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★ CBSI ★ ELECTIONS ★ 2018

It's time again for CBSI elections. The slate of officers for this time includes: President, Lloyd Gibson; 1st Vice President, Kevin Buchanan; 2nd Vice President, James Gibson, Ray Buchanan and David Byrne; Recording Secretary, Shelagh Colledge; Membership, Karen Buchanan and Treasurer, John Brice.

Details on the upcoming elections will be in the next issue of *The Buchanan Banner*.

CBSI major changes ahead through modernization with MemberPlanet

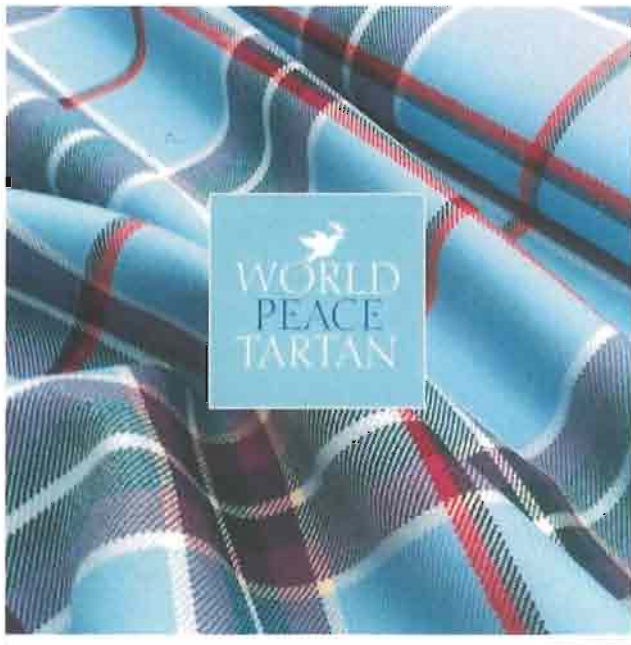
Kevin "Buck" Buchanan, CBSI 1st Vice President

The Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc. (CBSI) Executive Council has just concluded our Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year's AGM was held at the Pikes Peak Celtic Fest in Colorado Springs, over the weekend of June 15-17, 2018. A big thank you goes out to the Colorado, Arizona and South Dakota Buchanan Clan leaders and members we met, for being such gracious hosts and welcoming us to their event.

Coming off of the AGM, I wanted to get the exciting news out to everyone on what the Executive Council (EC) and CBSI members assisting us have been up to this past year.

Much of the past year's efforts have been spent working on modernizing CBSI to allow us to better communicate and connect with our membership. The work is still ongoing in updating

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New tartan, *The World Peace Tartan* has symbolic colors

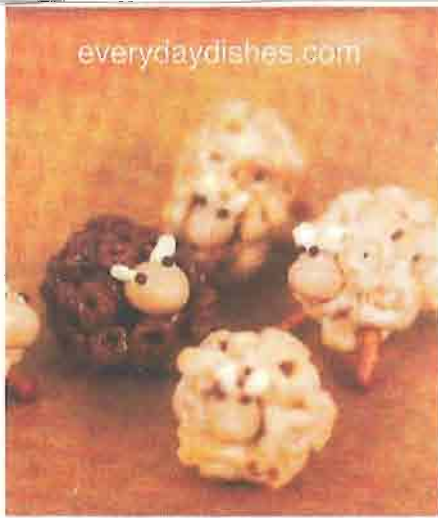
The World Peace Tartan was created in Scotland to promote a message of World Peace.

The light blue represents the presence of Hope and Potential of the United Nations.

Scotland is symbolized by the purple and green of the Scottish thistle.

The red and black are reminders of the realities, violence and devastation of wars and the utter need for a New living culture of non-violence and Peace.

The white running through the pattern provides a counterbalance, symbolic of Peace and Light.



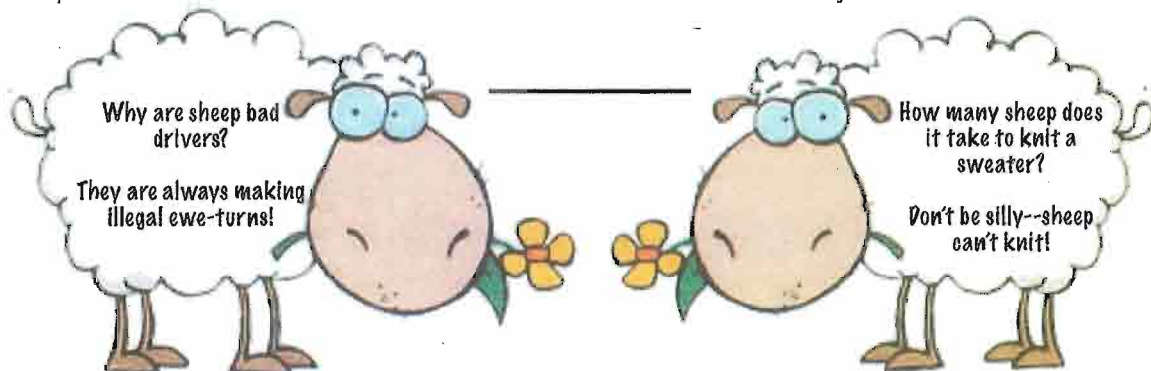
Sheep Snack

Serves 10-12
Adult help needed

- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 2/3 C mini marshmallows, plus a few extra
- 4 C ringed cereal (chocolate or whole grained)
- 10-12 chocolate covered almonds (white and dark)
- 1/2 C chocolate chips
- 20-24 short pretzel sticks

1. **Melt** butter in saucepan over medium low heat. **Add** marshmallows and **stir** just until melted.
2. **Remove** from heat and add cereal.
3. **Mix** until evenly coated.
4. **Spoon** out one heaping tablespoon of mixture and **mold** into an egg shape with greased hands.

