



Congratulations!
Vincent Henderson II
CHS General Counsel
2022 CHS
Chief's Prize Awardee

Clan Henderson wins Clan of Excellence at the 2022 GMHG! They won last year too!

Mary Lane Henderson is on the right modeling the winning banner.

You'll see pictures from the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games & Greenville Games all through this edition of *An Canach*.

Boy howdy, the Henderson's were surely at GMHG & Greenville!!



Leon Hicks, Jan Burdette, Robin and Michael Durham, Ed Hendricks, Brother Dave and Kari, Dan Henderson at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Don't miss any of the photos in this issue.

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Congratulations

To these new members
of the
**Order of
MacEanruig**

The following candidate, although on the ballot, is inducted into the Order of MacEanruig (OMcE) by virtue of being selected as the 2022 Chief's Prize awardee by the Clan Henderson Society President. This award, along with a medallion, a certificate and a formal plaque will be formally presented at the AGM

Vincent Henderson II, OMcE #032

The following five (5) candidates received qualifying votes from current members and accordingly are inducted into the Order of MacEanruig (OMcE). Medallions have been mailed to the awardees.

Dr. Richard Goodwin, OMcE #033

Suzanne Emerson, OMcE #035

Joseph McEldowney, OMcE #034

Mary Lane Henderson, OMcE #036

Adam Henderson. OMcE #037

*If you would like to see a complete list
of the Order of MacEanruig members, simply go to:*

<[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QF_WMllrU6jplnauetfRmOchZkLk9X6T/edit#gid=1905642962)

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Congratulations



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*It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely
sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.*

Leonardo da Vinci?



President's Quarterly Message

Leon Hicks

*Clan Henderson Society
President*

By the time you have read this, the Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting (AGM) will have already happened. This year's meeting will have had many significant issues addressed and announcements made. More details will be available on the website as well as in the next edition of the *An Canach*.

Key announcements include the appointment of Mike Pollini as the new Regional Commissioner of the South West Region, and Buzz McEldowney as Commissioner Emeritus of the South West Region. Sadly, Barbara Pamboukes has announced her resignation from the North East Region Commissioner position; we are currently looking for her replacement. Barbara has been a great asset to the Society and has been very successful in her tenure. She will continue to support Clan Henderson Society activities in the region, and provide counsel and support for her replacement.

Anyone interested in this position is asked to contact me. Also, the election results and the announcement of new Vice Presidents of Members and Operations, and a new President will be made.

I have written a separate article on the success of the Youth Scholarship Committee, and the tremendous effort to establish an organized approach to make these awards. These processes will be essential for future CHS scholarship award activities.

I recently sent out an email to all members reminding them that these awards are, and should be, very competitive.

While the effort was buttressed by significant increase in donations this year, our twenty dollar membership fee means that budgets are tight and

discipline must be applied to the process.

Mary Henderson of Fredericksburg, VA and the Youth Scholarship Committee are to be greatly congratulated.

Regarding the Clan Henderson Investment Program, as everyone knows, the market has been very volatile for the past several months, but in a high inflationary environment that we are in today, being invested in equities and bonds is the safest bet insofar as staying even with inflation.

We recently modified our investment strategy to enact a dollar cost averaging approach: we provide a lump sum periodically, and our financial advisors invests these dollars on a monthly basis.

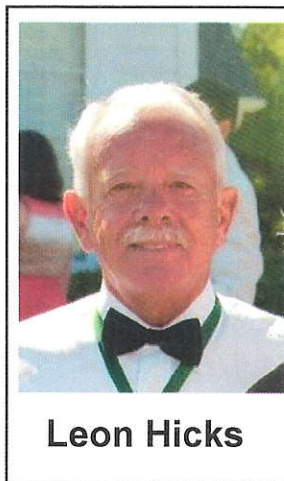
We still maintain a checking account under the management of our Treasurer to ensure that resources are available to pay expenses and reimbursements.

