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And A Great Time Was Had by All

What a time we had at Grandfather Mountain! Just look at the group on the back page after our walkabout—and some folks remained in our tents. After ten years of gathering the clan, things can get pretty routine, so you should recognize that something special went on there.

It was great to report the status of the clan with well over 2000 member families. The challenge in front of us this year is to re-activate the inactive members. You have often read in An Canach that we are constantly seeking new members in the hope that one of them will be related to Joseph Barton Henderson (b 1811), my oldest ancestor, and that together we will find our immigrant ancestor. [Please read the previous sentence and substitute you and your ancestor.] I am not sure if growth or getting your family information submitted is the most important part of gathering the clan, so you can expect to see articles on both of those subjects.

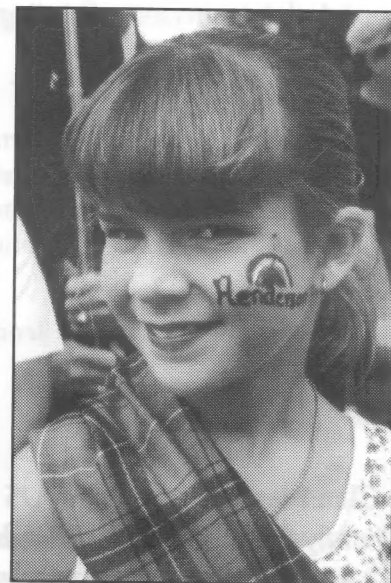
Having served as editor, commissioner, vice-president, and president, I now look forward to the relaxing job of editor, and finding folks to help with An Canach as we move forward into our second decade as the most dynamic society in North America.

As a result the election held during the AGM, Dr. Horace Loftin will assume the office of Clan President on 1 January 1999. He will be supported in his presidential duties by William Scougal Henderson, vice-president; David Henderson, vice-president—general counsel; Christi Heston, treasurer; and Harry Keifer, secretary.

My closing thought is of the special gathering in the first paragraph. It was special because of people and the way we came together on the field, during the ceilidh, and throughout the weekend—It was truly mellow and memorable. Convenor Mack Henderson held a great event.

Looking Ahead to AGM 1999

Those of you who have been looking forward to attending an Annual General Meeting courtesy of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco and our South Pacific Region, need to start planning for the 1999 AGM. Pleasanton is located at the intersection of I-680 and I-580, roughly 32 miles from San Francisco. Larry Mae Phillips, South Pacific Commissioner, will provide information on hotels and other clan activities in the January issue. Start planning now.



Henderson Spirit

**Alexandria, Virginia
Scottish
Christmas Walk
and Henderson Ceilidh
5 December 1998**

You have always wanted to take part in this great event. This is your year to join the Mid East Region for a great day. Contact Commissioner Lee Henderson in mid-November for more information.

**Ancient Henderson
CottonTartan in, Finally!**
Interested? 54" wide. Washable (delicate cycle-cold water). Price depends on how much we can order at once. We hope you will be able to buy it from the clan at \$12/yard. How many yards would you want? Contact QM Warren Henderson.

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Our mailing list is maintained by the Clan Secretary and changes should be submitted directly to him.

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The Do's and Don'ts of Dues

Clan Henderson dues are US \$10 per year per family (Family includes Henderson and spouse and children under 18)



Your year begins when you join.

While there are no Life Memberships, you may pay for several years at a time — please advise the purpose of any overpayment.



You should be receiving a renewal postcard each year, but it is quite correct for you to send your member number and dues without it.

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Clan Recognition for 1997

The Chief's Order is awarded annually to individuals who have actively supported Clan during the previous year. Obviously, the Clan is greatly improved as a result of the work of these individuals.

Joseph H. McEldowney Jr. Deputy Commissioner, South West Region, Convenor was recognized for his active support of the South West Region with innovative approaches to convening the clan at a growing number of events in Colorado and throughout the Region, while selflessly contributing his time, talent and money.

Rex H. Redmon Convenor was recognized for his ongoing contribution to the growth of the Society, his historical research, leadership with the Loch Norman Games, membership on the Survey Committee of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, and working in the background while selflessly contributing his time, talent and money to help strengthen Clan Henderson in North Carolina.

Mark C. Henderson Convenor, Printer of *An Canach* was recognized for his ongoing contribution to the Society, as the clan's printer, Mark has continued to accept more tasks each year—first upgrading to a two-color version; then preparing the newsletter for bulk mailing, and from bulk mailing he accepted the challenge of handling the international mailing as well; he is convenor in Richmond, Virginia while selflessly contributing his time, talent and money.

The Chief's Youth Award recognizes the activity of our youth as they participate in activities which help them to learn and perpetuate their Scottish heritage. A scholarship in the amount of \$100 has been provided to help each of them to continue their lessons.

Leslie Brett Highland Dancer was recognized for her musical excellence, continued success in competition, constant support of the Clan Henderson Society in the Mid East Region, and growing interest in her Scottish heritage.

Gregory Hicks Highland Dancer, Piper was recognized for his musical excellence, continued success in competition, constant support of the Clan Henderson Society in the Mid East Region, and growing interest in his Scottish heritage.

Chelsea Carter Highland Dancer was recognized for her musical interest, continued success in Highland dancing, constant support of the Clan Henderson Society in the Southeastern Region, and growing interest in her Scottish heritage.

Patrick Alan Heston Piper, was recognized for his musical excellence, continued success in competition, constant support of the Clan Henderson Society in the Far South Region, and growing interest in his Scottish heritage.



Joseph H.
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Jr.



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Gregory Hicks

Patrick Alan
Heston

Chelsea Carter

It is Time For 1998 Nominations and Applications

While any member of Clan Henderson may submit a nomination for the Chief's Award or the Chief's Prize, nominations usually come from a clan or a regional officer. The nomination process continues with the regional commissioner adding a recommendation and forwarding it to the Recommendation Committee.

The Youth Award is initiated by the individual who

writes a letter about his/her heritage activity and how they have participated with Clan Henderson. Youth are defined as 25 years of age and younger. The application is submitted to the applicant's regional commissioner who adds a recommendation and then forwards it to the Recognition Committee.

Activity described should have occurred during 1998. Recipients may submit applications every year.

The Clan System in Scotland

by Murray S. Blair © 1998



Amongst the social organizations of the world, perhaps none has so captured the public interest as the Scottish Clan system. The reason is not difficult to find, for it has carried down into the modern world the great principles of Tribality and Inheritance, from which people have elsewhere so often strayed, but to which the human race ever returns for inspiration.

There was nothing democratic in the constituents of the Clan system. It presents to our view a series of social grades from the Chief down to the bondsman, which makes it in effect the most aristocratic of communities. This however is based in name and theory upon the family, for "clan," that is "children," is the Gaelic equivalent of family, and our Scottish Chiefs were quick to perceive that, in a family, there can be no class-divisions and accordingly developed the most magnificent aristocracy in the world. Pride in ancestry amongst this people produced very beneficial effects on their characters and "Proud as a Scot" became a saying all over Europe.

The Clan was a feature of Gaelic organization that the Scots had brought with them from Ireland although it may already have existed in Scotland. In Scotland the Clan system was more markedly localized than in Ireland. Throughout the history of the Highlands the territorial connection was a strong one and indeed explains the survival not only of the clan system, but of Scotland as a tribal nation.

The fact that the Clan was like the land that it occupied, "heritage" and this "clan" bound to the Chief by the bond of kinship, gave the whole structure an intense and beautiful aspect which has throughout the ages made the relationship of the Chieftain and his people to "their" land—the clan land—something utterly different from the commercial ideas of "private property" as an investment.

From this division of the people into clans under separate chiefs arose many of those institutions, feelings and usages which characterize the Highlanders. The nature of the country almost necessarily prescribed the form of their institutions. Proud alike of their ancestry—traditionally derived from their founder Chief and of their district and being determined to preserve their independence, the Highlanders long defended themselves in those strongholds which are ever sanctuaries of national liberty, the "everlasting hills."

The division of the country into many straths, glens and islands gave rise, as a matter of necessity, to still greater individuality amongst each of those clans. Every district became, de facto, an independent state. These separate communities were each under a separate jurisdiction. A patriarchal system of government, a sort of hereditary monarchy founded on custom and regulated by laws and ancient family tradition, was thus established over each community or clan in the person of the Chief. This system continued in full vigor until about the year 1748.

