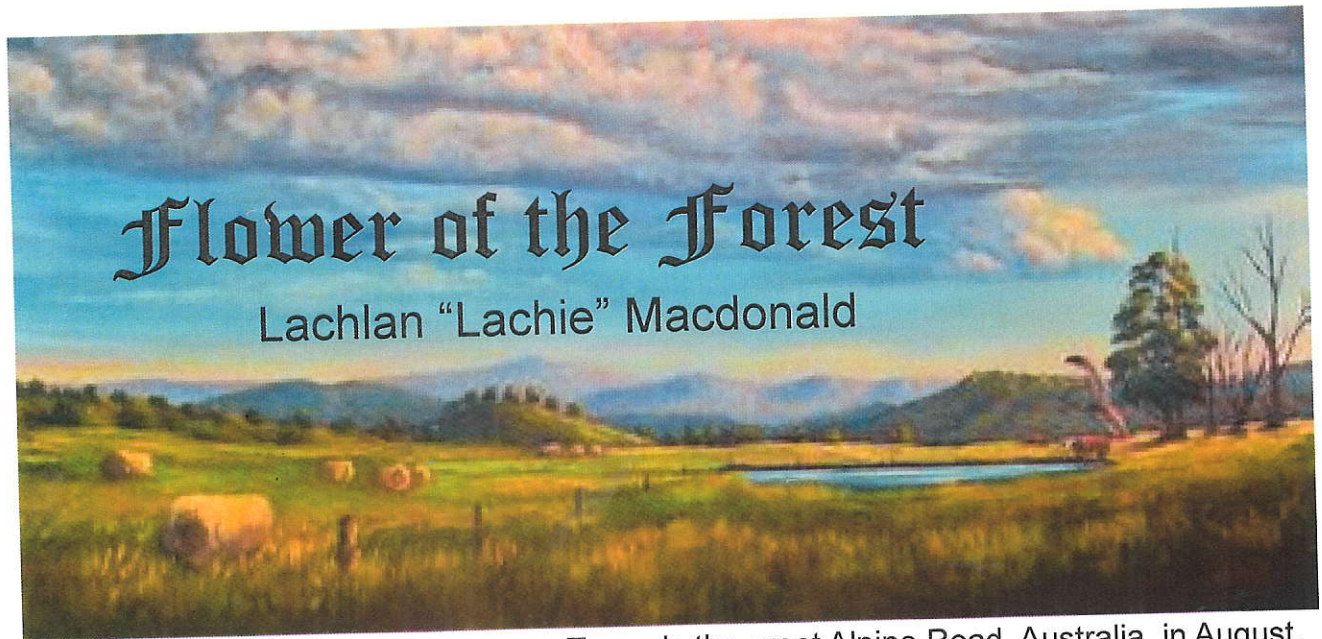
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Clan Blair







Towards the great Alpine Road, Australia, in August.

As members of the Scottish - Australian Heritage Council, we have just been informed by Carol Budlong of the Scottish - Australian Heritage Council, received from the State Commissioner of New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory for Clan Donald of the sad passing of a prominent member of that clan out there.

Clan Donald member, **Lachlan Macdonald**, or Lachie to his friends passed away peacefully at home in New South Wales at 1:40 on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. The clan has lost a greatly admired and valued member of their own.

On behalf of the Scottish border fam-

ily of Carruthers, our Chief Peter Carruthers of Holmains, and our Society, both regionally and internationally, a message of condolences has been sent to his wife Wilga, her family, and their friends.