The investment program is strictly dedicated to the Scholarship and Genealogy Programs.

Our long-term objective is to build a self-sustaining scholarship and genealogy program. Including Clan Henderson in estate planning will go a long way toward achieving this objective.

Lastly, I had the great pleasure of attending the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. I was especially impressed with the Highland Dancers. I watched them as they warmed-up and danced in drizzle and light rain.

I looked at a colleague standing next to me and said "this ain't ballet"! Watching them perform under these conditions gave me a new level of respect for their stamina and dedication.



Leon Hicks

Leon Hicks, president, honors Mike Pollini and Buzz McEldowney

Dear Members of the Clan Henderson Society,
It is my honor and privilege to make two announcements for the South West Region:

Mr. Mike Pollini of Arisona has accepted the position of Regional Commissioner.

Mike has been a member of the Society for over five years, recently moving from the North East Region to Arizona. He brings a strong marketing background to the position as well as considerable IT expertise.

I encourage everyone to reach out to Mike and welcome him to the team.

I also want to express my appreciation to everyone who stated their willingness and interest in supporting this activity and hope you will support Mike in this position.

If you are currently convening an event in the region, please reach out to Mike and provide him basic details of the event.

The second appointment I'm equally honored to announce is the appointment of Buzz McEldowney to the position of the Commissioner Emeritus. This is in recognition of his many years of tremendous service to the Region, and the entire Society.



Buzz will remain active in supporting CHS in the Colorado area and continue to provide consultation to the new Regional Commissioner, Mike, and to the Leadership Team of CHS. On behalf of the entire Society, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the great leadership he has provided and will continue to provide in the future.

As always, I want to thank each of you for your continued loyal support to the Clan Henderson Society, its goals and its mission.

Leon Hicks
President,

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as an anytime
perfect gift!*
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They are perfect gifts for
Birthday & Anniversary!
Give the gift of heritage for only

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**Wanna see and read
CHS's Meri Russel's absolutely
great spreadsheet on
Scottish games?
Just email:
russell.charm@gmail.com**





Happy Belated Birthday Wishes

To the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson

Alistair Henderson of Fordell
July 8, 2022



NOW THAT EVERYONE ELSE'S BIRTHDAY WISHES HAVE WORN OFF, HERE'S LOTS AND LOTS OF GREAT BIG NEW ONES FROM ALL OF THE CLAN HENDERSON SOCIETY, INC.

Blood Donation



Give Blood. Visit the Blood Donor section of the Clan Henderson website at <https://clanhendersonsociety.com> or visit clanhendersonsociety.ecronine.com

When you donate blood, just let us know and you will receive a Blood Donor pin.

Ask me about

Clan Henderson Society's



Scholarship Program

If you shop Amazon, you could be donating to The Clan Henderson Society with every purchase!

For those of you that are unaware, Amazon will donate .05% of your Amazon purchases to The Clan Henderson Society.

The instructions to use this program are as follows:

Go to www.smile.amazon.com

- * Login or create an Amazon account if you don't already have one.
- * At the bottom of the screen you can "Pick Your Charitable Organization."
- * Type in Clan Henderson Society in the box and select search.

Once you have selected your charity Just shop and .05% of your before tax total will be donated.

Remember

You have to login to your Amazon account through www.smile.amazon.com

Not all items qualify for a donation to be made but most do.

It's that easy.