As a consequence of the separation, which was preserved by the different clans, matrimonial alliances were rarely made with strangers and hence the members of the clan were generally related to one another by the tier of consanguinity or affinity. While this double connection tended to preserve harmony and goodwill among the members of the same clan, it also tended on the other hand to excite a spirit of animosity between rival clans, when an affront or an injury was offered by one clan to another or by individuals of different clans.

Although the Chief enjoyed immense power over his clan in the different characters of administrator, leader, and judge all of which might or might not be exercised by him or her in person but any one of which

might be delegated to an ad hoc war leader.

The authority of the Chief was nevertheless far from absolute, owing to the principles of the clan council under which the Chief although parent and representer of his community comprehending his clan, nevertheless, acted constitutionally in concert with the family or clan council. He was guided on matters of clan policy. In some cases, where necessary, a foolish or improvident Chief was put under supervision.

Each clan could have its own particular laws, peculiar to itself. The custom of the clan extended to their having their own scale of weights and measures.

We must remember that at all times the clan was an organization represented by its Chief in respect of his being the representative of the real or traditional founder of the community. The organization was bound up in the clan country and its heart, the family home.

The system of clanship, like that of chivalry, was to cherish a warlike spirit. The young Chiefs and heads of families tended to be regarded or despised according to their military or peaceable disposition. It has been written that every young Chieftain was obliged to give a public specimen of his valour before he was owned and declared leader of his people, who obeyed and followed him upon all occasions.

The Political Constitution of a Clan

The political constitution of a clan is as follows:

1. The Chief who according to the principle of tanistry (the ruling Chief could nominate his successor—this prevented disputes). If, however, the Chief was neither versed in law nor capable of military leadership, either function was delegated. As representer of the community, the Chief administered on behalf of the clan.

2. Next to the clan Chief was the Tanist, usually nominated by the reigning Chief, who held the position during the lifetime of the Chief.
3. Next "Commander of the Clan," the "war leader" was elected by the clan whilst the Chief was alive and was a hereditary appointment.
4. The near kinsmen to the Chief or "true family," of the Chief. They were entitled to bear the Chief's arms and this applied to females as well.
5. The Chieftains or heads of the houses into which the clan was divided. The most powerful being the eldest cadet—the second son of the Chief.
6. The Gentry of the clan—they were all cadets of the house of the Chief and could trace their ancestry step by step with his family.
7. Dependants of the Chief not of the same blood or name—ancient followers of the clan.

The household of the Chief included a number of important offices, many of which were hereditary.

The Chief was always accompanied by his bodyguard, usually about ten to twelve, who helped him maintain order.

When travelling numerous escorts as well as a retinue consisting of piper, bard, and ghillies (servants) accompanied the Chief.

Besides the obligation of military service incumbent on every able bodied member of the clan there was another obligation—the Chief got the first fruits of their cattle or produce.

When at war, each clan had a stated rendezvous where the members assembled at the summons of their Chief. The manner of informing the clan was by sending runners carrying the "fiery cross" throughout the clan territory—two men, each carrying a burning wooden cross, ran in different directions. The cross was delivered from hand to hand and, as each bearer was fresh and running at full speed, the clan was soon assembled.

Each clan had its own war cry or slogan and clan badge, the badge being heather or some other plant common to the area. While the plant (clan badge) was the primary means of recognition, in some cases the tartan sett or pattern enabled each clan to distinguish friend from foe.

The clans-people looked upon the Chief's interests as their own and in return expected him to care for their interests. The benefits from the system of clanship were not the wealth which the Chief might possess but the number of households comprehended in his little principality.

When a clan was too small or too weak to stand by itself, it strengthened itself by entering—through its Chief—a bond or treaty with friendly neighbours against the attacks or encroachments of mutual enemies or rivals. They pledged themselves to assist each other.

When the clan system had become fully organised in the Highlands, there existed no person or family who did not owe or profess allegiance to a Chief of a clan.

A Highlander was considered disgraced when he could not name his Chief and claim the protection of his clan. The most glaring insult that could be offered to a clan was to speak disrespectfully of its Chief, an offence that was considered a personal affront by all his followers and was resented accordingly.

The Scottish Chiefs never forgot that the clan was their kinsmen, and that is precisely why the clan system and the grandeur of Scottish titles, dignities, and heraldry survived. The Highland clan system, which continued unchanged through nearly six centuries has something inherently grand about it. Primitive as it may have been, it is a organization that has steadily fulfilled the aspirations of humanity and was most admirably adapted to the needs of the communities it controlled.

Rarely in history has a system of government developed such instances of paternal attachment by the rulers to their subjects or of devotion of the people to their Chiefs.

[Dr. John Henderson of Fordell is the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson. Alistair Henderson is the tanist and a Chieftain. The term chieftain was originally a territorial title which has come to be applied to the head of a cadet branch of the family. Claude Henderson is the High Commissioner for North America—the Chief's Representative—and has been designated Chieftain.]



SECRET RECIPE!

by Marie Smith

Here is the recipe for Smudge's Scottish Toffee:

1. 4 heaped tablespoons sugar
2. 3.5 ounces butter
3. 2 tablespoons Lyle's Golden Syrup
4. Melt these ingredients in a saucepan.
5. Add 1 tin Eagle Brand condensed milk.
6. Mix continuously for 10 - 15 minutes.
7. Add nuts/fruit as required.
8. Pour into greased tray.
9. Allow to harden - break into small pieces - enjoy!



Henderson ROOTS & TWIGS

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot
Clan Genealogist

Dear Cousins

From the comments I've received, last issue's column featuring Jim Henderson's superb account of Samuel and Capt James Henderson family history was a great success. I suspect "Roots & Twigs" needs more such history and less of my meanderings! So here is my invitation for YOU to send me your early Henderson family history—flesh on the bare bones of genealogy. And I have more bits in the files that make those old folks fresh and alive. I promise you more of them -- and less of me!



Genealogy-seekers need all the facts and clues they can come up with, wherever they can be found. Not long ago, on my way up to North Carolina to see the grandkids, I stopped at a roadside restaurant in Georgia. Waiting for the meal, I glanced at a Chamber of Commerce-type pamphlet on the table which gave some early history of the area. My eyes caught the word "Henderson." I recognized the name: the long lost (from my records) son of my ggg-uncle who left eastern North Carolina in the 1830s to homestead in Georgia. Another clue in the open-ended puzzle that is genealogy! Another datum for the ever-growing data base!

It is this need for any and every fact and clue that has led us into a campaign to record and publish all the Hendersons in the state censuses, county by county, from earliest times to at least 1870. Bob Henderson of Greer, South Carolina began this effort, focusing on the southeastern states. Under his leadership, the Clan has picked up the ball; clansmen have volunteered to do the 1850 census and more for their areas as starters. We now have several Henderson censuses published and available (listed below).

We still need volunteers to record Hendersons in the 1850 census for the few remaining states. We have worksheets which will guide you easily through the job—"just fill in the blanks."

If interested, please contact R.H. (Bob) Henderson, 119 Pinewood Dr, Greer, SC 29651; phone: (864) 877-2424.

These are the states for which the Clan needs volunteers:

CA,	DE,	IA,	IL,	IN,
ME,	NH,	NJ,	NY,	OH,
OR,	PA,	RI,	VT,	WI.

(See how much has already been done or is underway!)

The following "Hendersons in the Census" booklets are now ready and available. Contact

Horace Loftin
218 Greenwood Dr,
Panama City FL;
phone: (850)235-2984

Prices listed include mailing costs; checks should be made out to "Clan Henderson Society."

- Hendersons of Early Georgia (1850-1870), 253 pp, \$27.
- Hendersons of Early Mississippi (1850 only), 32 pp, \$8.
- Hendersons of Early Alabama (1850 only), 40 pp, \$9.
- Hendersons of Early South Carolina (1850-1870), 186 pp, \$20
- Hendersons of Early North Carolina (1850-1870), 150 pp, \$17

In addition, we are readying for publication the following Henderson censuses:

- for 1850, AR, KY, TN, TX, VA (including future WV), and
- for 1850-1870, FL. Stand by!

I use these Henderson state censuses constantly in the great search for connections, to our mutual benefit. If you are searching for Hendersons in any of these areas, start here!

Yours aye

Horace

New Clan Secretary Named

The clan officers in executive session have selected Dottie Henderson to replace Secretary Harry Keifer. Actual transition of duties will be coordinated between Dottie and Harry.

All communications will be directed to Dottie in order to avoid multiple mailings.

In her new position, Dottie will head up a membership committee. By sharing tasks (e.g., membership packets, renewal notification, lapsed member contact) we will be able to be more responsive to our membership.