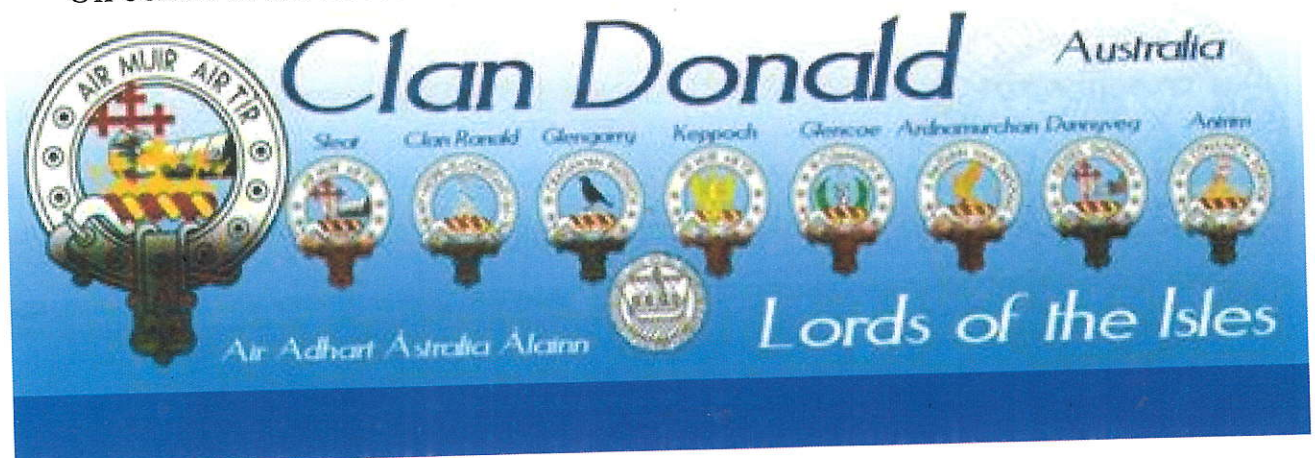
As a highly respected member of both Clan Donald and the Australian clan community at large, it was said about him that very few had the ability to bring so many together in harmony. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

May he rest In peace

On behalf of CARRUTHERS

Dr George Carruthers, CCS(I)

Convenor





# The Clan Macneil Association of America

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# Pamela Turnbull 2<sup>nd</sup> in the World Highland Games Heavy Events

With thankss to the *Bullseye*, publication of the Turnbull Clan Association

Pamela Turnbull, 60 years old, competes regularly in Highland Games Heavy Events. In June, she placed 2nd in the world in her age category, competing in the Masters World Competition hosted by Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Pamela competes in nine events; 2 hammers; 2 weight for distance; 2 stones; weight for height; sheaf and of course everyone's favourite, the caber!

Pamela grew up as the youngest daughter – two older sisters were in pipe bands and of course, she attended all their competitions.

As a young girl of 10, Pam remembers tossing her Mother's clothes line prop as if it were a caber.

She didn't get involved in the Games until much later in life, and a visit to Fatlips Castle in the Borders of Scotland really fuelled the spark that laid inside of her.

Pam's family is rooted along the East Coast of CANADA – New Scotland actually – Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

While she competes in several local games throughout the year, the Masters Worlds are always special and having them in her 'hood' and having three generations of our family cheer her on, was even more spectacular.

Pam says "I think I did so well because I had the best cheering section in the whole Games".

Having everyone there brought a tear to her eye, and a warmth to her heart. Pam has passed on some traditions to the wee ones... teaching the little

ones how to toss cabers and the older ones to toss sheaf.

This is a joy and a blessing that I do not take for granted. One of Pam's great nieces stated firmly "I want to be big and strong like Aunt Pam".

How cute is that!

Pam pays tribute and

thanks our Turnbull ancestors for her strong will and muscles (and of course the stubbornness) as she works hard for her next competition.

The Turnbull tartan is proudly worn in her games – Hawaii; Germany; USA and of course CANADA!

Watch for Pam as she gets ready for the Worlds in The Netherlands, July 2023. You can follow her on Twitter or Facebook: [pamela.turnbull.94](https://www.facebook.com/pamela.turnbull.94).

If you would like information about joining with the Turnbull Clan Association, just visit [<communications@turnbullclan.com>](mailto:communications@turnbullclan.com)



Pamela Turnbull proudly showing off her World Highland Games trophies

## Do you know the *Selkirk Grace* origins?

Although attributed to Robert Burns, the *Selkirk Grace* was already known in the 17<sup>th</sup> century as the *Galloway Grace* or the *Covenanters' Grace*.

It only came to be called the *Selkirk Grace* because in 1794 Robert Burns was said to have delivered it at a dinner given by the Earl of Selkirk.

There is no official Burns Night greeting but it's common to say "Sláinte Mhath!" to one another, which translates as "Good Health!" and is pronounced "slanj'-uh va".

