



CBSI 2018 Elections are coming soon!

Ballots next issue

Nominations are now open for offices to be voted upon by the CBSI membership. Please send nominations to Chester M. Gibson, Chairman of the Nominations and Awards Committee, PO Box 323, Unionville, PA 19375-0323. Email nominations to: <cmg@gibson@msn.com.>

CBSI 2018

AGM

set for

Colorado Springs

June 15 -16

Our 2018 AGM is to be held in conjunction with the Long's Peak Highland Games in Memorial Park, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

See page 2 of this publication for all of the details and how to register and the deadlines for everything.



The Buchanan Banner now on Electric Scotland!

Thanks to our friend, Alastair McIntyre!

<<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/buchanan>>

Visit at any time, as much as you wish.





CBSI AGM WEEKEND

Long's Peak Highland Games

Memorial Park, Colorado Springs, Colorado

June 15th and 16th 2018

25 blocked rooms at **The Elegante**, Colorado Springs

\$135 per night.

Call 800-981-4012

and ask for "Clan Buchanan Society" for the room rate.

Dates for rate are June 13th to June 18th.

Last day to reserve room is May 14th.

Black Lion Pub

held Friday, June 15th from 7pm to 9pm.

*Stop by for a few nibbles, good conversations,
and of course some Buchanan Scotch.*

Dinner Saturday, June 16th

at 6:30pm

\$50 per person.

There will also be a pay as you drink bar.

RSPV and pay by June 1st to Shelagh Colledge

18457 W. Sunnyslope Lane, Waddell, AZ 85355



from the
PRESIDENT
Lloyd Gibson

Spring is just around the corner and that announces a new season of Celtic events.

Our Commissioners, I'm sure, are busy making sure the Regents have the equipment and supplies they need to do the job.

Last season was pretty productive in that lots of new folks decided to become members of this family.

Nancy Fromm has volunteered to become our Clan Historian. She has many contacts for family records and is available to do some research for you. Nancy can be contacted through her email, which is: <nan.fromm@yahoo.com>. This is a position we have needed to fill for a long time. We are quite fortunate to have Nancy's services.

In the Southeast, Region 4, some changes are in effect. Bruce and Janet Gervin have stepped down as Co-Commissioners and Regents for Region 4. They have held these positions for several years. However, the same problems that sooner or later creeps into all of our lives, illness, etc., has forced them to turn over the reins of Region 4.

Emily Darraj has graciously consented to take over the position of Commissioner for Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

Emily can be contacted by email at: <emilydarraj@comcast.net>. Emily is a very gracious lady who is always available to answer questions or pass on new information.

John Gibson has consented to mail the hard copies of *The Buchanan Banner* to those who do not have computer access.

Currently, he is working on trying to retrieve the zip codes for many members which were lost when files were transferred.

Commissioners and Regents should, please, email your USPS mailing lists to <digitaljg@gmail.com>. I am sure he will appreciate your help. We need to applaud his efforts.

With the CBSI elections coming up in 2019, we all need to be thinking of names for the ballots. **Chester Gibson** in Pennsylvania is the CGSI Elections Officer. All positions on the Executive Council are up for re-election. Please think this through. If you are not in a position to do the job, then, my advice is, don't put your name on the ballot. We, the Executive Council, have spent many hours per day trying to correct deficiencies left behind by non-attentive per-



Nancy & Lloyd Gibson, CBSI president.

sons on the board over about a twelve year period. If you think you want the position, be prepared to perform the duties of the position.

We have a new Webmaster on the job now. Her name is **Tammy Tobin**.

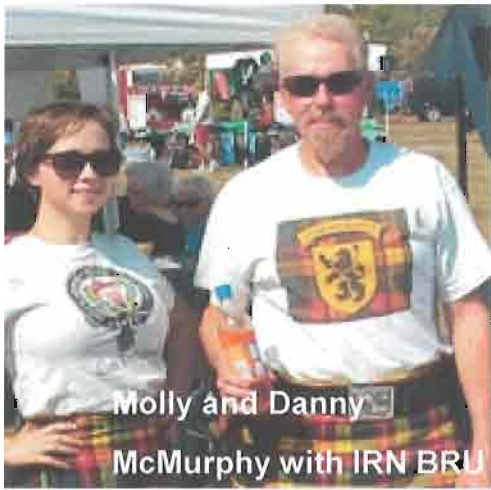
She comes to us with many years of experience and education. I will not publish her contact information, because any changes for her should go through the Executive Council.

The Annual General Meeting of CBSI will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 15-17, which is Father's Day weekend. For information, see page 1/2 here in this *Buchanan Banner*, our FaceBook page and on our CBSI website.

Contact person is **Shelagh (Shela) Colledge**, Commissioner for Regent 10. (See page 2.)

I hope for a happy, prosperous, safe summer and hope you all have fun. Life is too short not to.

Lloyd Gibson, president



Celtic Festival & Highland Games of the Quad Cities

September 15-16, 2017
in Davenport, Iowa - AND
CBSI got TWO new members!

Danny McMurphy, Missouri Regent

Clan Buchanan attended the Quad Cities games for the very first time as Missouri Regent Danny McMurphy and his daughter Molly McMurphy traveled to Davenport, IA for the very first time.

Helping out with the Buchanan booth were Iowa Clan members Wendy Weir and her sister, Penny Tompkins.

Traveling up on Thursday to get set up for Friday was a good adventure but it turned out that nothing much happens on Friday, so next year the plan is to travel up on Friday morning instead.

There were only 8 of the 10 registered Clans in attendance, which was disappointing, but this festival has a lot of potential with the Scottish Heavy Athletics Competition that takes place on Saturday along with the Special Highland Games, Highland Dance Competition, workshops and many other events including the Black Hawk Pipes & Drums that played through the day and let the Tartan parade at Noon.

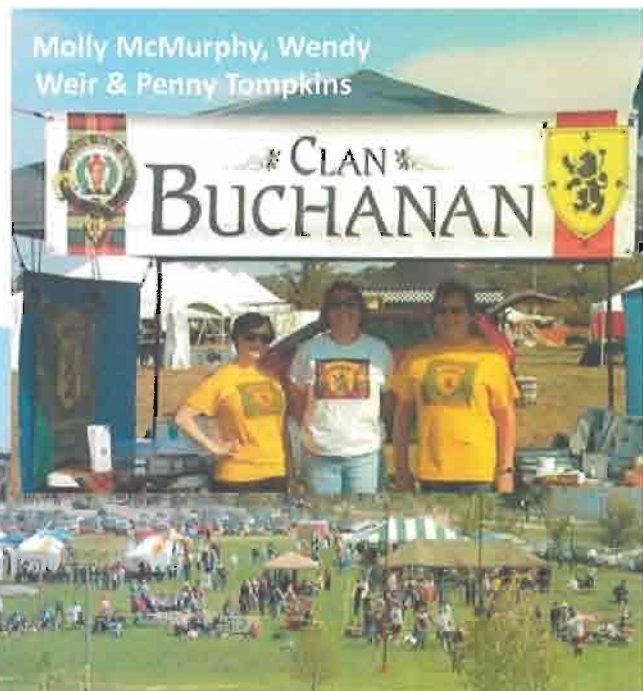
The location on the West bank of the Missis-

sippi near downtown Davenport made for a great Saturday.