MacStork



13 July 1998 marked the arrival of **Howard Elliott Henderson**, son of Tina and Ross Henderson, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is the grandson of clan president Russ Henderson and wife Judy and the great grandson of clan member Sara Henderson of Arizona. News of Howard's birth was on Russ and Judy's answering machine when they returned from the games at Grandfather Mountain.

Bill and Sandra Henderson of Library, Pennsylvania report the birth of their son, **Colin Garrett Henderson**, on 3 November 1997.

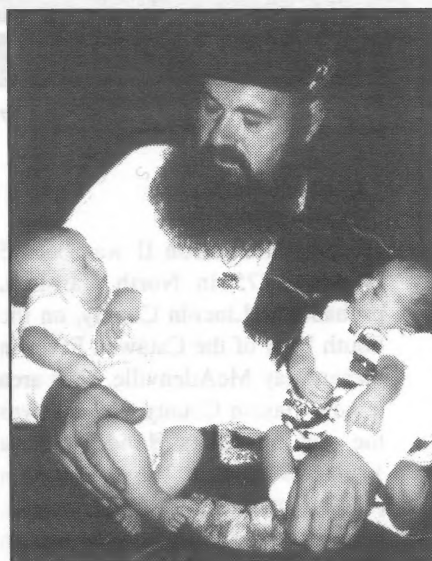
Zella May Henderson Mosher died 3 July 1998 and was buried in Salem, Utah. She was the grand mother of Heather Holman of Anderson, California.

JP Vaughan, son-in-law of Jeanne and Bill Jenkins, died on 28 February 1998 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Proud grandfather U.V. Henderson reports that **Benjamin Foster Lewis** was born 11 June 1998 in Roanoke, Virginia to his daughter Ruth Elizabeth Lewis and her husband Dr. Van Laney Lewis.

Born 16 August 1998 in Atlanta, GA, a grandson, **James Richard Donnon**, of Dell H. Young. His proud parents are Jenifer and Bob Donnon.

Jim and Sue Henderson of Ohio announce the birth of two new grandchildren. Babies, pictured here with Grandpa Jim, are **Briana Rayne Henderson** (left) born 11 June 1998 to Autumn and Creighton Henderson and **James Hamilton Henderson Jr.** (right), born 29 June 1998 to Beth and Jim Henderson.



Briana made her debut at the Grandfather Mtn Games in July and both babies plan to attend the games in Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

James Clay III reports that his great-grandmother **Nora Wood Kendrick** died on 30 August 1998 in Dahlonega, Georgia. She was 89 years old, the wife of Wayne Kendrick.



Flowers of the Forest

Clan Potpourri

An Online History of Scotland by Stephen Clif Brown

The Fortrose Academy in Scotland has begun a project to create an Online History of Scotland. The Fortrose Academy will post a new chapter of the history each week over the next three years. The first chapter which covers the prehistory of Scotland is now available at:

www.netmedia.co.uk/history/

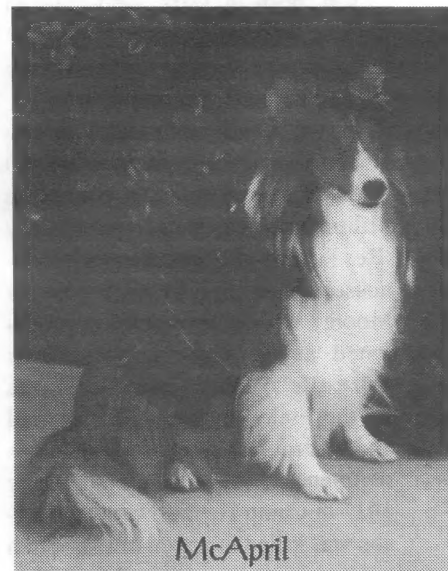
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Last nite I was promoted to Color Sgt for 1st squad, lead stick for the side drummers and instructor for the side drummers. I've also recruited a new family for membership in the clan and will present them at Alexandria cheers

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[Ed note: I love keeping up with our clan members—and yes we did visit in Alexandria.]

Shirley Stiffler's Sheltie is the "Sheltie in Scottish Tartan" on the Pet Care Forum Dog Libraries on line.



McApril

Hendersons in History

James Henderson II (1775-1814) Soldier In The War Of 1812

by William R. Bauer

James Henderson II was born 5 July 1775 in North Carolina, probably in Lincoln County, on the South Fork of the Catawba River in present day McAdenville. This area is now Gaston County, NC. He was the son of James Henderson (ca 1730-1795) and Violet Lawson (1738-1812). James Henderson, Sr. was discussed in "Hendersons in History" in Volume 8, No. 2 and No. 4 (April & October 1996 issues) of *An Canach*. Both of these articles were written by L.D. Bass of Charlotte, NC. About 1796, James Henderson II married Margaret Dickson, the daughter of Joseph Dickson. James II moved to Tennessee between 1803 and 1808 and settled in Rutherford County.

James and Margaret Dickson Henderson had eight children as follows:

1. Violet Henderson who married Dr. Elam Henderson
2. James Lawson Henderson
3. Martha Logan Henderson who married George Berton
4. Isabella Smith Henderson
5. Matilda Bedford Henderson
6. Margaret Barry Henderson, born 1801, who married Daniel McKissick
7. Mary "Polly" Paterson Henderson, born in 1802, who married Levi Wade
8. Elizabeth G. Henderson, who died before 3 December 1833

James Henderson was commissioned a Lt. Colonel in August 1810 in the Second Regiment, Tennessee Militia unit from Rutherford County (Re: Record of Commissions in Tennessee Militia 1796-1815 by Moore). On 13 November 1814 he is listed as Lt. Col., 1st Regiment (Metcalf's), West Tennessee Militia on the Field and Staff Muster Roll and was mustered into service in this regiment on this date until 13 May 1815 at Camp Heynes. Col. Henderson was killed in action in a skirmish

with the British near the Chalmette battlefield on 28 December 1814, which preceded the Battle of New Orleans on 8 January 1815. The First Regiment, West Tennessee Militia came under the command of Major General William Carroll.

According to the military records for James Henderson, he was entitled to pay for one month and 15 days, forage for two horses for one month and 15 days, pay for one private servant (not a soldier) from 13 November 1814 to 13 May 1815, and clothing for one private servant from 13 November 1814 to 13 May 1815. His estate was also paid the subsistence for he and his private servant. John Henderson, brother of James, was administrator of James Henderson's estate, and received a total of \$262.52 for pay, forage, clothing and subsistence. The estate was probated in Rutherford County, Tennessee in 1815.

His widow, Margaret, later applied for a pension under the Act of 16 April 1816, for 160 acres bounty land under the Act of 28 September 1830, and for a pension under the Act of 3 February 1853, (Re: War of 1812, "Old War" WF-8929 & No. 4508). These records are on file in the National Archives in Washington, DC.

On 16 November 1821, the Tennessee General Assembly created Henderson County. Brenda Kirk Fiddler of Lexington, Tennessee, who is the Tennessee Bicentennial Committee chairwoman for Henderson County, has researched the county history and states:

"Major John Harmon who served under Colonel Henderson was the surveyor who laid out the city of Lexington, county seat of Henderson County. Major Harmon was an influential citizen of early Henderson County, and it is thought that he influenced the naming of the county after his commander."

The following quotation is from *Tennessee Bluebook 1995-1996, Bicentennial Edition* (1796-1996) published by Riley C Darnell, Secretary of State:

"Henderson County: created 1821 from Indian lands; named in honor of James Henderson (fl. 1814), commander of Tennessee troops preceding the Battle of New Orleans, and staff officer to Andrew Jackson in the Creek and Natchez campaigns."

General Andrew Jackson defeated the Creek Indians at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend on the Tallapoosa River on 27 March 1814 and forced them to cede some of their best lands in Mississippi Territory. On 7 November 1814, Gen. Jackson captured and destroyed British held Pensacola (then in Spanish Florida) which prevented the British from using it as a base of operations. From Pensacola Gen. Jackson marched his army to Mobile and then to New Orleans. Part of Jackson's army marched down the Natchez Trace from Tennessee to Mississippi in his campaign against the Creeks and again marched back up the Natchez Trace on his return from New Orleans in 1815. Major General William Carroll (1788-1844), a friend of Andrew Jackson, served as a Colonel during the Creek War and later in 1814 was elected to succeed Jackson as major general of the Tennessee militia when Jackson was appointed major general of the United States Army. General Carroll raised a force of volunteers and transported them down the Cumberland River, the Ohio River and the Mississippi River and arrived in New Orleans in time to help Jackson defeat the British. General Carroll served as Governor of Tennessee from 1821 to 1827 and then again from 1829 to 1835. Carroll County, Tennessee formed in 1821 was named in honor of General Carroll.