5. **Press** an indentation into one side with an almond.
6. **Melt** chocolate chips in microwaveable dish for a few seconds. Use this as the glue to adhere the almond head and pretzel legs. **Press** firmly into cereal ball.
7. **Cut** reserved marshmallow into small pieces and using melted chocolate, attach to almond head for the ears.
8. **Dip** a toothpick into melted chocolate and dot the almond to make eyes.



from the
PRESIDENT
Lloyd Gibson

Clan Buchanan Society International is standing on the edge of progress. Either we jump into the canyon or we take the bridge and walk across it to the future.

Your Executive Council has been busy trying to pilot CBSI into the twenty-first century.

Maybe you have already noticed some of the changes that have been implemented. Pay Pal has been instituted into our tents at events. Some have not yet taken advantage for various reasons, but we hope to fix the problems that are always associated with implementing a new program.

Our Treasurer, Coleen, has been doing most of the work in getting Pay Pal up and running.

Karen Buchanan, Membership Secretary, Has been extremely busy rebuilding and streamlining our membership department. She brings a whole lot of fresh ideas and experience in the business world to CBSI, and is a top notch person who we are fortunate to have.

Our First Vice President, Kevin Buchanan from California, has been working with Karen and Coleen to set up a computerized program from which to run CBSI. We think it will streamline both recruitment and membership as well as banking procedures.

Tammy Tobin, our Webmaster, is working to update the CBSI website to let people know, not only how to contact officers to get answers, but to gain insight into CBSI operations.

Elections for officers to the board will be held soon. We have a few positions that we are aware of that will be on the ballot.

For instance, Stacy Harper has decided after many years as Secretary to step down. She plans to retire soon and travel.

Coleen Hoyer, our Treasurer, does not want to serve anymore at this time, and has asked to not be placed on the ballot.

And of course, a member in good standing is always welcome to add his or her name to the ballot. I, personally, would like to see more women run for office.

I would also like to congratulate our editor, Beth Gay Freeman for two awards she has received in the past couple of months. First, Beth was given the highest honor bestowed in the Clan Henderson Society - The Chief's Prize.



Nancy & Lloyd Gbson, CBSI president.

To receive this award, you must have been awarded The Chief's Medal. Beth was awarded this honor first in 1993 and then The Chief's Medal with Distinction in 2016.

Beth serves The Clan Henderson Society as editor of *An Canach (The Cottongrass)* the Clan Henderson publication.

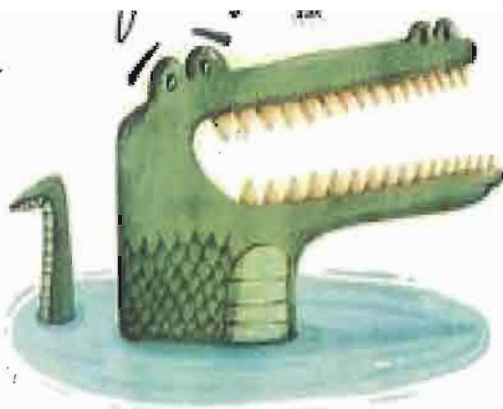
In June at the Glasgow Highland Games in Glasgow, Kentucky, where the Kingdome of Raknar celebrated its 40th anniversary, Beth was made a Dame in the Kingdome of Raknar. She is the first ever woman to be honored in this way.

Over the years, she was Baroness of Walhalla; then the Duchess of Drama and now, Dame.

In the year 2020 Clan Buchanan Society International will celebrate fifty years of service to our Scot-Irish community.

I have had several folks who would like to see the celebration to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Buchanan House. I would like

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Hello Florida!

"Erin (Dow) Pantelis, ME & NH Regent will be relocating permanently to Florida soon. She will miss Portsmouth and the games at beautiful Loon Mountain, but she's hoping to be involved in the Highland Games 2019 in Dunedin, looking into the absence of the Buchanan Clan there."



Lookie what I found!

I think the handsome gentleman second from left is Jim Gibson...and second from right, I know is Buck Buchanan! Anyone know anyone else?

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if you recognize anyone else. Where and when was this taken?



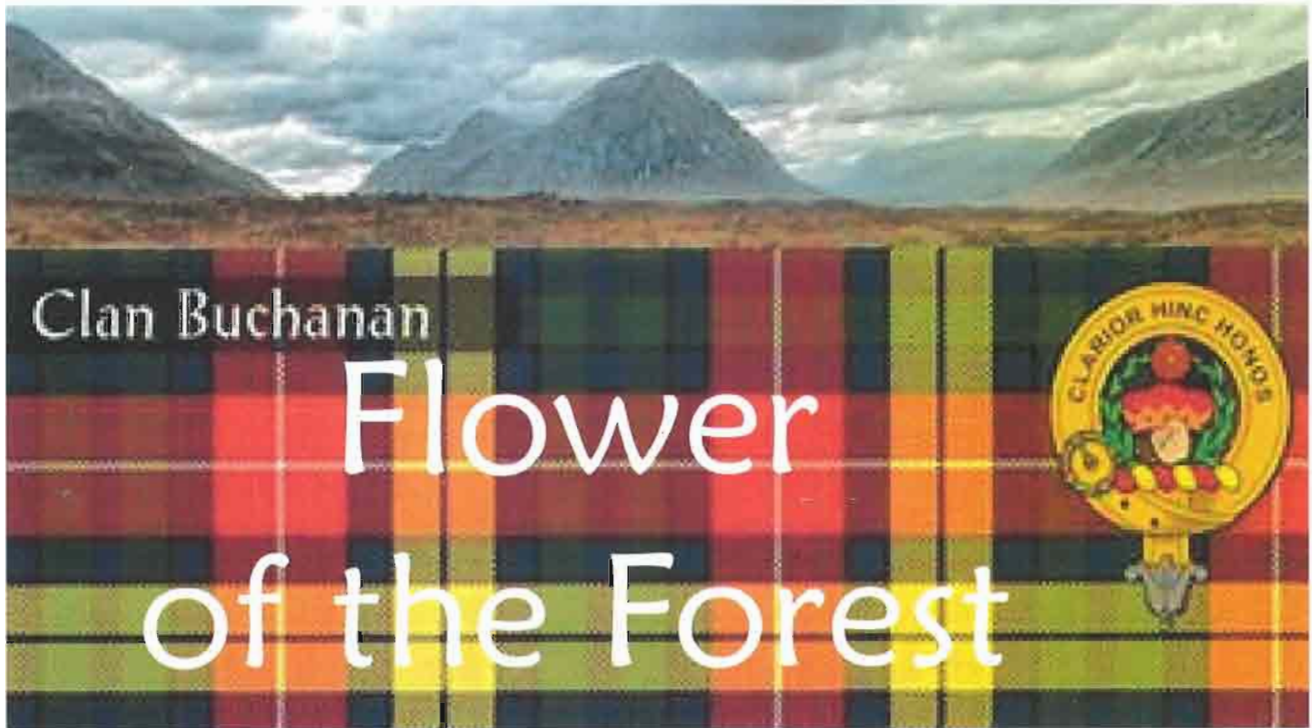
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Elmer “Junior” Watson, 76, passed away on Monday, April 30, 2018.

