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The *BNFT* Newsletter Contest is here again! See how your publication compares...

Along with *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*, our much fun and popular newsletter contest has been resurrected! Now is the time to submit your entry.

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Categories will be assigned when the entries are complete so that "apples will be compared to apples." For example, there will be various Internet publications which will be judged against similar Internet publications. A small and simple publication is just as likely to win the Overall Grand Prize as is a big and fancy one.

Publications will be judged on layout and de-

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Each entrant will receive the Judges Scoring Sheets which will contain notes and suggestions for improvement (if needed) done by the judges. Judges have already been selected and are the best in the area!

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There will also be an article in the February issue of *BNFT* with all of the winners. Deadline for entries is December 1, 2007. Your two issues may be from 2006 or 2007.

Burns Clubs, Caledonian Societies, Scottish groups, Scottish clans...genealogical groups, historical groups...and any other categories are most welcome to become a part of this contest.

Lucy & JT McPherson entertain friends and family at GMHG Campgrounds 2007

Lucy and JT McPherson always have "open house" and plenty of treats, snacks, food and fun at their site at the Grandfather Mountain Campground. 2007 was no exception. Dozens and dozens of friends, family and kissin' kin visited over the GMHG week, including their daughter, Beth Arnold from Johnson City, Tennessee.



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Please let me know if you have suggestions and ideas that would make this publication better. Your articles, press releases, news, etc., are all welcomed here. Just email me at bethscribble@aol.com Please put "BNFT" in your subject line so I will know your message is not SPAM.

Our deadlines are always the 15th of the month for information to be included in the next issue.

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Thank you for reading this little paper. It's great fun to do.

I hope to see you at one of the Highland Games I'll be visiting through this summer and into the fall.



Did you know? You may enjoy *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* just on the screen...or, you may choose to print yourself a copy that can go with you everywhere.

If you decide to print a copy, look at your printer instructions as most printers will print "every other page" which means that you can print all of the odd pages and then all of the even pages on the backs of the first set...and end up with a nice little magazine!



Miss Narra The Wonder Cat, BNFT proofreader & Recline on It Computer Repair Cat, wanted a more "formal" portrait this time. She is enthroned upon the dining room table enjoying the SC sunshine!

Letter from your editor:

You all are wonderful!

The readers of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* are wonderful! I've been so gratified to receive your calls, notes and emails...and visits in person at games, in the grocery store, the feed store and the vet's office and just about everywhere telling me how glad this publication has returned.

From your comments, I know that I am on the right track with the news and information contained within these pages. From your comments, I know that you love all of the photographs and enjoy seeing yourselves, your friends and your family in our collages of Highland Games and elsewhere. I also know that you enjoy the "lighter side" of life. To my notion, we always have too much doom and gloom...and a real effort is made here to give you a little oasis of friendship, laughter and fun.

I know that you appreciate the Flowers of the Forest since our "family" is so scattered. With our monthly schedule, you learn of the passing of one of our friends in time to send a card or make a call.

Your input has been magnificent and will only get better as more and more folks learn of *BNFT* and what we are up to.

You make it very easy for these pages to be filled with interesting news and events. Thank you for every letter, CD, phone call and note.

I'm also very happy to tell you that our advertisers are now on a paying basis...which means I can shop for horse feed, cat food and Beth food. This is mostly a labor of love - with the stark reality that I need to have some income too. Thank you for your loyalty and your support. I'm very fortunate to have income to pay the "necessities" such as house, car, insurance. There just isn't anything left for anything else...hence my gratitude for my advertisers. Ads are inexpensive here - not that they are not of value because they are - but because most of our advertisers are "Mom and Pop" businesses...and I don't need a bunch.

Narra The Wonder Cat is at my elbow holding down my address book - a big 3-ring spiral notebook. She has walked on the keyboard this morning at every opportunity, so I suspect most of these words



Bethie taking pix at Grandfather 2007

Ben Stone of Clan Pollock took this picture of your editor taking pictures of the Parade of Tartans at the recent Grandfather Mountains Highland Games. Did you know that picture taking could be so much fun?

are from her too. She just looked up and said, "SSSSnnnnnaaaarffff." I think that means, "Tell everyone hello, but quietly, since I am taking my 4 hour nap."

