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**CBSI
arrives in
Edinburgh
and the
Royal Military
Tattoo 2017**



George McCausland named "Chief of the Day!"

Happy New Year 2018 from CBSI

Chief for the Day



George McCausland

I thought it would be a good idea to share with everyone the seemingly random events which culminated in me having the experience of a life time leading Clan Buchanan onto the esplanade of Edinburgh Castle during the Military Tattoo on Monday 21st August this year.

I have always had an interest in Scottish history and genealogy having been researching my family tree for over twenty years. I have also been aware of the significance of my surname in the history of Clan Buchanan and joined the Buchanan Society in Glasgow which as you may know are the oldest Clan Society in the world having been established in 1725.

The random events I will write about started a few years ago when I was passing my time surfing the web when I came across a Clan Buchanan facebook page which I immediately joined. I spent some time looking through the photographs and posts and was amazed to find how well organised and how much interest there was in Clan Buchanan in the U.S.A.

I then was fortunate to begin correspondence with my now good friend David Byrne (2nd Vice President CBSI) regarding all things Buchanan.

David and I enjoyed our online chats for some time and during one conversation I happened to mention I was looking to book a weekend away for my wife Margaret's Birthday to which David replied, "why don't you come to New York for the Tartan Day parade"

That set things in motion with Margaret and me

going to NYC for the 2016 Tartan day parade down 6th Avenue, a wonderful experience even although we had brought some of our Scottish weather with us.

During this trip I met up with David and my now other good friend James Buchanan from California among others.

Around this time, I also became aware of the DNA Buchanan project and met with Ross Buchanan who explained the process, I quickly took the BigY DNA test and was delighted to find out a few weeks later that I was descended from the Chiefly line.



Time moved on and at the end of 2016 an email from the organisers of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo inviting all the Scottish Clans to take part in the Tattoo under the banner "A splash of Tartan" was shared by Ross Buchanan asking me if I

would consider taking on the job of organising things here in Scotland. I agreed to take things forward and found myself thrown in at the deep end getting the message out to our Clan Cousins all over the world.

There was great interest shown and when we were finally given the date for our performance I had over 40 adults and 7 children who confirmed they would be attending.

It was fantastic to have people from the U.S.A. Australia, South Africa and all corners of the U.K.

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from the
PRESIDENT,
Lloyd Gibson

New Year's Greetings to all!

Happy New Year



Nancy & CBSI President, Lloyd Buchanan.

I hope everyone has had a happy holiday.

I know we have lost several long-time members this year. They will be missed and remembered. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their contributions to Clan Buchanan Society, International.

The *Buchanan Banner* is now in the capable hands of Beth Gay Freeman and is accepting material for future publications. Just email, anytime, <bethscribble@aol.com>. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

There have been a few new regional leader changes. These will be published in the next issue of *The Buchanan Banner*.

After working to retrieve our IRS Non-Profit status, we are in the final stages (we hope) of having our status of non-profit reinstated. The procedure has been lengthy and quite labor intensive.

We have to shower accolades upon our Clan Attorney, Blake Buchanan, for the hours, and hours he spent working on our Internal Revenue Service problem and, hopefully, resolving it.

My wife, Nancy, and I - and Poppy the Chihuahua - have covered about 15,000 miles this year to attend Celtic Events.

After speaking with several members at many events, one subject comes forward. We are always being asked about holding a second Annual General Meeting of the clan. This is something that will need to be presented to the Executive Council.

I understand the reasoning behind the interest in a winter meeting and/or in areas that are usually ignored for such events. We, the Executive Council, should probably be queried about the possibilities.

Coleen Hoyer is the new CBSI Treasurer. She is modernizing the banking procedures to make it easier for local reps to handle money for new members and purchasing of clan items.

Danny McMurphy is the newly appointed Quartermaster.

I wish for everyone a new year filled with health, joy and happiness.

Please be safe and try to do something for someone needy.

Lloyd Gibson, President CBSI.



who wished to celebrate their Buchanan heritage in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Now, I was contacted and asked if I would consider taking on the position of Commissioner for Scotland and Ireland for the CBSI which I had great pleasure in accepting, especially as this position had never been filled before.

As the arrangements for the Tattoo continued I was asked by the organisers who would be taking the place of Chief on the evening itself, this was something which had not been considered at this point and I was honoured that it was proposed that I should be given the privilege of leading our Clan on the evening in question.

I was then instructed that as acting Chief I would be required to wear a Golden eagle feather in my hat. This led me on a search of the internet and making enquiries with various organisations before I finally found The Loch Lomond Bird of Prey Centre who provided me with a feather from a magnificent Golden eagle named Orla.

As Golden eagles are protected they also provided a certificate proving the feather was from a captive bird and taken not from the wild.