He was born on October 30, 1941 in High Point, to the late Elmer and Ramalee Breedlove Watson. A resident of this area all of his life, he was a veteran of the US Army, having proudly served for 6 years. He worked for the Guilford County School System as a Bus Driver, having driven for Ragsdale, Central, and Oak Hill. He considered all the students he had in his care as “his kids”. Junior was active in the Highland Games and had served as Co-Regent for the Clan Buchanan as long as his health permitted. He was a loving brother, uncle and great uncle, and will be dearly missed. In addition to his parents, preceding him in death was a brother, Bill Muse.

He is survived by his sister, Charlotte Breeden; his nieces, Cindy Herbert and her husband, Rick, Teresa Tysinger and her husband, Kim; his nephew, Tommy Witcher and his wife Susan; his aunt, Betty Miller; and a number of great nieces and nephews.



A service to celebrate Junior’s life was held on Thursday, May 3rd in the Chapel of Cumby Family Funeral Service, 206 Trindale Road in Archdale, with Reverend James Capps officiating.

A committal service followed in Floral Garden Memorial Park Cemetery, 1730 English Road in High Point, with Military honors accorded by the Randolph County Honor Guard. His family saw friends following the committal service.

Memorials in Junior’s memory may be directed to The American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.

If you lose a loved one, be sure and send Flowers of the Forest information to your editor. Of course, there is absolutely no charge. Just email <bethscribble@aol.com>

Ethnic composition in the British- American colonies in 1775:



English 48.7%
African 20.0
Scots &
 Ulster Scots 14.4
German 6.9
Dutch 2.7
French 1.4
Swedish .6
Other 5.3

Source: Census Records



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to see this as a two-day event with lots of activity and even clan tents from other clans.

Southern and Scot-Irish food could be for sale on site. I have received opposition to Grandfather Mountain due to facilities, hotel costs and lack of hotels, and restaurants being so far from the park.

Cost of course, is always a primary consideration; in Nashville, hotel accommodations at all levels of cost are less. Entertainment, of course, is all around. But let's look at some other alternatives, keeping in mind, cost to members for food, lodging, etc.

Thank you all for supporting your CBSI and I hope to see you soon

Lloyd Gibson,
CBSI President.

Scottish Weather

Traveling to Scotland in the near future? Before you go, check the weather at: www.metoffice.gov.uk



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.





Sainte Genevieve, MO first-ever Scottish Days great success for CBSI!

Danny McMurphy, Region 7 CBSI Regent

The first ever Sainte Genevieve Scottish Festival, April 6, 7, 2018, in celebration of National Tartan Day, was held in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri the first weekend in April. ‘Ste. Gen’, as it is commonly known in Missouri, is also known for its French Heritage as there are many historic French buildings throughout the settlement.

Founded around 1740 by French-Canadian settlers and migrants from settlements in the Illinois Country just east of the Mississippi River, Ste. Genevieve is the oldest permanent European settlement in Missouri. It was named for Saint Genevieve (who lived in the 5th century AD), the patron saint of Paris, the capital of France.

The Scots also came through when they started

moving West in the 1700s after the Ulster-Scot migration to the colonies. Several Scots are buried in the local cemetery.

It was a cold, but very clear, April weekend, but 18 Clans braved the cold for the event.

Highland Reign from Indiana had the stage most of the weekend and everyone enjoyed their music.

The big event though, were the Highland Games which lasted all day Saturday and Sunday. The games included Open Womens, Masters Men, and Light Weight Under 200.

Clan Buchanan had representation by Missouri Regent Danny McMurphy and his family and plans are to return next year and help make this an annual event and one of the premier Scottish Festivals in Missouri.



Photo Caption: Danny McMurphy and family outside the Clan Buchanan Booth at the first ever Ste. Genevieve Tartan Day Festival in Missouri. L-R: Molly, Shannon, Danny, and Sean.

CBSI “on parade” in Franklin, NC during the Taste of Scotland Festival



Gentlemen! Kilt

Wearing Summary:

wear the kilt above waist, with bottom of kilt cross middle to top of knee cap. Make sure the pleats are at the back and the vertical set or stripes of the kilt are centered.



The “Macpherson Wolf” in a kilt!

Your *Buchanan Banner* editor at the 2018 Blairsville, Georgia, Highland Games, met the “Macpherson Wolf” on Clan Row. Your editor, who did “time” as Mo Hawg, wearing a pig suit, (story about that later)...hopes that this wolf had a “cool suit” on under his very handsome exterior. It was brutally hot at Blairsville this year.



James Irvine Robertson looks at the history of another of Scotland's families - the Buchanans

James Irvine Robertson

Thanks to *Scotland Magazine*, Issue No. 40, 2008

The history of the Buchanans is untypical. The litany of bloody, often pointless, feuds with neighbours is largely absent. The glory of the clan does not derive from the sharpness of its swords, although these were flourished to great effect in the early days, but from intellectual, charitable and spiritual distinction.