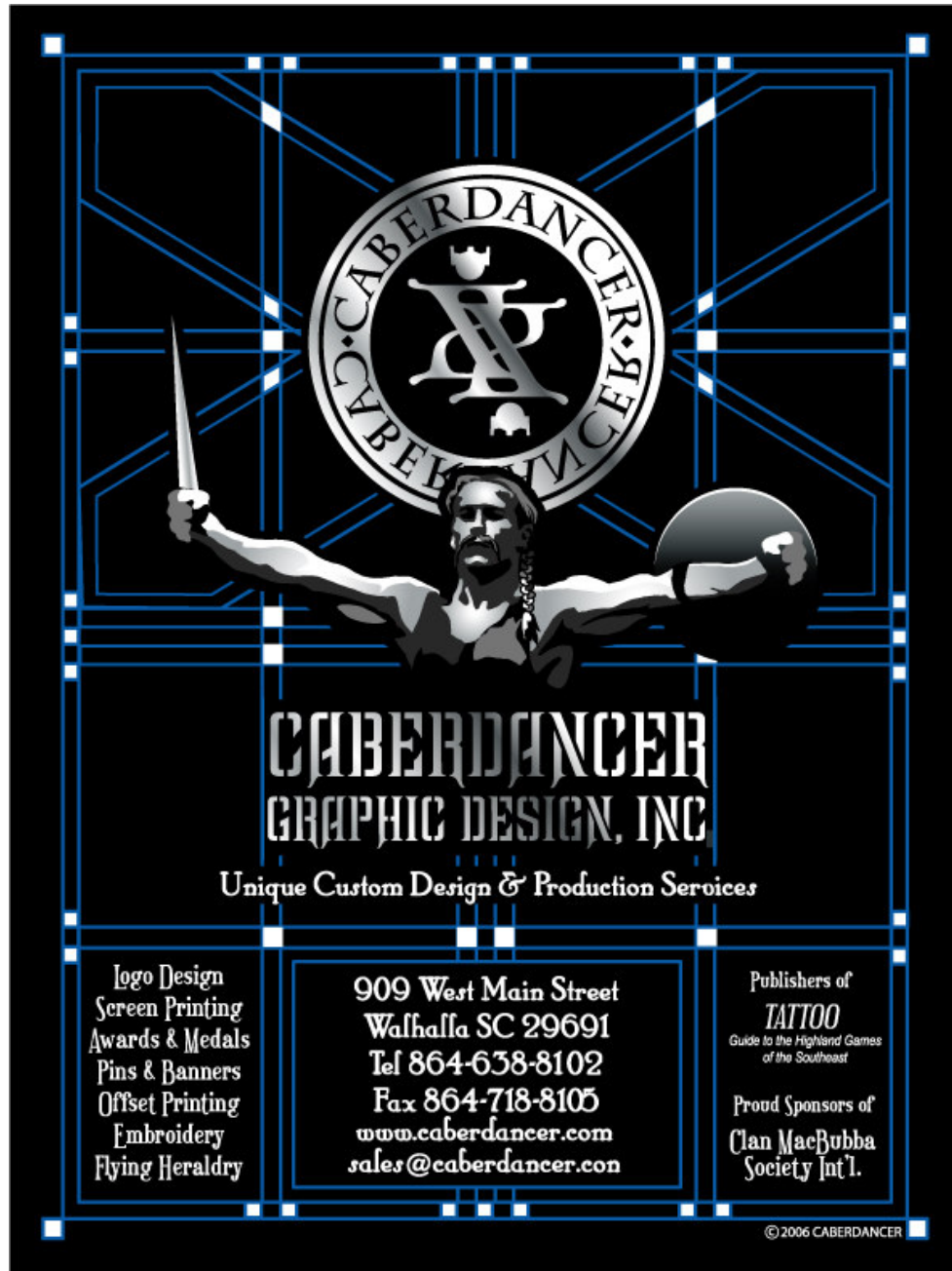
Narra, for those who have asked, is about twelve years old. She is half Maine Coon and half Siamese - the result of an illicit affair while her parents' owners were attending the Stone Mountain Games. Her name started out as the South Georgia version of "narrow" but should have long ago been changed to "Wide." I'll tell you honestly, I sure do love that little sack of cat.

Please remember to tell everyone about <http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft>

My good friend, Alastair McIntyre, has asked me to send him some article from the upcoming *BNFT* so that we may be a part of his weekly Electric Scotland newsletter. Look for us there each week.

I've had such a good time at the San Diego Games and also the Flagstaff, AZ Celtic Society

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Letter from your editor, *Continued from page 3*

event. I could not have attended these - nor the Seaside Games coming up in October without the kindness and generosity of my "twin brother" Jim Walters of the Caledonian Kitchen. If you see Jim, please thank him for me too.

I am happier than I have ever been in my life...thanks to sweet Tom, my beloved friends...and

the kind people of Walhalla, SC. Thankee!

I always write to you as if I am writing to Jeri or Marti or Jan or Jeanne or Jennifer...or one of my other close friends - as I consider BNFT readers to BE my close friends. Thank you for that wonderful friendship.

Hopefully, I'll see you somewhere down the Gypsy Trail!



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Genealogical Research Using Passport Applications....

Bryan Mulcahy

United States passport applications have proven to be an excellent source of genealogical information, especially about foreign-born individuals. The Department of State has issued passports to American citizens traveling abroad since 1789, but did not have sole authority to do so until August 23, 1856, when Congress passed legislation prohibiting other governmental entities, such as state and judicial authorities, from issuing passports.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has passport applications from Oct. 1795-Mar. 1925; the U.S. Department of State has passport applications from Apr. 1925 to the present.

The United States of America began the practice of issuing passports in 1795. Few were issued and the information contained in those applications was minimal. By the mid-1800's the number of immigrants to America had dramatically increased. As these immigrants later became citizens, many wished to travel back to the old country for a variety of reasons. One of the main reasons was to bring family members or friends back to America.

In response to political pressure, the Department of State strengthened the requirements for obtaining passports. Applications were revised to obtain more detailed personal information. Possession of a passport became required and the information on the applications included more personal information.

Since the early 1900s a passport application had the applicant's full name, birth date, birthplace, current residence and dates of departure and destination. Foreign-born applicants needed to provide documented proof of naturalization. Minor children needed the name of the father and his date and place of birth and proof of his naturalization. Physical descriptions were also provided, and many had pictures attached.

If there is even a remote chance that your ancestors may have traveled abroad, it may be to your advantage to search the passport applications. It could lead you to the families of your ancestors, their towns, naturalizations records, etc. Passport application indexes through 1925 are available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. These applications have been microfilmed and are available through your local Family History Centers.

Passport applications since 1925 are also available with the United States State Department and a copy can be obtained for \$14.00. There are some restrictions. For example, if the applicant was born after 1900, you must provide a certified death certificate. You need to provide the applicant's name, date of birth and enough information to identify the individual. Also submit your own name, your birth date and place of birth, your relationship to the applicant and your reason for requesting the application. Then have your request notarized. Send all of this to

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The Apprentice Pillar, Rosslyn Chapel

Rosslyn Chapel, near Edinburgh, Scotland, has been much in the news in recent years with The DaVinci Code and other books devoted to the mysteries of this ancient and beautiful place.

Everyone that goes visits The Apprentice Pillar which is “lace done in stone.” It is breathtakingly beautiful.

I don't know - as none of us can know - what is real and what is myth. I do know that all of my own senses become heightened and I am filled with a feeling of awe and reverence when I am there. I've never been able to be there as long as I wished...and I've never gotten over being frustrated because amongst the thousands and thousands of carvings in the building, each with special meanings. In all but a few cases such as the more than 100 Green Men...I don't know what the meanings are.

