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Tartan Day on Ellis Island to Feature Weekend of Champion Performers

Visitors to Ellis Island during the 13th annual Tartan Day celebrations will not only be treated to a fascinating new exhibition entitled, "Scots in the American West," they'll also be enjoying performances by two champion musicians.

The Clan Currie Society is delighted to announce that the 2013 US National Scottish Harp Champion, Haley Hewitt will be performing on Ellis Island on Friday, March 28 as part of the exhibition's opening ceremony.

Haley will also be performing in the NY Tartan Week Tattoo on Saturday, April 5.

On Saturday, March 29, Scottish fiddler Calum Pasqua performs with his band NY Brogue. Pasqua holds some of the most preeminent titles in the field including, the Glenfiddich Scottish Fiddle Champion (held each year at Blair Castle) and the Aboyne Highland Games championship - making him one of Scotland's top fiddle champs - as well as winner of the prestigious New England Fiddle Championship.

Hewitt and Pasqua join an outstanding roster of Scottish performers on Ellis Island including the New York Celtic Dancers, the Rampant Lion Pipe Band, the NYC Harp Orchestra and John the Kilted Juggler.

As always, admission is free.

Join us for a great Scottish weekend on Ellis Island as we open NY Tartan Week and find out why we have been named the largest Tartan Day event in the world.



For the most complete listing of NY Tartan Week events, visit www.tartanweek.com.

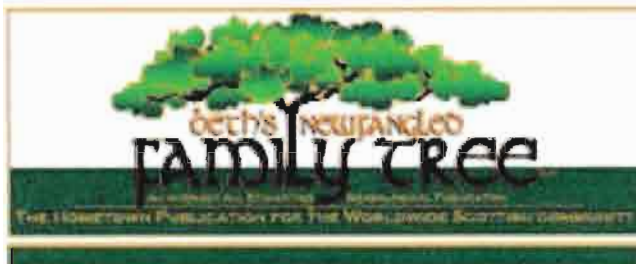
About Haley Hewitt

Haley Hewitt spent two years in Glasgow, Scotland obtaining her Master's degree in Scottish harp. She loves to play new music, collaborate with other musicians, and perform on both pedal and lever harp.

She holds a Master's degree in Scottish Music from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland where she studied under Corrina Hewat, and a Bachelors Degree in Pedal Harp Performance from the Hartt School of Music in the studio of Rebecca Flannery.

As a pedal harpist she has played in solo, chamber, and orchestral settings extensively, including performances at Carnegie and Benaroya Halls. As a traditional musician, she has presented programs featuring the mu-

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Clawdette, shown at left, began life here as "Clawed." Soon, it became apparent, he was a she and she has become a permanent guest outside.

The benefits of entertaining these kitties are many: they are adorable porch and yard ornaments and a never-ending source of entertainment for us...and there is not a mouse within our place!

Letter from your editor...

Good things sometimes come from really, terrible, bad things...

The past two months or so will always be remembered by me as one of those times like when you were on a ship that sank, an airplane that crashed landed or the time you had the awful surgery or a tooth pulled minus painkillers.

I was sailing along, fat and happy. I had figured out how to negate the computer program which shall remain nameless, but anyone who knows me will know what it was. I called my computer technician who was then in India. This was the end of my second year subscribing to this service and to this point, I had been completely satisfied. This day was very different. I wanted them to uninstall this unnamed program. That's all. When they were done, the unnamed program was still half there but my old stand-by publishing program had been deleted and so had my program which created the necessary pdf files.

"Don't panic," I thought. "We can reinstall everything."

HA. Amongst the things that were "lost" in our recent move was my serial number to the publishing program. I had to purchase another program, so it could be installed.

The program that created the pdf files had been originally downloaded.....and it took literally weeks to figure out how to get the program back again. I was astonished that the price of the new program today is almost \$500. Holy Moley.

This company is famous for NOT having customer support. I found that to be true. It took at least half a dozen calls and hours looking on their website for the phone number to finally have the program re-installed. Then, another couple of days on the phone to have it working on everything except the publishing program, which is the only place I needed it to work.

About this time, I was hacked by some squench eyed computer hacker who certainly had bad breath. If you were one of the hundreds of folks who got one of these emails, please know I was NOT in the Ukraine and I was not stranded anywhere. My phone rang for about four days with friends and family who were worried that I was gone that far away. I was flattered that anybody thought I could get further away than the grocery and drug store which are within 10 miles of our house..

Five minutes later, my hard drive crashed...and at the same time, managed to corrupt the Section A for March file of this publication - which was finished and ready to go except that the pdf program would not work. I had the section saved in every way I knew to save it. That did no good, it was just "poof" gone. At that time, my printer was dead, too.

A ray of sunshine beamed down on me. I've been an AOL customer for more than thirteen years and have always paid for my service since it is so important to my publications. AOL has a complimentary computer insurance, which gave my computer a free trip to Texas for it's hard drive operation. Before it could leave, my computer had to be taken to a local technician who made

recovery discs and was able to save my photographs and my "document" file.