The big day

Monday 21st August 2017

After months of planning the day arrived and along with my wife Margaret, sons Adam and Greg their wives and my 2 grandchildren I travelled to Edinburgh. We met everyone at the "Usquabae" restaurant and it was great to meet some old friends and quickly make new friends from all over the world. I welcomed everyone and David Byrne made a nice toast before we had a lovely meal together.

As a group we began our journey on foot which in itself was a sight to see with over 40 Buchanan

clad warriors with flags flying marched on the castle. Our group could hardly walk any distance without being asked for photographs from the crowds of tourists.

On arriving at the castle, we were put under command of the military personnel and after the required security checks we were escorted across the esplanade and at this point empty stands, through the drawbridge and into the castle itself. The sense of

history and anticipation was really starting to sink in by this time. We walked up through the performers and the atmosphere was electric, it felt like walking through the court of the ancient kings of Scotland.

There were pipers tuning up, drummers practising, dancers, singers and soldiers marching all around us. Walking on those ancient cobblestones and being so up close and personal with everything took us all back to the heart of old Scotland.

After a quick set of photographs, we were led into the Great Hall of the castle which is steeped in history with the walls adorned with old weapons and suits of armour.

The Clan MacGregor and Clan Hannay who were to be our marching companions also arrived and we had the chance to mingle for a short time.

A drum section of the Royal Marines then entered the Great Hall and gave us a welcoming demonstration of precision drumming which in the confines of the hall was a fantastic sound to hear.

Brigadier David Allfrey, ex of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, now the producer of the Tattoo made a welcome speech and invited the three Chiefs to say a few words of welcome to the assembled crowd.

I thanked everyone for attending and praised

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the organisation which had been exceptional.

The regimental Sergeant Major then took charge of the assembly and gave us our instructions as to how we would line up and march onto the esplanade, it was at this point we discovered that as Clan Buchanan outnumbered both Clan Macgregor and Clan Hannay added together that we would march down one side of the esplanade while the other two clans would march together down the opposite side.

The excitement in the Great Hall by this time was at fever pitch as everyone knew we were about to begin.

The pipers took up position and with the MacGegors and Hannays on my left hand side we lined up with my wife by my side and our two flag bearers Adam McAusland and Aeron Buchanan directly behind us with the Clan Buchanan banner proudly displayed in front of the rest of our group. After a few minutes the pipers struck up and we began to march from the Great Hall across the courtyard and towards the drawbridge, the sound of the pipes bouncing off the confined walls of the castle was an amazing sound.

We were applauded all the way by the performers and as we approached the drawbridge there was a Jacobite guard of honour who also applauded us. After a slight pause, the order to advance was given and we marched across the drawbridge into a sea of noise as over 8000 people roared their approval. As we had rehearsed on entering the esplanade we gave a roar of “Clar Innes” in response to the crowd.

At this point I felt as if my heart would burst with pride marching at the head of such a wonderful group of people, the floodlights, the roar of the crowd, the flaming torches along the ramparts of the castle, the sense of history I really don't have words to de-

scribe my feelings at that moment. Several of our Clan told me later that they had tears of pride in their eyes and I know I certainly did.

Clan Buchanan marched up the right hand side of the area while Clan MacGregor and Clan Hannay marched up the left hand side before meeting again at the opposite side under the Royal Gallery.

The announcer introduced each Clan and gave a short history but I never heard a word over the noise of the crowd cheering us on. We then had a few minutes to wait, lined up for the salute taker, Admiral Patrick Chevallareau, from the French navy to arrive. This gave us time to catch our breath and soak up the atmosphere which was unbelievable.

The limousine with motorcycle outriders swooped into the arena and the Admiral stepped out and was introduced to the three Chiefs. Again, I never heard a word over the noise of the crowd. The Admiral marched up the red carpet followed by the three Chiefs and we all took the salute from the guard of honour.

The Admiral about turned and we followed him

to the other end of the red carpet where we were met by the toast master, the Admiral was passed three silver Quaich's which he passed to the Chiefs in turn. Each Quaich was filled nearly to the brim with the finest Scotch whisky and we stood while the toast master gave a traditional toast in Gaelic to the assembled crowd, we then, as tradition dictates, drank the whisky in one go before turning the Quaich over and kissing the bottom to show that not a drop of the “water of life” has been wasted.

The Clans were then quickly dismissed and my wife and I were escorted to the Royal Gallery to watch

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HENRY BUCHANAN Military Medal

1888-1953

"The Hindenburg Line" also called "The Battle of Cambrai"

Daniel Buchanan, in loving memory of his Great Grandfather, Henry Buchanan, and to all those who fought and died in the Great War 1914-1918

This is a first-hand account of Henry Buchanan's war experiences, retyped by his great grandson, Daniel Buchanan.