There are dozens, hundreds and maybe more books written about this magical place. It's easy to find them on <http://www.amazon.com> and easy to read them. It's not nearly so easy to make up your mind just what it is that you're feeling when you are there.

The one thing I do know - there is magic for me at Rosslyn Chapel. Your ed.

August in the South Carolina woods

I've had several emails and letters from readers who wish to know what the country is like in Walhalla, South Carolina.

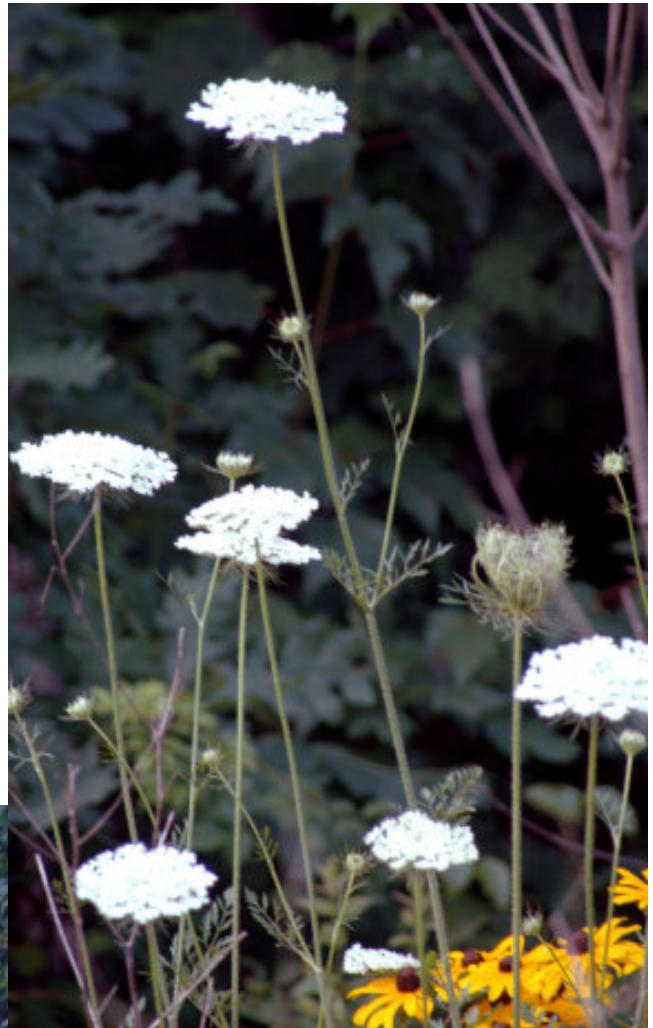
In a word, it's beautiful.

We took a drive the other afternoon and found these lovely Brown Eyed Susans and Queen Anne's Lace growing along the roadside. Of course there are worlds of Rhododendrums and all manner of beautiful trees and shrubs that I'm still learning about.

Walhalla was settled by Germans who did name it Valhalla...which became Anglicized, so I am told, into the current Walhalla. Down the main street is an island with German Linden trees planted by those original settlers. They liked the climate and land here as they thought it would be perfect for growing grapes for wine. Today, the grapes have mostly been replaced by apple orchards and small truck farms.

The German settlers were joined a little later by Chinese and Irish railroad workers who worked be-

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fore the War Between the States to create a railroad that would travel through a tunnel in Stumphouse Mountain - just a few miles from Walhalla.

Walhalla is the westernmost city in South Carolina. It's less than an hour to Georgia or to North Carolina. We're only an hour and a half north of Atlanta and just about an hour from Greenville, South Carolina. We can be in Asheville, North Carolina in maybe an hour and 15 minutes and in Highlands or Cashiers, North Carolina in about half an hour. We're just a few minutes from Westminster, Seneca, Clemson and Anderson, South Carolina.

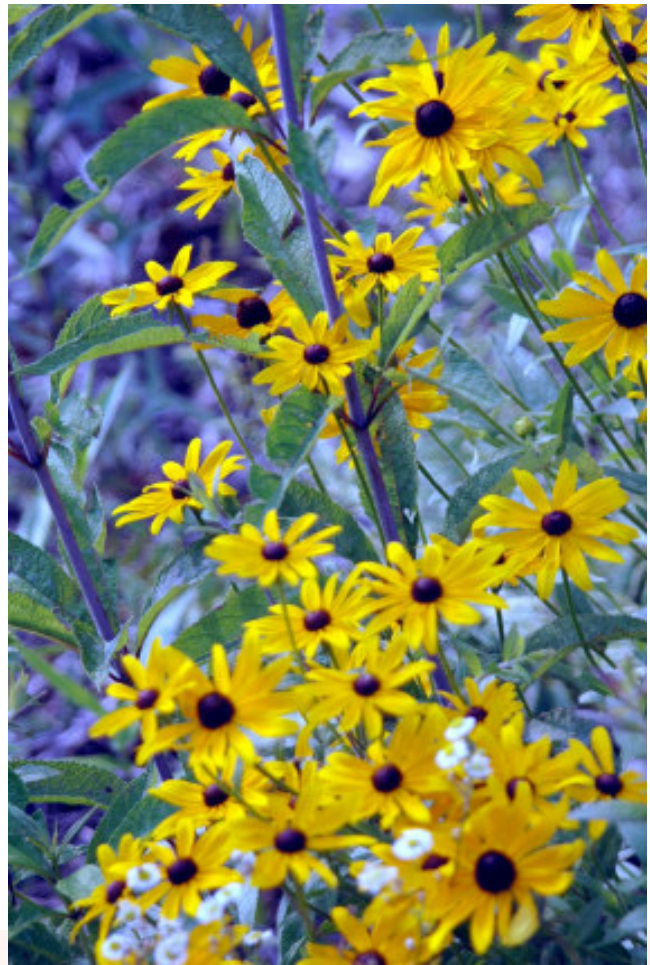
Walhalla is known as "The Gateway to the Blue Ridge Mountains."