The computer must have taken a few days vacation in Texas, since I thought it would never return home. Finally, it wandered back after enjoying a nice trip with UPS. After that, it took days and days to get everything re-installed. Hours and hours with the AOL Tehnical Support (to which I now subscribe), not counting the hours and hours of the pdf file maker guys. The local tech re-installed my photos and documents.

This last weekend, I was able to start work again.

While all of the "no computer" time was here, I worked on the house. We are finally really and truly moved in.

I made one last gasp with the pdf file place. Somehow, I had one of their senior technicians. He reminded me of a very stuffy doctor. He "hemmed" and "hawed" and made snorting sounds. After several hours of this, along with making my mouse dance all over the computer screen, he said, "Will you please allow me to return your call later. I need to have a consultation and do some research on your case. I will call back."

He never returned the call.

Yesterday was my "ah hah" time. I had found a bargain of a printer last Saturday and discovered to my absolute astonishment that the printer would scan papers into pdf files! PDF files without the use of the expensive program which will not work on my publishing program!

I think I have it figured out now. I know, under this new regime, I will never, ever lose another section as I plan to print the pages as they are done in preparation for scanning..

So, how did bad things bring on good things?

My house is clean and dust free. I have met several really inspiring technicians who have performed miracles on my computer. I got to speak on the phone with many friends and lots of cousins during the "Ukraine Crisis." The Clan Donald MidSouth newsletter is done and gone to the MidSouth Commissioner. The March 2014 Section A is done.

Please forgive me for being late with this section. I will have one of the April sections done by the 1st...and the other one shortly thereafter and will then be CAUGHT UP. Plus, I found the photo of me and Sweet Thing which is at the beginning of this article...which I thought was lost.

You all know, I do this because it is fun for me. It has NOT been fun for about two months...but, now it is fun for me again.

Whee!





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Tartan Day New York, *continued from page 1*

sic of modern Scottish harpers and fiddlers, and looks forward to the release of her debut recording in 2013.

Hewitt was born and raised in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. She started taking harp lessons with Pat Larkin from West Springfield, and then went to the Hartt School in Connecticut to study with Rebecca Flannery and obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Pedal Harp Performance.

After graduating, Hewitt went to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to complete her Master's Degree in Scottish Music, studying under Scottish harper, Corrina Hewat.

About Calum Pasqua

Calum Pasqua is a Scottish fiddler from Brooklyn, NY. As a youth, he studied classical violin technique, Scottish fiddle music and highland bagpipes. He began dancing with his Scots mother and accompanied her to many Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) dances. Calum was awarded full scholarship to study violin with Eliot Chapo, former concert master of the New York Philharmonic at the Florida State University School of Music. He performed in various orchestras in the southeast all the while playing fiddle in pubs and for dances.

Calum currently resides on Long Island where he is Director of Strings at Hewlett High School, a Grammy Top 100 school for music programs. In 2007, Calum was the very first American to be invited to compete in the Glenfiddich Scottish Fiddle Competition at Blair Castle where he earned 1st place along with an invitation to return and defend the title in October 2008.

He is also a winner of the New England fiddle championship, the United States National Scottish Fiddle Competition and the Aboyne prize given by the Marquis of Huntley. He has performed in the ensemble, The Parcel of Rogues with Susie Petrov, piano and Dan Houghton, bagpipes. Together they seek to convey to audiences the essential beauty and power of Scottish music. With Petrov, he has recorded a series



of duets entitled, "In Conversation."

More recently, Calum has formed the popular Celtic band known as NY Brogue. The band was a huge success when they appeared at Clan Currie's "Tartan Day at the South Street Seaport" in 2013.

Their latest CD entitled, "Live from the Poor Mouth" was released earlier this year.



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Flowers of the Forest

Charles Moffitt Lineberry, "Chuck," 85, of Davidson, died on Jan. 31, 2014, after a long, courageous encounter with cancer. He now stands in the presence of God.

He lived a life well and full and leaves family and friends well and truly loved.

He was born Jan. 3, 1929, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, the son of the late Bessie Moffitt Lineberry and Stanhope Lineberry, former chief of police in Mecklenburg County.

He attended Charlotte Public Schools and graduated from high school as valedictorian of The Bates School in San Francisco. In 1951, he graduated from UNC Chapel Hill, earning a B.S. in Business Administration.

In WWII, he served in the U.S.A.F. Band at Boling Field, Washington, D.C., and the 748th Band Fifth Air Force in the occupation of Japan.

A lifelong musician, he played in marching bands, school bands, dance bands, Scottish pipe bands, church choirs and praise teams.

In 1955, Chuck began a career in the corrugated packaging industry with Old Dominion Box Co. and Weyerhaeuser Corrugated Boxes in Charlotte and Atlanta and eventually becoming owner of Box Plants in N.C., S.C., and Virginia.

An avid racing sailor since age 12, he has competed on Lake Wylie and Lake Norman for years and also traveled to competition from Florida to New England.