Ask your friends and family who already shop Amazon, to now shop

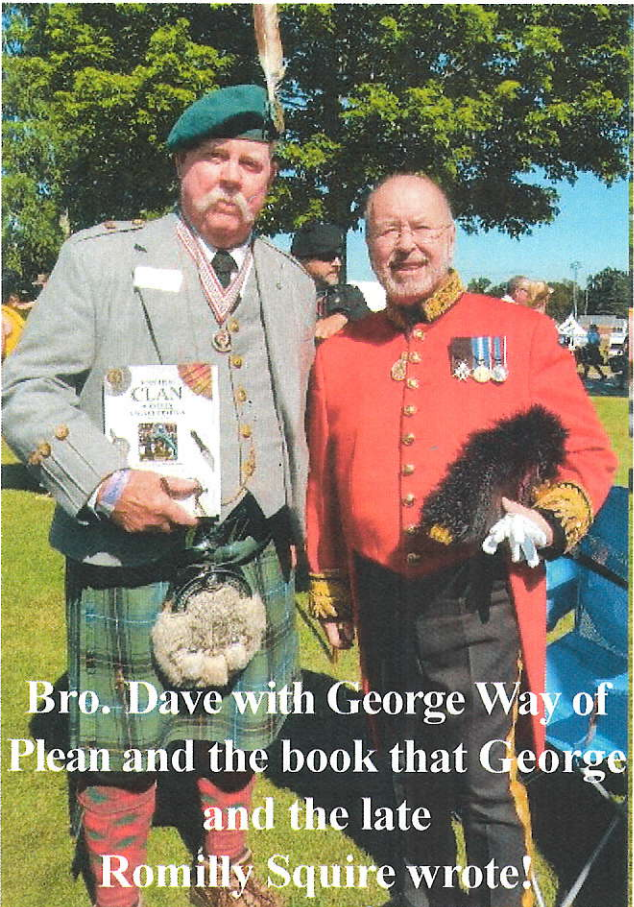
Smile.Amazon.com and pick Clan Henderson Society as their charity.

Shopping Amazon any other way is just throwing money away. Every penny helps.

Staci Simpson



Mark Henderson wishing his wife of 32 years, Sandi, a Happy Wedding Anniversary!



Bro. Dave with George Way of Plean and the book that George and the late Romilly Squire wrote!



Photos by Kari Henderson

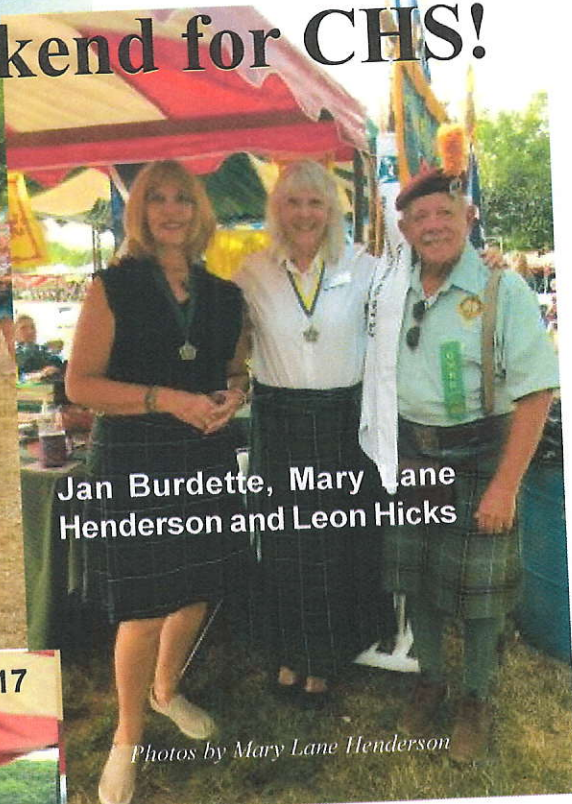
The Right Honourable the Lord Lyon King of Arms, the head of Lyon Court, at the Greenville Scottish Games with Kari Henderson.



Grandfather Mtn.Scottish Games photos are fun! How great the games are back! What a weekend for CHS!



