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Something wonderful and magical happened at this year's GMHG!

David R. Henderson, High Commissioner

This is an exerpt from a longer article written by David R. Henderson, Clan Henderson High Commissioner, after the surprising events at GMHG 2022. If you would like to read the complete article in the current Clan Henderson Society, Inc., publication, just visit https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/henderson There is no charge.

The article continues: Suddenly mid-afternoon, a Henderson voice called out "We are here!"

As everyone turned attention to our Clan tent there was an assemblage of visitors positioned out front.

It was Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Vice-President Bobby Groves, his wife, Board Member Alastair Cairns, and a host of photographers. In an unprecedented turn of events the group wished to present Clan Henderson the "Clan of Excellence Award for 2022". It was a "shock and awe" moment for all present.

Southeast Commissioner and convenor Mary Lane Henderson excitedly accepted the award.

Mary Lane Henderson, the South East Regional Clan Henderson Commissioner.





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New information discovered about the Battle of Culloden 275 years later

BBC News

New research by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) has been published which revises the position of the Jacobite left flank during the battle in 1746.

It is one of the most iconic battles in Scotland's history, and one which holds a particularly poignant place in national consciousness. Now, over 275 years later, the Battle of Culloden (16 April 1746) is still revealing its secrets.

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) has uncovered new evidence for the location of Culloden Parks, the de-

signed landscape around Culloden House, which was an important element of the battlefield landscape of Culloden in 1746 thought to have been lost.

Culloden House played a key role in the conflict as a headquarters for Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) and his Jacobite commanders in the days leading up to the battle.

The investigation by HES has not only discovered new evidence which shows that Culloden Parks was situated further to the west of the traditional battlefield site than previously thought, but also that a significant amount of the boundary walls of the Parks survive.

Changing our understanding of Culloden

This finding has a significant bearing on current understanding of the battlefield landscape and the battle itself.



A surviving boundary wall of Culloden Parks, a key location at the Battle of Culloden

The Jacobites used the southern end of Culloden Parks as their left flank when they deployed for the battle, meaning the Jacobite left flank

> must also have occupied a more westerly position than was previously believed

Culloden is one of the most important battles in the history of the British Isles. It was the final battle fought on the British mainland and a total and bloody defeat for the Jacobites, ending more than half a century of Jacobite conflict.

The battlefield itself is one of the most visited tourist sites in the

Highlands, and the site holds a particularly high significance and emotional connection to many within Scotland and to the ancestors of the Scottish diaspora.

In the 275 years since the battle, the landscape of Culloden has been significantly altered through agriculture, development, and changes in land use.

Many elements of the landscape that were recorded in the 1740s were believed to have been lost to these changes, including Culloden Parks. While a number of elements have been identified or confirmed through historical and archaeological research over the last few decades, much of the battlefield has remained unclear.

The discovery of the location of Culloden Parks in the modern landscape was made by cross-referencing contemporary 18th-century maps along-

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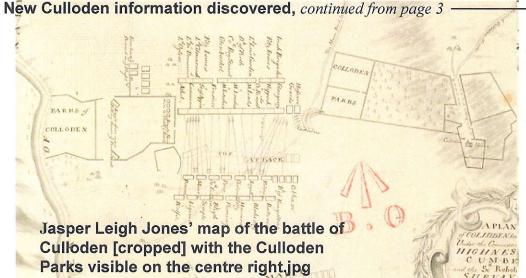
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side much more precisely detailed modern mapping. HES also used modern technology in the form of airborne laser scanning, known as LIDAR, which records the landscape in 3D.

This data can show subtle landscape features more prominently than is

Something wonderful, continued from page 1

The awards committee of 5-7 Board and Officers positioned at various locations around the field independently scored the Clan Henderson Society as most responsive in demonstrating pride of Scottish culture and heritage.

What is so exciting is that, despite the rule for no clan to win Clan of Excellence two years in a row, that's just what Clan Henderson had done!

Clan Henderson won Clan of Excellence in 2021 AND 2022 at Grandfather Mountain!

Later that afternoon, David writes, I had opportunity to speak with GMHG President Steve Quillin. I reported much surprise in winning the Clan of Excellence two years consecutively as it was my understanding that it was not possible.