Lakes Keowee and Jocassee are minutes away.

It gets pretty warm in the summer with high humidity. As I write this, it is 86.2 degrees outside according to my atomic clock - and my outside sensor is in the shade. It does snow some in the winter...but the winters are not usually harsh. There are four distinct seasons here.

To at least one new resident, me, it is "Almost Heaven." In fact, that's what I've named my little place that is snuggled into the rolling country just west of town.

Your ed: Bethie



Looking towards Lake Jocassee on a hazy, warm day.



Flowers of the Forest

A donation was made to the Sally Southerland Educational and Charitable Fund in honor of Gloria Texas Sutherland Wilson of Ithaca, Michigan. Born in Detroit, she was raised by Donald and Jessie Sutherland of Golspie, Scotland. She loved to play the piano and was an avid gardener and golfer. The mother of two of our members, Gloria passed away 16 April 2007 at the age of 81.

I hope one of the scholarship recipients will take a moment while dancing, piping, or studying to look up and smile. So Gloria knows, "This one's for you, Mom," from your children: Crystal (1325), Donna, and Rob (1323). "Enjoy!"

Steve Sutherland,
North Central Regional Commissioner

"It is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Robert J. Calhoun, life member #1018 on May 23, 2007. Robert is survived by his wife Jean, two sons and a daughter. We both attended and graduated from

Haverford H.S. in 1944-he in January, and I in June. The school is located in suburban Philadelphia PA.

Robert served in the U.S. Army in WW II where he saw combat in the European theater. I have lost a good friend, and our Society has lost a man who served his country in a time of need."

Submitted by Council Member Charles T. Calhoun.

Lucille Hickey Grant, born 30 November 1929 passed 29 May 2007. Funeral Masses were held at St. Jude Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee June 1 and Sacred Heart Church in Tampa, FL on June 4 of this year. Mrs. Grant is interred in St. Louis Cemetery, part of Oaklawn Cemetery in Tampa. Her Eulogy was written by her four children and delivered

by her son, Bill Grant. He began by singing the first verses of Lucille - as in, "Lucille, you picked a fine time to leave us," etc.

Lucille and her husband were married for fifty-six years. Mrs. Grant grew orchids, giving her plants to her daughter 17 years ago. Today, they are all blooming.



Photo by Woody Bowers, Moultrie, GA

Doris Henderson informs us all that her father, the Rev. Thomas Edward Henderson, 84, of Harrisonburg, Virginia died last December 9. Born 28 November 1922 in Knoxville, TAN, Henderson served in the US Army during World War II. After the way, he graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. He served churches in Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia and Kentucky. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, three children and two grandchildren.

Daniel Webster Henderson died in Ridgeland, Mississippi on April 21, 2007 at the age of 94 years. He is survived by his son, Douglas, and a daughter, Jeane and her husband, Bobby Quick and a number

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Inverewe Gardens, Scotland...

Flowers of the Forest and Gardens

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of grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was an uncle and good friend of Clan Henderson's president, Billy Henderson.

The Rev. Jeff Lowrance has died after a long and hard fought five-year battle with colon cancer. Jeff conducted worship services at the Loch Norman

Games on Sunday mornings on the grounds of the Davidson Family Cemetery. As senior pastor, Jeff will be greatly missed by the members of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, one of the original seven churches started in Mecklenburg County in the 1700s.

The Rev. Lowrance will be missed by many.

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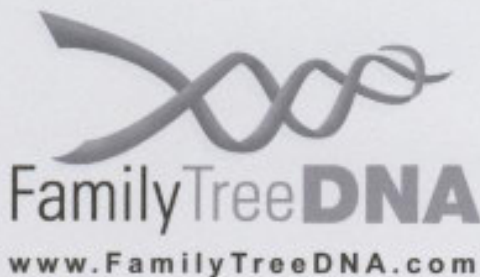
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Scottish genealogical DNA testing

—Alice M. Fairhurst, genetic genealogist

Genealogical research is the number two hobby in the USA, just behind gardening. Many people are testing their DNA hoping to break down brick walls in their family genealogical research. This effort has been supported by many Scottish clans and families.

As a sample of significant results, Clans Donald, MacRae and Matheson have identified the DNA signature of their chiefly lines. Donald and Matheson are Norwegian Viking and MacRae is Celtic Pict. In looking at project results from several of the clans, we find multiple genetic lines because clansmen often took on the surname of a chief when they moved into that territory. Clan Chisholm has Danish Vikings, Celtic Picts and Sardinians within its population.

Here is a sampling of Scottish names testing DNA: Armstrong, Brodie, Bruce, Buchanan, Cameron, Campbell, Chisholm, Colquhoun, Cummings, Davidson, Donnachaidh (Robertson & Duncan), Douglas, Drummond, Elliot, Farquharson,

Ferguson, Forbes, Fraser, Gayre, Gordon, Graham, Grant, Gunn, Hay, Home, Innes, Johnson/Johnston, Keith, Kennedy, Kerr, Lamont, Leslie, Lindsey/Lindsay, McAlister, MacArthur, MacAulay, MacBean, (Mac)Donald/MacDonell, MacDougall, MacDuff/MacDuffie, MacFie, McFarland, MacGillivray, MacGregor, MacInnes, Macintosh, MacKay, MacKenzie, MacKinnon, McLaughlin, MacLaren (includes MacIntyre), MacLean, MacLeod, MacMillan, MacNab, MacNaughton, MacNeil, MacPherson, MacQuarrie, MacQueen, MacRae, MacThomas,, Malcolm, Matheson, Maxwell, Menzies, Morrison, Munro, Murray, Ogilvie, Rose, Ross, Scott, Shaw, Sinclair, Skeen, Stewart, Sutherland, Urquhart.