He enjoyed Boy Scouts, serving as institutional representative and scoutmaster while his two sons were active toward achieving their Eagle Awards.

He is also a private airplane pilot amassing over 5000 hours in multiengine instrument aircraft.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years (married 6/6/53), Betty Kell Lineberry, of The Pines at Davidson; son Charles Jr., "Duke," and wife Jennifer, of Wilmington, and son Daniel Stanhope Lineberry and wife Toni, of Crestview, Fla.; niece Cherylynn Lineberry, of Culver City, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother Stanhope Lineberry Jr., of Lake Elsinore, Calif.

He served as an elder at SouthLake Presbyterian Church (PCA), where he initiated the Men's Prayer Breakfast, The Christmas Eve Love Feast and Pageant and helped start the Easter Sunrise Service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of LKN, 705 Griffith St., Suite 203, Davidson, NC 28036.



Margaret Russell

passed away Monday, March 3rd. She and her husband Dick, who has preceded her, were long-time members of the St

Andrews Society in Atlanta and very active for years in the Stone Mountain Highland Games near Atlanta.

Dick was one of the most renowned pipe band drummers back in the day.

Margaret's funeral service was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Snellville, Georgia.

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Despite not having hitched a lift since his student days, he thumbed the route of Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite Army from the Highlands of Scotland to the southernmost point they reached in Derby, then back north to Inverness, the scene of their final defeat. Along the way he talked to the people he met to find out what both the Scots and English think about themselves, each other, and independence.

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Clan Home sets AGM for GMHG

The annual meeting for Clan Home Society will once more be held in conjunction with the 59th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linville, NC.

The Games will be held July 10-14, 2014.

Our annual lunch and meeting will be held Friday, July 11th, at the Mill Ridge Resort Club-house, located at 229 Clubhouse Dr, Banner Elk, NC 28604. The clubhouse will provide us a quiet place for lunch and a meeting.

Lunch will be at noon and the meeting will be at 1:00 pm.

Mill Ridge Resort is on Highway 105 between Boone and Linville. It is very near the entrance to Seven Devils Resort. We will provide maps to those who are planning to attend.

The cost will be \$5.00 per attendee, children 10 and under free. Checks may be made out to Clan Home. This money is to help pay for the club house rental and part of the meal. We ask that those attending bring a “pot luck” dish. Those staying in accommodations where you can't cook can bring sandwich trays, chips, fruit trays, drinks, etc. We would like to have an accurate count for lunch, so please send your reservations and money no later than Saturday, June 1st. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please send your name and address and how many adults will be attending (at \$5 each). Also, please send the number of children under ten years of age. Please let us know about food allergies or diet restrictions. Mail your information to Camille Simmons, 1205 Avery Way, Kernersville, NC 27284.



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National Tartan Day Festival set for April 5 in Alexandria, Virginia

We all had April 5th on our calendars. The subject line says it all - Welcome to a new spot for the whole day! 7am to 7pm; set up at 7am to 9am – festival starts at 9am; 12 Noon ceremony with awards and commemoration, closes at 5pm, and must be off the property by 7pm.

Please remember – this is open to the public, and there is no admission charged for entry. Let people know that this our holiday!

We have commitments from 34 clans/associations, and 8 vendors. However, we know Robert Burns' "The well laid plans of mice and men oft go awry". Sign up and get yourself listed with me ASAP (email, call, come by my house, mail) before all of the spaces are filled – Those who know who they are, you just get back with me to confirm your word, and we're good to go (but get me the check made out to the Committee soonest (per the registration), or use the PayPal button on dctartanday.org when it is up). If we reach the maximum spaces, I'll put you on the waiting list and let you know the week before if anyone has told me they can't make it... first in, best placed! Nothing alphabetical about this – everyone will know where everyone else will be on the day of the festival. You'll have maps with the day's agenda at each tent. And by the way.... If we get the demand, next year we'll shift to a bigger park just North of the Torpedo Factory.

But that does not mean you can't show up to enjoy the day with your other Scots! The entrance is FREE!!!! Tell your friends and family that this is a free event, unlike any of the other festivals in the area... And it is in downtown Old Town, with plenty of parking and things to do besides listening to bagpipes and wondering why that fellow is wearing his kilt so low....

The festival pub is O'Connell's, by the way.

I look forward to hearing from you, and enjoying a great day at Waterfront Park celebrating National Tartan Day!

Ralph Wallace
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Celebrate April 5th in Alexandria, VA

Mea Culpa

In a front page article about Clan MacTavish an issue or so ago, I made an awful error. I misspelled Steven MacTavish's name as Stephen once.

I am mightily sorry and am very upset to have caused some of the Clan MacTavish members so much grief because of my error. I do humbly apologise.

beth



Clan Elliot Society, USA

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HUNTERSVILLE, NC: The 21st Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games is accepting registrations for its individual piping and drumming, pipe band, and highland dance competitions to be held April 12 & 13, 2014. (Piping, Drumming and Band Competition is Saturday – April 12th only.)