Henderson Goods

Retail Items Order Form

Henderson Goods are available from your Regional Commissioner or local Convenor

You may also order directly from the Clan Quartermaster
All addresses are listed on page 23.

All Prices
Quoted in
U.S. Dollars

Item	Price	Quantity	Total	Item	Price	Quantity	Total
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Indicate Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/>				Indicate Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/>			
				Indicate Size—S_, M_, L_, XL_, XXL(\$12) _			
Pillow Kit,	\$70.00			Sweat Shirt	\$15.00		
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				Indicate Size—S_, M_, L_, XL_, XXL(\$18) _			
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They will embroider our clan badge on your choice of the following shirts.
Please order directly from Highland Embroidery.

• Pique Style Golf Shirts . . PGS – \$34.00

This is a textured weave knit that is very popular.

Colors: White, Navy, Forest, Black, Gold, Gray

Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL **

• Jersey Style Golf Shirts . . JGS – \$28.00

This is a smooth weave knit shirt with beautiful details.

Colors: White, Navy, Forest

Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL **

• Captain Style Shirt . . CPT – \$36.00

This is a button front, short sleeve shirt with epaulets; 65% polyester, 35% cotton blend

Colors: White, Navy, Hunter Green, Black, Tan

Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL **

• Pull-Over Sweaters . . POS – \$45.00

Beautifully woven, 100% Cotton, just the right feel.

Colors: White, Navy, Forest, Natural

Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL **

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Minutes of Executive Board and Annual General Meetings Grandfather Mountain

10 July 1998

The meeting was officially called to order at 2:50 P.M. although there was discussion held prior to calling the meeting to order.

Executive Board Report

1. Funding for regions in 1999. Commissioner submits operating plan outlining associated costs. Dues and sales of Henderson goods provide funds. All income must process through Clan Treasurer and funds provided to region from a regional account.

2. Clan Henderson does not fly the Lion Rampant officially.

3. Canada has been incorporated as the Clan Henderson Society of Canada.

4. Concerning Glencoe Stone project. Henderson stone legend says we were there. Project to memorialize the stone will be helped by Australia. Project almost done. Rex Maddox is leading the project.

5. McKendree College via Charles Henderson became first organizational member of the clan. Charles continues helping the college to understand the correlation of McHenry and Henderson; he has coordinated pipers and other Scottish activities at the college.

Awards:

After reporting on the executive board meeting, Clan award recipients were announced. Rex Redmon received the Order of the Chief for his untiring efforts in many Clan activities, Loch Norman games, etc. (Yeah, Rex...clap, clap, clap).

In addition, Joseph "Buzz" McElDowney and Mark Henderson will receive the Chief's Order. Leslie Brett, Gregory Hicks, Patrick Heston, and Chelsea Carter will receive the Chief's Youth Award.

An Canach:

Distribution of the spring issue of An Canach was 1502 copies. Members were enjoying the paper but

slow on renewing their dues and the cost was too great, so we had to print for active (paid-up) members only. If your dues are not up to date, you won't receive the newsletter. To make a long story short, only 768 active members received the summer issue—please pay your dues!!!

Address Correction:

Make sure your address is current, correct, legible. Timely notification of any change will help to ensure continued delivery of your newsletter. Please include your membership number on any correspondence to expedite matters.

Fordell Castle:

No longer a Henderson property. Now owned by the Inglis family. They are restoring it as their PRIVATE home. Please be considerate and do not intrude on their privacy.

Election of Officers:

At this point the meeting was called to order for the election of officers.

George Henderson represented the nominating committee. The following slate was presented:

Horace Loftin, President
Bill Henderson, Vice President
David Henderson, Vice President
and General Counsel
Harry Keifer, Secretary
Christi Heston, Treasurer

Nominations asked for from the floor but none were made. The slate of officers were elected unanimously.

The newly elected officers, who will serve from January 1999 to December 2000, will spend the coming months in transition.

Invocation:

Invocation given by Chaplain Doug Henderson.

Review of History:

Clan Piper Kyle Henderson read the minutes from the very first meeting of Clan Henderson meeting held at the Grandfather Games. Kyle's reading of the minutes was quite appropriate since he was the person who recorded them.

Claude Henderson gave a short review of the history of Clan Henderson.

Secretary's Report

Harry Keifer presented the regional member family numbers as follows:

Region	Active	Inactive
Northeast region	36	20
Canadian region	56	86
Midsouth region	44	55
North Pacific region	39	28
Mideast region	109	93
Great Lakes:	59	48
Far South	82	75
South Pacific	46	66
Southeast	207	169
North Central:	23	34
Southwest	67	60

Treasurer's report

Christie Heston presented the Treasurer's report. Summary as follows: As of 30 June 1998:

Account Balance: \$11,914.36
Operational Balance: 9,823.05
Status of Chief's Fund: 1,891.31