Most groups are using Family Tree DNA as their testing company. This type of DNA testing cannot be used for forensic, medical, nor paternity information. To understand more about genealogical DNA testing and its privacy protection, go to <http://www.familytreedna.com> and read the information in FAQs.



Clothes drying in Oban, Scotland...



David
MacDonald
of Castlecamus



Castlecamus returns to Scotland as Executive Director of Armadale Castle Gardens and Museum of the Isles

David Macdonald of Castlecamus has accepted the position of Executive Director of Armadale Castle Gardens and Museum of the Isles on the Isle of Skye in the West of Scotland.

He began in mid July. His family, Debra and the kids joined him the first of August. Ceilidh "Kaylee" Anne (dog) will arrive in September.

Macdonald said, "Needless to say we are very excited about this new opportunity. The interesting part of this whole adventure is that my 4th great grandmother lived, and was married, at Armadale and her husband, also my ancestor, had a similar role as Factor on the Macdonald Estates in the North of Skye".

Acclaimed Scottish singer Eddi Reader-live in concert August 14th!



Please join us for a wonderful night of Scottish music featuring the amazingly talented Scottish singer Eddi Reader in concert at Martyrs' Pub, 3855 N. Lincoln in Chicago, on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:30 pm.

Eddi was born and spent her formative years in Glasgow, Scotland. It was there that she learned to use music as a vehicle for transcending her immediate environment. In the early 1980s, Eddi traveled around Europe before moving to London where she quickly became a sought after session vocalist. She famously harmonized with Annie Lennox touring with the Eurythmics and fronted the successful group, Fairground Attraction whose song "Perfect" was a massive worldwide hit!

In 2003, Eddi released her most ambitious album yet - an album of material by 18th century Scottish poet Robert Burns, recorded with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. The album was praised by both critics and fans alike and is widely regarded as her best record to date introducing many new fans to the work of Burns. In the 2006 New Years Honours List, Eddi was awarded the MBE for services to music. In early 2007, Eddi took to the road with the legendary Willie Nelson as part of his Fleadh 2007 shows. Please visit Eddi's website at www.eddireader.co.uk.

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Scotland dreaming...

One of the beautiful lochs in northern Scotland on an almost sunny summer day.

Clan Wallace at San Antonio, Texas post stormy event

The games are held at the county fairgrounds in Helotes, Texas on the outskirts of San Antonio.

The weather had been stormy and threatening right up to the start. So stormy that we saw lightening during the one hour trip to the games site at 6:00 a.m.

In a situation like this you wonder "Why am I doing this?"

We opted to wear jeans as we knew we would be sitting up in the mud, if we were able to set up at all. The weather cleared during the morning and we had a very good crowd all weekend even during the normal lull on Sunday morning.

Some explained it by stating that the rain had continued for more than a week and people were desperate to get out of the house.

Wallace Allen of Corpus Christi was one of the performers along with his Scottish Country Dance group.

Lance Wallace (pictured right) took several gold medals in Class B Athletics. Vizi Lange, of Texas Scots Association convinced Wayne to represent Clan Wallace Society at the dedication of the tartans representing the Clans which are associated with forming the Nation of Texas.

Wallaces may contact: Charles M. Wallace, 3464 N Beechwood Dr., Macon, GA 31210-2304. You may also email at: membership@clanwallace.org or call 478-471-7489.



Heavy Scottish Games competitor Lance K. Wallace of Houston, Texas, flanked by the Wallace brothers, Wayne and Jim (Marcus) Wallace.

Tracing Native American Ancestors

Native American research constitutes one of the fastest growing groups within the genealogical research community. While researchers face unique challenges, the same research guidelines apply as with any other ethnic group. The addition of many new print and Internet sources provide many new avenues for research unheard of a decade ago. Researchers encounter many unique situations when researching Native American ancestors.

The social traditions, naming customs, and family relationships were varied among the different tribes.

Normally, the first step in research involves studying the history and social customs of the tribe in question.

Had Native Americans been treated as normal citizens and efforts made to keep Indian vital and historical records as a matter of policy, the information available to researchers would be more complete. Efforts have finally been made to gather the surviving records and make them accessible to researchers.

The basic genealogical sources about Native Americans through 1830 are church and land records.

At various times, several different religious groups have worked among the various Native American tribes.

Records of the Quakers, Moravians, Presbyterians, Baptists, Catholics, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) can contain useful information that was compiled by their mission agencies and individual missionaries.

Between 1850 and 1887, the federal government pursued a determined policy of forcing Indians off their historical homelands and into remote reservations.

This movement actually began in the 1830s, but efforts were directed more on a state or regional basis, with limited assistance from federal authorities.

Census records are sometimes helpful for the Indian Reservation Period.

As Indians were forced on to reservations, the government began making efforts to monitor their activities. This led to a more concerted effort to keep track of individual people by names.

The documents from this period include school documents, census records, and annuity rolls.

The period between 1887 and 1930 is known as the Allotment Period. During this period, land was allotted to individual Indians who met certain criteria or were considered more “civilized” by the whites. These same people were considered traitors by their fellow Indians and were often ostracized.

Government land grants to individual Indians generated allotment records and family registers. These government files also contain vital statistics, health records, court claims, and wills.

Centuries of intermarriage between tribes and marriages with African, Asian, and White-Anglo spouses have clouded the definition of who is an Indian.

Along the Atlantic seaboard region during the Colonial Era, intermarriages between Indians and English, Spanish, French, German, Irish, Portuguese, African, Dutch, and Italians were not uncommon.

In most cases, Indians who intermarried with non-Indian groups were ostracized.

As the Indian population dwindled, intermarriage became more common. The long-term result of these intermarriages has made Indian ethnicity a complex issue.

For a more detailed analysis of this subject, please review our companion study guide *Native American Genealogical Research*. This study guide will include a bibliography of additional sources for advanced study. For the study guide, contact me at the address below.