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An' some wad eat that want it  
But we hae meat an' we can eat  
An' sae let the Lord be thankit



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# Turnbull Clan Scholarship Award

## *Announcing the Turnbull Clan Association Scholarship!*

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While applications would typically be accepted through to 1<sup>st</sup> April of the calendar year, with the award being announced on 15<sup>th</sup> May, an exception is being made for 2022.

We are now accepting applications through to the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

The recipient of the scholarship will be announced at this year's AGM, being held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, Georgia, on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

A donation of \$500 may be made in memory of or to honor a special person. These scholarships will be named after that person. In addition, these scholarships will be recognized in the Turnbull Clan newsletter, the *Bullseye*, along with the story of the person being honored.

The recipients of these new scholarships will

also receive a special letter recognizing the honoree.

Donations to the scholarship fund may be made in any amount through the website under special projects. (<https://www.turnbullclan.com/projects>). If donating in memory of or in honor of someone, email [<scholarship@turnbullclan.com>](mailto:scholarship@turnbullclan.com) with the person's name, something about the person's life, and your name.

All donations are tax-deductible in the USA.

Criteria for receiving a scholarship: Supporting membership in Turnbull Clan Association (TCA) or sponsorship

as a descendant of a supporting member (child, grandchild, nephew, niece, etc.).

Education and activities of the scholarship may be considered to include continuing education, college or university courses, and technical training. Highland dance lessons, bagpipe lessons, and classes about Scotland are also eligible activities.

All ages are encouraged to apply and will be considered. To apply for a scholarship, go to: [<https://www.turnbullclan.com>](https://www.turnbullclan.com) and follow directions.



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Bartenders reveal secret drink order that serves as an SOS: How ordering an '**angel shot**' warns staff that you're feeling unsafe and need help.

The discreet drink order has become a viral sensation recently, with many TikTok users sharing the meaning behind the potentially life-saving codeword.

There's three different ways to order it - the first is an **angel shot with lime**, which lets bartenders know the situation is severe and to call the cops immediately. If you ask for an **angel shot neat**, it means you need security to walk you to your

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The angel shot is a product of the 'ask for Angela' campaign, which was started to reduce sexual violence in the UK back in 2016

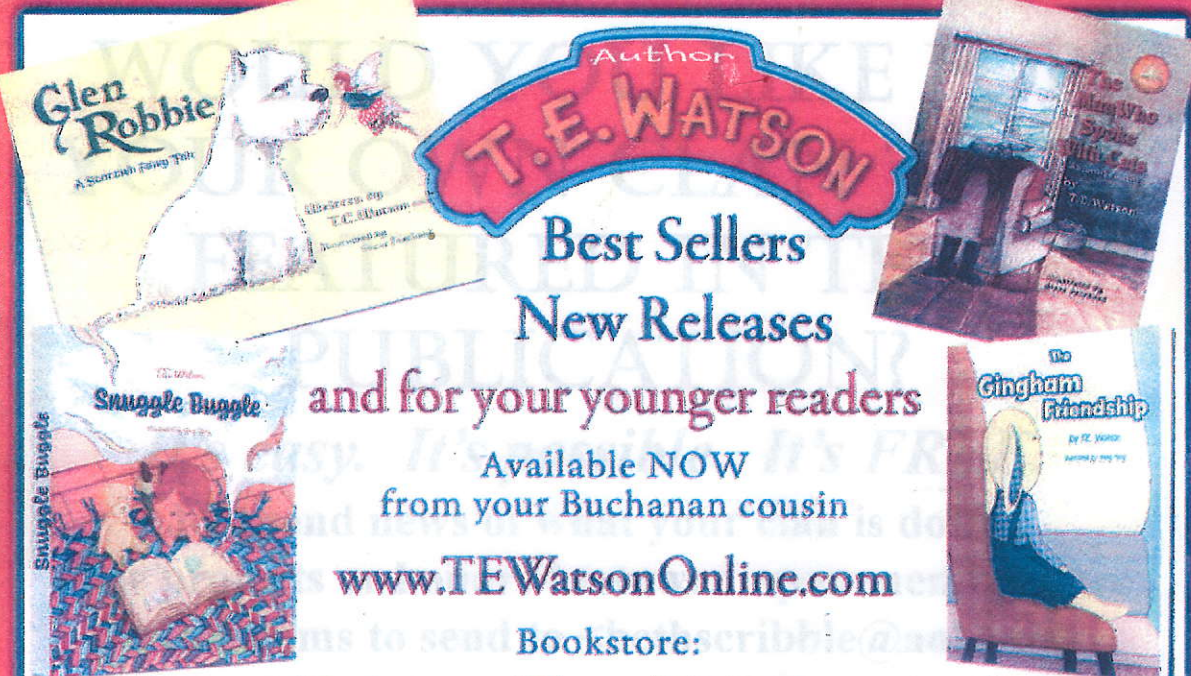
And while a few user have expressed their concerns about the 'drink' becoming too 'publicized,' many have thanked the creators for spreading awareness.