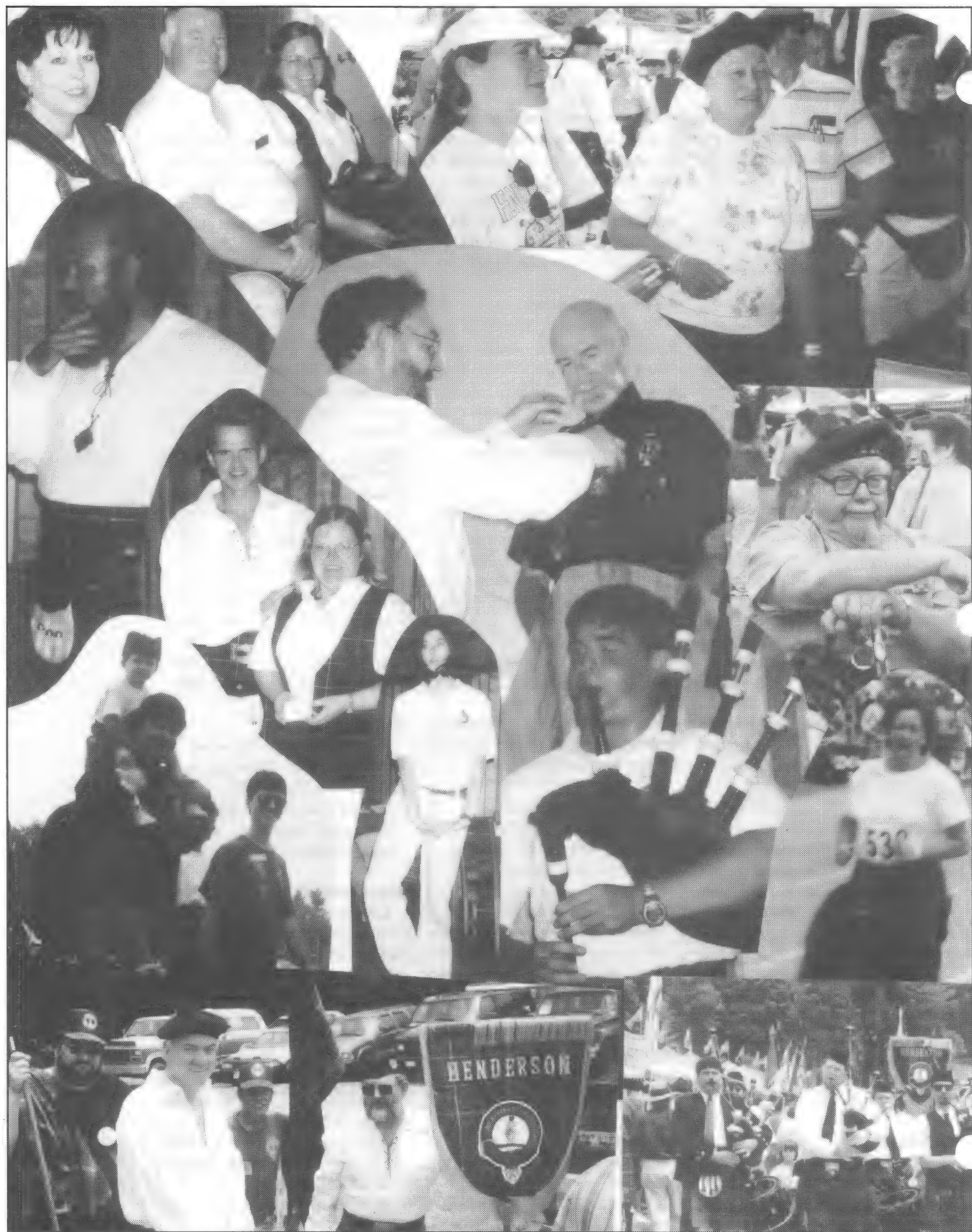
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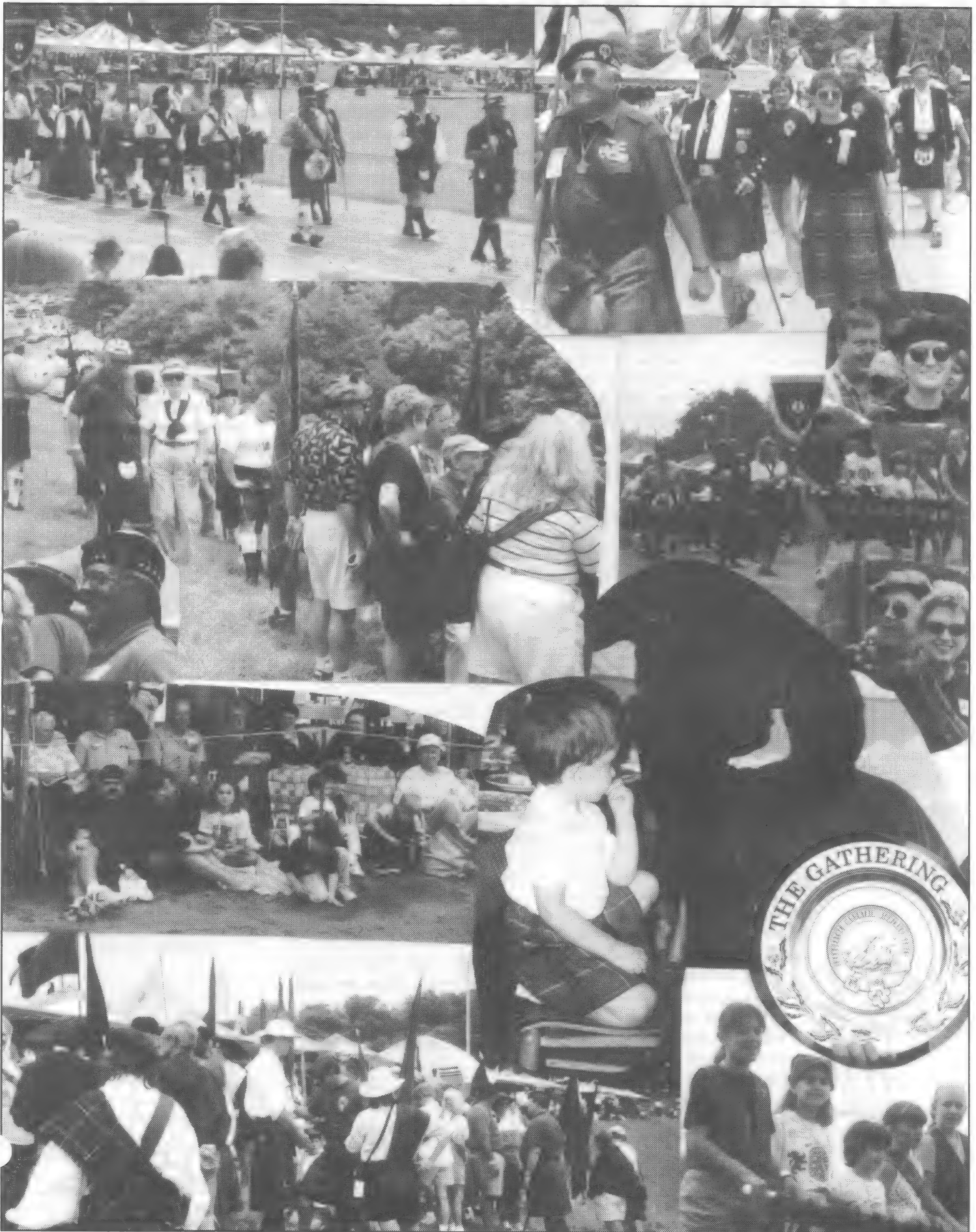
Claude presented the High Commissioner's Award to Rex Maddox recognizing his exemplary performance as Head of the Body Guard.

Mid South Regional Commissioner Henry McCarl made a motion to form a Board of Trustees. Retiring regional commissioners will be appointed to the Board. The motion was passed by majority.

Kyle Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by majority.

Harry Keifer, Secretary







Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



Mom was pretty smart when she wrote the "I'm Taylor Smalls and I belong in the Clan Henderson tent" nametag. Marty Tuthill and Jim Blevins, bike medics extraordinaire did just that at the Virginia Games.

Eastern Canada

Regional Report for the Clan Annual Meeting

by Cairns Henderson
Commissioner, Eastern Canada
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Once again, the Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada enjoyed a year full of Scottish Games and Festivals and I want to express my personal appreciation for being given the opportunity to represent such a dynamic and enthusiastic Clan. Wherever possible, Henderson cousins were greeted and told about their history, their tartans and more importantly,



their Clan, its Chief, Chieftains and the organization of the Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada.

At the Halifax Games on 5 July the Clan Henderson Society organized the Scottish heavyweight competitions which featured sixteen competitors in seven events.

In Nova Scotia, our Society was also represented at the New Glasgow Festival of the tartans and at the Antigonish Highland games.

In the province of New Brunswick on 26-27 July, we were the featured clan and shared the salute of the massed bands with the New Brunswick Lieutenant Governor.

My hope is for our Society to continue to grow in membership and to be able to expand its promotion of our common heritage.

What's Happening in Eastern Canada

by Cairns Henderson

It's only half over and already 1998 had been a landmark year for Clan Henderson members, Wilbert and Della Henderson, from Seafoam, Nova Scotia.

With the arrival of Kassidy Anne MacKinnon, daughter of Kelli and Jason MacKinnon, on 6 January 1998, Wilbert and Della became first-time great-grandparents. Only a few months later, they became great-grandparents for the second time when Devon Byrne, son of Mark Byrne and Amy Dunphy, joined the family. These new additions, of course, made first time grandparent of sisters Mona (Henderson) MacDonald and Rhoda (Henderson) Byrne!

These momentous events were not, however, the end of the excitement in the family. Wilbert

and Della's youngest granddaughter, Rana Byrne, graduated with her diploma in travel/tourism in June, 1998 and eldest granddaughters, Jane Henderson and Karri Ann MacKinnon graduated with their second university degrees when both earned their Bachelor of Education on 8 May 1998.

This Henderson family has a precedent for producing good teachers, Mona (Henderson) MacDonald was recognized with an Excellence in Teaching Award from the School Board in May 1998.

Jana Henderson, eight year old daughter of Jackie and Anna Henderson, of Dartmouth, successfully completed her three year Composition for Young Children program and has moved on to a higher level of music development. Jana composed and received an award last year for her Celtic inspired piano composition in 3/4 time.

With so much happening already, the rest of the year could be very exciting!

John Victor Henderson

10 years old 1 Feb 1998

Sarah Elizabeth Henderson

5 years old 12 March 1998

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to both of you love Mom and Dad.



Far South Region

12th Annual Texas Scottish Festival And Highland Games

by Bill Shuffler

The University of Texas Stadium Complex at Arlington, Texas, about mid-way between Fort Worth and Dallas, was the location on 5-7 June 1998, for yet another record breaking Texas Scottish Festival. Fortunately, we caught a "window" of mild days sandwiched in between unseasonably warm—no, HOT—weeks which had temperatures above 100 F! Weather was excellent for woolen tartans, and even comfortable for jackets in the evenings and mornings.

This year featured a somewhat new format on Friday, with a Scottish Family History Symposium featuring David Dobson of St. Andrews, Scotland, the pre-eminent genealogical/historical researcher specializing in emigration from Scotland to Colonial America, and who has over 70 publications in print. Clan tent setup followed this activity around 4:00 P.M., with entertainment and the Patrons' Barbecue at 6:00 P.M. and the Ceilidh in one location and a Scottish Country Dance Social in another location at 8:00 P.M. and continuing into the late hours.