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Tuesday, 10/2	Departure

2007 Wallace Gathering Pricing

Registration: \$15 per person - Regardless of Age

	Adult	20 - 6yrs.
Hospitality:	\$25	\$15
	<i>6 Days of Beverages & Snacks</i>	
Reception:	\$35	\$20
	<i>Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar</i>	
Banquet:	\$40	\$25
	<i>3 Entrée VA Country Buffet & Cash Bar</i>	

Prices are inclusive per person. Children under 6 Free for Hospitality, Reception & Banquet. Specific Sign Up Options will be on Gathering Registration Form.

HOST HOTEL

Host Hotel has been renamed .. All else stays the same!

DEADLINE

Reservations for the hotel at the special rates is August 26, 2007
Registration for the Gathering is also August 26, 2007 to Robert "Bob" Wallace. See info below.

America's Best Inn on Richmond Road. A special Gathering rate of \$49 Single / Double Occupancy (\$54 Triple / \$59 Quad) per Night has been secured. Attendees will make their own reservations, a credit card or an advance deposit will be required when making reservations. Daily Continental Breakfast is included in cost of room. Room costs exclude 10% Tax & \$2

Williamsburg Scottish Festival . . .

Clan Wallace is the Honored Clan in 2007. *Cost of Games & Balmoral Reception will be separate and borne by the Attendees. Please check the Festival website for 2007 structure and pricing. RV & Camp Sites are available at the Games site for those who would desire. www.wsfonline.org

If Interested . . .

Watch The Guardian & CWSW Website for Updates!

If you want to receive Hotel, Games and other pertinent information when the registration packets go out, please send your full name(s), ages, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses along with a non-refundable payment of \$10 per person made payable to CWSW and mail to Robert B. Wallace, CWSW Treasurer, 1500 Riverpark Parkway, Dayton, NV 89403. Persons responding will be placed on a Priority List for the Gathering and provided with all required information for attendance. Address any questions to Lisa Deiss, 2007 CWSW Gathering Chairperson at lisa7454@verizon.net or (804) 730-5580.

Blue Families of North America set celebrations for September 29 & 30 near Carthage, North Carolina

The numerous BLUE FAMILIES of North America (largely in the Cape Fear Valley of North Carolina, but also in New York, Canada and elsewhere) are celebrating their Scottish Highland and North American heritage with a large general reunion of all the branches in Moore County, North Carolina on Saturday, September 29, 2007. The sizeable Duncan Blue clan arrived in (then) Cumberland County, NC exactly 240 years ago (1767), and many of them still live on the king's grant of land to their ancestor (in present Moore County). Others arrived at different times, but all share the same ancestry in Argyll.

There will be a time of fellowship at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday (Sept. 29) at old Union Presbyterian Church (near Carthage, NC), and then a worship service in the Church at 11:00 a.m., followed by a catered meal in nearby Union Pines High School about 12:30 p.m. This will be followed by tours of historic site in the region, including Old Bethesda Church near Aberdeen, and various cemeteries and historic Scottish emigrant homes (such as the 1825 Malcolm Blue House near Aberdeen and Old Bethesda Church, the 1795 'River Daniel' Blue House near Eureka, between Carthage and Southern Pines, the 1840s Shaw House in Southern Pines, and others).

This same weekend is the Malcolm Blue Farm annual festival (for adults and school children) and also on Sunday (Sept. 30), the annual Homecoming at Old Bethesda Presbyterian Church. The vast genealogy and history of the many Blue families has been traced from late 17th century Scotland to the present in the newly published *The Scottish Blue Family in North America* by Douglas F. Kelly. It has over 1800 pages with some 28,600 names in the index. It sells for \$60.00 (and after January 1, 2007 goes up to \$70.00).

For more information on the reunion or on how to purchase the book, please contact:

Blue Reunion 500 E. Cleveland St. Dillon, SC

Eddie Reader Concert, Continued from page 14

Ticket are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. They are available ONLY through Martyrs' at <http://www.martyrstickets.musictoday.com/Martyrs/calendar.aspx> or by calling their box office at 773.404.9494. Proceeds will support the R. Harper Brown Scholarship Fund. This scholarship was established to honor R. Harper Brown, who was one of our Society's most respected figures and a recipient of our *Clansman of the Year* award. Harper believed firmly that our Society will remain relevant and compelling to future generations by offering scholarships to the brightest among our Scottish community to pursue academic excellence. I want to

personally thank David Forlow for all of his hard work and sponsorship for making this important and fun event possible. I attach a flyer for the concert, please share this with your friends and family. Aye,

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Clan Keith Society USA, Inc. Annual Clan Dinner & AGM planned for Richmond, VA -

The Clan Keith Society, USA, Inc. - 2007 Annual Clan Dinner and Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 13th Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival which is held at the Richmond Raceway Complex in Richmond, Virginia, Saturday, October 27 - Sunday, October 28, 2007. Clan Keith is the Honored Clan.

A Saturday evening Clan Dinner including a choice of entrees is planned within easy driving distance from our host hotel at the Italian Kitchen in Mechanicsville, VA. Members and other interested individuals are welcomed. Meet your fellow clansmen for dinner. Haggis ceremony will begin the festivities. A brief and informative business meeting will follow. Join us for an evening of socializing. Hotel accommodations have been reserved within easy access to the games and our dinner venue. Advanced lunch and dinner reservations are required.

We are pleased to return to Virginia where there has always been a large gathering of fellow clansmen.

For further information contact the President, Alice Hattenbrun at (603) 778-1177 or Email: Toldscot@rcn.com or call the Vice President, Charlie Austin at (757) 495-1621 or phone our Treasurer, Alton Cooke at (757) 479-5141. Visit our Clan Web site: www.clankeithusa.org Info: (757) 495-1621 Or (603) 778-1177.