Carve through the traditional mythical origins of the clan and one finds a charter of 1225 of the island of Clarinch in the south east corner of Loch Lomond.

This was granted by the Earl of Lennox to Absalon, son of Macbeth for the payment of a pound of wax every Christmas. Absalon was already a knight – Sir Absalon of Buchanan, from his lands on the loch shore and the name means ‘House of the Canon.’ This indicates that he probably descends from one of the leading families of the ancient Celtic Church.

‘Clarinch!’ became the battle cry of the clan.

During the Scottish Wars of Independence, Maurice, the chief, was one of the very few members of the Scots nobility who did not sign the Ragman Roll swearing fealty to Edward I of England. He was a stout supporter of Robert Bruce and gave the king sanctuary after the Battle of Dalrigh in 1305.

A century later, Sir Alexander Buchanan led a contingent from the clan to France to fight against the English, flush after their victory at Agincourt. At the Battle of Beaugé in 1421, he is said to have encountered the Duke of Clarence, the English king’s brother and commander of his army. Sir Alexander pierced him in the left eye through the visor of his helmet and carried off his coronet on the point of the lance. This is one explanation for the ducal coronet on the chief’s coat-of-arms. The other claims that it alludes to the descent of the

Buchanan chiefs from Isabel, wife of Sir Walter Buchanan and the daughter of Murdoch, 2nd Duke of Albany, who was beheaded by his cousin James I for treason.

In the clan’s heartland east of Loch Lomond, the parish was known as Buchanan, and most land holders were cadet families of the chief. They included the Buchanans of Blairlusk, ancestors of American President James Buchanan. Sir Walter Scott recounts the famous story of John Buchanan of Arnprior who earned the sobriquet ‘King of Kippen.’ ‘When James the Fifth travelled in disguise, he used a name which was known only to some of his principle nobility and attendants. He was called the Goodman (the tenant, that is) of Ballengeich. Ballengeich is a steep pass which leads down behind the castle of Stirling. Once upon a time when the court was feasting in Stirling, the king sent for more venison from the neighbouring hills.

The deer was killed and put on horses’ backs to be transported to Stirling. Unluckily they had to pass the castle gates of Arnprior, belonging to a chief of the Buchanans, who chanced to have a considerable number of guests with him.

‘It was late, and the company were rather short

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History of the Buchanans, *continued from page 9*

of victuals, though they had more than enough liquor. The chief, seeing so much fat venison passing his very door, seized on it, and to the expostulations of the keepers, who told him it belonged to King James, he answered insolently, that if James was king of Scotland, he (Buchanan) was king in Kippen; being the name of the district in which Arnprior lay.

‘On hearing what had happened, the king got on horseback, and rode instantly from Stirling to Buchanan’s house, where he found a strong fierce looking Highlander, with an axe on his shoulder, standing sentinel at the door.

This grim warder refused the king admittance, saying that the laird of Arnprior was at dinner, and would not be disturbed.

“Yet go up to the company, my good friend” said the king, “and tell him that the Goodman of Ballengeich is come to feast with the King of Kippen.”

The porter went grumbling into the house, and told his master that there was a fellow with a red beard at the gate, who called himself the Goodman of Ballengeich and had come to dine with the King of Kippen.

As soon as Buchanan heard those words, he knew that the king was come in person, and hastened down to kneel at James’s feet, and to ask forgiveness for his insolent behaviour.

But the king, who only meant to give him a fright, forgave him freely, and, going into the castle, feasted on his own venison which Buchanan had intercepted.

Buchanan of Arnprior was ever afterwards called the King of Kippen.’ The ‘King of Kippen’ was killed at the Battle of Pinkie in 1547.

The 20th Chief gave £12,000 as scholarships to the universities of Edinburgh and St Andrews.

The 21st Chief, Sir George Buchanan, fought at the battles of Dunbar and Inverkeithing for the Royalists, and the poor management of the 22nd Chief, John, led to the sale of the family estates on his death in 1682 to the 3rd Marquis of Montrose.

John was the last of the Buchanan chiefs.

But the story of the clan was far from over.

Perhaps its most celebrated son was George Buchanan, a younger son of Thomas Buchanan of Mid Leowen in the heart of clan country.

He was one of the greatest scholars of the European Renaissance, a university professor in France and Portugal, a historian, author, the most distinguished Latinist of his day and became a champion of the Reformation.

In his later years he became the tutor to both Queen Mary and her son James VI and was responsible for the king’s education which earned James the title of ‘wisest fool in Christendom.’

But one of the most interesting of the many achievements of the Clan Buchanan is its Society.

George, son of the Laird of Gartacharan, near Drymen, fought as a Covenanter in the

Battle of Bothwell Bridge in 1679 before making his fortune in Glasgow.

His four sons also prospered and, in 1725, they founded the Buchanan Society.

This was two decades before the Rising of 1745, and preceded the formation of any other clan society by nearly a century.

Its object then, as now, was ‘to provide support for the poor of the Clan and to assist their young in schooling, apprenticeship and, for those ‘of promising genius,’ at University or otherwise.

Pensions, scholarships and bursaries are still awarded. The Society is also the owner of Clarinch in Loch Lomond.



Did you know that *The Clan Buchanan* was a ship?