Festival goers will be thrilled by the Celtic music and dance performances that highlight the competition weekend. Registration forms and complete event information can be found online at www.lochnorman.com.

Competition events include Professional and Grades I – IV piping; snare, tenor and bass drumming; and Grade III, Grade IV and Grade V pipe band competition.

Festival goers will also be able to watch three Massed Band performances during the weekend.

The Festival and Games also hosts the Carolinas Open Highland Dancing Championships, one of six sanctioned championships held in the United States for multiple age groups and levels.

The Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games on April 12 & 13 offer live traditional and Celtic rock music, over 30 Scottish clans and their representatives, genealogy searches, Piping, Drumming, and Highland Dancing sanctioned competitions, Scottish country dancing, massed band performances, professional heavy athletics, and the popular Saturday night Celtic Jam.

Attendees can join in for the amateur heavy athletics, long bow competition, battle axe competition, as well as demonstrations, whiskey seminars, the “Kids’ Zone” with children’s activities, and Rural Hill’s famous historic encampment.

Complete information can be found at www.lochnorman.com. Proceeds from all annual events are used for the preservation of historic Rural Hill and its educational programs.



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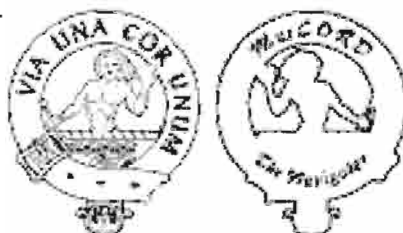
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Confusing Birth and Baptismal Dates

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Church records have a definitive track record for being more accurate than their civil record counterparts. When it comes to locating dates of birth, the only place some researchers have success locating this information is using church records. This can be especially true when researching children of immigrant ancestors before there was a legal requirement to compile vital records information in Canada, the United States, the British Isles and continental Europe.

One of the most common mistakes that many researchers make, especially when using church records for denominations that practice infant baptism, is making the assumption that the birth date and baptismal date always occurred within a few days of each other. While this was true in many cases, especially within the Roman Catholic Church, one cannot make the assumption that this was always the case. The actual baptism could have taken place a few weeks, months, or years after the date of birth. There are numerous reasons why this may have been the case.

If you are fortunate enough to encounter a published history or timeline that details major events in the

area during the specific time period in question, this may provide clues leading to additional records or answer research questions concerning the ancestor.

Sometimes the discrepancy is identified specifically in the record itself such as the date of birth, or the exact age of the child. In other cases one can assume from facts such as four or more children of the same couple being baptized on the same day, that these were siblings born years apart.

When researchers are faced with this scenario, it usually is indicative of a remote or rural area. Rural communities often had no church nearby. In other cases, the family was prevented from attending a church for an extended period of

time after a natural disaster, lack of transportation, or a dispute with the priest or minister forced them out of the parish or congregation and they searched elsewhere until they found a church to their liking.

The bottom line is, take the date of baptism for what it is. Check other record sources to determine what the actual birth date was. While the feasibility of this may depend on the time period and

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In Australia, Tartan Day is held on July 1. That date marks the anniversary of the repeal of the 1747 Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of the tartan

Fosterage in Ireland

Fosterage was such an important feature of Irish social life that, although only a custom, elaborate rules relating to it were laid down in the laws; and we cannot omit noticing the subject, however briefly.

Fosterage was the custom of placing children during their minority in charge of other members of the clan. It was usually restricted to members of the fine, which chiefly consisted of persons within the fifth degree of kindred; but there was no strict rule on this point. It was practiced by all classes, but especially by the wealthy, by chiefs and leading men. It is not clear what, besides the force of habit, was the motive for it; but its practice, whether designed for that end or not, helped materially to strengthen the natural ties of kinship and sympathy which bound the chief and the clan and Sept together. Quite apart from law, the relations arising from fosterage were in popular estimation the most sacred of the whole social system, and a stronger affection oftentimes sprang up between persons standing in those relations than that between immediate relatives by birth.

There were various kinds of fosterage, and minute rules are laid down for all, especially with reference to the mode of treating the children in fosterage according to the position they were intended to fill in after life, the amount payable by the different classes for the different kinds of fosterage, relations between the child and its foster parents both during the fosterage and after, and various other matters. Foster parents were bound under heavy penalties to teach their foster children or have them taught, whether boys or girls, the branches of knowledge, business, trades or exercises suited to their rank. During the fosterage the foster father was liable for injuries and offences committed by the foster child, and entitled to compensation for

injury done to the foster child.

A peculiar variety, called literary fosterage, was practiced by lams. Lams taught pupils of the ordinary sort in the ordinary way, for payment or for nothing according to circumstances; but they also took a limited number of pupils into a particular kind of fosterage combined with

pupilage, adopted them into their families, and so thoroughly imbued them with the spirit of the profession they were about to enter that the original family ties of those pupils became as if they had never existed.