Battle of Cambrai.

Breaking of the Hindenburg Line, by the Byng Boys, France, Nov 1917

Nov 14th 1917. We left Fampoux near Arras by road through Bapaume Right at Beaulencourt

Nov 15th 1917. Passed through Le Transloy, rested at Bus

Nov 19th 1917. Up to the Guns in HAVRINCOURT WOODS.

Nov 20th 1917. At 6:20am opened fire for the Surprise Offensive and took Hindenburg Line and Support Line.

Nov 21st 1917. Took village of Flesquieres, Bosche retreated after a stiff days fight, later in the day at 3pm took the village of Cantaing, Calvary and Tanks outflanking it, two of our guns advanced opened fire at 700 yards range, open sights on Bosche leaving their trenches.

Nov 22nd 1917. FONTAINE ours, lost later in the day.

Nov 23rd 1917. Daylight attack to get Fontaine failed, I walked though whole of battle with the Infantry and Tanks.

I delivered by hand a message to our Colonel, he then altered whole line of fire.

Night of Nov 23rd. Guards Divsion relieved the

51st Division (The Jocks)

The Jocks evacuated during the night and left Lieut Brown, Taylor and I with no one but Germans in front and around us, we managed to scrape away alright.

Nov 24th 1917. Day of Day's, I was chased four times by a low flying German areoplane, returned back to the Battery at night, completely exhausted, Lieut Brown had been to two dressing stations to see if I had got wounded.

Recomended by an Infantry Officer who had seen me walking about on Nov 23rd and told Lieut Brown, "The man must have a nerve of Iron"

I was awarded the Military Medal.

MILITARY MEDAL.

Military Medal awarded to Reg. No. 24299, Gunner, H. BUCHANAN of C, Battery, 70th Brigade, R.F.A., 15th Devision. For Conspicuous Bravery on November 23rd 1917, at FONTAINE,

near CAMBRAI, France.

A few days later a few of us were paraded and thanked individually by the comanding officer of the 70th Brigade R.F.A Colonel Doubey and he also said that General Byng was pleased with you.

On December 22nd 1917, at ARRAS the whole of 70th Brigade, R.F.A. was paraded and I was decorated with the Military Medal Ribbon, this ribbon was



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Henry Buchanan, Military Medal,

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pinned on my breast by the General Commanding Officer, 15th Division R.F.A. and Brigadier General Macnaughton read out the record of Deed.

What he read as Record of Deed as well as I can remember was as follows.

“24299 Gunner H. Buchanan for Conspicuous Bravery and Gallantry on 23rd Nov at FONTAINE he was acting as signaller to forward observing officer and when all wires were cut he then acted as Runner under heavy machine gun and rifle fire and delivered his message without delay awarded Military Medal.

The following were also decorated on this big parade: Lieu Strachan, a bar and his M.C. Sgt Wheeler & Cruikshanks M.M

Bomdr Northover, Gunr Fair, Driver Hurst and Myself Military Medal.

The above all belonged to C/70 Brigade

Lieut, White M.C and a Sgt M.M both of D/70 Brigade. Each performed different acts of Gallantry in breaking through “The Hindenburg Line” also called “The Battle of Cambrai.”

The Presentation of Medal itself took place on February 26th 1919

Whilst I was in the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, the Presentation letter was mislaid December 3rd 1918, later on I was sent to Fairview Convalescent Hospital Wilbraham Road, Winslow, Manchester and home in the evening of February 26th 1919.

The Director-General Red Cross North-Western Area pinned the Military Medal itself on my breast and made a praiseworthy speech, where there were several other local dignitaries present of Manchester. Lady Donner herself gave a small party in my honour.



Henry Buchanan, Great Grandfather of our own Daniel Buchanan, who won the Military Medal in World War I.

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April issue

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July issue

June 15 deadline

October issue

September 15 deadline

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Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games a “good time was had by all” for Clan Buchanan!

Tina Buchanan

“Come on Mom! LET’S GO!” was the rallying cry on Saturday October 28, 2017 as my mother and I headed out to the Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games in Richmond, VA. I don’t know about the rest of you Buchanan’s but this part of the Clan thinks early is better!

We made good time traveling down I-95 and pulled into the parking lot with a steady stream of cars behind us. At the gate, it was time to suss out the lay of the land. We weren’t given a program or map, and it took us a few minutes to figure out how the merchants were laid out.

The challenge was easily overcome - we figured it out, made a plan and then – Let the shopping begin! We zigged and zagged down merchant row, inspecting the merchant’s wares, a particularly favorite festival past time. Distracted by the sounds of music, we ambled over to the stage to watch the performance. Then on to the competition area. Several people stopped us as we walked to complement our attire and ask pertinent questions about the construction of said attire. I predict next festival season will

see a clone of dresses like ours!