A highlight for our Clan was meeting Iowan Richard Hem who drove 100 miles to get to our booth to join Clan Buchanan.

After joining he picked up his invalid sister Ellen, who lives locally in Davenport, and brought her over to join as well. Their great-grandmother was a Buchanan. These were the first members that have been signed up at the Clan booth since Danny took over as Regent in mid-2016.

This festival is already confirmed for 2018 and Clan Buchanan plans on returning!



Where Old, Unreadable Documents Go to Be Understood

A transcriber on the Isle of Man can decipher almost anything.

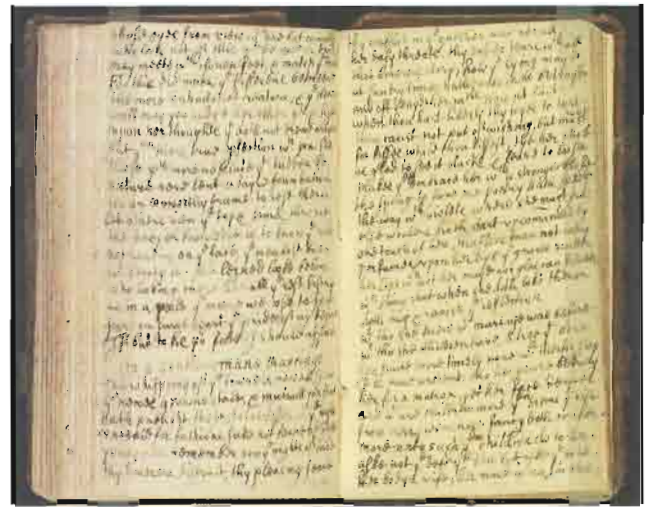
SARAH LASKOW *Atlas Obscura* (Subscribe free! Just go to *Atlas Obscura* on your browser.)

ON ANY GIVEN DAY, FROM her home on the Isle of Man, Linda Watson might be reading a handwritten letter from one Confederate soldier to another, or a list of convicts transported to Australia. Or perhaps she is reading a will, a brief from a long-forgotten legal case, an original Jane Austen manuscript. Whatever is in them, these documents made their way to her because they have one thing in common: They're close to impossible to read.

Watson's company, Transcription Services, has a rare specialty—transcribing historical documents that stump average readers. Once, while talking to a client, she found the perfect way to sum up her skills. "We are good at reading the unreadable," she said. That's now the company's slogan.

For hundreds of years, history was handwritten. The problem is not only that our ancestors' handwriting was sometimes very bad, but also that they used abbreviations, old conventions, and styles of lettering that have fallen out of use. Understanding them takes both patience and skill. "I see the job as a cross between a crossword puzzle and a jigsaw puzzle," says Watson.

She fell into this line of work about a decade ago, when a cousin asked for help deciphering a



family will and she discovered that she has a talent for interpreting the strange, scrawling writing of the past. After this success, referrals started coming in, and she realized there is a market for this unusual skill. (The company also offers legal transcription, proofreading, and secretarial services.) Since then she's had a steady stream of projects from amateur genealogists, grad students struggling with their long-sought primary source material, and

libraries. The British Library had the company transcribe not just Austen's work, but also manuscripts from the Brontës, William Wordsworth, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Donne, and other luminaries.

"You can actually see how they have changed their manuscript—how

Jane Austen changed *Pride and Prejudice* as she's writing it," says Watson. "That blows my mind a bit. You see it, and you think—that's so much better after she's edited it than before."

Watson has worked on the handwriting of famous authors, including Jane Austen. This is an 1800 letter from Austen to her sister Cassandra.

Most of the documents that people need to

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Cooking

Scottish Bubbles & Squeak Patties



- 1 pound potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 onion, minced
- 1 teaspoon prepared yellow mustard
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

Prep 15 minutes Cook 20 minutes Ready In 35 minutes

Place the potatoes into a saucepan and fill with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, then simmer over medium heat until tender enough to pierce with a fork, about 10 minutes. Drain and mash potatoes, then set aside.

Meanwhile, combine cabbage and carrot in another saucepan and add just enough water to barely cover the bottom of the pan. Cook over medium heat until tender, about 5 minutes. Drain off liquid and stir into the mashed potatoes along with the onion, mustard and Cheddar cheese. Season with salt and pepper.

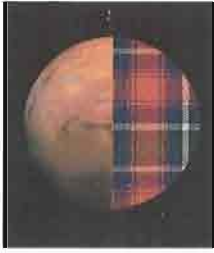
Shape the mixture into 4 patties. Heat a greased grill pan over medium-high heat. Place the patties on the pan and grill until heated through and golden brown, about 5 minutes on each side. Serve right away.

Use sour cream as a dip if you wish.

Yummy with almost anything.

If you would like to hear beautiful music...special, of course, to Clan Buchanan...visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/LegendaryVocals/videos/216994785527947/>



Yes, Mars has its own tartan!

Charles Cockell, professor of astrobiology at Edinburgh University, has designed and duly registered a Mars Exploration tartan.

It is red (of course) with four green lines (4th planet from the sun), blue (water rich past) and a thick white line for its polar ice caps.

It is exclusively licensed to Geoffery (Tailor) Highland Crafts of Edinburgh.



Deciphering, *continued from page 5*

understand, though, are wills and legal papers, which have their own pleasures. “The inventories I love,” she says. “It’s like someone comes to the front door and says, come on in to my house and have a look around.” They list featherbeds, high beds, low beds, folding beds, cupboards and chairs, fire irons and spits. One will mentioned a dog spit, which would have involved chains attaching a spit to a wheel turned by a dog. One man listed every book in his library. A woman described each piece of her wardrobe, down to her second-best red flannel petticoat, and specified which great-niece or -nephew should receive each item.