As a rule a child was not sent to fosterage until it was one year old. "There are three periods at which fosterage ends: death, crime and selection. "Selection" meant marriage; and the legal age of selection was reached by girls at the end of four-

teen years, and by boys at the end of seventeen years. Foster parents who had properly discharged their duties were entitled in old age to be supported by their foster children, if they were in need and had no children of their own.

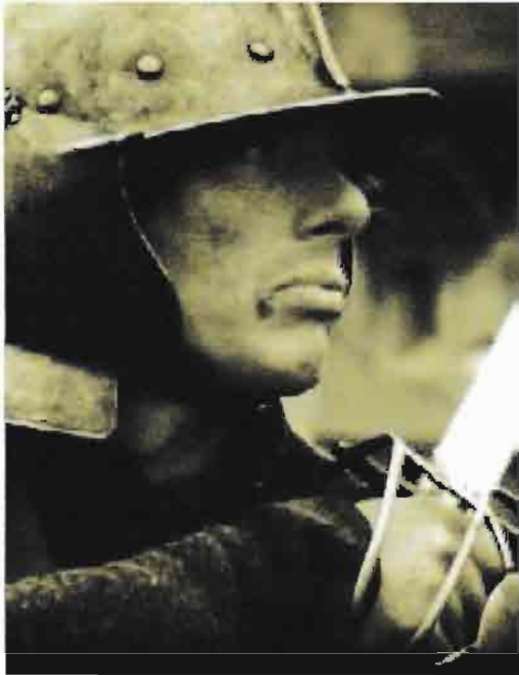
The laws of fosterage seems to search out, ransack and provide for every domestic possibility. It is perfectly amazing to find so many rules related to domestic economy and to contrast the modern absence or rule on such matters. Here is an illustration: expounding the Cain law of fosterage some worthy olla write in this fashion "What are their victuals? Levite =stir about is given to them all; but the flavoring (literally dip) which goes into it is different; namely, salt butter for the sons of the inferior grades, fresh butter for the sons of chieftains, honey for the sons of kings.

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Flowers of the Forest

Henrietta Perrin Abell Wilkinson, wife of James Thomas Wilkinson, Jr., died peacefully in Scotland Neck on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. She was born in Union, SC. Better known to everyone as 'Rhet', she attended the University of South Carolina, and obtained her B.S. in Education, and Doctorate in Psychology, from East Carolina University. She served thirty years in the Special Education Department of the Halifax County Schools, and retired as the Director of Special Education.

Rhet was in the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), where she served several terms as Chapter Regent, Charter Register, District Director of District VIII, State Chairman, Transportation and Good Citizenship Committees, and State Outstanding Junior Member. She was also member of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

She was Lector and Chaliceist of Trinity Episcopal Church in Scotland Neck. Rhet was in the Order of the Daughters of the King (Episcopal Church Women's prayer group). Devoted to prayer, servitude, and evangelism, she served as the president of the local Blanche Chapter, Vice President Diocese of NC, and was the President Diocese of NC, and Historian of Province IV at the time of her death.

She was proud of her heritage, in particular her Scottish heritage, and was a long-time member of Clan Donald USA. She was also a member of Clan Irwin Association.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Thomas Wilkinson, III.

In addition to her husband of 55 years, she is survived by her daughter, Henrietta Perrin Wilkinson Gardner, and husband, W. B., of Scotland Neck, NC; sister of Carlisle Simon, Clan Donald MidSouth Commissioner; brother, Charles Perrin Dreier and wife, Harriet, of Columbia, SC; and sisters, Martha Abell Hatcher and husband, Wayne, Edie Abell Cantrell and her husband, Ray all of Lowrys, SC; grandson, Bryan, and nephews Pierson Simon, McCall Simon, and the Rev. Camden Simon.



Fherrie June Williams, mother of Raymond McQuilkin, past MidSouth Commissioner, Clan Donald USA, passed away Friday, February 14, 2014 in Corryton, TN. A member of Clear Springs Baptist Church, she was a wonderful wife, a precious loving mother, a doting grandmother, and a friend to all. She was loved by all that knew her, and will be greatly missed. Preceded in death by spouse of 46 years, Luther Williams, Jr.; parents, Lonas G.C. Compton and Eleanor Hutchins; and sister, Bobbie Jo Hutchins. In addition to her son Ray, and his wife Gerry, she is survived by sons, Jackie Williams, Jerry Williams, and Ricky Williams and wife Judy; daughter, Sue Petree and husband Gary; sisters-in-law, Flora Bellamy and Georgia Allen; and grandchildren, Kristi Feller, Shawn O'Barr (Brittany), Brian Williams (Amber), Lyndsay Harper (Kevin), Brent Williams (Brittany), Raysha Anderson, and Jackie Wayne Williams; and eight great grandchildren.

Genealogical societies present super-duper seminars this coming April

12 April 2014 the Imperial Polk Genealogical Society will present their 2014 Seminar in Lakeland, Florida.

IPGS is proud to present Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL as the guest speaker at the 2014 seminar on 12 April 2014 in Lakeland, Florida.