At the Highland Dance area, the wee ones were doing their padebah’s and highcuts. They are so cute! One young girl impressed us and we chatted with her proud grandma whom we had noticed when we sat down. It turned out that the grandmother’s daughter had competed in highland dance with our good friend’s granddaughter. It’s truly a small Scottish world in Virginia!

We left the dance pavilion and were discussing where to go next, when lo and behold! Bruce Buchanan and his wife Karen walked up to chat for a few minutes. A couple from the Bruce clan came up and asked where the Buchanan tent was. We replied, “There isn’t one” to which the woman rejoined, “So it must be right here!” We all had a laugh. Her husband’s mother was a Buchanan. You never know when you’re going to meet a Buchanan, but the odds are good when you are at the Highland games.

Mom and I watched some of the Highland competition where we saw many a bonny knee, then were

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Dance champions of tomorrow at the Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games

off to House of Douglas bakery to purchase delicious eccles cakes and bread. We were making our way around the groups and noted the noon hour was approaching. Past experience told us to grab a spot near the fence to watch the massed bands and opening ceremonies. The fact that we saw pipe bands lining up in the walkway near the field lent veracity to past experience.

The pipe bands started up and Mom showed me her arm, saying “goose bumps”. It was a wonderful feeling to be standing out in the sun with a wee breeze blowing, surround by like-minded “cousins” listening to pipe music! Our national anthem was sung and the crowd joined it – what a beautiful moment.

Soon, it was time to leave for home; we had been on our feet for 3 hours and were feeling it. We couldn't resist; we made one last shopping stop and bought a couple of jackets from Union Jack. After we paid, the Mrs. of the shop said “och- you ladies



look so lovely in yer dresses”. It was a wonderful way to end the day, with a good Scot's lassie passing a compliment our way. We left with smiles on our faces.



How to do *The Buchanan Banner* with a “remote” editor...

It IS possible to do a publication such as *The Buchanan Banner* working with an editor who lives a bazillion miles away.

In this computer age, not much is impossible. It does take cooperation, thought and adherence to deadlines to make an excellent publication. It takes contributions of information by all of us to make it work.

Everyone is welcome to write an article. Everyone is urged to please let your editor know of milestones in your life - and the lives of your family: the honors received, the graduations, weddings and perhaps the most meaningful, Flowers of the Forest.

You may send things for this publication at any time. I save everything on AOL - which is safe from destruction. Just email <bethscribble@aol.com>. Please give me your full name and Buchanan title if you have one (not required). YOU are the important part of *The Buchanan Banner*.

Email me with questions, please.



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the performance while everyone else took their seats.

The performance itself was fabulous with performers from the Royal Navy who were the hosts for this year's event, bands from the U.S.A., Australia, Japan, along with dancers, a re-enactment of a battle between the Jacobite's and English soldiers and many others. The display of lights across the castle walls was stunning and the fireworks display excellent.

The finale of the show had all performers on the esplanade with the massed bands all playing together and the sound was incredible, then we all joined together singing "Auld Lang Syne" before a lone piper

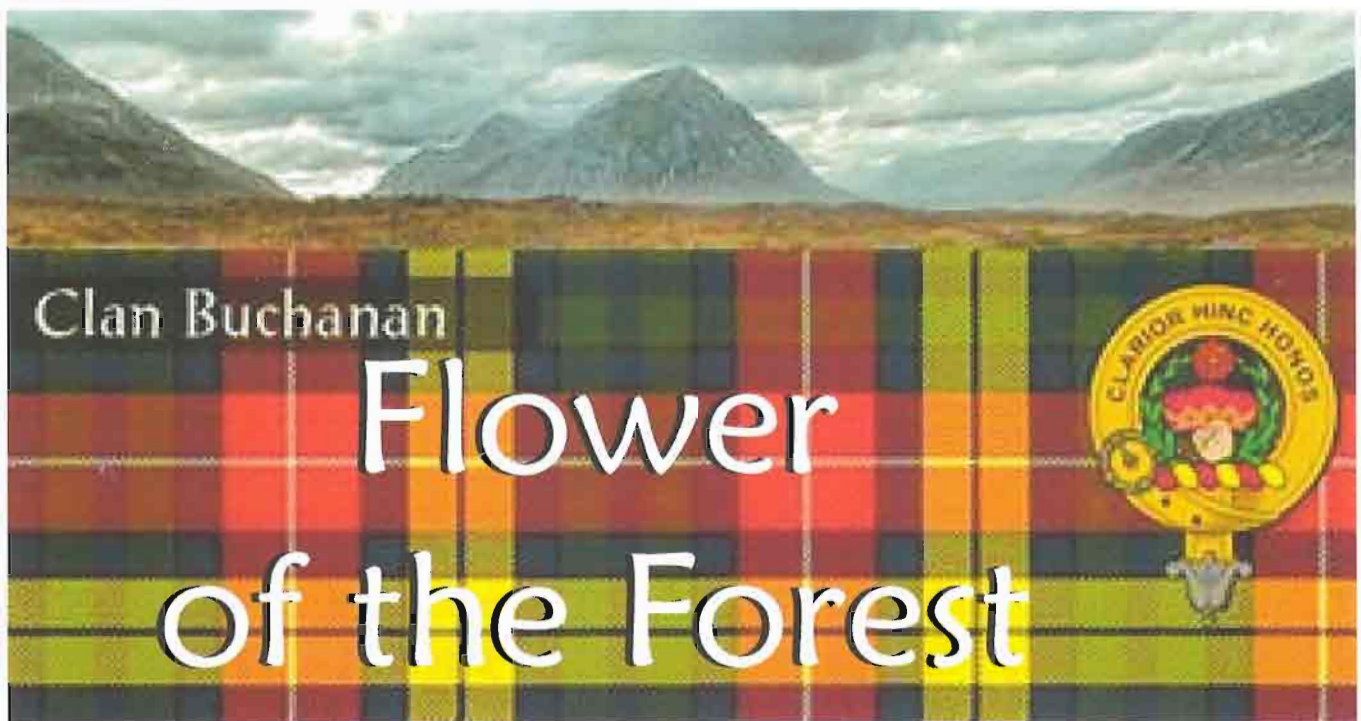
on the castle ramparts finished the show.