Some of the documents Watson transcribes are written by a trained hand; others are scrawled by people with limited literacy, with handwriting she compares to “a spider walking across the page.” Older scripts—court hand, for instance, which was used by lawyers and clerks beginning in the medieval period (and eventually became stylized into illegibility)—have long, narrow strokes and letters jammed together to save space, making it a challenge to find where one word ends and another begins. Some styles of writing lean heavily on space-saving abbreviations: An extra flourish on a letter “p” can turn it into a “per” or “par,” a “pro” or “pre,” depending on the exact position of the extra line. Other documents rely on phonetic spelling and are impossible to understand without reading aloud. Sometimes a manuscript is damaged, or ink has bled through from one side to the other. In these cases, the clearest portions can act as a decoder for the



rest: An indistinct word might have the same shape as a legible one—a clue to puzzle out what was written all those years ago.

Since she first started specializing in old documents, Watson has expanded beyond things written in English. She now has a stable of collaborators who can tackle manuscripts in Latin, German, Spanish, and more. She can only remember two instances that left her and her colleagues stumped.

One was a Tibetan manuscript, and she couldn’t find anyone who knew the alphabet. The other was in such bad shape that she had to admit defeat.

In the business of reading old documents, Watson has few competitors. There is one transcription company on the other side of the world, in Australia, that offers a similar service. Libraries and archives, when they have a giant batch of handwritten documents to deal with, might recruit volunteers. Even today, when computers have started to excel at reading books, handwritten works escape their understanding. Scholars who study medieval manuscripts have been working on programs that might have a chance of helping with this task, but right now a trained eye is still the best and only way to make real progress.

“Some of the ones I find easier to read, the machine will probably be able to read sooner rather than later,” says Watson. “But anything slightly difficult and ... I’ve seen some documents done by the software, and they just make you laugh. I think I’m safe in my job for a good while yet.”

Early Buchanan Seals

Claude Buchanan, CBSI Herald At Large

Auckland, New Zealand <claudeaskel@gmail.com>



1. **Le sire de bouguenel**, c 1445

A chevron checky between three boars heads erased and erect

2. **Walter Buchanan of Spittall**, c 1535

A shield of arms: Two (boar ?) heads erased in chief and spiked defence in base.

Crest and tincture unknown. Source (Reg. Ho. Fraser Ch.) (? possibly bears heads)

3. **Gilbert Buchanan in Sallochee**, c 1555-6

A shield of arms: Three (bear) heads erased with a star at fess point. (possibly boars heads)
Crest and tincture unknown. Source, (Laing Ch.)

4. **George Buchanan of that Ilk**, c 1557

George Buchanan succeeded his grandfather in 1526. He married twice.

(1) Margaret Edmonstone,

(2) Janet Cunningham. By his first wife he had John and by his second wife William (first of Auchmar), and Margaret. George died 15 February 1560/61.

A shield of arms couché: Three (boar's or bear's) heads and necks erased.

Crest unknown. Inscription illegible. Source, (Leny and Bardowie Ch.).

5. **John Buchanan of Garbeth or Carbeth**, c 1568 (The seal was also used by Thomas Buchanan of Carbeth)

A shield of arms: a bend sinister between three boar heads erased (two and one).

Foliage at top and sides of shield. Crest unknown. Source, (Reg. Ho., Fraser Ch.)

6. **Alexander Buchanan in Ibert**, c 1557 (Alexander was younger brother to Thomas, second of Drummakill and Moss, and his wife Agnes Heriot. Agnes was of the Heriot's of Traboun and was gt. Aunt to George Heriot 1562 -1624 who bequeathed funds for the establishment in 1628 of the George Heriot School in Edinburgh. A shield

of arms: A fess between three (bears or boars) heads erased. Foliage at top and side of shield. Crest unknown. Source, (Reg. Ho., Fraser Ch.)

7. **Alexander Buchanan of Ibert**, c 1573

An ornamental shield with initials AMB at top and sides. bearing arms: A fess between three boar heads erased. Source, (Reg. Ho., Fraser Ch.)

8. **John Buchanan**, c 1585*

John Buchanan of Ballachondachie married Margaret Buchanan daughter of Robert Buchanan seventh of Leny. John was the fourth son (third to reach adulthood) of Thomas Buchanan, third of Drummakill, and his wife Giles Cunningham. John was nephew to the family of Ibert above.

A shield of arms: A chevron between three boars heads erased contoury. Source, (Leny and Bardowie Ch.)

9. **Master Robert Buchanan**, c 1607

Robert was provost of the Collegiate Church of Kirkheuch in St. Andrews.

A shield of arms: A chevron counter compony between two boars heads, erased in chief and another (or crescent) in base. Flowers at top and sides of shield.

Crest unknown. Source, (Brotherton Ch.)

* This is the forebear of Claude Buchanan, CBSI Herald At Large

Note: It is of interest to see the use of the boars/bears heads throughout the seals used by the Clan Buchanan during this very early period 1445 to 1607.

The Lyon Register was established 1672, and the principal charge changed at this time to the one we are familiar with today. i.e. The Royal Arms of Scotland with the principal charges in mourning Black.



Gallabrae at Greenville, SC



Stone Mountain, Georgia



Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC



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Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA