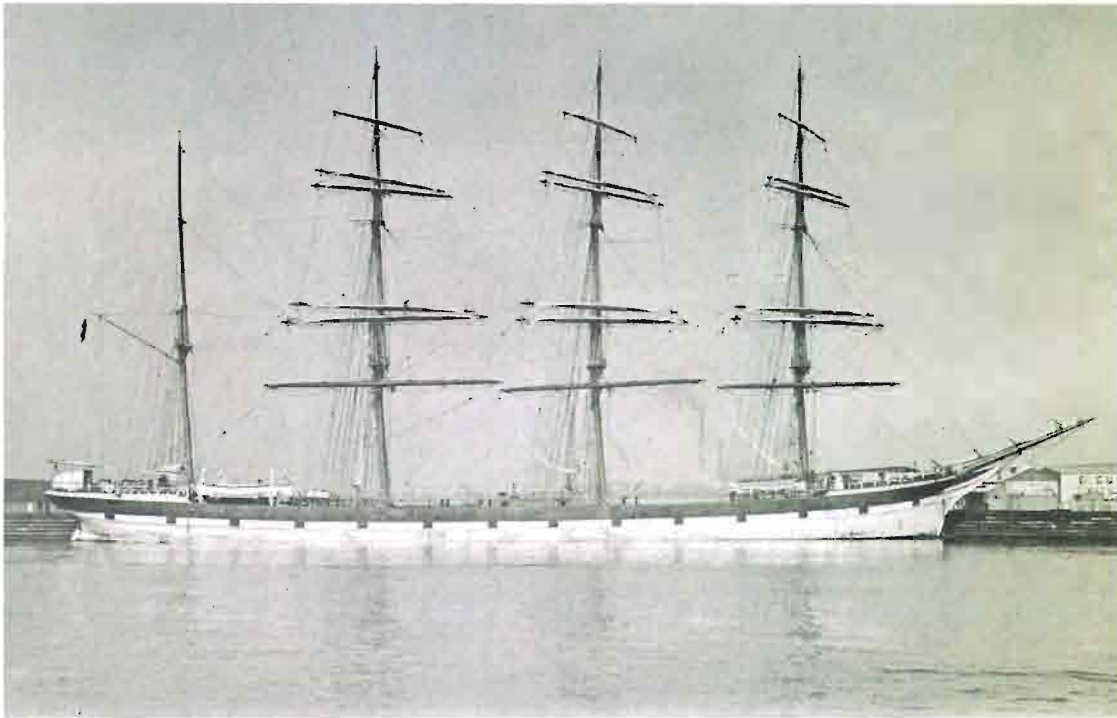


Figure 1: The Clan Buchanan at anchor in Australian waters. One of the fastest cargo ships afloat, she was built in Scotland in 1887 for the San Francisco trade. Photo courtesy of the Australian National Library.

Are you missing most of the available genealogy information?

Dick Eastman

Thanks to: *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, The Daily Online Genealogy Newsletter*

I recently received a message from a newsletter reader that disturbed me a bit. He wrote, "I have been doing genealogy research for 10-15 years but only through the Internet." He then went on to describe some of the frustrations he has encountered trying to find information. In short, he was disappointed at how little information he has found online.

I read the entire message, but my eyes kept jumping back to the words in his first sentence: "... but only through the Internet."

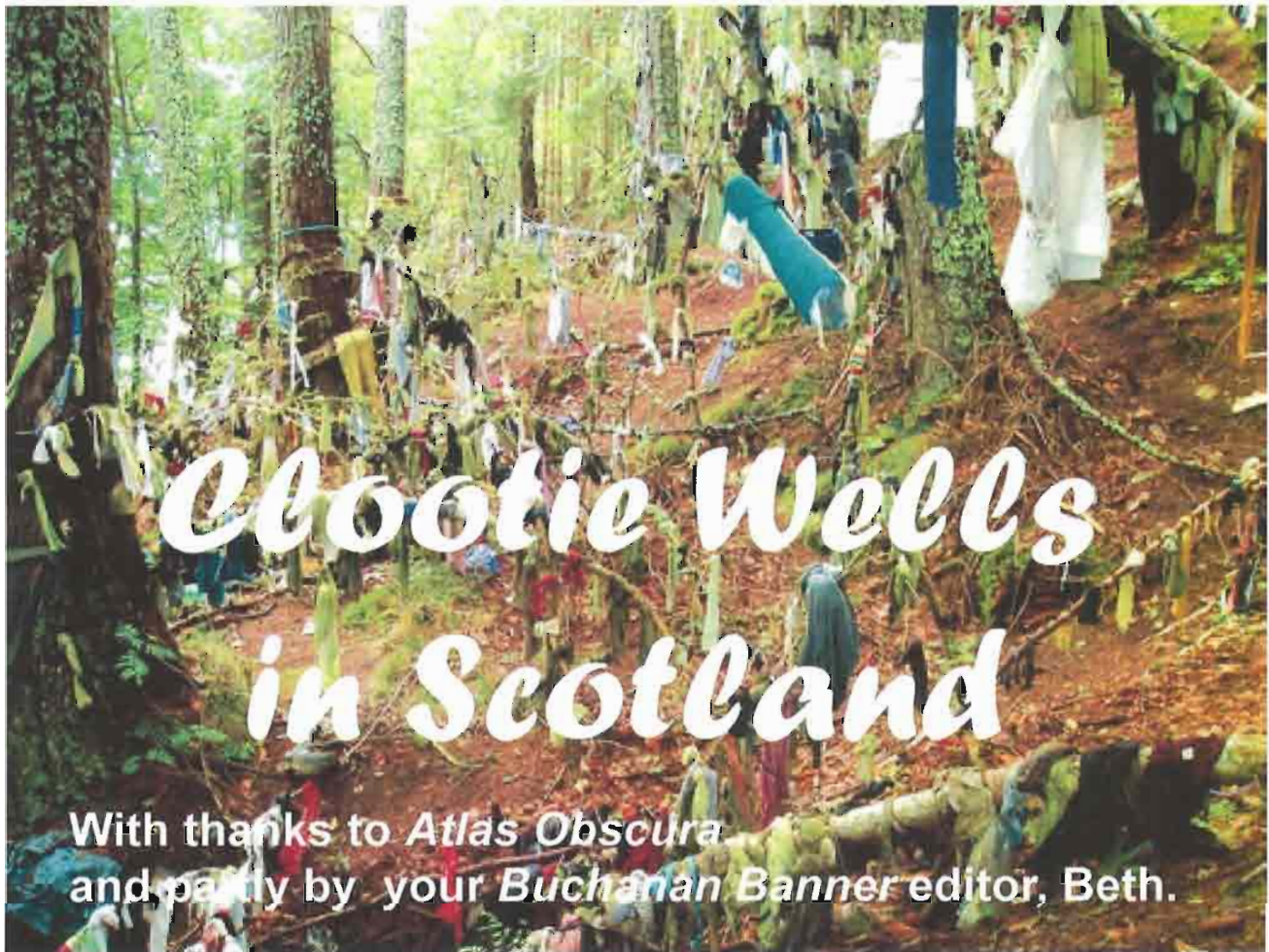
Doesn't he realize that 95% of the informa-

tion of interest to genealogists is not yet available on the Internet?