If you are an Austin(en)(on), Cate, Dick(i)son, Dix(s)on, Falconer(or), Faulkner, Harvey(ie), Hervey(ie), Hurry(ie), Hackson, Haxon, Keeth, Keath, Kite, Lumgain(e), Lumgair, MacDick(en)(in)(s), MacDickson, MacGeath, MacKeet(c)h, MacKeith, Marshall, Ur(r)ie(y) or other spelling variation, you may have an affiliation with Clan Keith !!

Info: (757) 495-1621 Or (603) 778-1177



New Sam Houston Memorial Museum open now in Huntsville, Texas

What do Sam Houston, Jim Bowie and Stephen F. Austin have in common? They were all famous Texans, but they were also of Scottish descent.

To celebrate and recognize Scottish culture, Huntsville has now become home to the only museum honoring Scottish Culture in Texas.

In a ceremony Thursday Evening, April 19, 2007 Tartan Flags representing the 42 clans associated with forming the Nation of Texas and later the State of Texas were presented to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville, Texas.

Clan Wallace was well represented by Council members Wayne and Mary Jo Wallace of Canyon Lake, Texas.

Some of the more significant facts presented were: There were 30 Scots who fought in the battle of the Alamo including the piper John McGregor. 40% of the original Austin's Colony were Scots. Ten men from Scotland financed the building of the state capital in Austin. In exchange the state government gave them 150,000 acres which became the famous XIT ranch. XIT stands for Ten [counties] in Texas. Over half of the counties in Texas are named for persons of Scottish ancestry.

The ceremony was held in conjunction with the General Sam Houston Folk Festival in Huntsville, Texas. The festival features craft demonstrations in addition to culture groups such as Scottish, Afro-American, Cherokee and Lakota heritage.

There are also Civil War enactors and musical groups representing the early days of Texas history.

With thanks to the Clan Wallace Society newsletter, *Gleidhidh*.



Eastbourne Pipe Band at Preston Park.



www.eastbournescottishpipeband.co.uk

I am the pipe major of the eastbourne Scottish Pipe Band and attached are a couple of recent photos.

Contact Donald Brown,
Pipe Major Eastbourne Scottish Pipe Band by writing Peelers, West St., Alfriston BN26 5UY Call 01323 871441.



Clan Wallace assists historic Wallace Yew Tree in Elderslie, Scotland

During 2006 The Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society approved an international project to assist the Renfrewshire Council in Scotland to attempt regeneration growth of the Wallace Yew Tree located at the site of the Sir William Wallace Monument in Elderslie, Scotland.

The Yew, designated by the Scottish Government as one of Scotland's *Hundred Heritage Trees*, had been previously vandalized by fire in 1978 and in 2005 the tree split apart in a major storm destroying a large portion of the trunk.

The Clan Wallace Society donated 500 pounds sterling to the project, which was completed on Wallace Day in August 2006.

A recent report from the Renfrewshire Council Project Manager Anne Phillips indicates that the Sign recognizing the contributions of the Society is now in place on the fence protecting the tree.

She also reports that the Yew is successfully surviving the regeneration growth implants although the tree does look somewhat ungainly in these early stages. During your next trip to Scotland, plan to stop by this area in Elderslie and view this incredible living monument.

With thanks to the Clan Wallace Society newsletter, *Gleidhidh*.

JGS sets meeting for August 18

The Jacksonville (FL) Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 1:30 PM, on August 18, 2007, at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd St., Jacksonville, FL.

Our topic will be Preparedness; Are You Ready?" Laura Minor from the Jacksonville Public Library will discuss plans used by the library to protect their important collections

from disasters; additionally Grace Moran will tell of her devastating fire and the loss of not only treasured items but the loss of much of her genealogical research.

With weather permitting, we will have a television meteorologist discussing valuable suggestions on how to prepare for the hurricane season.

For further information please contact Mary Chauncey at (904) 781-9300.



Magnolias grow in South Carolina too! I have been amazed to see one of my favorite Southern flowers blooming this time of year in Oconee County and on up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, on the way from Walhalla to Highlands and Cashiers, NC..

There are dozens of huge trees on the way from my house to town...and magnolias abound just about everywhere in this county and area. Don't you love their "lemony" scent?

Isn't this the most fun!



Tom Paulson has worked with local youths to create “Great Scots” which are towering figures made from donated plywood. These eye-catching, larger than life figures help to attract attention to the Douglas County Scottish Society Celtic Highland Games plus fostering knowledge of Scotland.

The figures have been made to depict historical Scottish figures, but feature the faces of DCSS members.

The Douglas County Scottish Society Celtic Highland Games, which will be held on August 17th-21st, at Riverbend Park in Winston, Oregon.

With many thanks to Donna Hunter for the information and photograph above.

Did you know?

Donald Trump's mother, Mary MacLeod, came from Tong, a village four miles from Stornoway, Scotland!

With thanks to Rich & Rita Shader's Celtic Seasons.

*To subscribe to this interesting publication, send your name, address and any donation to:
Celtic Seasons, 2593 Chapparral Drive, Melbourne, FL 32934*

Clan Buchanan Society, International Honoured Clan at 2007 Western Massachusetts Highland Games!



*CBSI also participated in the
Tartan Day Parade in
New York City!*



*Massachusetts Regent, Stephen
Doherty proudly carries the Black
Lion Rampant Buchanan Banner!*



*CBSI members
support the
Honoured Clan
status at
Western
Massachusetts*

If you would like to
see your own clan fea-
tured in these pages, just
send photos (jpeg please)
and information to
bethscribble@aol.com.

Clan Buchanan Society, International Honoured Clan at 2007 Western Massachusetts Highland Games!



*Retired CBSI
Commissioner,
Bill Buchanan
and his family
visited Western
Massachusetts.*



*The MacKay Pipe
Band performs at the
Tartan Day Parade in
New York City.*

Most photos these pages thanks to David Byrne of CBSI.

August Scottish Highland Games

Here & There & Most Everywhere!