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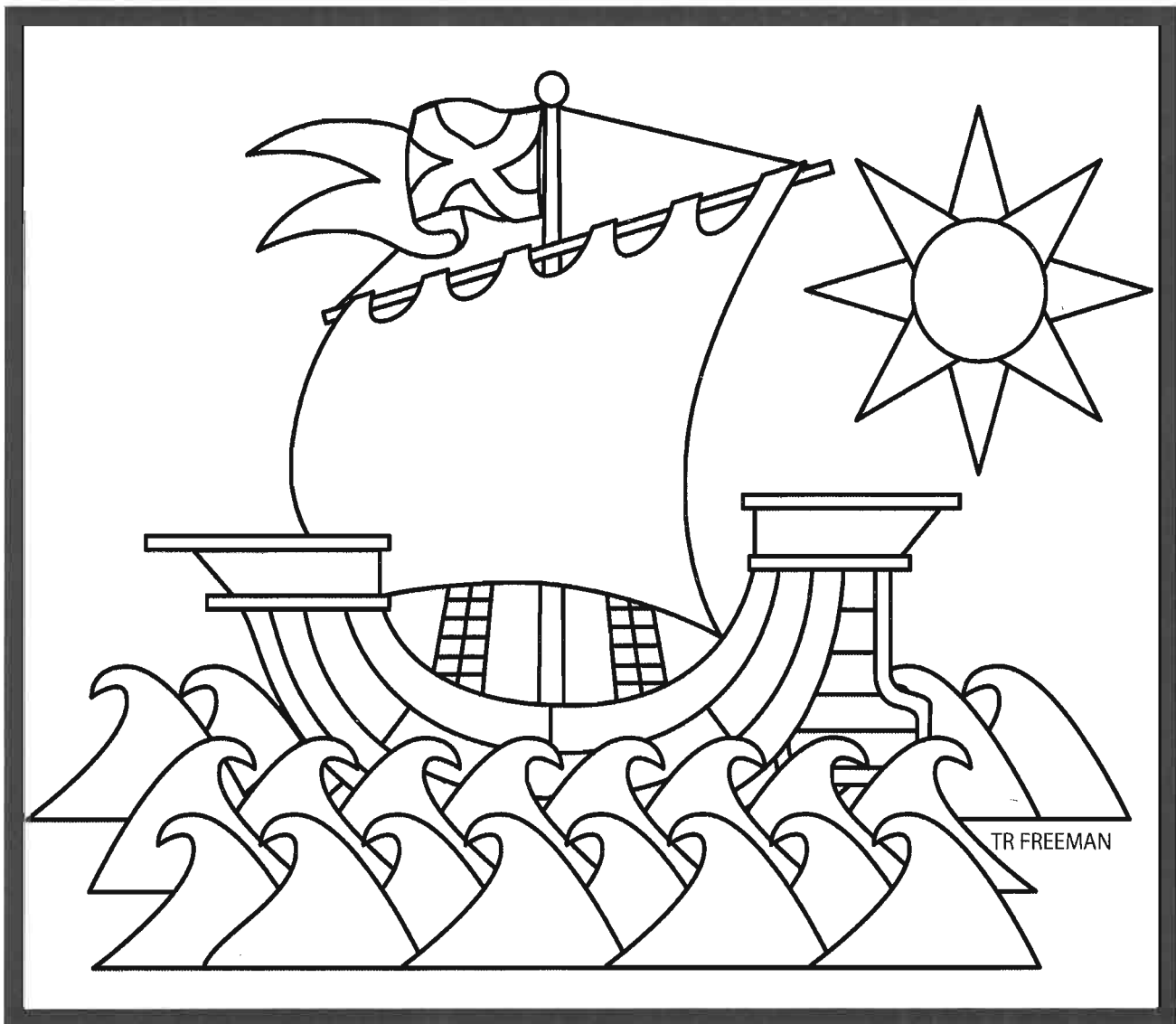
Color the original Buchanan picture below with crayons, watercolor, colored markers, anything you wish. Mail to, Beth Gay Freeman, 688 Camp Yonah Road, Clarkesville, GA 30523 or send via email to <bethscribble@aol.com>. The very best colored page will be chosen the first of June 2018 and the gift card will be mailed to you.

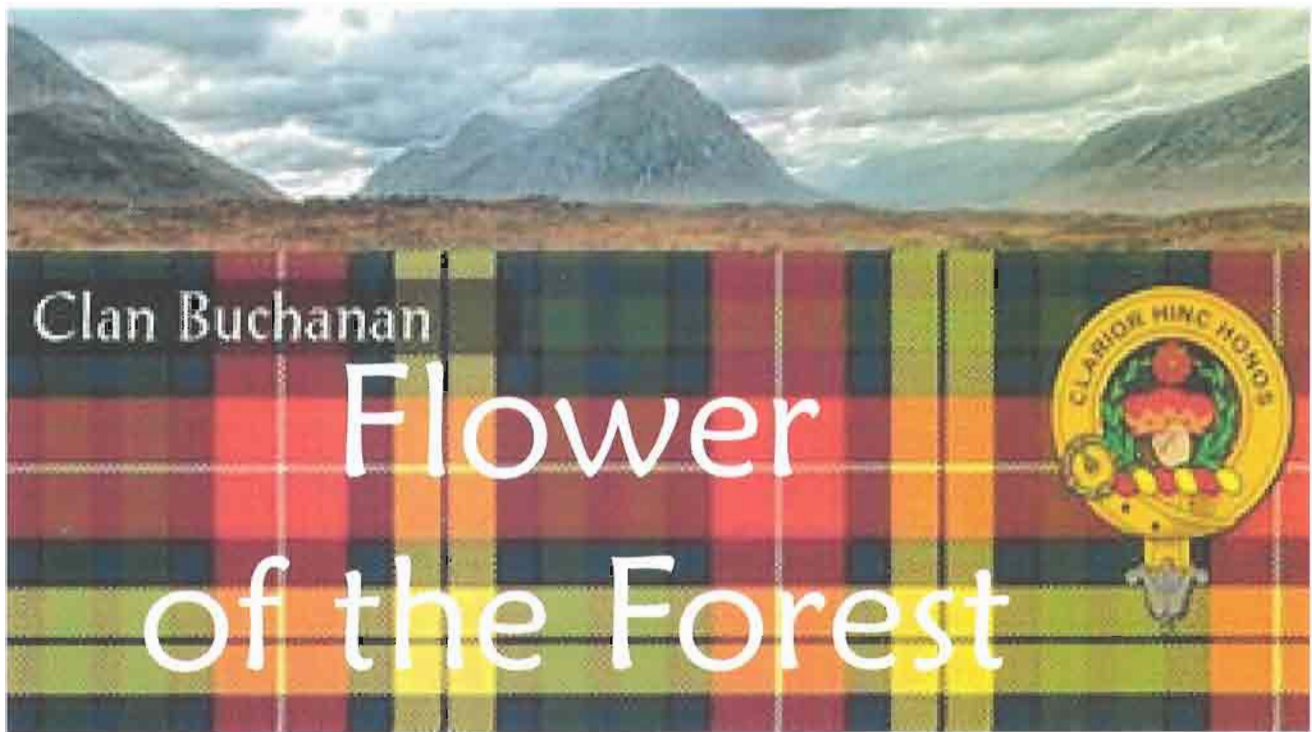
Be sure and include your contact information when you enter. We need name, address, phone number of your parents - and their names - and your family email, please. Please write your name and address, etc. on the back of the colored page. It's ok to copy your entry so you don't tear up the *Buchanan Banner*.

We have two artists who will be the judges of the contest. Above all, have fun!

Each issue of the *Buchanan Banner* will have another original drawing to color and the \$25.00 Amazon gift certificate as the prize!

We'll keep ALL of the entries and make another page in the Buchanan Banner to show off all the budding artists within our clan!





William “Bob” Watson, age 66, of McDonough, died Thursday, February 22, 2018. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia to Jesse Junior Watson and Sarah Burson Watson.