President Quillin responded that he was aware of our status because the Awards Committee approached him with their dilemma, "Can selection be the same clan as previous year?" Quillin asked the committee, "Did they earn the honor?"

The Committee answered unanimously "yes". Quillin then advised them to make the award presentation.

Congratulations to all of Clan Henderson!

To see a copy of the September Clan Henderson newsletter, simply visit https://electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/henderson> often seen on the ground, and in this case was able to show that the original channel of the Red Burn, another feature of the battlefield landscape, is also located further west than the currently understood positions of the armies would suggest. Finally, a field assessment was carried out to trace the physical evidence of the surviving walls on the ground.

Kevin Munro, Senior Designations Officer at HES who conducted the research, said: "The Battle of Culloden is one of the most documented and studied conflicts in Scotland's history, so to unearth new information that will further enhance our understanding of this significant battle is very gratifying.

"As part of our role in maintaining the Inventory of Historic Battlefields, we routinely review and assess different sources of information that can continue to help shape our understanding of these significant pieces of Scotland's historic environment.

"This clear evidence for the survival of Culloden Parks shows us that the story of the Battle of Culloden is still unfolding along with our understanding of the historic landscape. This research will further enhance our knowledge of the pivotal events that took place on 16 April 1746."

HES will use this evidence to inform a future review of the inventory of Historic Battlefields and the record for the Battle of Culloden.

The full research report can be viewed at *Archaeology Reports Online*.





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Scottish Society of Indianapolis Royal Scottish Country Dancing in Indy!

We have some new updates with our Scottish country dancing group.

1) Indy Scottish Country Dancers are pleased to announce that Bernadette Land has joined our group. Bernadette has participated in our Monday night sessions off and on for the past few years. She is now permanently relocated to the Indianapolis area.

Bernadette is a Certified Scottish Country Dance instructor. She completed her certification at St. Andrews in Scotland and has danced with the Little Rock Arkansas Scottish country dancers before joining us.

As you know we dance for fun, but we also want to do our best when it comes to footwork and dance patterns.

Welcome Bernadette!

2) Indy Scottish country dancers continue to meet most Mondays. We still require full vaccinations, boosters and proof of vaccination to dance.

If you would like more information or have any additional questions, please email Jane Patton at <IndyRSCD@gmail.com>.

childhood to adulthood, and even spots changes in individual appearance, such as facial hair.

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The National Library of Scotland digitised a collection of more than 240 precious manuscripts, which are available to view on nls.uk. The work was made possible by a generous donation from Alexander Graham.

With the Scottish manuscripts in particular among the rarest, the collection contains items ranging from the 9th to the 16th century, but a few later transcriptions of important texts are also included. The resource includes manuscripts on a range of subjects such as medical manuscripts, the rule of Knights Templar, and rare survivors of the Reformation.

Manuscripts Curator Dr Ulrike Hogg said: "This fascinating digitised collection is international in origin, though a large part of the volumes were written in Scotland. The survival rate of medieval Scottish manuscript volumes is generally low. For example, only one per cent of religious manuscripts of Roman Catholic use — many of which were systematically destroyed during and after the Scottish Reformation — are believed to still be in existence.

"It is difficult to estimate how many cultural treasures were lost during these times. The collection presented here includes a number of those fortunate survivors that have endured subsequent centuries.

"We're delighted to make these extremely rare

pieces of history publicly accessible online."

The collection includes: A 15th-century folded medical/zodiac almanac, which probably belonged to a doctor based in northern England. Folded up, it could be worn on the belt

A selection of historical doodles showing rich period detail

A 12th-century manuscript of the *Rule of the Knights Templar* order, including advice on the 'superfluity' of beards and moustaches

A 15th-century psalter written and illuminated at Culross Abbey, Fife

A tiny 15th-century *Book of Hours* from Italy with lavish gold illumination

An early 16th-century manuscript written and illuminated in Dunkeld.

Dr Ulrike Hogg adds: "The digital images provide a new opportunity to gain some insight into medieval Scottish book production. The interests, tastes and knowledge of medieval scribes can be seen in these images, as well as the development of the medieval Scottish book hand and styles of illumination.