Location: Family Ministries – Auditorium B, Highland Park Church of the Nazarene, 4477 Lakeland Highlands Road, Lakeland, FL 33813 from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm.

There will be four presentations:

- ◆ Dowered or Bound Out: Records of Widows and Orphans
- ◆ Staying out of Trouble – The Rights and Responsibilities of Today's Genealogists
- ◆ Where There Is – Or Isn't – a Will
- ◆ No vitals? No problem! – Building a Family



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More information is available at: <http://www.ipgs.org/Seminar-2014-Flyer-Final.pdf>

17 April 2014 is the date of the LCGS Meeting/Presentation in Fort Myers, Florida

Susan Lewis Well will be presenting: *If You Don't Write a Book: Final Projects without Prose.*

Of course, you want family and friends to know the details of your research. Not everyone wants to write a book or has an audience to read one.

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CHANGE IN
MEETING LOCATION

Now, the meeting will be at the Lakes Regional Library at 15290 Bass Rd., in Fort Myers. Doors Open: 12:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

12 April 2014 will be the Annual Spring Seminar in Columbus, Ohio entitled "Starting the Path Into German Genealogy" at Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 South Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Featured Speaker Ernie Thode, PalAm Expert Consultant with a panel of experts from the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Ohio Historical Society and the Ohio Genealogical Society. A panel of experts to help beginners get started and help advanced researchers break down those brick walls."

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jurisdiction, there are usually other avenues that can be utilized to determine the actual birth date, even if it is an educated guess.

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Think you know about Robert Burns?

1. After Queen Victoria and Christopher Columbus, Robert Burns has more statues dedicated to him around the world than any other non-religious figure.

2. J.D. Salinger's famous 1951 novel 'Catcher in the Rye' based its title from a poem by Robert Burns 'Comin' Thro' the Rye'.

3. The Soviet Union was the first country in the world to honour Burns with a commemorative stamp, marking the 160th anniversary of his death in 1956.

4. A translation of 'My Hearts in the Highlands' was adopted as the marching song of the Chinese resistance fighters in the Second World War.

5. American music legend Bob Dylan selected Burns' 1794 song 'A Red, Red Rose' when asked for the source of his greatest creative inspiration.

6. A statue of Burns in Camperdown, Australia, is thought to be the oldest existing statue of the poet anywhere in the world. The sculpture, carved by John Greenshields in 1826, was shipped to Australia in the 1850s.

7. John Steinbeck took the title of his 1937 novel 'Of Mice and Men' from a line contained in Burns' poem 'To a Mouse': 'The best laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft agley'.

8. Burns' song of equality and universal brotherhood 'Is there for Honest Poverty' (also known as 'A Man's A Man for a' That') was chosen as the anthem to open the new Scottish Parliament in 1999.

9. A miniature book of Robert Burns' poetry was carried into orbit by astronaut Nick Patrick on a two week space mission in 2010, completing a 5.7 million mile trip and 217 orbits of the Earth.

10. 'Auld Lang Syne' is recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as being one of the top three most popular songs in the English language. The other two are 'Happy Birthday' and 'For he's a jolly good fellow'.

11. The city of Atlanta, Georgia, has a life-size replica of the Alloway cottage that Burns was born in. It was built by the Burns Club of Atlanta in 1911.

12. Robert Burns was the first ever person to appear on a commemorative bottle of Coca-Cola, in 2009.

13. The Mitchell Library in Glasgow is thought to house the world's largest Burns collection, including translations of the poet's works in more than 30 languages.

14. American president Abraham Lincoln had a lifelong admiration for the work of Robert Burns, with some claiming that the poet's verse played a key role in helping Lincoln win the American civil war and abolish slavery.

15. The work of Burns has appeared in hundreds of films and television programmes, including 'It's a Wonderful Life' (1946), 'When Harry met Sally' (1989) and the 2008 film version of 'Sex in the City'.

16. US fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger claims direct descent from Robert Burns.

17. Burns body was exhumed in 1815 to be placed in a new mausoleum in Dumfries. Whilst his body was above ground, a plaster cast of his skull was taken for study. The skull was measured and discovered to be bigger than the average man's.

18. The town of Mosgiel, near Dunedin, New Zealand was named after Robert Burns' farm in Ayrshire.

19. Burns fathered at least 12 children with four different women during his short 37 year lifetime. His youngest child, Maxwell, was born on the day of his funeral.

20. Pop singer Michael Jackson is said to have been a big fan of Robert Burns and is reputed to have worked on an as yet unreleased album setting the Bard's poems to music.

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Annual Clan Currie Gathering and MacMhuirich Symposium to be Held in Glasgow, Scotland in June 2014

Clansfolk to Participate in the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn

An important symposium on the history and literary heritage of the MacMhuirich bardic dynasty takes place in Glasgow, Scotland on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 -29, 2014. The symposium takes place as part of a weekend of celebrations dedicated to Scotland's greatest bardic dynasty, the Clan MacMhuirich or Clan Currie. The MacMhuirichs, a name later anglicized to 'Currie' and in some parts of Scotland as 'Macpherson', 'Murray' and even 'MacMillan', served for over 700 years as professional poets to the Lords of the Isles, and later to the MacDonalds of Clanranald.