Saturday 9:00 A.M. seemed to arrive very soon after the Ceilidh; however, many good clansmen were there with tents set up and ready for the over-50,000 person crowd the next two days. The Clan Henderson tent, primarily arranged by Sue and Dick Hoffman, Convenors for this event, with assistance from our Commissioner, David Henderson, and Bill Shuffler, Texas Convenor, was a very busy place with some 26 members registering and about the same number of non-members registering. Assistance was given to

some 50 to 75 additional visitors to help them to determine if they might have Scottish Heritage, to relate the surname to a Clan, if Clan association could not be found, to help them determine District Tartan as applicable and to provide them location on grounds of their Clan or Family Association or a current Clan or Family Association address. Interest in what tartan is applicable to their surname seems to be foremost in the minds of most of these somewhat casual visitors. Several visitors with Henderson heritage were assisted with genealogical research. Two brothers, each with a tattoo of the Henderson Clan badge on their arm, showed a keen interest in Heraldry.

Some of our out-of-staters for this gathering were Dan Henderson of Santa Clara, CA (Shorty and Marge Henderson's 6 foot-plus son!), Billy and Dawn Henderson from Jackson, MS, and David and Beth Henderson from Tulsa, OK.

The Henderson Trophy was won by a young piper of the North Texas Caledonian Pipes and Drums, Mike Laverock.

The most significant event was undoubtedly the winning of the Best Clan Tent trophy by the Clan Henderson tent on Sunday. With this, we can safely say a good and rewarding time was had by all!

Mid East Region

Fredericksburg Scottish Highland Games

By Jeff Henderson, FSA Scot

The Fredericksburg Games were held 12-14 June 1998. This was the fourth year for these games, and as usual the experience there was not like the previous years. Nancy went to Fredericksburg with me on Friday afternoon 12 June to get set up. She returned home to be with some out of town guests.



A good showing at the Arlington Games.

The Irvine Clan tent was next to ours and Karen Irvine Lewis who was hosting at the Irvine Clan tent, urged me to enter the Bonnie Knees Contest. She offered to look after our tent to keep Shen and Chaing, while I was at the contest. There were 15 men who were contestants, and I won third place. At long last I have found a competition I can enter at the games. Karen and I had quite a time late Saturday afternoon when a sudden wind and rain storm just about blew us away.

As usual, the games were crowded on Saturday. Our house guests Gay and Jack Wilkes from Austin, Texas, and their daughter, Gay Lee Pearce and grandson, Jordan Jackson Pearce from Houston, Texas, came for several hours on Saturday. Clan members who stopped by were Rosemary Henderson Herman; and Greg Hicks, Ann Henderson and Leon Hicks; and



Convenor Susan Hoffman with the Best Clan Tent trophy amid her display at the Arlington, Texas Games.



Rosemary Henderson Herman and Jeff Henderson along with Shen and Chaing hosted at the Clan tent at the Fredericksburg, Virginia Scottish Games.

Davis Bradshaw. (Greg Hicks is learning to play the bagpipes, and is an accomplished sword dancer. He has developed these talents during the past year.)

In addition to these folks a number of other people whom I had known from various places in the Northern Virginia and dropped by to say hello. Mike and Pat Scot Bartlett and their family came by. Mike and Pat live in Manassas, Virginia. Nancy and Mike taught school together for many years. Sean Swiderski, who manages one of our favorite restaurants, stopped by to find his Scottish roots. Fred Lindsey, a friend of many years from a former church where we belonged, is a piper with the Prince Georges Police Pipe Band, and he found our tent. We had a great visit. Our next door neighbors, Mary and Bob Steven, and children Heather and Alec came late Sunday in time to see the Games and help me fold up and load the car. It

was certainly great to see all of these people. The bad news was that I had one of my best recruiting times ever the year before at Fredericksburg, with eight new members. This year I didn't sign up new members, however, on the scale of having a great weekend, this one was right at the top.

South West Region

The 35th Annual Colorado Scottish Festival And Rocky Mountain Highland Games

by J. H. McEldowney

The games were held 8-9 August at Highland Heritage Park, in Highlands Ranch Colorado, as they have been for the past several years.

Linda met me bright and early Saturday morning as I was getting off duty. We headed immediately, for the park which is about twenty minutes away since clan check in was at 7:30 A.M.

It looked like it was going to be another gorgeous summer day in Colorado, unlike last year when the weather was more like Scotland than Colorado. This year we were fortunate—we had warm, almost hot weather for both days of the games. Although the temperature did get up there a wee bit, it was nothing like the heat we had a month prior at the Pike's Peak games.

Once we checked in and had gotten directions to our assigned space, Linda and I began setting up our tent and display and were ready to go by 8:30 A.M. Our location this year was not as good as it had been for the past couple of years. We ended up about as far from the main thoroughfare as possible, and would have loved to have been back in our old spot closer

to the stage and dance platform. As they say in the real estate business, location is everything. Our poor location would become more evident as the day progressed. We eventually had only 16 visitors sign our guest register, for the two days of the games.

We did manage to gain one new member, Jim Henderson, from Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Welcome to the clan Jim! I look forward to visiting more with you in Estes Park. We also had a visit from Kevin Henderson, his wife Lori, and daughter Katie, from Valley Falls, Kansas. We met Kevin and Lori last year at the Pikes Peak games. Kevin had come to Highlands Ranch to compete in the Men's B athletic events. Since Kevin was not competing until Sunday, Linda and I talked him and his family into marching with us in the parade of clans during the noon opening ceremonies. This year there were 28 clans in attendance as well as 10 pipe bands.

Following the opening ceremonies we headed back to the tent for some lunch and shade. My mom and dad had arrived as well as our daughter Erin and her friend Karen Stanley, a Henderson for the day.

The afternoon went by relatively fast. We had a small but steady stream of people stop at the COSCA table but none with any Henderson connections.

Sunday started out a carbon copy of Saturday, sunny and clear. Things don't usually start to get busy until around noon on Sundays, so I managed to get away from the booth for a little bit and wander over to the athletic fields. I wanted to see how Kevin was doing in his events. Let's put it this way—he came to Colorado looking for gold and he was definitely going home with some. Kevin had already taken first in a couple of events and had his sights set on winning best overall. It sure was a great sight to see someone competing wearing the Henderson tartan and doing so well.

For Sunday's opening ceremonies we had some new faces to help carry the colors. My sister Collene



Kevin Henderson from the North Central Region competed at Highlands Ranch winning many awards and is shown here with his Best Overall Trophy.

McNally and clan member Kelsey Parker as well as Lori and Katie Henderson marched with Linda and me.

As the day progressed, we would get word from a passerby that a Henderson was doing quite well in one or another of the athletic events, so we knew Kevin was still in the running. By the end of the day we found out just how well Kevin had done.

Kevin competed in the "Men's Under 190 lb. Class" and won "Best Overall Athlete" He won the following events -

Stone Put	17lbs Braemar
Hammer	22 lb.
Caber Toss	
Sheaf Toss	
Placed second in	
56 lb. for distance	
56 lb. for height	
28 lb. for distance	

In addition he won **Best Overall in his weight class.** Congratulations Kevin, good job!!!!

Yes, it was a slow but great weekend for Clan Henderson. We gained a new member and had another member go home a winner.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by to visit and to those of you that marched with us on Saturday and Sunday, I appreciate your support. That's it for now, and I look forward to seeing a lot of you at Estes Park in September.

South Pacific Region

Caledonian Club of San Francisco Scottish Gathering in Pleasanton

by Larry Mae Phillips

Once again the Caledonian Club of San Francisco sponsored an outstanding Scottish Gathering. Although the temperature was in the 90s, people attending the two day event came early and stayed until the colorful closing ceremonies.

We were so pleased to meet Dan Henderson and his parents, Margie and "Shorty" Henderson visiting from Irving, Texas.

Dan and "Shorty" marched in the Opening Ceremonies with Bob Phillips, Gene Phillips, Larry L. Phillips, and Megan Phillips.

On Sunday we were kept busy most of the day answering questions about the Clan and helping people who were interested in researching



Gene and Larry Mae Phillips, Margie and "Shorty" Henderson, Larry L. Phillips, Megan and Bob Phillips at the Pleasanton Games.

their names. We hear so many interesting stories about why families left Scotland and how they finally arrived in America.

During the Opening Ceremonies, Dan and "Shorty" Henderson again joined Larry L. Phillips, Bob Phillips, and new member Jerry Nagel in representing Clan Henderson in the Parade of the Clans.

At the end of the day we had two new members, handed out nine membership forms, and had 42 people sign the register. To all the members who helped at the tent and marched in the Parade of Clans, I would like to express my sincere appreciation.

Dumfries Charter Days and Scottish Heritage Fair

Virginia's oldest town will be celebrating its 250 years on 8-9 May 1999. You can expect a gathering of the clans and societies, pipe bands, children's athletics, Scottish foods, and more.