"The collection reveals much information on later owners of the manuscripts, who annotated them or added irreverent doodles as the volumes passed through their hands."

The collection also includes volumes produced in England, France, Italy and northwest Europe, as well as Greece and Iceland. Many of these are finely decorated or of major textual significance.

The collection can be viewed at Early manuscripts - National Library of Scotland (nls.uk)

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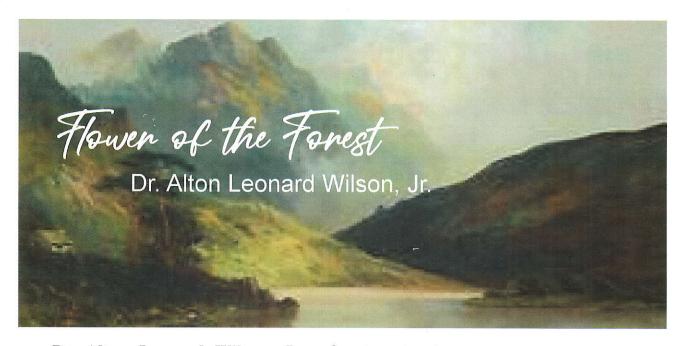


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Dr. Alton Leonard Wilson, Jr., of Haleyville, was a country boy, a teacher, a scholar, and foremost, a kind gentleman.

He loved teaching in all forms and enjoyed hearing from former students as well as meeting new ones.

His current position at Wallace State Community College, teaching people how to drive trucks for their CDL license, was one of his favorites. It gave him another chance to feel close to his father, a life-long teamster.

Alton was born on January 8, 1954, at Sipsey Clinic. His family lived and farmed on Empire Road near Phillips Chapel, which was named for his ancestors; some of the first settlers of Walker County, Alabama.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton L. Wilson, Sr., and Lila Mae Phillips Wilson; grandparents, Henry Clay and Ludie Galloway Wilson and Alfred (Big Alf) and Ella Mae James Phillips; sister, Linda Wilson Bryant Graham; stepson, Benjamin Burgess; and stepdaughter, Dr. Holly Ryan Ferguson.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Debra Baird of Haleyville; son Jammy Wilson of Huntsville; daughter, Heather Wilson Campbell of Chattanooga; stepsons, Seth Burgess of Memphis and Dr. Branton Baird of Haleyville; granddaughters, Anna Ray Burgess Ferguson of Troy, Rowan and Lauren Burgess of Memphis, Ivy Wilson of Huntsville, Ryan and Jaynie Campbell of Chattanooga,

John Hales of Chattanooga; and sister, Kathy Wilson Giles of Monroe, Georgia.

Dr. Wilson graduated from Dora High School as part of the class of 1972, then attended Athens State University, earning his bachelor's degree in education, the University of West Alabama for his master's, and The University of Alabama for his doctorate.

He taught for several years in elementary and middle schools and then at the college level.

Before his teaching career, he owned A & J Freight Company in Chattanooga and worked for Safety Clean Corporation as a District Manager.

Alton was a devoted father and grandfather, giving all to his children, rearing them as a single father at a time when that was extremely unusual. He made sure they were set in life before he married his childhood sweetheart, Debra.

He loved fishing, farming, and sailing. He was especially proud of his roses.

He also loved to travel, spending many happy days in Scotland and other countries.

His funeral was held Thursday, May 26 with the Rev. Raymond Dunmyers officiating. The burial service was held in the adjacent cemetery on Baird Row.

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to Northwest Alabama Hospice in Winfield.

The family appreciates the kindness and care given to Alton by all of the staff there.



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Duthchas: 91-year-old islander's joy as she sees footage from her wedding 50 years ago for first time

SÜNDAY POST

For most people, seeing footage from their wedding happens very shortly after the day, but for Gloria MacKillop, it happened over 50 years later.

The retired nurse, who lives on the Isle of Berneray in the Outer Hebrides features in new documentary *Dùthchas (Home)*, which gives viewers a glimpse into the forgotten world of the island in the 1960s and 70s.

The archive film collection was gifted to MacKillop, now 91, by friends who had visited the island many years before, but it wasn't until the death of her husband, Donald, that she decided to find out what they held.