Diana Young, Mary Lane, Laura Petry (Central Region Commissioner) and Jan Burdette



Jan Burdette, Mary Lane Henderson and Leon Hicks

Photos by Mary Lane Henderson

More Grandfather Mountain photos pages 16-17

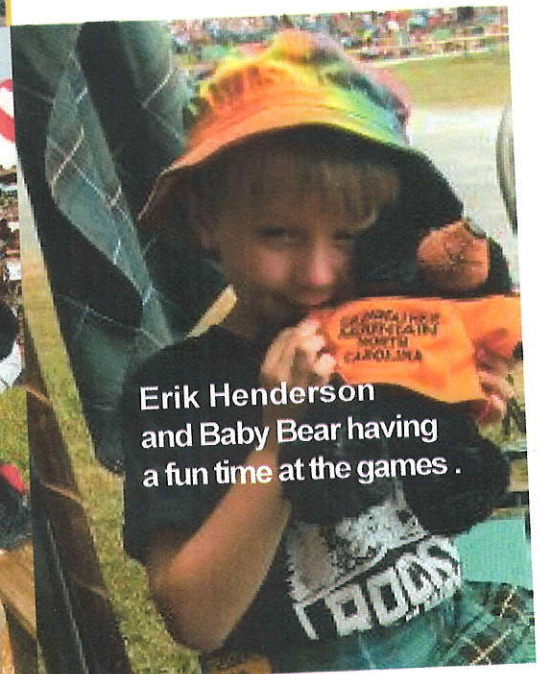


Brother Dave, Mary Lane, Rt. Honorable Viscount Dunrossil, Jan Burdette, Leon Hicks (to the left).



Noah Scheen - Youth Scholarship Bagpiper from the SE Region (to the right.)

Brynn Hendersonn - Youth Scholarship Highland Dancer from the SE Region (to the left).



Erik Henderson and Baby Bear having a fun time at the games .

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games: Unprecedented Turn of Events or What Bodyguard Can Bring to the Table

David R. Henderson, High Commissioner

MacRae Meadow, July 7-10, 2022 What an inspiring Highland setting for games, culture and a community of Scots!

At just over 4,300' elevation and situated just below the chin of "ole Grandfather," a cool breeze prevailed. That is until Sunday morning.

The field was wrapped in the clouds with a true Highland mist dominating every cubic foot of the mountain air.

Then the drizzle set in late morning. Ignoring atmospheric conditions, every Henderson was ready and proud to lead the Parade of Tartans when the appointed hour arrived.

Southeast Head of Bodyguard, Ed Hendricks, diligently drilled the six member Bodyguard repeatedly in leading the Clan and saluting the Review Stand.

The long-standing practice at Grandfather Games has been that the previous year Clan of Excellence Award recipient was not in competition but held the honor of being first on the field and passing before the dignitaries gathered on the review stand during the Parade of Tartans.

A sinister rain began to fall just as Clans lined up in their appointed positions.

However, not a Henderson present at the tent

hesitated to go forward and be accounted for on the field.

Excitement swelled in the ranks as officials maneuvered us into position on the threshold to the field with 94 fellow clans in tow. When given command to step off, a handsome procession of Henderson's moved onto the field. Three lovely

young lassies of the Newport Henderson's displayed the Henderson Banner, followed by the gonfalon held high by Beth Henderson, Highland Dancer Brynn Henderson displaying 1st Place Award, Bodyguard Ed Hendricks – Dwight Henderson – Alan Henderson – William Henderson – Allen Pippin – Larry, L.J. Henderson, Michael Durham, Pinsel Bearer, High Commissioner & wife Kari, elected

officials with tartan flag escort, troop of Henderson's and four tartan flag bearers marking the end of our procession.

The ranks braved the challenging field of mud and pools of water. Holding ranks in close order and step, the Review Stand soon was in range.



The Awarding of the Clan of Excellence for the 2nd year in a row at GMHG 2022.

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Clan Henderson Society

2022 Youth Scholarship Program

A tremendous success!

Leon Hicks, President

This year's Youth Scholarship Program breaks an all-time record insofar as the number of scholarships awarded and the amount of money given.