Through these symposia, the legacy of the MacMhuirichs as an elite of far-reaching significance has only recently come to be recognized, not only as key to the understanding of Gaelic history and culture but also to the appreciation of Scottish history in its wider aspects, both national and international.

The MacMhuirich symposium, being held at the Western Club in Glasgow, will bring a new perspective to the role of the MacMhuirichs in Scottish literary history as well as their influence on the Lordship of the Isles. The program will commence at 7 PM each evening.

Offering praise for the program, distinguished historian and symposium moderator Professor Hugh Cheape said, "The study and understanding of the

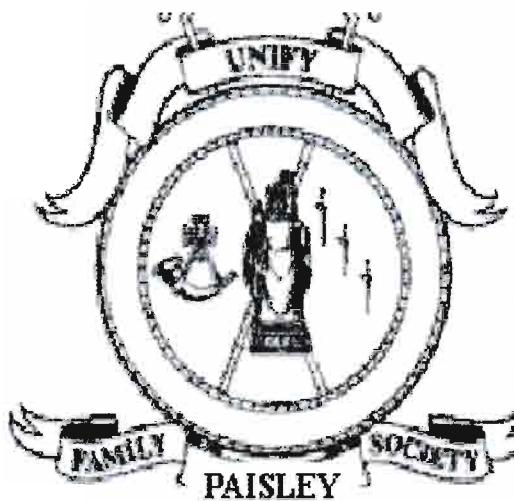
MacMhuirichs, which has tended to be monopolized by the scholars of Gaelic language and literature, has been broadened into the study of the importance of the family as clan and dynasty – an exploration instigated by the Clan Currie Society. "

Bannockburn

The symposium has been scheduled to coincide with Clan Currie's participation in the 700th anniversary observances of the Battle of Bannockburn. Clan Currie will be one of a small contingent of Clans and Scottish societies that will be hosting information tents at the battlefield site. For two days on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, 2014, visitors to the battlefield will be treated to thrilling reenactments, a clan village and a storytelling center. A much more civilized and peaceful gathering than what took place there over half millennia ago.

For Society president Robert Currie, the return to Bannockburn is particularly poignant for the Clan Currie. "Seven hundred years ago, as the English armies mustered and moved towards the Scottish borders, some one hundred galleys and their crews were resting quietly, ready and waiting, around Fraoch Eilean (Heather Island) in the shelter of the unbreachable Castle Claig at Ardfin on the Isle of Jura. Less than

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The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

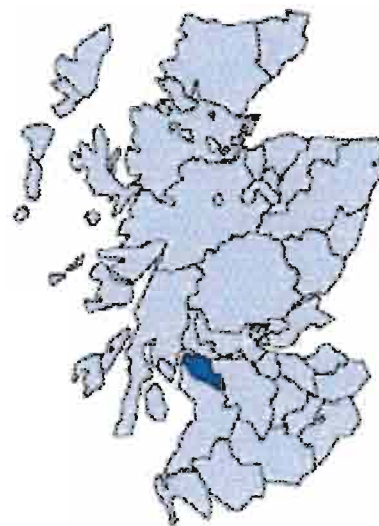


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

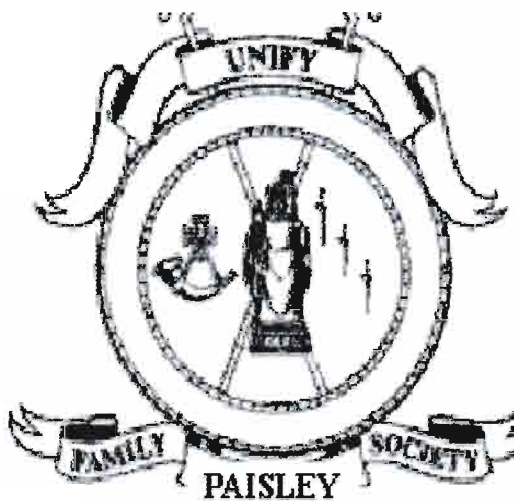
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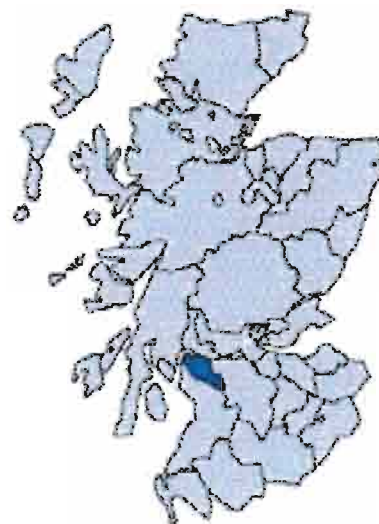


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three months later, they would be called on to transport the 5,000 islanders under the leadership of Angus Óg MacDonald, ruler of the Isles to the mainland, to play a crucial part at Bannockburn.”