"I took the reels to a local museum to see what was on them, and they eventually made their way to Andy Mackinnon, a local film director," she explained.

"I had no idea what was going to be there, so



Gloria MacKillop on her wedding day with husband Donald in 1968.

"I can still see it to this day, climbing up that rusty ladder from the little boat to get onto the pier," she said.

"One of the first things I was told was that I would have to join church on Sunday.

The residents of Berneray are currently fundraising for a new roof for their village hall, the hub of their community. To contribute: visit this URL:

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to see that footage of me on my wedding day with my dear husband, it was truly magical. It was the first time I had ever seen it, although of course I still remember it vividly too."

MacKillop also remembers like it was yesterday, the first time she ever set foot on the Isle of Berneray, on May 13, 1967.

A young nurse over from Australia, she worked in hospitals across the United Kingdom, until she found herself being posted to the tiny island, where it's believed, she was the first person to inhabit its shores who didn't speak any Gaelic.

"Of course, when I went, I didn't understand a word of any of it – it was all in Gaelic – but the sound of that beautiful language, it was just wonderful.

"Eventually, I did learn the language, helped by my husband Donald, who was a local farmer.

"And by all the other people in the community, who were just so welcoming and kind and made me feel so at home. So much so that it became my home, and it's still my home now, all



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these years later. I could never leave."

MacKillop's story is just one of a number of tales from the Isle of Berneray which feature in *Dùthchas (Home)*, co-directed by Andy Mackinnon and Kirsty MacDonald, premiering at Edinburgh International Film Festival in August.

Both hailing from North Uist, which is now connected to Berneray by a causeway, the pair, using the rare 8mm colour footage given to Mackillop, have created a film which lays bare the deep sense of community and spirit of both Berneray and the Hebrides as a whole.

"Originally, we had intended to create a film about leaving, but as time went on, and we spoke

to more and more people who had been present in the film, we realised we were actually creating a film about belonging," said MacDonald.

"There is no direct English translation of the Gaelic word *Dùthchas*. But the best way to describe it is 'indigeneity' or the feeling of not just belonging, but knowing that you are so deeply rooted in a place, you

never truly leave it or find it leaving you.

"And that's exactly what we kept coming back to when we asked people about life on Berneray."

The film interweaves the archive footage of the island with a mix of interviews with those who were born on Berneray, to those who left and came back and with descendants of those who left for good.

A soundtrack by local musician Donald Shaw played over the archive footage draws on the rich tradition of Gaelic songs and melodies.

"Even those we spoke to who were descended from people who had left, they still came back every year of their life, because for some reason, even if they're one generation removed or two generations removed, they still felt that it was home," said MacDonald.

"It's like it doesn't matter whether or not they were born and raised there. There's something in them that means that this is home to them. So it's quite an emotional watch, I think."

Lying at the furthest reaches of the Outer Hebrides archipelago and one of the last stops of the British Isles into the Atlantic, Berneray is now home to just 130 people.

Like many of Scotland's islands, it has suffered population loss across the decades, and this is one of the themes explored in the film.

"We look deeply into how cultural and lin-

guistic loss of the Gaelic language has affected Berneray, and specifically how women were the ones who more often than not had to leave, for work and education," said MacDonald.

"Some of the problems that the island faced at the time of the archive footage are still prevalent today as well, but there are many



changes too.

"That's why we really wanted to speak to many of the older people with connections to Berneray, to try to bring to life the sense of the islands and how people had lived there in the past, as well as today.

"Some of them grew up in a time that most people nowadays can't even imagine. For example, even as late as the 1960s the island had no running water, and it wasn't until the 1970s that electricity came, so you're talking just 50 years ago."

She added: "But I do also think that people like to romanticise the islands and they have pre-

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conceived ideas about what life is like there, especially the remote ones.

"So I think it is important that the film has really been created by people from the islands about people from the islands, because it gives a really truthful portrayal of life there.

"And life there really is wonderful. The sense of community, the people, and of course, its beauty, that helps a lot too."

It feels like a special club you're lucky to be a member of.

Alasdair Humphery, now 59, features in the archive footage as a five-year-old boy milking a cow.