Truly an awe-inspiring event which I'm sure I can speak for every Clan member who attended will live in our memories for ever.

On behalf of my family and I, I can only thank everyone who attended, especially the people who travelled thousands of miles to be there and helped to make it such a special occasion. To say I am proud to have had this opportunity doesn't come close to explaining how I feel. This occasion is now written in stone in my family's history and will be talked about for generations.



...and Clan Buchanan was there!



Marilyn Crawford Watson, 1930 – 2017.

Marilyn Crawford Watson slipped out of her family’s embrace on August 29, after the long goodbye to which this vibrant woman was sentenced by Alzheimer’s disease. An elegant woman who believed in arriving on time, and always knew when a lady should leave the party, she would have preferred to step off sooner into her bliss. Her family believes it was love that caused her to linger.

Marilyn grew up gracefully in Berkeley, a pretty child, who became a strikingly beautiful woman. Born to an economist and a concert pianist, the eldest of three children attended Cal Berkeley. A “townie,” who pledged the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Marilyn majored in music before earning her elementary school teaching credential. While teaching at her alma mater, Cragmont Elementary, she incorporated music into her curriculum with piano, autoharp and her warm alto voice.

Marilyn was the kind of girl who could hit a line drive in softball, slice a tennis ball to skim the net, and water ski without getting her hair wet. She could camp without fuss or slip into a ball gown and pull the air out of the room as she danced.

Before she graduated from Cal in 1952, Marilyn’s father introduced her to the fair-haired, blue-eyed athletic Kappa Sigma, Linn Watson, a business major



heading into a brilliant banking career. The couple were married two years later, launching a 63-year love affair that brought them trials, triumphs, travel and two sets of twins.

Throughout her college years, Marilyn, impassioned by the operatic music of composer Richard Wagner, handed out programs during Wagnerian opera performances at the San Francisco Opera, dreaming of one-day attending the Wagnerian Opera Festival in Bayreuth, Germany. The first time she realized her dream, her firstborn, Linda Watson, a now world-renowned soprano, was premiering in *Bayreuth*.

Two years after Linda was born, Marilyn de-

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Flower of the Forest, *continued from page 11*

livered twin girls, Lisa and Lauren, followed nearly eight years later, by the birth of twin boys Douglas and David, during which she conquered cancer. While raising her family, she directed church choirs, consulted on weddings, and fundraised for causes that mattered to her, such as Hospice and the American Cancer Society.

Marilyn always entertained creatively, generously and with a grace that made her guests feel special. She turned holidays into traditions; activities into events. She threw themed children’s birthday bashes, mother-daughter teas, and prom parties. Her grown-up parties were elegant, fantastic, fun and well attended. Marilyn had a wide circle of friends, yet she confided in a prize few, keeping secrets safe and holding her own counsel. She taught her children to look after each other and stick up for themselves, to give generously and receive graciously – with a well-written note.



Marilyn and Linn shared the helm of the family, vigorously, enthusiastically, generously, and much longer than most, with wisdom and patience, humor and devotion. Their children and grandchildren grew up with the love of a beautiful woman, whose strength made them feel safe, whose intelligence taught them to think, whose standards encouraged them to reach, and whose love of family fostered their own.