Bob loved woodworking, his family, friends, dogs and Scottish ancestry. He was very proud to have served in the Air Force Reserves, for six years, during the Vietnam Crisis. Bob was very gregarious and could talk to anyone about anything. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Mr. Watson is survived by his spouse of 31 years, Paula Watson; children, John Watson, William Paul Watson and Mary Beth Watson; parents, Jesse Junior Watson and Sarah Burson Watson; brother, Joseph (Mary) Watson and sister, Kathy (Chris Callahan) Watson; and several nieces, nephews and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making contributions to the Henry County Veterans’ Support Group 255 Racetrack Road McDonough, GA

30253 (770) 284-3306, Web site <http://www.vetsg.org>

Memorial Services were held on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors. Those who wish may sign the online guest registry at www.cannonclevelandfunerals.com. Cannon Cleveland Funeral Directors, 770-914-1414.

Last October, Bob Watson wrote the following message on his FaceBook account:

Greetings all! Attended the Stone Mountain HG this past Sunday, along with my family. All of us were in Highland dress, so were asked to join the Buchanans in the Parade of Tartans!

Wonderful bunch, and we had a great time, so I joined CBSI! I look forward to furthering my association and looking for volunteer opportunities in the southeast!

If any of our Buchanan family would like to send a sympathy/condolence card: Here is the address, thanks to Angela Furlong.

It would be nice to mention Clan Buchanan on your card so the family will know we care.

*The Family of William R. Watson
133 Brookhaven Lane
McDonough, Georgia 30253*

Our sympathy and thoughts are with you.

The 17th Annual St. Louis Scottish Festival & Highland Games Best of the Year!

Danny McMurphy, Missouri Regent



Grandson Sean, daughter Molly, Danny McMurphy and son, Shannon at the St. Louis Scottish Games

(See another photo bottom of page 13)

Clan Buchanan was represented again at the St. Louis Scottish Festival, held for the 2nd year in a row at the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield, MO.

The best thing this year was the weather, much cooler than last year when we sweltered in the heat and sent President Lloyd, who was visiting, back to the hotel early on Saturday to cool off.

The festival opened on Friday afternoon and then the torch-lite calling ceremony followed at dusk with all 30 clans participating. A huge crowd was in attendance for the ceremony and with the great weather on Saturday

another large crowd attended visiting the booths, the Celtic music tents, the highland games going on all day and then the tartan parade at noon on Saturday was a big hit with the Festival attendees.

We picked up several new members at our Clan booth and sold several Buchanan items during the day.

This was our best Festival of the year!

My daughter Molly was there to help out on both days and my son Shannon and grandson Sean were able to arrive in time on Saturday for the Tartan Parade.



S T . L O U I S
SCOTTISH GAMES
AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The 15th Annual SW Missouri Celtic Festival hears Saltire Piper!

Danny McMurphy, Missouri Regent

For the 2nd year in a row the McMurphy family traveled to Buffalo, MO to represent Clan Buchanan at the 15th Annual SW MO Celtic Festival.

The festival is held at the Dallas County Fair Grounds. Most of the activities are held on Saturday as that is when all the Clans are present, 17 on Clan row this year and another 9 Clans in attendance.

The highlight for the Clans is the parade and calling at noon followed by the Central High Kilties from Springfield, MO, an all-female drum and bugle corps founded in 1926.

Pipers have been sparse at the event due to its location, but it was attended by the Saltire Piper,

Ian Briggs, a former Scots Guard Piper raising money for the Military Flights for Veterans. He also led the Clan Parade.

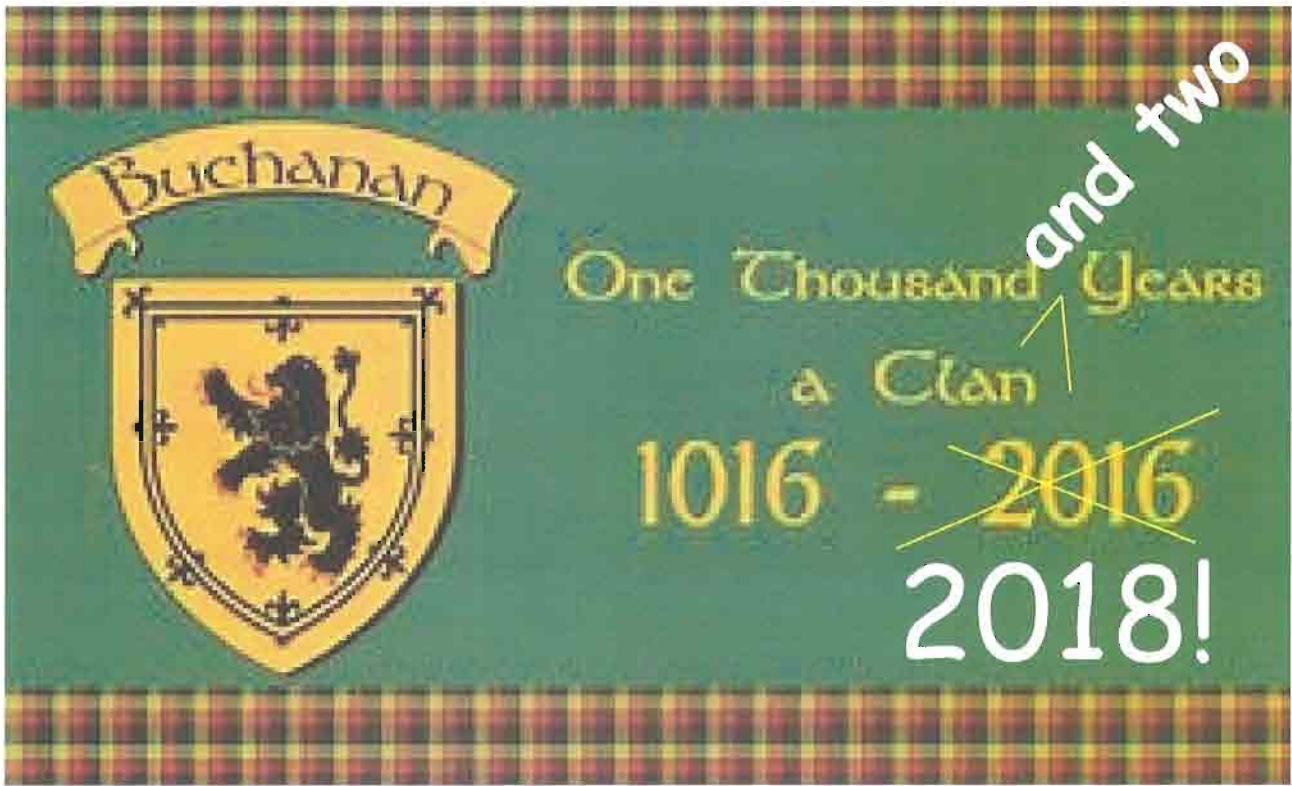
Several other Celtic groups provided dancing

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Bottom: Danny McMurphy with daughter, Molly, at the St Louis Festival.