My mother is originally from Berneray but she married my dad who was from Sussex so I was born in England.

We would return several times a year to the island as we had the family connection and I still try to go back as many times a year as I can. Even though I wasn't born there, it still feels like a really big part of who I am, so in many ways, it feels like home.

My uncle was Donald MacKillop – who married Gloria – and I'm still related to many people

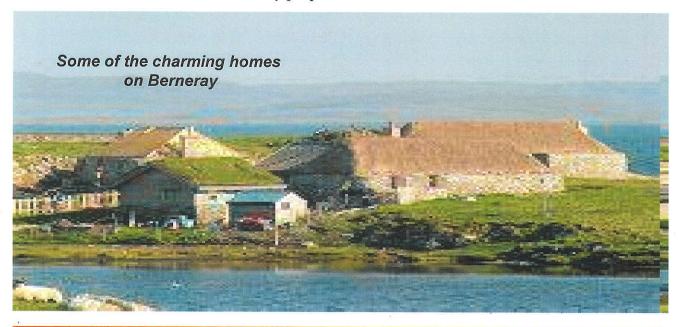
on the island today.

I live in Edinburgh now, but all my friends will tell you, they know where my heart is, and it's Berneray.

Even though it takes ten hours to travel there door to door, I still go every time I get a chance. And it's a place I've been taking my own children for many years.

I've witnessed many changes to the island in my lifetime, especially with the building of the causeway, which connects Berneray to North Uist. One thing in particular that stands out is the way people observe the Sabbath. It was very strictly observed when I was a child, and although it still is to an extent today, that has changed. I suppose as it has everywhere, but it's more obvious in such a small community.

It's hard to describe why it's so special, but it's a mixture of the community, the culture, the landscape, and it's something that's been a part of me all my life. I've spent summers there and grown up with it all. In many ways, it almost feels like you're a part of this special club that you're truly lucky to be a member of.





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Diaries, Journals, and Letters are very useful in genealogy!

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Diaries and journals are among the best sources of genealogical information. Prior to the 20th century, the ability to read and write wasn't viewed as a necessity by our ancestors.

Paper was a very scarce and expensive com-

modity. If you are fortunate enough to uncover a surviving journal or diary, this could greatly enhance your prospects for research success.

Journals, diaries, and old letters can serve many purposes for the genealogist. They may shed light on a number of genea-

logical research issues including:

- 1. Family relationships
- 2. Former places of residence
- 3. Places of visitation
- 4. Major events in the life of an ancestor or family
- 5. Reasons for migration from one area to another
 - 6. Religious affiliation
- 7. Educational and economic status of the writer
- 8. Offer the writer's personal observations which may be useful in helping the researcher understand the time period

Journals, diaries, and old letters may be the closest option available if older family members are deceased. Writers may have jotted down facts and personal feelings that would have never been made public to the family or anyone else.

When examining these types of materials it is wise to have a genealogical dictionary handy. The terminology used in wording will reflect the

meanings relevant to that time period. Some professionals have also suggested having a handwriting style book handy as well. Reading penmanship from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries can be a challenge.

When the text refers to an individual or members of a family, it is also

wise to determine what the relationship was between the writer and those named in the source. This may help you determine the relevance and accuracy of the information.

By the 19th century, many people kept a daily record of all that happened. These diaries often contain much material that is insignificant and/or repetitious. For instance, daily weather reports, the condition of crops, and endless visitations back and forth among relatives and neighbors.

With perseverance you may also find some real genealogical gems; the visit of a brother long lost indicating the whereabouts of that branch of the family; the birth and death of a child whose grave is no longer marked and who, as a result,





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During the month of September, will explore the Scottish diaspora, focusing on the emigration experience, new lives overseas and how to trace ancestors both in Scotland in their new homeland.

The month will comprise a series of talks, themed emails, social media and a dedicated section of the *History of Scotland* website.

News stories and articles on the popular <www.family-tree.co.uk> website will add further coverage.

The program will include an exclusive online talk by Professor Murray Pittoack on aspects of his new book, *Scotland: The Global History*, published by Yale. He will make two other talks during the month. One will be with Chris Paton on the sources for compiling a global ancestry story and the other with Ken Nesbit on banishment and transportation.