The credit for this success goes to members who made significant donations to the Scholarship Program and the extraordinary effort of the Youth Scholarship Committee (YSC).

This year over \$8400 was given to 22 deserving youth throughout the Scottish Heritage Community!

Not only were the dollar amount and number of honorees expanded, but so was the scope of the program. In addition to the usual dance, piping and academic scholarships awarded, this year for the first time, awards were given for athletics, and Celtic harp.

The success of the program is largely due to the efforts of the head of the YSC, Mary Henderson

of Fredericksburg VA. Her leadership and organization skills were essential in developing the decision matrix that enabled a programmatic process for evaluations and award recommendations.

The Youth Scholarship Committee "team" spent many hours contributing to the development of the process as well as evaluating applicants.

In the competition for scholarship money, it is essential that the process be objective and always in keeping with the goals and objectives of the society.

The process developed by the Youth Scholarship Committee will serve the Clan Henderson Society well for many years to come.

The other key enabler of this success of this year was the effort of Mark Henderson, VP Members, whose tireless efforts to obtain funds to sponsor the program resulted in a huge increase of donations to the Youth Scholarship Program.

The 2022 Scholarship Committee members were: Susan Keipp of Kansas City, MO., Maria Higgins-Gomez of Mt Joliet, TN, Shirley Stiffler of Modesto, CA, Jan Burdett of Mauldin, SC., Ann Hicks of Southport, NC., and Mary Henderson, Chairman, of Fredericksburg, VA. Clan Henderson Society owes you its gratitude for your time and effort to support this important effort.

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CHS members: We did not have both the new members nor the longevity pins this time. Mark Henderson is moving and it was not possible to get the information to your editor.

Both will return next issue.

New Members! When you get your new kilt or kilted skirt in one of the Henderson tartans, don't forget to have it "christened" at the Henderson Clan tent at the next Highland Games.

Scholarships, *continued from page 10* ———

TheThe Clan Henderson Society Youth Scholarships were awarded to Dancers: **Alice Merriman, Brynn Brown, Brynn Hendersonn, Lilian Sutphin, Lily Trimble, Lily Andrechek, Madeline Merriman and Morgan O'Connor.**

The Clan Henderson Society Youth Scholarships to pipers were: **Aiden Henderson, Daniel Larson, Joshua Davidson, Joshua Larson, Kaleb Query, Luca Schnee, Norah Schnee and Quinn Castilla.**

The Clan Henderson Society Youth Scholarships to Scottish drummers was awarded to **Saya Hart.**

The Clan Henderson Society Youth Scholarship for harp was awarded to **Elizabeth Cerisi.**

The Academic Clan Henderson Society Youth Scholarships have been awarded to **Beret Dernbeck, Eric Miller and Molly May.**

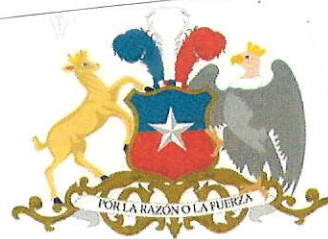
And finally, The Clan Henderson Society Youth Scholarship for Athletics has been awarded to **Justin Pearce.**

*Congratulations to all of
The Clan Henderson Society
Youth Scholarships
awardees!*

Some Games in 2022

**Middle TN Highland Games
10-11 September
Sanders Ferry Park,
near Nashville, TN**

**Highlands and Islands
Highland Games
12-13 November
Gulfport, MS**



*Mark Anthony
Henderson says...*

About Coats - of - Arms

Matriculating with Lord Lyon is the correct solution when you have a documented paper trail proving Scottish heritage (DNA will not work). Other heraldic authorities are the College of Arms in England, the Office of the Chief Herald in Ireland, The Canadian Heraldic Authority, the South African Bureau of Heraldry.