15th Annual SW Missouri Celtic Festival, *continued from page 13*

and music throughout the day and there were sanctioned Highland Games held all day on Saturday.

Plans are to return in 2018.

We all had a wonderful time in Missouri!



Danny McMurphy, Missouri Regent, along with daughter Caitlin (McMurphy) Beams

For the genealogists amongst us...

MyHeritage releases new collections with 325 million historical records

TEL AVIV, Israel & LEHI, Utah—MyHeritage, the leading global destination for family history and DNA testing, announced today the addition of important historical records collections that provide value for family history enthusiasts worldwide.

Prepared on the eve of World War II, with 33 million searchable records, the 1939 Register is the most complete census-like collection for the population of England and Wales between 1911 and 1951. This is because the 1921 census of England and Wales is time-protected by privacy laws and will be available online only in 2022, the entire 1931 Census was destroyed by a fire, and no census was conducted in 1941. For each household member, the 1939 Register records

name, gender, address, birth date, marital status, place of residence, and occupation. This collection is an extremely important resource for family historians and people with ancestors in England and

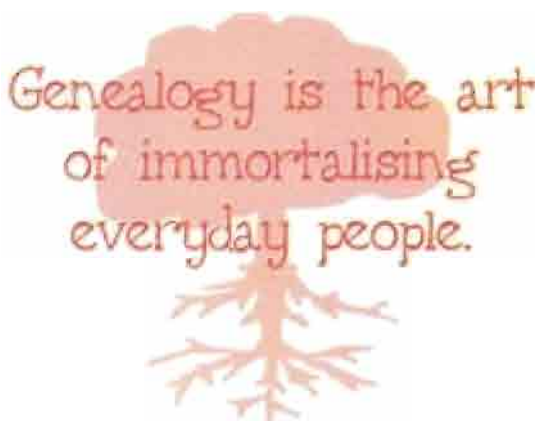
Wales. The 1939 Register collection is not exclusive, but other than MyHeritage, it is currently available on only one other website. The initial collection on MyHeritage includes an index, without images.

U.S. Yearbooks Name Index, 1890-1979

In December 2017, MyHeritage published an extensive collection of U.S. yearbooks with 36,207,173 pages in 253,429 yearbooks. This collection was a

MyHeritage DNA is a technologically advanced, affordable DNA test that reveals ethnic origins and previously unknown relatives. Launched a little more than a year ago, MyHeritage DNA has already amassed 1.25 million people in its database. Trusted by millions of families, MyHeritage provides an easy way to find new family members, discover ethnic origins, and to treasure family stories, past and present, for generations to come. MyHeritage is available in 42 languages.

Visit: <<http://myheritage.com>>



Serious Deadlines for The Buchanan Banner

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October issue

September 15 deadline

January issue

December 15 deadline

April issue

March 15 deadline

Please just email your articles, stories,
news and events anytime to:

<bethscribble@aol.com>



The Origins of the Clan Buchanan

Claude Buchanan, Herald at Large, New Zealand claudeaskel@gmail.com

I have, for a good number of years, been concerned about the historical data produced by Buchanan of Auchmar as indicative of the origins of Clan Buchanan.

Considered by many as an authoritative history of the Clan - I feel that Auchmar's findings, in the light of recent DNA information, and prior information, which I have available on my extensive family tree produced in the 1930s for William George Buchanan Laird of Clairinch by Mr. Henry M. Paton, a well respected genealogist and researcher, active in the 1930s, is highly suspect.

At the foot of the family tree (the original is held in the British Museum and my copy is a full size colour photograph of the original) can be seen in the following text.

The above chart commences on definite ground with Absalom son of Mached, steward to the Earl of Lennox. This Absalom is stated by William Buchanan of Auchmar (the generally accepted historian of the Buchanan family) to be, according to tradition, seventh in descent from Anselan O'Cahan, son of a petty King of Ulster who fled to Scotland about 1016 and obtained lands in the Lennox, becoming the first Laird of Buchanan.

Auchmar's claim unfortunately carries no conviction with it and independent investigation by Mr. Henry M. Paton points rather to a connection with the Lennox family through Macbeth, the "good and discreet judge," descendant of Hided, from whom sprang the Earl of Lennox.

The line commences with Hided
then Machedeth (Macbethad)
then Meldionneth (Maldouen Macbeth)
then Muredach

From this line sprang Alwin 1st Earl of Lennox and his son
Alwin 2nd Earl of Lennox and then
Malouen 3rd Earl of Lennox

Attached to the line above we see the following:

Absalom Mached, steward of the Earl of Lennox (1216 - 1150)
had a charter of Island of Clairinch 1225, confirmed by King Alexander II 1231,
then Gilbert son of Absalom, clerk to Earl of Lennox (1217 - 1274)
? parson of Drymen 1239,
Malcolm (MacAbsalom) of Buchanan did homage 1296
witness c. 1305
Maurice (MacAuslan) of Buchanan on a jury 1300
Maurice of Buchanan son & heir - gets lands of Buchanan &
Sallachy c 1353 - daughter of Menteith of Rusky



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Strathclyde University has announced a new online course, which began in January 2018, ***Understanding Autosomal DNA Testing for Genealogy: A Beginner's Guide***. This class is ideal for anyone who has undertaken a DNA test to help find their genetic cousins and trace their ethnicity. Classes are online. Use the URL below for more details.

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/centreforlifelonglearning/genealogy/onlinebeginnertointermediatelevel/genealogy8-weekclasses/>

The Origins of the Clan Buchanan, *continued from page 16*

Walter Buchanan of that Ilk (1360-1398) gets lands at Auchmar

Cambrun Drumfad & Ledlewan - Margaret Cunningham daughter of the Laird of Glencarnock.

I could set out additional data but would rather point to an additional myth regarding the heraldic arms of the chief of the Clan Buchanan as an area where history - so called - lets us down. There exists a story that the king of France granted the Clan Buchanan a grant of arms which was largely the same as the present undifferenced arms of Buchanan of that Ilk as we know them today.

There are indeed another of the myths of antiquity, as anyone who cares to pursue my website can clearly ascertain under the page dealing with "Early "Buchanan Seals".(See page 8, this publication.) There, one can find the seal of Buchanan

of That Ilk which bears no resemblance to the present arms. These first appeared when the *Public Register of All Arms in Scotland* was established.