With many thanks to the Scottish Heritate USA newsletter.

Bryan Mulcahy, continued from page 19

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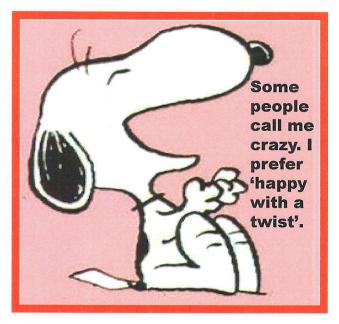
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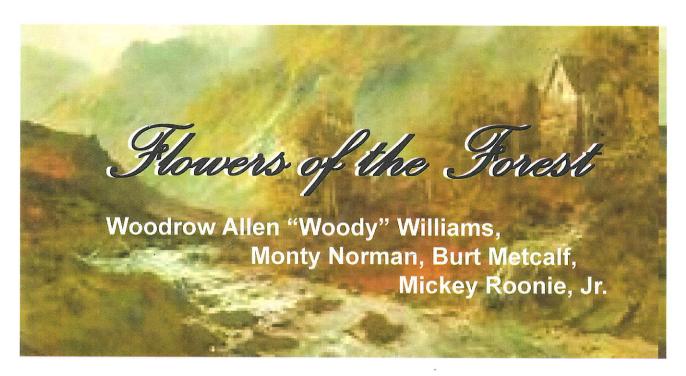
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Woodrow Allen "Woody" Williams, 78, of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away February 15, 2022.

Mr. Williams was a native of Jackson, Mississippi, but lived in Madison County, Alabama since 1962.

Survivors include his wife, Linda C. Williams and children, Brian Williams and Eric Lee Williams and his sister, Juanita Perkins.

Visitation was on Saturday, February 19 at Berryhill Funeral Home. His funeral was in the Berryhill Chapel with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Monty Norman, songwriter behind the *James Bond* theme

Monty Norman, songwriter. Born: 4 April 1928 in London. Died: 11 July 2022 in Slough, aged 94

Burt Metcalfe was a producer all 11 seasons of the classic TV sitcom "M*A*S*H."

He died Wednesday, July 27, 2022 in Los Angeles of sepsis at age 87.

Burt Metcalfe started his entertainment career as an actor. He starred on the 1960s sitcom "Father of the Bride," which was based on the 1950 film. He was also on the sitcom "Happy" and made

guest appearances on "Perry Mason," and "The Twilight Zone."

On the big screen, he played a surfer in the 1959 film "Gidget." He was a producer for all 11 seasons of "M*A*S*H." He also wrote for the series and was the showrunner the last six seasons.

Mickey Rooney, Jr. was an actor and musician as well as the son of actor Mickey Rooney (1920–2014). He died July 16, 2022 at his home in Glendale, Arizona, at the age of 77.

Rooney was the firstborn child of his famous father and his second wife, Betty Jane Baker. He broke into show business with a role as one of the original Mouseketeers of "The Mickey Mouse Club" in 1955.

He and his younger brother, Tim, were cast as backup Mouseketeers, appearing on several episodes.

Rooney made appearances on TV shows including "I've Got a Secret," "Shindig!" and "The Merv Griffin Show," and he had roles in the movies "Hot Rods to Hell," "Honeysuckle Rose," and "Songwriter."

He was also a multi-instrumentalist who played in Willie Nelson's band, as well as releasing his own music including the songs ""The Wandering Wind" and "The Choice Is Yours."



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Plus, if you visit them all, you can call yourself a true time traveler, having experienced Scottish history from prehistoric times up to the Victorian era.

KIRKWALL, ORKNEY

Amazing sites, monuments, and buildings in Orkney for 5,000 years. Kirkwall is a great place to base yourself as you can explore Orkney's many prehistoric sights, such as the Ring and Ness of Brodgar and the historic settlement of Skara Brae.

Discover an array of natural and historic wonders as you explore. Can you see yourself on a breath-taking walk along the very oldest, natural sights in Orkney: the deserted, golden sandy beaches at Tresness, the twisted sea stack of North Gaulton Castle, or the most northerly ancient forest of Berriedale Wood?