To be sure, many of the biggest and most valuable resources are now available online, including national census records, the Social Security Death Index, military pension applications, draft cards, many passenger lists, land patent databases, and more.

The national databases were the "low hanging fruit" a few years ago as the providers of online

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Hidden in the woods of Scotland's Black Isle is a grove of trees covered with rags. Known as a Cloutie Well, this is one of several remains of a Celtic tradition that goes back to calling on water spirits for healing.

Cloutie Wells — taking their name from the Scottish word for cloth — can be found around the UK in Scotland, Ireland, and England. However, the one near Munloch on the Black Isle is among the most popular, where on any day you can descend into the forest and be shrouded in the shadow of thousands of bits of cloth knotted on the tree branches. Sometimes even whole pieces of clothing are in the trees as if on a curious clothesline.

The ritual is a pagan one that has continued into contemporary spirituality. As a rag is left to rot at the Cloutie Well, it's hoped that some pain or sickness will fade with it. It's bad luck to remove any of the offerings.

Forestry Commission Scotland encourages

visitors to continue to bring rags to the Munloch Cloutie Well, although does request that they be biodegradable — the better with which to please nature's spirits.

Look for the sign for the "Cloutie Well" off of A832 to a small parking loop.

Now, let me tell you a story about all this.

Those who know me well know that I was raised by my Scottish Grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald.

She would say upon occasion when something extraordinary happened - such as my brothers having all passing grades on their report cards - "Well, if that don't take the rag from the bush!"

I've heard her say that hundreds of times. I asked her what it meant many times...and, all she would say, was that her own mother used to say those words when she was astonished by something.

It was a puzzle to me.

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Cloutie Wells in Scotland, *continued from page 12*

My friend from 7th grade, Marti, and I were in Scotland because I had been given a grant to go there by Ellis McDonald when I was appointed editor of the *By Sea By Land* publication, the national newsletter of Clan Donald USA.

It was \$1000.

At that time, if you didn't have to pay your air fare, \$1000 was a generous amount for a two week visit - especially when, as we had been, invited to stay for a few days in Mr. McDonald's suite at the Clan Donald Centre on Skye!

Marti was a travel agent at that time...and, at that time, she could get free air fare.

So, off we went!

During our visit to Scotland we met a lovely lady, Mrs. Isabel Mackenzie, who asked us to stay at her house one night as her guests...and took us all around the area in which she lived, which was Cromarty and the ancient lands of the Gayre family. Mrs. Mackenzie was just delightful. (She and I remained friends for the rest of her life.

Mrs. Mackenzie told us as we were leaving, "Don't miss the Cloutie Well."

Marti and I found the well and sacrificed our washcloths - since our two weeks in Scotland were about over. It was a wonderful experience. We both wished to come back again and again.

Fast forward a few years as Marti had said to me on that first trip, "Why don't we have trips to Scotland, you plan the itineraries and I'll handle the hotels and all of the details of our trips. "And," she said, "we can go very cheaply."

I said, "Ah, nope. Traveling with a lot of strangers?"

Before it was over, I did what I always did...and agreed with Marti for us to do trips.

How right she was. We brought five or six groups to Scotland with at least half of our 30 or so travelers always having been with us before. We made forever, lifelong friends of many of them, as well. Our wishes at the Cloutie Well did come true.

So, on this particular trip we had a couple who had been with us on several trips before. They were grand traveling companions and personable and just a pleasure.

When we went to the Cloutie Well on this trip,

I noticed that they were standing in the area dripping with old rags...with their arms about each other. Her shoulders were shaking and he was patting her back.

I didn't want to interrupt them, but was concerned. When they came out of the area, I asked, "Are you two ok?"

She turned a tear stained face to me, and said, "You know, Beth, our son was here with us."

I knew they had lost a son years before in an automobile accident.

She continued, "He just wanted us to know that he loved us always and was doing just fine."

Cloutie Wells are magic.

Some people are uncomfortable close to them. Some just feel awed and warm and enfolded in loving arms (me).

I thought it was humorous that, at that time, the government in Scotland wanted for the messy appearing Cloutie Wells to be destroyed...and all of the cloths done away with.

The tradition is that if you take a bit of cloth left by someone else, YOU will get whatever it was that the other person had wished away...sickness, a broken limb. No person in the Scottish government would touch anything at the Cloutie Wells.

On the plane home, I was thinking about our experience this time at the Cloutie Well. All of a sudden, I thought of my grandmother and her saying, "If that don't take the rag off the bush!"

OH, MY GOODNESS. What she learned from her mother came from the Cloutie Wells in Scotland so long before.

My mystery was solved.



information rushed to place large genealogy databases online. These huge collections benefited a lot of genealogists; these databases were the first to become indexed, digitized, and placed online. We all should be thankful that these databases are easily available today and are in common use.

As the national databases became available to all, the online providers moved on to digitize regional and statewide information. State or provincial censuses, birth records, marriage records, death records, naturalization records (which originally were recorded in many local and state courts), county histories, and much, much more are still being placed online.

Of course, this is great news for genealogists who cannot easily travel to the locations where the original records are kept. For many of us, this is even better than having information on microfilm. Most of us don't have microfilm readers at home, but we do have computers.