That being said, many clan members outwith Scotland may not ever be able to prove they have an armigerous ancestor. Therefore, there is nothing legally wrong with assuming arms. Scotland is the only jurisdiction that assumed arms should not be used.

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Greenville Scottish Games featuring Clan Henderson



Group photo - Jim and Marti White, Fran and Rick Kalk, Ed Hendricks, Bill and Matthew Trotter, Audrey, Claude and Eleanor H. Brooks, Mary Lane Henderson, Jan Burdette, Ann and Leon Hicks at the Greenville Games.

Jance Footit, athlete competing for the Hendersons!



Jance Footit, Highland Games Athlete, who competed on behalf of the Clan Henderson Society at the Greenville Scottish Highland Games. Mary Lane Henderson presenting a gold coin to Footit.



Brother Dave presenting the Gold Coin to Heavy Weight Competitor Tisha Footit. Mary Lane Henderson and Ed Hendricks in the background. Tisha Footit and Jance Footit are married.





50 years of piping for Bill Prohn!

*Golden Anniversary
and Piping milestone!*

Timothy Demler, Clan Henderson Society, Inc., Clan Piper

I remember it so well! On Tuesday, May 23rd, 1972, I was in 6th Grade and getting ready for my first family trip to Scotland at that very same time, my cousin and best friend, Billy Prohn, was taking his very first Practice chanter lesson from P/S Art Dixon at the Caledonian pipe band 50 years ago this Monday!

50 Years! What a long and wonderful career in piping! It was at Billy's urging, that I, too, took my very first practice chanter lesson in February of 1973, from PS Dixon, as well, and I then became Angus' student for 3 years.

Although I will be at 50 years in February, Billy has had a long and involved piping career from solo performances and solo competitions all the way up to Grade I, from 1974 to 1994.

His involvement with, and creation of, several pipe bands along the way is legendary! He has served as Pipe Major to the Cosmopolitan Pipes and Drums, 1982 to 1988, The Frontier Pipes & Drums in Ontario, 1987-1990, and the Caledonian Pipe band where his leadership garnered several awards in both Grade 5 and Grade 4 over his 15 years as Pipe Major.

Billy served as Pipe Sergeant to the Peel Police Pipes and Drums, the 3BC Pipes and Drums, and several other competition Pipe Bands!

Billy Prohn has certainly been an inspiration to all pipers and pipe bands everywhere, and his list of accomplishments in teaching, piping schools, band competition setups, and fine tuning many local bands for performances is well