Don't forget to stay warm and cozy by the peat fire as you hear the tales from Orkney's past at the Orkney Folkore and Storytelling Centre. Get enchanted by the candles in St Magnus Cathedral, in which a Viking king was interred, or feel the warmth of a fine dram at the Highland Park Distillery.

CRAMOND, EDINBURGH & THE LOTHIANS

Discover the remains of the old Roman barracks, tucked away between the white-washed houses of this former fishing village, right on Edinburgh's doorstep. Imagine these ancient soldiers from afar, walking all the way to Scotland, as you picnic at the gorgeous beach.

Explore the beauty of this atmospheric place: the gorgeous waterfalls of the River Almond, the other Roman sites, such as the Antonine Wall in West Lothian and beyond, and of course all the amazing attractions of Scotland's bustling capital.

Venture across to the tidal island using the causeway where at a different time, it was littered with hidden bunkers to protect the nearby port of Rosyth during the Second World War. Remember to check the tide times before planning your trip as the tide can rush in faster than you expect.

PITLOCHRY, PERTHSHIRE

Even before the Romans came to Scotland, there were people living here who didn't speak Old English or Old Scots, or even Old Gaelic. They spoke Pictish, a Celtic language close to Welsh; they lived in settlements, often starting with the prefix 'pit', and they erected spectacular large stones.

As you can guess, Pitlochry is one of these *Continued on page 27*



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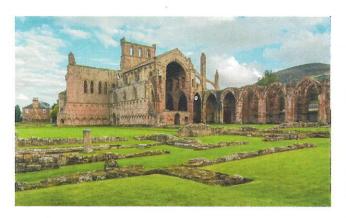


settlements. And yes, just outside the town you can see the Dunfallandy Stone, an exceptionally well-preserved Pictish stone, dating to about AD 600.

In Pitlochry, you can also enjoy a myriad of activities, such as fishing, golf, and walking, but also bungee jumping and mountain biking. Pamper yourself at a spa hotel, enjoy wellness activities such as forest bathing, or sample a dram at the Blair Atholl Distillery.

MELROSE, SCOTTISH BORDERS

Home to one of the four Borders Abbeys, 800 years ago, you would have woken up in this town to the peaceful chants of monks in white robes. Explore the impressive ruins and see if you can discover the grave where King Robert the Bruce's heart is buried.



Browse the many independent shops and cafés of the nearby High Street and visit rugby fields where the famous Melrose Sevens international tournament has been taking place since 1883.

Don't miss out on Walter Scott's stately house at Abbotsford, where the abbots of Melrose Abbey used to cross the River Tweed. Marvel at the wallto-wall bookcases, period furniture, and Sir Walter's curious collections, such as a breastplate from Waterloo and Marlargs, Ayrshire.

Celebrate Scotland's Viking heritage at Vikingar! In 1263, perhaps the most decisive battle between Vikings and Scots was fought near Largs, leading to Scotland taking control of all the West-

ern Isles. The town marks the event with the annual Largs Viking Festival.

Take your children to Kelburn Castle & Country Park with its colorful murals, and enjoy some nice walks in the countryside or along the coast, and past the striking Pencil Monument. Having a marina, Largs is also a popular destination for those traveling by sailboat.

Enjoy an island-hopping adventure and make a day trip to Great Cumbrae from Largs, the Isle of Bute from Skelmorlie to the north, or the Isle of Arran from Ardrossan to the south. Please check the ferry timetables for more information.

ARBROATH, ANGUS

Relive a pivotal moment in Scottish history at Arbroath Abbey, where just over 700 years ago, the Scottish nobility penned the Declaration of Arbroath to the Pope, affirming that Robert the Bruce was the one true king of Scotland. This happened after the Pope had questioned King Robert's



legitimacy twice during the First War of Scottish Independence.

Once you're in Arbroath, you simply have to taste the Arbroath Smokie. It's a freshly caught North Sea haddock, which is cured over smoldering oak chips. It has regionally protected status, so this is the only place in the world where you can get them.