During the decade in which she slowly shut the door on her life, her family lost her by degrees. Yet, thanks to her husband and children, she never lost her elegance, her dignity or her love.

Marilyn Crawford Watson is survived by her beloved husband, Franklin Haskell Watson III, her children, Linda, Lauren (John), Lisa (Philip), Douglas (Jenny), and David (Julie), as well as 12 grandchildren, her brother, Robert L. Crawford (Sue), six nieces and nephews, and many more family members and friends. Those wishing to make a contribution in her memory may consider Hospice of the East Bay, American Cancer Society or Alzheimer’s Association. Plans for a celebration of life are pending.

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Impressions from The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo



David J. Byrne, 2nd Vice President CBSI

As I marched through the famed Portcullis Gate of Edinburgh Castle I was right behind two Black Lion Banners of the Clan Buchanan Society International. As I walked onto the Esplanade tears came to my eyes. I felt the heat from the two enormous torches on each side of the gate, and I must have given the war cry as we rehearsed, but I honestly don't remember. What I do remember is the roar of approval from the 8,000 people in attendance. My good friend, George McAusland, who led us to that point relates that he had the same emotional response. The months of planning had built up to this moment and it overwhelmed all of us.

The evening started with a wonderful gathering at the Usquabae Pub at the end of Prince's Street. As you approach the pub, Edinburgh Castle looms above you on the Castle Rock. We felt its presence even more that afternoon. The pub was warm and friendly and offered over 400 impressive whisky choices which suited me just fine. We were soon joined by John De la Cruz and his wife Viv. John had just been named CBSI Regent for England. Sandy and Joan Buchanan traveled from South Africa to attend. Heather Horseman came from Perth Australia and brought along her Clan Buchanan name banner for us to carry. Isla

Buchanan brought her family from Worcestershire, England. My good friend Ross Buchanan (of Ydna fame) and his lovely wife AnneMarie soon arrived with their children. AnneMarie is a Physician Assistant transplanted from the USA and she and Ross live in Donegal, Ireland. Our friends James and Karen Buchanan from Santa Clara, California were there. We had met them in New York City, along with George and Margaret McAusland, the year before for the Tartan Day Parade. All in all 47 of us gathered to break bread and come together before our historic march up the hill and into the Castle.

I brought to Scotland two Black Lion Banners which belong to my brother Richard and me. We have flown them for many years at highland games, both large and small, here in the United States. We have carried them proudly in clan parades and kirkins. They have hung proudly in front of our Clan tent to let everyone know – here is the Clan Buchanan. *"We may have no chief but we have not gone away, we have not forgotten."* I knew the moment that George contacted me to say that we would be part of the Tartan Celebration at Edinburgh Castle that those two flags would go there

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CBSI at the Tattoo,
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Another photo of the Clan
Buchanan at the 2017 Royal Military
Tattoo in Edinburgh



Karen & Jim Buchanan
in Edinburgh



James Buchanan and George McAusland



Karen Buchanan and
Margaret McCausland

may have no chief but we have not gone away, we have not forgotten." I knew the moment that George contacted me to say that we would be part of the Tartan Celebration at Edinburgh Castle that those two flags would go there with me and my wife Marianne and would lead us onto the Esplanade.

I feel the weight of my Buchanan Tartan kilt every time I wear it. With its distinctive colors and pattern it tells everyone who I am. We are fortunate that our tartan is so easily recognizable. It is bright, bold and optimistic and it says "I am a Buchanan, and I am here". But when I see the Black Lion Flag snapping in the wind or at the front of our clansmen and women when we parade, I see our history, I remember our story. While my mother was born in Scotland, I know that for many of our members their ancestors left Scotland perhaps hundreds of years ago. But when they put on our tartan, or follow the Black Lion, I know they have not forgotten where they came from. And I knew that if I took those flags back to Scotland and marched them up Castle Rock to the gates of Edinburgh Castle, that all of my kinsman who followed those flags and others exactly like them and wear our tartan back in the USA, would be marching up that rock with us.

When our 47 entered the Esplanade through the Portcullis Gate and felt the heat of the torches and heard the roar of the crowd I knew that hundreds of thousands of Buchanans who had left Scotland for so many reasons or opportunities were right there with us. The Clan Buchanan had come to Edinburgh Castle to remind Scotland that we are still here and

we have not forgotten.

During our dinner George had welcomed us all and thanked us for coming. I was given the privilege of offering the toast that evening and here is what I said:

"Ladies and Gentleman – I rise for a toast. Undoubtedly there will be those there this evening who will ask why is the Clan Buchanan even here? After all we have been without a chief for over 300 years. But we are the children of Loch Lomond, and we have not forgotten.