Yet, I am guessing that 95% of the information of interest to genealogists has not yet been digitized. Why would anyone want to look for genealogy information "... only through the Internet?"

State censuses, birth records, marriage records, death records, naturalization records, county histories, and more are all "work in progress" projects. That is, they are not yet complete. In fact, I doubt if all of them will be available

online for at least another two decades! If you only look online, you are missing a lot.

In many cases, church parish records, local tax lists, school records, land records (other than Federal land grants), and many more records are not yet available online and probably won't be available for many years. If you are limiting yourself to "... only through the Internet," you are missing 95% of the available information.

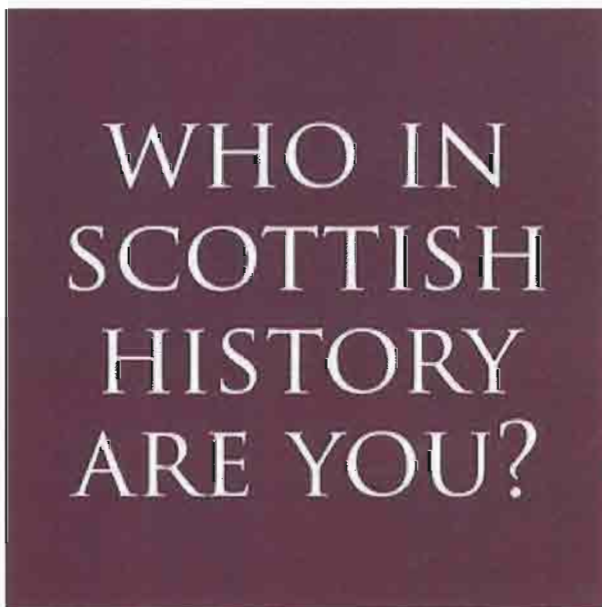
If you have the luxury of living near the places where your ancestors lived, I'd suggest you jump in an automobile and drive to the repositories where those records are kept. There is nothing that

matches the feeling of holding original records in your hand. Make photocopies or scan them or take pictures of them or do whatever is possible to collect images of the original records.

If you do not know where to start, I would suggest reading *Begin your genealogy quest* at https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Begin_your_genealogy_quest for some great "getting started" information.

Also, check out the links to many valuable tutorials and reference material in my earlier article, *Are You New to Genealogy?* at <https://blog.eogn.com/2018/06/08/are-you-new-to-genealogy>.

Which option would you prefer: accessing 5% of the available records or 100% of the available records?



Close to 100% of applications to join Scottish Clan organizations list genealogy as the main reason they wish to become a part of their clan's group.

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STIRLING, SCOTLAND

Devil's Pulpit

A strange rock with a sinister reputation lurks within the crimson waters of this Scottish glen.

Blood-red water courses through Finnich Glen, a majestic sliver of Scotland, and surges around a strange rock with a sinister reputation.

The name "the Devil's Pulpit" originally referred to the mushroom-shaped rock that sometimes pokes above the rushing stream. Some say the rock is where the Devil stood to address his followers, the crimson current swirling at his feet. Others say Druids held secret meetings there, hidden from sight within the shadows of the gorge's looming walls. Still more tell tales of witches using the rock as an execution block.



However, over time, many people began referring to all of Finnich Gorge as "the Devil's Pulpit." It's still a fitting name, as the red water certainly

gives the whole place an eerie, almost sinister aura, though its color actually isn't the work of the Devil at all. It's merely a result of the underlying red sandstone.

But this doesn't make the gorge feel any less otherworldly. Climbing down the slippery steps—of course referred to at the Devil's

Steps—and entering this realm of verdant moss-covered rocks and ruby-toned water reveals an

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Report from Texas: The First Half of 2018

Bill McQuatters, Texas Commissioner and Convener

The North Texas Irish Festival

Our first event of the year, the North Texas Irish Festival, was held at Fair Park in Dallas the first weekend in March.

It is a wildly fun Celtic festival that includes a Scottish Village complete with about 30 Clan tents.

This festival is one of our favorite events and has a large turnout every year. There were several wonderful musical acts including several pipe and drum bands. There are sheep dog demonstrations and beautiful horse shows.

The Scottish Village is indoors, so it is one of the few festivals that weather is not a factor. This festival has a special place in our hearts as we adopted our dog, Isla, at the festival 3 years ago.

Thank you to all our cousins that came by to visit us. A great time was had by all.



Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games

The Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games was held the second weekend in May.

This festival has been held on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington for over 30 years, but it has outgrown the space and was moved to the Wise County Fairgrounds in Decatur, Texas, this year. It was a beautiful venue and the powers that be made every effort to make us feel welcome, and we certainly did.

There were some hiccoughs, 30-40 mph gusts of wind being the hardest to overcome, but all and all, it was a great weekend. And we could certainly feel the appreciation of the locals. We had a large number of visitors and met so many new cousins.

We look forward to seeing this festival continue to grow at the new location.



Pikes Peak Celtic Festival, Colorado Springs

Bill McQuatters, Texas Commissioner and Convener



Report from Texas, continued from page 16



San Antonio Scottish Festival and Highland Games 2018

We visited the San Antonio Scottish Festival and Highland Games for the first time this year.

These games are held just northwest of San Antonio, in Helotes. This festival is held in a beautiful tree-filled park, but the Clan parade is held on the Riverwalk in downtown San Antonio.

A piper, drummer, and several clan members load onto a few of the colorful tour boats that glide down the river. This entourage certainly gets the attention of the tourists strolling along the Riverwalk. Unfortunately, Clan Buchanan has not had a tent in San Antonio in the last few years.

We met several Buchanans as we walked through the festival, enjoying the numerous attractions. We assured them that we will be there next year to represent our proud colours.



Major CBSI changes, *continued from page 1*

things for our membership, to better bring us into 21st Century. The EC is addressing and recognizing how many of our members now communicate. We have recognized that CBSI has been slow to change with the advent of modern technology, which has changed dramatically how people communicate today vs. 20 years ago. We found that we were best equipped at serving the Greatest Generation and Baby Boomers, by sticking with mail for new applications and renewal of memberships; yet that's not how many of us choose to communicate these days.