In addition, to the activities set up by members of Clan Henderson, the Prince William County Genealogical Society will be holding a Ceilidh Saturday evening and its 3rd Annual Genealogical and Historical Resource Fair on Sunday.

Now, there are those new members of Clan Henderson who may not have been aware of our historical involvement with this town—once a major colonial port.

A major merchant in this town was Alexander Henderson who made his money from many enterprises throughout the colony. He made his home in Dumfries, a house which is still inhabited and which bears his name as an historic building.

His son was Archibald Henderson who became a marine and eventually the Commandant of the US Marine Corps. Although he was the fifth to hold that post, he is considered to be the father of the USMC.

A number of our members trace their genealogy through this family and are therefore eligible for recognition as a first family of Dumfries.

We hope to have a major Henderson presence for this two day event. Please put it on your calendar.

Traditions Of The Scottish Clans

by Derek and Darrel Henderson
Central Canada

The picturesque dress of the Scottish Clans is one of the most ancient of all costumes. Its first use seems to be hidden in the mists of tradition, but the Scottish Highlanders were the last to oppose the conquering armies of Rome and when Agricola invaded North Britain in 81 A.D. he found 21 clans.

Originally the Scottish Clans were a group of families occupying a locality such as a glen or an island. These families claimed descent from a common ancestor and the Chief of the Clan was the living "representor" of this ancestor. The clans owed loyalty to their representor and they accepted his jurisdiction and followed him into battle. In turn the Chief was a patriarch and he protected his followers and gave them help in time of distress.

The particular pattern of tartans which distinguished each Clan was fixed before the year 1600. In each district the local weaver produced a pattern or "sett" which became the clan tartan. The dyes for the tartans were obtained from the plants that grew in their native hills. Black for example came from the alder tree bark, blue from blueberry with alum, magenta from dandelion, red from rock lichen etc. Unfortunately the old methods of dyeing were lost when the wearing of the tartans was prohibited by the British Parliament after the Jacobite Uprising.

When Prince Charles Edward Stuart and his Highlander followers were defeated at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the wearing of highland dress was forbidden under penalty of six months imprisonment, with the idea of destroying the clan spirit. The order was repealed in 1782 but by this time a generation had gone by and the old methods of using vegetable dyes were lost.

The ancient dress of the Scottish Highlander was not a kilt but a belted plaid called a "great wrap" (feileadh-mor). This was a length of tartan about 16 to 18 feet long

(4.8x5.5 metres) and six feet (1.9 metres) wide. The upper portion covered the shoulders and the lower portion hung down to the knees and it was belted at the waist. To attire himself in the "great wrap" the Highlander would lay on the ground, arrange the folds, lie down on it and then buckle it on, fastening the lower end on the right hip.

If the Highlander had to spend the night in the open air, even in the worst of Scottish gales, he would not be concerned. He would dip his plaid in the water of a river or burn, wrap it around himself and then lie down on the leeward side of a hill. The warmth of his body would create a steam, thickening the woollen cloth so that the wind could not penetrate and the heat of his body surrounded him in a warm vapour.

By the early part of the 18th century, the lower half of the "great wrap" known as the "little wrap" (feileadh beag) was in general use as a kilt.

A Scot will tell you that his kilt is economical. It is cool for walking but warm in the cold weather. It sheds rain and has a lilt of its own in its movement.

With the kilt, the Scot often wears a balmoral, held in place with a ribbon threaded around the rim and tied at the back. This stays secure in strong winds and can be "scrogged" over the ears for protection.

The wearing of the Clan Tartan is a matter of great pride and descriptions of the tartans are recorded in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings. Each Chief has his own personal Arms and it is an offence for anyone to misappropriate them. Two tartans which do not belong to a particular clan are the tartan for an order (the clergy) and a tartan for a cause (the Jacobite or Stuart).

The tradition for wearing of the kilt is one that the Highland Regiments have clung to with great pride. In World War I the Germans called the kilted Scottish soldiers, "Ladies

from Hell" and in the Second World War they were known as "Devils in Skirts." The kilt has been the coveted possession of some Scottish Regiments, such as the Black Watch, since 1730 and the dress of these regiments has become a national feature.

The popular Scottish Games were started by King Malcolm in the 14th century. Because he was dissatisfied with the speed of his messengers, he ordered the young men of the district to take part in speed and endurance contests for the honour of serving him. Three sons of a local chieftain took part in the arduous hill race and the youngest boy produced a burst of speed and passed his brothers, one of whom grabbed his kilt. He youngster unbuckled it and romped home bare from the waist down, which answers the inevitable question "What does a Scotsman wear under his kilt?"

At the meeting of a Clan Association held in Edinburgh a lively exchange was heard between a McIntosh and a MacPherson about the wearing of the kilt in today's society. McIntosh, who wore a suit, maintained that the kilt is no longer a symbol of national pride and does not conform to present day requirements. He also said that most Scotsmen were too fat, too tall, too thin or too small to swagger about in tartan skirts. "Kilts," he said, "should only be seen in museums." Looking at the horrified faces of many of his fellow Scots, MacPherson wearing a kilt, replied: "the kilt is a symbol of a wonderful Scottish tradition. It gives a man protection where he needs it, round his tummy and in the small of his back. It cuts down colds. The kilt gives a sense of kinship, I always stop to speak to a man I see wearing my tartan, and wouldn't wear tubes of cloth for anything!"

There was no doubt that the majority of Scots agreed with MacPherson. They may not wear their kilts for everyday wear but they certainly wear them for special occa-



My Search for the Henderson Stone

by Danny R. Henderson

While I was stationed in England, I decided to take advantage of the Labor Day weekend by driving to Scotland. This was my fifth trip to Scotland. In August I saw the Military Tattoo in Edinburgh.

I had several goals on my agenda I wanted to visit: the remains of the Roman fortress at Inchtuthil (near Spittalfield, Scotland); the legendary battlefield between the Caledonians and Romans at Mons Graupius (Bennachie mountain, Scotland); the Malt Whiskey trail in the Spey area; after driving all the way north, John O'Groats and Dunnet Head (the northern most village and point on the Island of Great Britain); and finally, the Henderson Stone at Glencoe. All of my objectives were met with varying degrees of success and here is the story of my search for the Henderson Stone.

On the evening of 6 September 1998, I headed south towards Glencoe, as I passed along Carriageway A82, as the sun was setting at 8:15 P.M. The sunset turned the cold dark water to a warm glow of dark purple to lavender in Loch Lochy. When I finally arrived in Glencoe I tried to find a room and the only thing available was a 40 pound room at the Glencoe hotel. I went to the town Ballachulish which is about one mile south of Glencoe and rooms were sparse there but I was sent to an elderly lady's house that still had room. I introduced myself to this

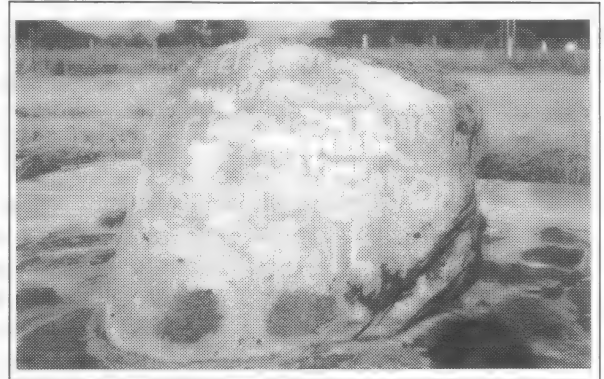
lovely lady named Isa and she said I had a good Scottish name and a highland name. I told Isa I was looking for the Henderson Stone. Amazingly Isa had a church bulletin with a paragraph about the Henderson Stone dedication.

THE HENDERSON STONE: There is to be a service of dedication at the Henderson Stone in Glencoe (A82) on Wednesday [9 September 1998] this week at 2.30 P.M. It will be conducted by Bishop Cameron of the Diocese (Episcopal Church) of Argyll & the Isles.

I visited the Henderson Stone on labor day, 7 September 1998. I asked an elderly gentleman in Glencoe about the stone and he gave me the directions to it. I found the stone in a crofter's field north of Glencoe not far from the MacDonald Memorial.

The massacre occurred 13 February 1692, thirty eight MacDonalds of Glencoe were massacred in this area by order of King William III, and carried out by government forces.

I continued over a fence, cutting my hand as I moved through the farmer's wet field. I found the Henderson Stone and sat near the stone and reflected on our Highland history. I took photographs and even did a sketch. I hated to leave the stone knowing that a dedication was going to happen in two days and I would miss it.