We are the McAuslands and the Buchanans. We are the loyal septs; the Watts and the Watsons, the Gibbs and the Gibsons, the Cormacks and the MacCormacks, the Finlays and the MacKinlays, the MacWhirters and the Harpers,

The waters of Loch Lomond run in our veins, and we have not forgotten, we have not forgotten.

And around the globe: in the USA, in Canada and Australia, New Zealand and South Africa and Argentina, Ireland and aye here in Scotland, we call out our war cry. The name of that small and brush strewn rock surrounded by the loch that we love.

So to you my clansmen, kinsman and cousins. I offer to you a toast and ask that you call her name out proudly after me – raise your glass Buchanans to CLAR INNIS!

I also rise for our hosts George and Margaret McAusland. George carries the blood of our ancient chiefs and no finer clansman could have secured for us the honor of entering Edinburgh Castle tonight under our Black Lion Banners. Ladies and Gentleman please

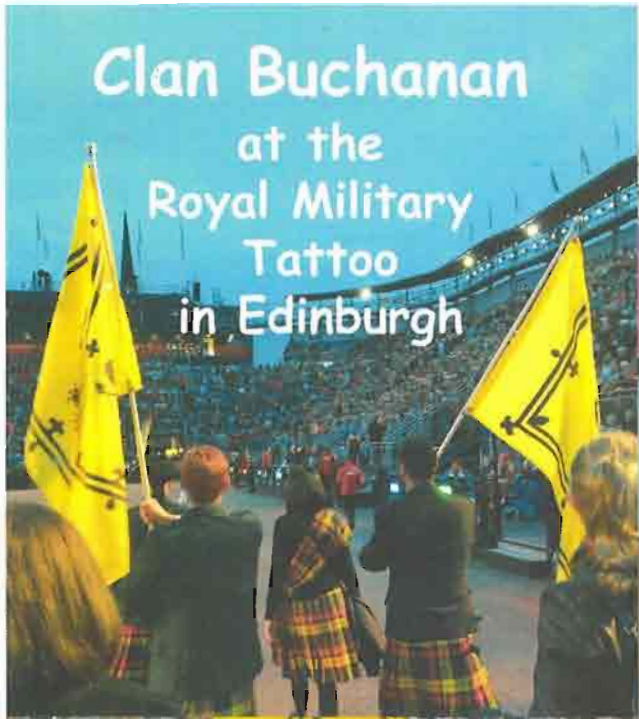
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 THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

There are two more pages of photographs of Buchanans from the 2017 Royal Military Tattoo on pages 16 - 17.





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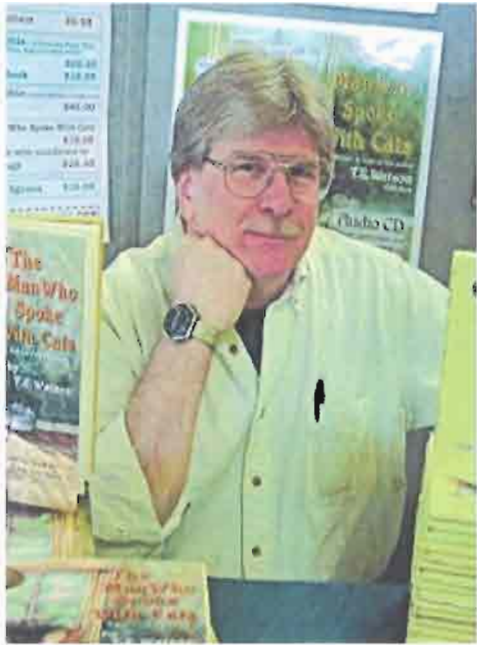
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CBSI's author, T.E. Watson

T. E. Watson is an award winning children's author, columnist in the US and Canada, speaker, philanthropist and, last but certainly not least, a Scotsman. His career has spanned the many aspects of the publishing industry.

Having started by accident from the efforts of some 35 6th graders (he was a teacher), his writings have taken readers to worlds they can revisit again and again. From his most recent travels back to Scotland in *The Man Who Spoke With Cats* and his best selling *Glen Robbie: A Scottish Fairy Tale*, to the popular educational and historical pioneer series *Going West*, his readers keep coming back for more, wondering to which magical land he is going to take them next.

He is the author of some 130 stories and now 5 new audio book productions and 12 new books being completed for children... and he says he has slowed a bit!

With over 40 years in the writing world, doing everything from reporting to writing for magazines and technical manuals, to political essays for national, as well as environmental issues, he has had a varied career. He has also penned many Guides and teaching curriculums for schools throughout the country. He has written adult works, and even horror, but his first love will always be the Children's genre.

His research and studies in Literature of the U.K., with a focus on Children's Writers, with a more focused study of Robert Louis Stevenson, earned T.E. the very prestigious FSA Fellowship from the Royal National Museum in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2003.