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ST ANDREWS, FIFE

The ruins of St Andrews Cathedral are hauntingly beautiful — quite literally! The ghost of a friendly monk is said to wander about, offering to help people climb the stairs of St Rule's Tower. Shortly after the start of the Scottish Reformation, a Protestant mob ransacked the cathedral in 1559. It was left to ruin in the following years. Many of



the medieval streets are still preserved, however, as is the historic university.

Enjoy a walk or even a race in a sand yacht over the famous West Sands. Or improve your golf handicap on the world-renowned Old Course or your golf knowledge at the British Golf Museum.

Near St Andrews, families might also like the miniature steam train at the Craigtoun Country Park or a lovely walk over a section of the Fife Coastal Path, one of Scotland's many historical walks.

BRAEMAR, ABERDEENSHIRE

You might be more familiar with the Second Jacobite Rising because of its dramatic aftermath or because Bonnie Prince Charlie was so... well, bonnie! But it all started in 1715, when the Earl of Mar raised the Jacobite standard in Braemar, starting the First Rising.

Visit the 17th century Braemar Castle, built by a previous Earl of Mar, or the 19th century Balmoral Castle, acquired for Queen Victoria and still in the possession of the Royal Family. In fact,



HM The Queen is also still the Chief of the annual Braemar Gathering, the town's Highland games.

Braemar is also the eastern gateway to the highest mountains of the Cairngorms National Park, which is a great place for hiking, cycling, skiing, and stargazing. The nearby River Dee also offers some of the finest salmon fishing in the country. NEW LANARK, GREATER GLASGOW & THE CLYDE VALLEY

The age of industrialisation began in Scotland with the construction of water-powered mills, such as those in the restored 18th century cotton mill village of New Lanark. The last of these mills wouldn't close until the 1960s.

Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this village lies on the banks of the River Clyde near the Royal Burgh of Lanark, the Falls of Clyde, and less than an hour's drive away from the bustling city of Glasgow.

Nature lovers will love spotting peregrines and badgers at the Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre & Wildlife Reserve. You can watch live footage of nesting peregrines, enjoy the interactive toys and games or explore the beautiful riverside walks.





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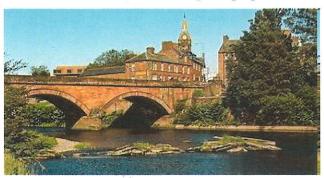


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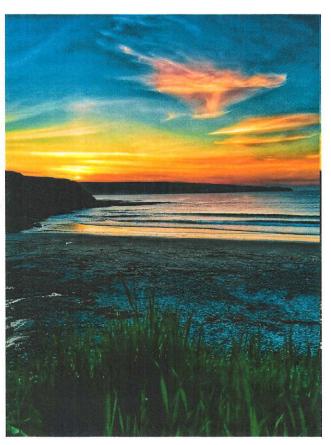
DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY

The south of Scotland is synonymous with a Romantic revival of Scottish language, culture, history and tartan in the early 19th century. You might think of the works of Scott, but it was especially true of those by Burns, the Bard of Scotland, who spent his final years in Dumfries.

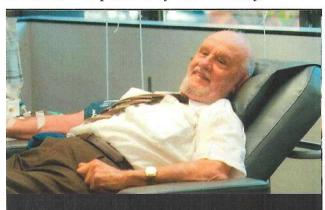
Learn more about this amazing author and poet by visiting the Robert Burns Centre, Ellisland Farm (his former home) or his old haunt, the Globe Inn, where you can see his favourite chair and some of his handwriting etched into the windowpane.

Take a walk along the banks of the River Nith, where Burns wrote *Tam o'Shanter*. Explore Galloway through the lens of the Victorian camera obscura at the Dumfries Museum. Experience the rich atmosphere of the Greyfriars Church, where Robert the Bruce murdered John Comyn, or that of Caerlaverock Castle, Scotland's pink, triangular-shaped castle.





With many thanks to Kate Graham who sent us this Scottish sunset at Thurso, the very north of Scotland. The photo is by Julie Hindley.



After needing 13 liters of blood for surgery at the age of 13, a man named James Harrison pledged to donate blood once he turned 18. It was discovered that his blood contained a rare antigen that cured Rhesus disease. He made over 1000 donations throughout his lifetime and saved over 2.4 million unborn babies from the condition.



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