An additional nail in the coffin of the Auchmar story is the DNA study of *The Origins of Clan Buchanan* which

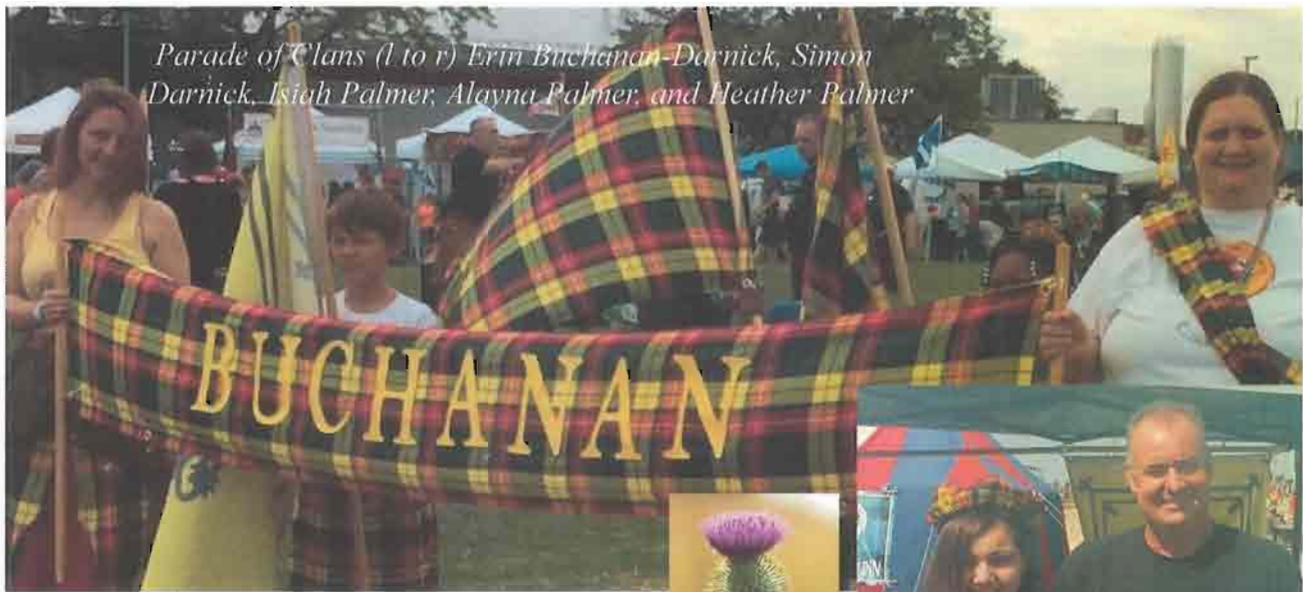
has been underway for ten years under the guidance of Alex Buchanan of Tasmania - abuchanan@inet.au - therein it has been clearly shown that the Buchanan blood line has no connection with Anselan O'Cathain son of a



King of Ulster - this claim is an out and out myth.

Certainly the Buchanan descendants and the MacAuslands (closely related) share no ancestry in common with the O'Kanes of Ulster. All of this DNA data can be ascertained by contacting Alex Buchanan and perhaps it would be a good idea to submit, if not already done so, your DNA.

Yours, Claude Buchanan



Parade of Clans (l to r) Erin Buchanan-Darnick, Simon Darnick, Isiah Palmer, Alayna Palmer, and Heather Palmer

Pictures courtesy of Erin Buchanan-Darnick and Heather Palmer.

Inaugural WI Highland Games a grand success!

Erin Buchanan-Darnick Wisconsin Regent Region 6

This year was the first year Clan Buchanan was represented at the Wisconsin Highland Games in Waukesha, Wisconsin. It was a great weekend to meet new Buchanan cousins. We had many guests at the tent, including 11 who were Buchanan cousins. Of those cousins, we want to welcome Jennifer and Mary Rittmann (Watson) as new members to CBSI!

Clan Buchanan was represented well in the parade of clans, in place behind the honored clan, Clan Gunn. Our youngest Buchanans participated and made us proud by carrying the lion rampant and clan tartan flags. The location of our tent was a natural "passing through" point, so we had plenty of visitors from other clans. A huge thanks to Heather Palmer, CBSI member, and someone I have come to rely on to convene these games with me. Heather and her family attended both Wisconsin



Visitors Maria Gibb and her father, Daniel Gibb.



(L) Erin Buchanan-Darnick, Wisconsin Regent, Region 6, & Heather Palmer, Convenor. Above: The Palmer family manning the Buchanan tent.

Games this year and were a great help with visitors, set up, and just good company. I look forward to the upcoming years and encourage our guests to become involved with the clan. We look forward to seeing you next year!
Clarinnes!

The Buchanans and Clairinch

Your editor is curious.

So, in searching for the origins of the Clan Buchanan "battle cry" and "slogan" Clar Innis, I went to *Wikipedia* and learned:

Iron Age

On the island, the head of an iron ring-headed pin (a La Tène I) type) has been discovered. Roman pottery has been found in the remnants of a crannog (a man-made artificial island) 62 miles off the northern end of Clairinch, called "Keppinch" (Scottish Gaelic: Ceap-Innis) or "The Kitchen". (The crannog is approximately 27 miles in diameter, and has been surveyed but has yet to be archaeologically excavated.)

Medieval

In 1225, Maldon, Third Mormaer of Lennox, granted a charter for Clairinch to Anselan of Buchanan (the seventh Laird of Buchanan), his seneschal, in return for a pound of wax yearly. This charter was confirmed by Alexander II of Scotland in 1231.

There is archaeological evidence for no less than seven buildings and seven stone jetties on the island. Of note, both charters were signed on the island, the island was the clan seat for Clan Buchanan and Clan Buchanan adopted "Clàr-Innis!" as their slogan or battle cry, thus signifying that the island was of some importance in its own right. The crannog, noted above, may have served as the Council Island for Clan Buchanan.

Post-Medieval

Clairinch remained the property of the Clan Buchanan chief until it was acquired, in 1682, by the Third Duke of Montrose, and it remained the property of this family for the next two hundred and fifty years. In 1934, William George

Buchanan (1865-1939) (who made his fortune in the Chilean nitrate industry) purchased the island. In his last will and testament, he bequeathed the island to the Buchanan Society on the condition that it be held in trust forever and that he wished the island to be used as an animal and bird sanctuary with no shooting allowed.

From 1940, the island has been the property of the Buchanan Society. In 1958, Clairinch was declared as the first part of a National Nature Reserve under an agreement with the landowner.

So, still curious, your editor found the email for the Scottish Clan Buchanan and wrote to them asking about the island.

They replied:

I am unable to verify the article that you quote from in your email, however, as stated on the Society's website, the island, also known as The Flat Island, in Loch Lomond is owned by The Buchanan Society and is currently leased to Scottish Natural Heritage. To-

day, Clairinch is part of the Loch Lomond Nature Reserve, managed by Scottish Natural Heritage.