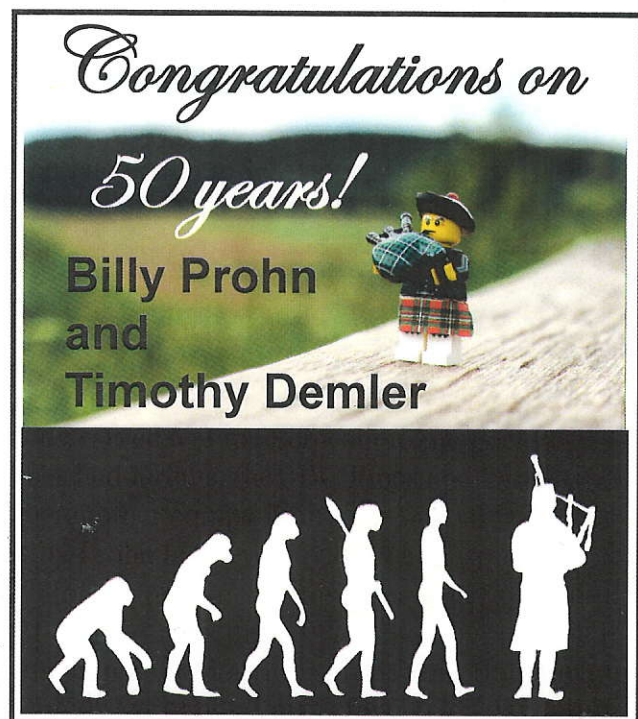
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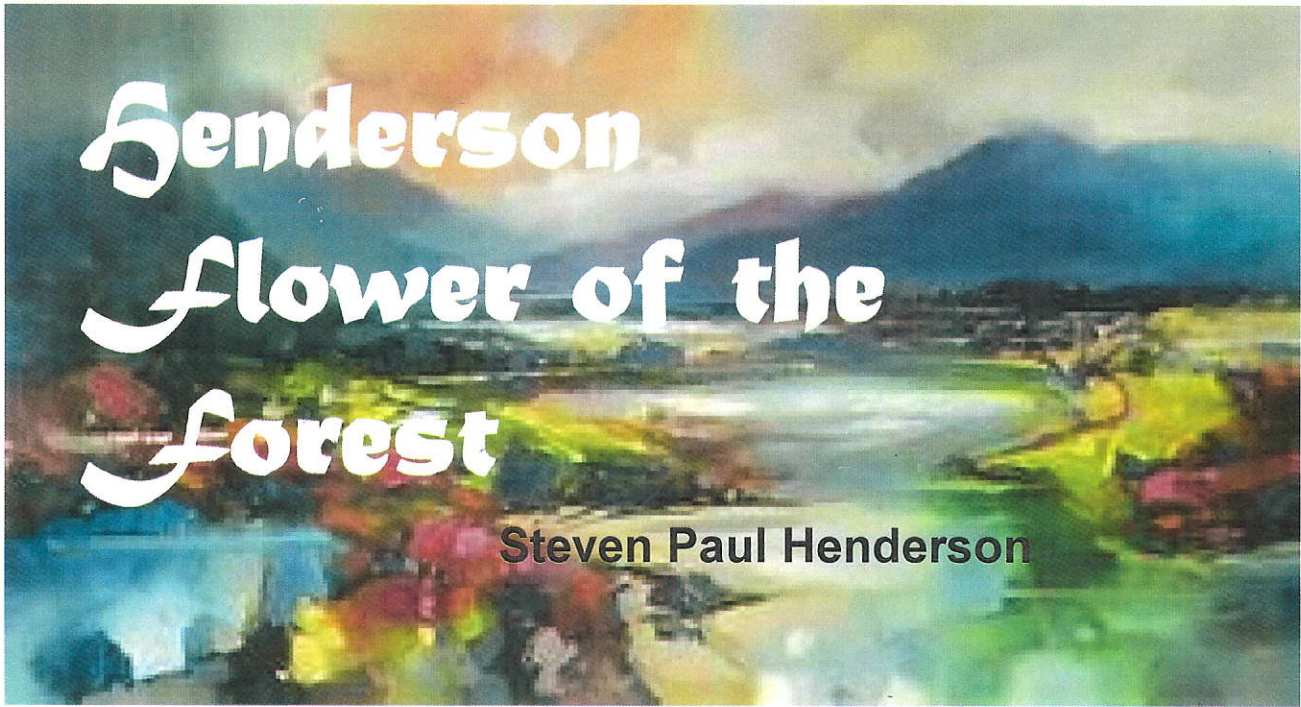
HAPPY 50th GOLDEN Anniversary of your starting the bagpipes, and for 50 years of your help, guidance, and teaching.

It has truly made a difference in piping in Western New York!

When one thinks of piping and its rich history in Buffalo and Western New York, only a few names come to mind, quickly, and Billy Prohn is certainly one of them!

Congratulations to both Bill Prohn on his 50 Years of Piping, and the piping community who has benefited from his efforts.





Steven Paul Henderson Sr., 69, of St. Johns, FL, passed away on Monday afternoon June 27th, 2022. Steve was born September 16th, 1952, in Jacksonville, Florida, to Albert Lavon and Doris Jean (VanNess) Henderson. He attended Ribault High School before joining the United States Coast Guard as a Radarman.