With many thanks to Jim Nethery.

**Please share the "Angel Shot" information with anyone you know who might work in anyplace that drinks are served. It might save a life.**







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# How the king's visit saw kilts become Scotland's national dress

Angie Brown, BBC Scotland, Edinburgh and East reporter



King George IV was ruthlessly caricatured during a visit to Scotland 200 years ago for wearing his kilt too short but it was to be the pivotal moment for Scotland's national dress.

The pomp and pageantry of the royal visit, orchestrated by internationally famous author Sir

Walter Scott, would go down in history as the trip that reinvented tartan and placed it at the centre of the country's image.

The Edinburgh visit in August 1822 was the first visit of a monarch north of the border in 172 years and Scott carefully arranged the extravaganza right down to what people were to wear.

Historian, Eric Melvin, told *BBC Scotland* that Scott proclaimed no gentleman was allowed to appear at the King's Highland ball in anything but the ancient Highland costume and it took 300 unemployed tailors to kit them out.

For some Scottish Lowlanders who saw the Gaelic-speaking Highlands as a barbarous backwater, the kilt had been regarded as the primitive dress of mountain thieves.

But despite the portly king's fashion faux pas - pairing a short kilt with a pair of sheer pink silk tights - Scott's insistence on tartan pageantry during the trip elevated the kilt to become part of Scotland's national identity.

This print (To the left) from King George IV's trip to Edinburgh is in the British Museum collection

Scott was the author of wildly popular novels such as *Waverley*, which gave a romantic image of the Scottish Highlands.

In 1815 this led him to being invited for dinner with George, who was then Prince Regent.

Mr Melvin said: "At a dinner in London, Walter Scott had persuaded George that he was as much a Stuart as Bonnie Prince Charlie had been.

"He should come to his royal capital of the ancient kingdom of his ancestors.

"George was flattered by the suggestion and agreed in principle that the proposed visit should go ahead once he had succeeded his father, the ailing George III."

The old king died in 1820 and in July 1822 Edinburgh's lord provost received a letter announcing that George IV would visit the capital the following month.

Mr Melvin said: "There was widespread panic at the short notice as this was to be the first visit by a reigning monarch since the short visit of the fugitive Charles II in 1650."

David Wilkie painted a more flattering portrait of King George IV during the visit by slimming him down and also lengthened the kilt and omitting the pink stockings

Scott was put in charge of the trip's arrangements.

"This was to be a celebration of Scotland and in particular the Highlands of Scotland," Mr Melvin said.

"Walter Scott rushed out an anonymous guide to his fellow Scots on the etiquette to be observed during the forthcoming royal visit." Copies of the

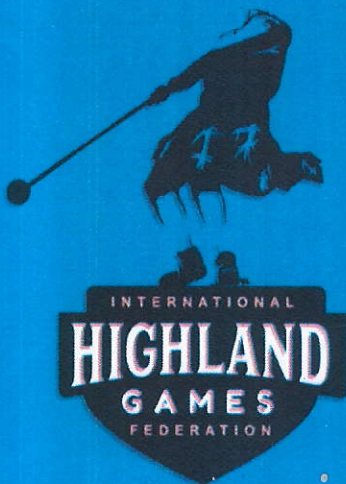
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Scott also wrote a personal letter to every Highland chief summoning them to Edinburgh.

It said: "The King is coming after all! Arms and men are the best things that we have to show him."