As Clan historian Angus MacMillan points out, “There was another important Clan Donald asset setting out to Bannockburn - a MacMhuirich bard. We know from historic accounts that Angus Óg MacDonald, was a good-humoured, stocky, dark-haired figure who got on with everyone; that he was welcomed to the field of battle by the Bruce himself with something approaching the words that became a clan motto, ‘*My Hope is Constant in Thee*’; and that at his back he had his massive army of islanders, whom the Bruce himself would deploy with great effect in the battle.”

MacMillan continued, “Who could have preserved these details over the 350 years until they were written down and so preserved them for us but the MacMhuirich seanachies to the rulers then Lords of the Isles and then to Clanranald? Typically enough, we have the story because the Clan MacMhuirich preserved it through oral tradition for generations until it was written down by the Sleat seanachie, Uisdean MacDonald in North Uist.”

Prestigious Conference Lineup

In addition to Professor Cheape, the Clan Currie Society has assembled an “A-list” roster of speakers including Dr. Donald William Stewart of the University of Edinburgh, Clan Historian Angus MacMillan from Benbecula, and Rob Johnstone, author and descendant of acclaimed Scottish sculptor Andrew Currie. Additional participants will be named in the coming weeks.

Past speakers have included Dr. Michael Newton formerly of St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada, Dr. Alan Titley of the University College Cork, Ireland, Lewis MacKinnon, Executive Director of Gaelic Affairs for the Government of Nova Scotia, Canada and Professor Willie Gillies formerly of Edinburgh University’s Department of Celtic Studies.

Robert Currie added: “The Bannockburn weekend is a most appropriate time and place to mark the achievements of Scotland’s greatest bardic dynasty. We know that such a distinguished gathering of speakers will do honour to the MacMhuirichs at the sym-

posium in June.”

This will be the fourth annual Academic Symposium presented by the Clan Currie. The 2013 gathering took place in Antigonish, Nova Scotia in association with the 150th anniversary of the Highland Games there. In 2012, the Clan symposium was held on the island of South Uist. As part of the gathering, clan members built a monument commemorating the MacMhuirich/Currie bards who served the MacDonalds of Clanranald at the site of the last bard’s home in Stilligarry. The inaugural symposium was held in Edinburgh, Scotland and included the dedication of a stone honoring the celebrated 14th century Clan Currie bard, Lachlan Mòr MacMhuirich at Makar’s Court.

Clan Currie Happenings

June 27-29, 2014

Clan Currie Gathering and MacMhuirich Symposium

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The faded coat of blue

The Welsh-American community played a significant part on both sides of the American War Between the States, now observing its 150th anniversary. (For example, the rival Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, both traced Welsh ancestry.)

If you know the story of a participant in the conflict who was of Welsh origin, the Welsh-American newspaper *Ninnau* may be interested in hearing from you, as they will be publishing a series on the Welsh in the Civil War over the next three years.

Contact William G. Williams at Welsh877@comcast.net or write 100 Fairway Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011-2066.

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Fosterage in Ireland, *continued from page 19*

The food of each continues the same respectively until the end of one year, or three years (according to the kind of fosterage). Stir about made of oatmeal on butter-milk or water is given to the sons of the Fein grades, and a bare sufficiency of it merely, and salt butter for flavoring. Stirabout made on new milk is given to the sons of the chieftain grades and fresh butter for flavoring, and a full sufficiency of it is given to them; and this stirabout is made of barley-meal. Stirabout made on

new milk is given to the sons of kings and it is made of wheaten meal, and honey for flavoring." This passage will convey an idea of the small matters of which the law took cognizance. Skene, the author of Celtic Scotland, says that the word "stirabout" is unknown out of Ireland, and quoting this passage, he substitutes the word "porridge."

With thanks from Library Ireland at: <http://www.libraryireland.com/Brehon-Laws/Fosterage.php>

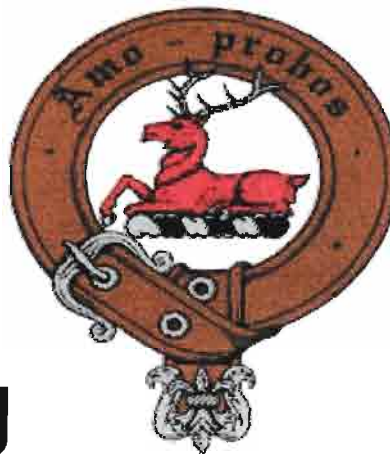


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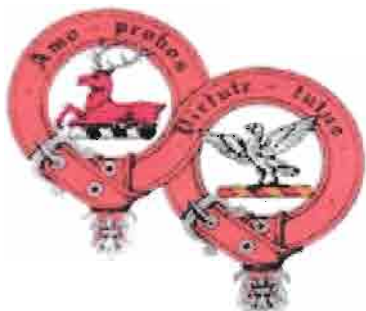
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