4 August - Weymouth, MA

St. Jude Scottish Highland Games
Shea Memorial Field (in old S. Weymouth
Naval Airbase)
<http://www.stjudehighlandgames.com>

4 August - Livonia, MI

St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Annual
Highland Games
Historic Greenmead
<http://www.highlandgames.com>

4 August - Spokane, WA

Spokane Highland Games
Spokane County Fair & Expo Center - South Lawn
<http://www.spokanehighlandgames.org>

8-12 August - Pictou, NS, Canada

The Hector Festival
Pictou waterfront
http://decostecentre.ca/hector_festival.php

11 August - Liverpool, NY

Central New York Scottish Games
Long Branch Park
<http://www.cnyscots.com>

11 August - Redmond, OR

High Desert Celtic Festival & Scottish
Highland Games
Cline Falls Ranch
<http://www.hdcs.net/festival.htm>

11 August - Greenbank, WA

Whidbey Island Highland Games
Greenbank Farm
<http://www.wihg.org>

11-12 August - Highlands Ranch, CO

Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain
Highland Games
Highland Heritage Park
<http://www.scottishgames.org>

18 August - Brunswick, ME

Maine Highland Games
Thomas Point Beach
<http://www.mainehighlandgames.org>

18 August - Amherst, NY

Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Amherst Museum
<http://www.amherstmuseum.org/scottish.htm>

18-19 August - Hunter, NY

International Celtic Festival (Pipe Bands
compete Sun.)
Hunter Mountain
http://www.huntermtn.com/festivals_celtic.html

24-26 August - Cortland, NY

Cortland Celtic Festival
Courthouse Park, Downtown Cortland
<http://www.cortlandcgb>

25 August - Davenport, IA

Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities
Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds
<http://www.celtichighlandgames.org>

25 August - Kalamazoo, MI

Kalamazoo Scottish Festival
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds
<http://www.kalamazooscottishfestival.org/ksf>

25 August - Old Westbury, NY

Long Island Scottish Games
Old Westbury Gardens
<http://www.liscots.org>

25 August - Quechee, VT

Quechee Scottish Festival
Quechee Polo Field
<http://www.standrewssocietyofvermont.org/Quechee>

With thanks to The Dunrobin Piper from Clan Sutherland

Tourist? Traveler? Tournon?



Marti Van Horne,
Scots Travel Specialist

I've enjoyed many trips as a tourist, meaning I let a tour company or cruise line make and execute the plans for my travel. While it's possible to do much of the research on line, there's nothing like a brochure with maps, itineraries, dates and of course, prices. Since travel agents are paid a commission by their suppliers the cost to you is the same whether you buy from an agent or direct.

There are many things to consider when making comparisons for your trip. Time and timing are usually the first constraint with a limit on days off or working around school schedules or the desire to see a certain event. Check out www.visitscotland.com for a list of festivals, competitions and highland games; you may find an tour will not work for you.

In Scotland the organized tours generally start in April and end by mid-October though there are exceptions. If you're not going to the Edinburgh Tattoo, Festival or Fringe Festival, avoid traveling there in August as tours that include those events are at a premium price. The upside is that they will frequently include tickets and transportation to and from

the venue for the Tattoo.

CIE Tours is Irish owned, but one of the largest tour operators in Scotland, Ireland and the UK; other major companies such as Brendan, Globus, Insight, Trafalgar and Tauck operate numerous departure dates with trips of varying lengths. Church groups, clans and even Tours with Beth & Marti may offer one trip a year with emphasis on a specific subject. There are also tours for those seeking active vacations such as hiking, biking, fishing or golfing.

When reading a tour brochure be sure and check out the dates that are listed as guaranteed. If an operator does not sell enough seats on any given trip they may cancel the departure and if you have already cashed in your miles or bought a airline ticket it's going to be an expensive fix, especially if you can't change your vacation dates. Always look for guaranteed dates or have your agent see if the trip has enough participants to operate.

Should you buy your air from the tour operator? Have your agent check out the price for air provided with the tour, then determine the best price you can find and add it to the "land only" price. You may do better on your own, especially if you are in a mileage program.

Watch the inclusions. Most day by day itineraries will show which meals are included. B L & D indicate breakfast, lunch and dinner, sometimes there are special dinners or buffet breakfast so check out the codes.

If a brochure says you will see, view, or travel through an area or suggests you may "enjoy a stroll" to visit a specific spot you can be sure it's not going to be a real sightseeing event. If something is listed as included, listed in bold type or says your guide takes you to visit a specific sight it's probably included in your tour price. If the itinerary says your afternoon is free for independent activities they may offer an optional tour or you can explore on your own. As a rule you will pay more for a tour that includes more meals and sightseeing but with the dollar being in poor shape against the pound right now it may be the best course of action. Also, you will have more of your tour guides time as they are

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Our last tour included The Summer Isles...a most wonderful place; a most wonderful experience! The little bitty boat that took us, a few at the time, was great fun too!

Tourist? Traveler? Tourn? *Continued from page 27*

not trying to constantly sell “optional” tours.

Several major cruise lines now offer summer departures that will cover the British Isles with ports that allow for sightseeing in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Orkney and Inverness. Lindblad Expeditions (www.expeditions.com) offers a unique 10 night Heart of the Highlands cruise on the 48 passenger Lord of the Glens.

In 2007 they offered a 12 night itinerary on the 110 passenger National Geographic Endeavor following the footsteps of the Celts and Vikings, so there is something out there for everyone.

The Royal Scotsman offers the ultimate in luxury train travel with journeys from 1 to 7 nights and would make a wonderful pre or post cruise adventure.

Check out the weather at www.wunderground.com, click on trip planner and see when you may expect the least amount of liquid sunshine. No matter what it says, take your rain coat and umbrella and enjoy Scotland, a vacation you'll never forget.

Anyone out there have a favorite tour operator from Australia, Canada or elsewhere?