T. E. Watson is passionate about writing and continues to develop that passion. "You must have compassion as well as passion to help those who would also like to write excellent work as it should be."

T. E. Watson has in his past been a President of The Northern California Publishers and Authors, is a member of the SCBWI Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, member of the California Writers Club, as well as many organizations overseas. He is very active in his Scottish organization community, The Clan Buchanan Society, International - and is determined to never retire from writing for children.

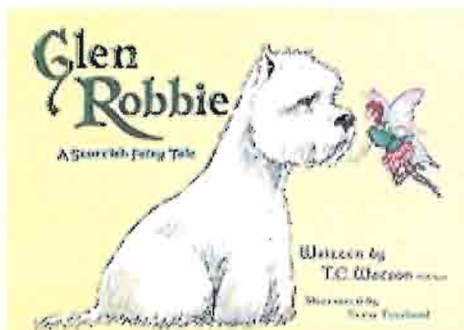
With more and more coming he is presently working on his final rewrites of two chapter book trilogies for children, and being recently commissioned to write two "how to" books on writing and marketing. His pet project is a book for authors *Presenting Successful School Visits*. Having become known as the Guru of

T. E. Watson says, "My interview on *Podcast Writers and Authors on Fire*, went very well today."

He continues, "It is difficult to answer questions like the ones I had during the show without getting excited about what I do. This was a fun time today."

"Anyone interested in listening can listen to the show on 1-Tunes and look for author, T.E. Watson," he commented.

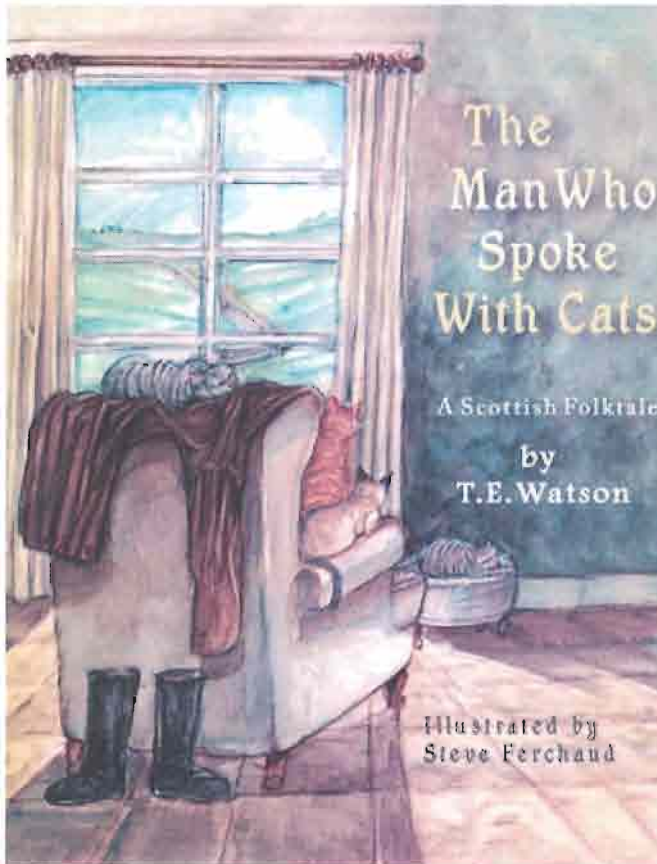
"I hope you will enjoy it!" he



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of School Presentations his reputation for motivating and making reading and writing exciting has earned him great acclaim all over America.

He is available for further speaking engagements as well as visits to schools. He also mentors and coaches writers part time when he has breathing space!

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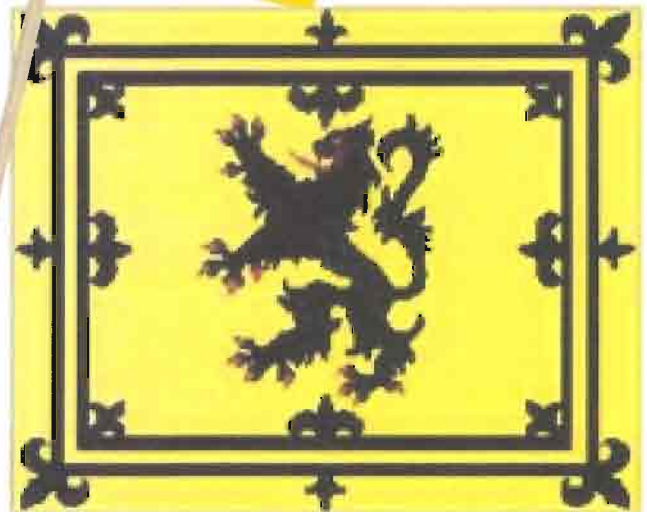
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