The Henderson Stone at Glencoe as Danny R. Henderson found it just before the Dedication Service on 9 September 1998.

It looked like more rain was coming, so I continued south in my rental car. I felt a sense of pride as I continued through the Glencoe National Park and thought about how Clan Henderson was an important part of Scottish history and this highland region.

The towering highland peaks and beautiful glens are all a wonderful memory now and I wanted to share it with my clan cousins.

I returned to RAF Alconbury after almost 1700 miles of driving through Scotland. I e-mailed all of the stone dedication information to fellow Clan Henderson members.

Traditions from page 18

sions. The kilt goes well with the heather and bracken and the muted colour scheme of the Scottish Highlands, and is equally at home making a splash of colour on the grey of a town street.

Kilts are not worn by the women, rather a tartan skirt of a longer and different cut is the correct dress.

The wearing of a kilt knows no age limit and a kilted grandfather

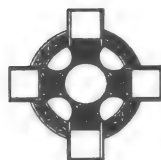
may well be seen walking along holding the hand of a very small kilted grandson. Hikers wear the kilt with an open necked shirt and at every "ceildh" you will find kilts worn with tweed jackets or velvet doublets.

The guards at Edinburgh Castle wear the kilt that has been the coveted possession of their regiment for over a hundred years.

One time when kilts are certainly worn is on New Year's Eve, or "Hogmanay." New Year's Day legally became January 1st in Scotland in 1600 and in England and Wales in 1752.

What ever you do, wear your tartan with pride since it is one of the existing remnant's of your clan's proud history.





Chaplain's Chair

by Douglas Henderson

Revelation 3:7-8

"To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of the Holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens: 'I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.'"

The Book of Revelation contains images and allusions that none of us can quite understand. The intent of this style of writing was to hide the true purpose of the Book of Revelation from the Roman authorities. Yet portions of the Book, such as these verses are very clear. Here, John is writing the words of Jesus Christ to the Church at Philadelphia. Jesus has the key to lock and to unlock, who opens and no one can shut.

While this invitation was to the church at Philadelphia we can be very sure that we have an open invitation to the presence of God. The door is always open and He bids us to come in.

It is said that when Alexander Whyte was at Free St. George's church in Edinburgh (as it was known in those days), A.B. Macaulay was his assistant and there was a deep bond of affection between the old preacher and the young associate. The day came when Macaulay received a call and was leaving for a church of his own. He came by Whyte's study the day he was leaving to say goodbye, and Whyte said, "I wanted to give you something before you left. I thought about a picture or a book, but you have so many of these. So, I decided to give you a key to my house here in Edinburgh, and I want you to use it when ever you are in Edinburgh." He was setting an ever-open door before Macaulay. That's what God does for us.

Ceol nan Gàidheal The Music of the Gael

by Joan McWilliams Weiss

The Pleasure And Purpose Of Scottish Events

by Joan Weiss

The Scottish world is growing, with more clan members and Scottish events in America. Yet more than ever, with the ease and speed of travel or E-mail, it's a small world! Clan Henderson is part of this story, but first let's "meet" Scottish Gaelic singer — and folksinger — Graham Neilson of Edinburgh. He and his wife Kate are looking forward to their American trip.

Mr. Neilson, Men's Gold Medalist at the Royal National Mòd in Inverness, was Guest Artist of the U.S. National Mòd at the Ligonier Highland Games in Pennsylvania. The following Saturday, 19 September 1998, he sang at the Scottish Heritage Fair in Alexandria, Virginia.

Graham Neilson was born in Grant-town-on Spey in Inverness-shire and grew up in Aberfeldy, Perthshire, where Gaelic music was a big part of his life. He also enjoys the folksongs that go around Scotland and Ireland, and on to America. A self-employed joiner (carpenter), he began his career moving about the country to various construction projects—from concrete oil rigs to the precisely replicated, "Victorian" railway carriages of the Orient Express, and the refurbishment of the Queen Elizabeth liner, now anchored off our west coast!

Mr. Neilson came to the U.S. Mòd through the courtesy of An Comunn Gàidhealach, The Highland Association in Scotland. It founded their Mòd, Scotland's historic festival and

competition in Gaelic language and music, to keep alive the Highland culture of Scotland.

An Comunn Gàidhealach-America (ACGA) established the U.S. Mòd in 1988. The Scottish Heritage Fair in Alexandria was the venue for the Mòd for four years, beginning with the Fair's inception in 1990. It's wonderful to see the success of both the Mòd and the Fair in celebrating our Scottish heritage!

Everyone involved deserves credit for these kinds of entertaining and educational events. I'd like to note that many members of Clan Henderson put plenty of time and talent into the unique Scottish Heritage Fair—especially Russ Henderson, whose commitment and vision made it happen.

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Sinclair Memorial Unveiled

by Cairns Henderson
Commissioner, Eastern Canada

Cairns and Celeste Henderson are shown following the unveiling of the Interpretation Memorial to Prince Henry Sinclair, Earl of Orkney, on 13 July 1998. Senior representatives of all three levels of government in Canada, representatives of the United States, Norway, Italy, the United Kingdom, and the Mi'kmaq Nation took part in the ceremony. The Right Honourable Malcolm Sinclair, Earl of Caithness, was present for the unveiling of the Memorial by Her Majesty's representative, the Honourable John J. Kinley, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

The Lieutenant Governor's remarks were preceded by a welcome, in both English and Mi'kmaq, by the

Grand Chief of the Mi'kmaq. The plaque on the Memorial, which tells of the travels of Prince Henry to Nova Scotia and Eastern United States in 1398, is written in three languages, English, French and Mi'hmaq. The First Nations peoples welcomed Prince Henry's party who came to the New World not as conquerors or to claim land in the name of a foreign country, but simply as visitors.

Many Scottish clans paraded their tartans and crests during the ceremony at Boylston Park in Guysborough County. The Hendersons were "especially" invited because of the close genealogical ties between the Henderson and Sinclair families in Nova Scotia.



Cairns and Celeste Henderson at the Interpretation Memorial to Prince Henry Sinclair, Earl of Orkney



A Henderson Gathering

by Dan & Rhonda Pierce

My family had a Henderson reunion this past June and I didn't think to let you know (possibly for An Canach). It was a gathering of the family of Nicholas Robert (1896-1965) and Virginia Lee Stafford (1897-1968) Henderson, Sr. of Kanawha County, West Vir-

ginia. Nicholas is a descendant of James and Martha Hamilton Henderson of Augusta County, Virginia in the late 1700s.

The gathering took place on a the weekend of 19-21 June near Charleston, West Virginia.

[Ed note: Family Reunions are Clan Gatherings. Announce them in An Canach—maybe a long lost cousin will get the word and show up. After the event, write us a report with pictures.]

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- 2-4 The Heart of Tennessee Scottish Festival
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- 3 Chesapeake Celtic Festival
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- 9-11 Clark County Scottish Festival
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- 10 Anne Arundel Scottish Festival & Games
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- 11 Scotland Highland Festival
Waldo Homestead
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- 15-18 Stone Mountain Scottish Festival &
Highland Games
Stone Mountain Park
Atlanta, GA
- 17-18 Loch Prado Pacific Highland Gathering
& Games
Prado Regional Park, Chino
Torrance, CA
- 23-25 Richmond Highland Games & Celtic
Festival
Richmond, VA
- 25 Kirkin O' Th' Tartan
Fremont Presbyterian
5770 Carlson Drive Church
Sacramento, CA
Larry Mae Phillips

November

- 6-8 Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials
Rural Hill Plantation
Huntersville, NC
- 7 Highlands County Scottish Games
Lake Placid, FL
- 7 Tucson Celtic Festival & Games
Green Fields Country Day School
Tucson, AZ
- 13-15 37th Salado Scottish Games
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December

- 5 Alexandria Christmas Walk
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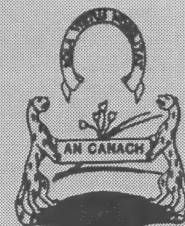
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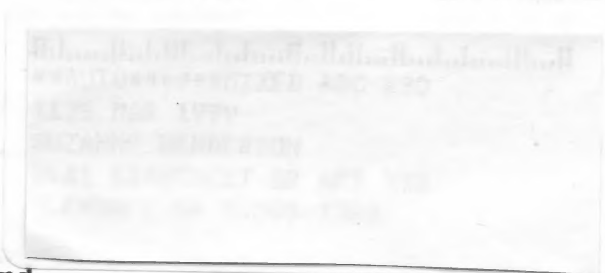


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