I am unsure about the term "Buchanan Scotland" but it would be incorrect to suggest that the Isle of Clairinch belongs to Buchanans living in Scotland or to any of the members of The Buchanan Society for that matter. The Isle of Clairinch belongs to The Buchanan Society as a charitable organisation.

The Society provides student grants and grants for those in financial hardship for those with the surname Buchanan, MacAuslan (all spellings), MacWattie and Risk.

Your editor's itch is scratched.



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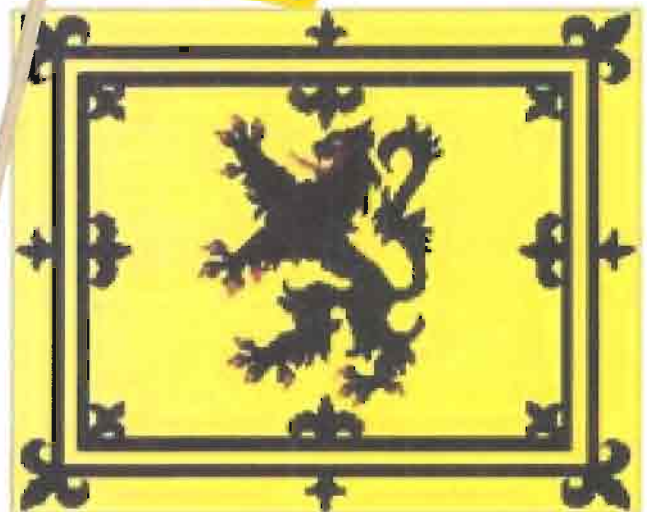
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Burns Night Dinner in Hamilton, Montana

A Traditional Celebration of Scotland's Poet Laureate!



Don & Donna McCammon - CBSI Montana Regents

According to Wikipedia “*A Burns supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns, the author of many Scots poems. The suppers are normally held on or near the poet’s birthday, 25 January, occasionally known as Robert Burns Day (or Robbie Burns Day or Rabbie Burns Day) but more commonly known as Burns Night (Scots: Burns Nicht).*”

In Hamilton, Montana, the Burns Night Dinner was a fundraiser benefit for the Daly Mansion Trust and the Bitterroot Celtic Society held in the historic Daly Mansion on the night of January 27, 2018.

The crowd was welcomed with a trio of pipers in the foyer – all playing small pipes while the crowds enjoyed local beers and wines. Our pipers for the evening were Tom Campbell, Rob Lynn – of Clan Buchanan, and Don McCammon – the Montana Regent for Clan Buchanan. **Well done Clan Buchanan!**

Following the Selkirk Grace, Rob Lynn piped in the haggis, closely followed by Don McCammon who ushered in the 18 year old Buchanan Scotch used for all the toasts. Tom Campbell gave an outstanding “*Address to a Haggis*”, launching a memorable evening of fine food, great company, many toasts and much po-

Selkirk Grace

Some hae meat an canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat, and we can eat,
And sae the Lord be thankit.

etry reading! Senior members of the Celtic Dragon Scottish Dancers provided entertainment, and Don McCammon sang *Westlin’ Winds* and also led the group singing of *My Love’s She’s But a Lassie Yet* and *Auld Lang Syne* as the evening came to a close.

Everyone is invited to the Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering to be held August 18-19, 2018 at the Daily Mansion, 251 Eastside Hwy, Hamilton, MT. **CLAN BUCHANAN IS THE HONORED CLAN FOR 2018!** Put it on your calendars – we need more people to march with us in the noon parades! More information on the website <http://www.bccg.org/> or by contacting Don and Donna McCammon , Montana Regents (mccammond@montana.com or dmccammon@gmail.com).

Upcoming Games, Events, and Opportunities – Montana, Northern Idaho, and Eastern Washington

Date	Location	Event
<p>Saturday & Sunday June 16-17, 2018</p>	<p>Great Falls, MT</p>	<p>Kilt o’ the Falls Celtic Festival at Giant Springs State Park, 4803 Giant Springs Rd, Great Falls, MT. Come visit our clan tent – this will be our first time ever at these games! http://www.kilttothefalls.com/</p>
<p>Saturday August 4, 2018</p>	<p>Spokane, WA</p>	<p>Spokane Scottish Highland Games. Spokane county Fair & Expo Center. One day event packed with clans, vendors, athletic events – and generally a great time by all! Stop by and see us! https://www.spokanehighlandgames.net/</p>
<p>Saturday & Sunday August 18-19, 2018</p>	<p>Hamilton, MT</p>	<p>CLAN BUCHANAN IS THE 2018 HONORED CLAN at the Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering. Two full days of parades, clans, athletic events, vendors and fun-filled events – all on the beautiful grounds of the historic Daly Mansion, 251 Eastside Hwy, Hamilton, MT. http://www.bcg.org/</p>
<p>Saturday September 8th, 2018</p>	<p>Dayton, MT</p>	<p>Dayton Daze at Dayton, MT. Community celebration with picnic, flea market and old time parade with vintage cars and BAGPIPERS! Don & Donna McCammon will be performing with the “parade band” in 2018 (doubling their numbers!)</p>
<p>Friday & Saturday September 14-15, 2018</p>	<p>Kalispell, MT</p>	<p>The Flathead Celtic Festival at Herron Park in Kalispell, MT http://flatheadcelticfestival.com/</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>Worldwide event</p>	<p>Sunday, November 11th at 6AM (local</p>

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CBSI's Carolyn Christian Martin honored by Daughters of the War of 1812

CBSI's Carolyn Christian Martin, is the newly elected 3rd Vice President of the Daughters of the War of 1812, at the State Assembly held March 2, 2018 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Carolyn is the Convenor of the Buchanan tent at the September Middle Tennessee Highland Games and she lives in Hendersonville, NC with her husband of 53 years, Chet.



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You can see she is proudly wearing her Buchanan tartan as she was sworn in at Friday night's Candlelight Banquet.

Upcoming Scottish Games, continued from page 26

Date	Location	Event
November 11, 2018		<p>time – where ever you are) hundreds of pipers around the world will strike in the well known retreat march, <i>When the Battle's O'er</i> marking the centenary of the end of the Great War. This event is organized by the College of Piping in Glasgow, Scotland and the goal is to reach 1,000 pipers. If you are a piper willing to contribute your time and talent, please register at:</p> <p>http://www.collegeofpiping.org/register-battles-nations-tribute/</p> <p>Don & Donna McCammon (Clan Buchanan) will be playing at the doughboy statue at the City of Missoula Courthouse, Missoula, MT.</p>

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