Mr Melvin said there was a very positive response, given the little time there was for the clan chiefs to make arrangements.

He said: "Lt Col Sir Ewan Murray MacGregor, Chief of the Clan Gregor, brought 50 men to Edinburgh.

"They were fitted out with tartan from a supplier in the North Bridge with their weapons provided by John McLeod of Castle Street. The weapons alone cost £148.

"The officers were provided with grander costumes supplied by Romanes and Paterson at the Scottish Tartan Warehouse in North Bridge."

King George IV set off by boat on 10 August 1822 from Greenwich in England but was unable to land at Leith in the Firth of Forth until 15 August due to bad weather.

King George IV landed a day later than planned due to terrible weather in Leith

Mr Melvin said: "An army of workmen was engaged to clean the streets and to knock down ruinous buildings. These included the old Butter Tron at the foot of the Castlehill.

"Water and gas were piped into Holyrood Palace, though it was agreed that the king and his entourage were to stay at the splendid Dalkeith Palace, home to the 16-year-old 5<sup>th</sup> Duke of Buccleuch."

The approach road to Dalkeith Palace was rerouted and a special laundry and dairy were hurriedly constructed, Mr Melvin said.

"Billets had to be found for the hundreds of soldiers who were to be drafted into the town," the historian added. "Four Bow Street Runners were sent to Edinburgh to deal with the flood of London pickpockets expected to come north with the king."

The king's enormous royal household was brought by sea, Mr Melvin said. There were 100 cases of plate and the king's throne offloaded at Leith and taken by cart to Dalkeith Palace.

"In anticipation, six cannon were hauled to the top of the Bass Rock in the Firth of Forth and a 45 ft flagpole was erected to salute the arrival of the royal visitor," Mr Melvin said.

"A huge bonfire was built on the top of Arthur's Seat. In addition, Edinburgh braced itself for the influx of thousands of visitors anxious to be part of the celebrations."

*The Glasgow Herald* reported: "Glasgow, as far as we can see, will be almost deserted on the occasion - every vehicle of conveyance is fully employed and engaged for the coming days.

"Extra boats on the canal are insufficient for the number of passengers. Where the moving mass from all corners of the land are to stow themselves when in Edinburgh, we know not.

"Many, we understand, are provided with or are providing themselves with tents and intend to bivouac in the fields."

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Sir Thomas Mash, controller of accounts in the Lord Chamberlain's office, arrived in Edinburgh to take control but Scott would not give way.

Mr Melvin said: "Scott told Mash 'When his majesty comes amongst us, he comes to his ancient kingdom of Scotland and must be received according to ancient usages.

"If you persist in bringing in English customs we turn about, one and all, and leave you. You take the responsibility on yourself."

Mash backed down. It was to be Scott's show.

On 15 August, 1822, the escort of Highlanders mustered in Queen Street Gardens. They were joined by Sir Walter Scott dressed in treds as a sore rash prevented him from wearing a kilt.

They set off for Leith and were joined by the military to welcome the king.

*The Royal George* docked and at midday the

king was brought ashore to a "tumultuous" welcome.

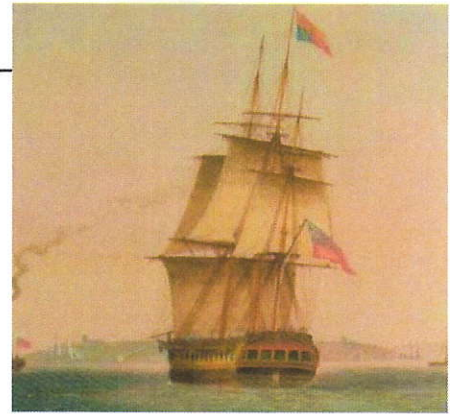
When he saw the crowds on

Calton Hill singing the national anthem, he was overcome with emotion and wept.

There were fireworks, processions and visits over the coming days.

It was on Saturday 17 August the king wore full Highland costume with flesh-coloured silk tights and a short kilt.

It prompted one observer, Lady Hamilton-Dalrymple, to remark: "Since his stay was so short, the more we see of him the better."



*Detail from a painting by Alexander Carse showing the King landing at Leith, which remains hanging in Leith Town Hall*