Many people today do most of their communications electronically and conduct their business through eCommerce. I got that when I was Commissioner for CBSI in Northern California, with our membership pushing us to adopt the use of Square in order to take credit and debit card payments at the Buchanan tent for tee-shirt and membership sales. It is with this in mind that we are updating our website; as well as launching a new membership platform called MemberPlanet, to allow for eCommerce and friendlier viewing on mobile devices

It has been recognized that if CBSI is to survive, addressing how best to communicate with all members and potential members, especially Generation X, Millennials and Generation Z, we need to modernize. MemberPlanet will go a long way towards making this happen. MemberPlanet will allow members to set their memberships up to automatically renew if they want to, or count on email reminders when your membership is due to expire. Additionally, if you want to setup a user profile similar to Facebook you can do that, or you can



choose to do nothing.

MemberPlanet will make it easier for our Regional leaders to communicate with our membership through emails, and posting upcoming events on the home page. For those who still like communications via mail, it will remain; however, if you prefer to conduct your CBSI business by other means, we have heard you and we are addressing it.

When you receive a request to join MemberPlanet, accept it and begin to setup your profile. I'm sure as this gets going; our membership will help us in discovering MemberPlanets potential for keeping us all connected.

Appointed Officers now include:

1. Webmaster - Tammy Tobin
2. Information Technology (IT) - John Gibson

Non-USA Membership Dues will be Lowered for Electronic Communication Members:

Once the eCommerce changes have been completed, international members can enjoy the same membership dues rates as North American CBSI members. With the *Buchanan Banner* now being sent by email and appearing online at the CBSI website, there is no longer a need to charge members outside the USA a higher fee for dues because of postage. If all communication are electronic from membership dues to the receipt of the *Buchanan Banner*, there is no additional cost to CBSI for international members. We are looking forward to increasing our international membership with this change in our dues structure.

Devil's Pulpit, *continued from page 15*

enchanted world, where thin beams of sunlight spotlights the gurgling stream.

The gorge also had a small role in the series *Outlander* as the site of Liar's Spring.

Know Before You Go

The descent can be slippery and dangerous, so enter the gorge at your own risk.

Don't go through the gate in the parking area

and instead cross the road and find a way into the trees. Continue inward and keep following the gorge. At one point you will probably hear people speaking, which will mean you're going the right way. Keep going and you will find a downward slope with a rope attached. That's the way down. Be careful how you go down as it is slippery.

Thanks to *Atlas Obscura*.



CBSI Quartermaster, Danny McMurphy, says, "Shop here!"

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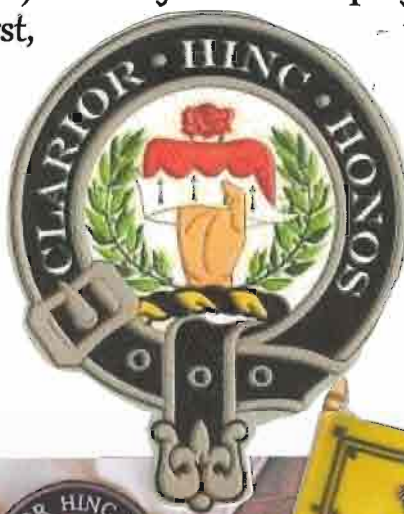
You will receive an invoice via email.

Use PayPal/Credit Card or Check.

The Black Lion Flag Patch

2-1/4" x 2-3/4", fully embroidered, plain back sew on patch. Price is Two for \$5 plus postage or send check with an SASE.

Payment can also be accepted via Paypal using my e-mail address. E-mail Danny if you are interested in purchasing and how many. Let him know if you are a convener.



Clan Buchanan Crest

Full color embroidered, 6 inches diameter. This crest may be sewn or ironed on.

US \$7⁰⁰ plus US \$2⁰⁰ shipping to USA



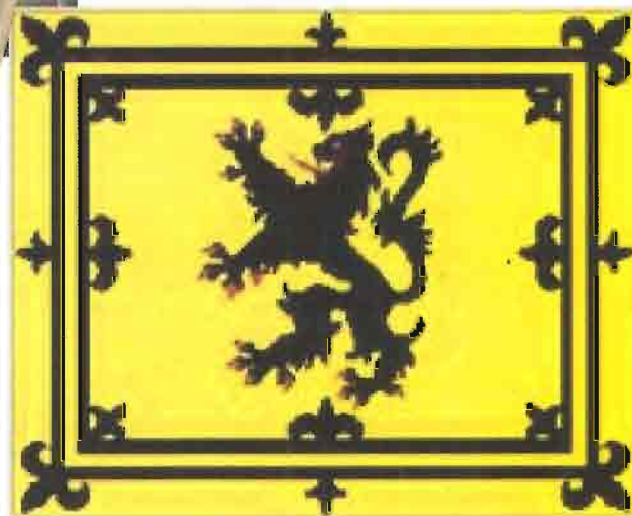
A smaller Clan Crest patch with an over all diameter of 3". It has an iron on back or can be sewn on. It is good for the left or right breast area on shirts and looks great on the pocket of a kilt jacket. Price is Two for \$10 plus postage or send check with an SASE. Payment can also be accepted via Paypal using my e-mail address. E-mail Danny if you are interested in purchasing and how many. Let him know if you are a convener.

Desk or Event flag

4 inches x 6 inches
Desk flag

US \$10⁰⁰

plus US \$2⁵⁰ ship to USA



Clan Buchanan Society, International flag

Proudly display the CBSI flag! It's 5 feet x 3 feet with 2 grommets.

US \$56⁰⁰ plus US \$6⁰⁰ shipping to USA



Black Lion Sticker

4 inches x 6 inches

US \$3⁰⁰ plus \$2⁰⁰ shipping to USA

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