On November 14th, 1970, Steven married his high school sweetheart Annmarie St. Jean.

Steve worked as Senior Network Manager for AT&T and retired after 42 years. He was deeply involved in genealogy, being his family historian. He always enjoyed a good time whether it was a party at the house, doing karaoke or just being around his friends and family. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and son. He enjoyed coaching his sons in multiple sports and watching his daughter cheer when she was younger. Later in life he enjoyed watching his grandchildren playing sports or just falling asleep with them on the couch.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert Lavon Henderson and Doris Jean (VanNess) Henderson and his siblings Mike Hayes, Mark Henderson and Kathryn Kane.

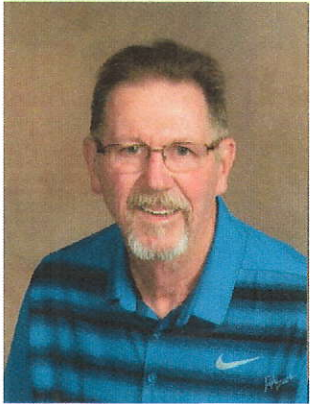
He is survived by his wife of 51 years

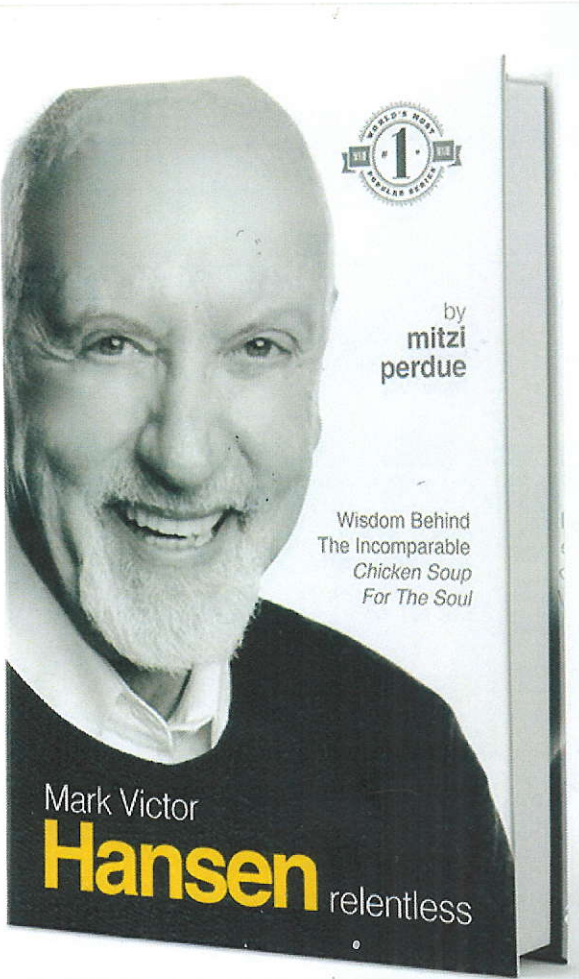
Annmarie (St. Jean) Henderson, his sons Steven Henderson Jr., Jonathan Henderson (Christina), his daughter Michelle (Henderson) Hull, his brothers and sisters; Lavon Henderson, Donald Henderson (Claire), Bobbie Jo Butler (David), Robert Henderson, Colleen Arlunas and Jeanne Scott (Ron). He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Devin and Cooper Hull and a multitude of cousins, nieces, nephews and close friends.

A mass of christian burial was held Saturday, July 2, 2022 at San Juan Del Rio Catholic Church, 1718 FL-13, Jacksonville, FL 32259.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in his name to the National Kidney Foundation of Florida (<https://kidneyfl.org/>) or the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation (<https://www.diabetesresearch.org/>).

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.hgmandarin.com for the Henderson family.





Distinguished Member is inducted into the CHS Order of the Chief

Mitzi Henderson Perdue, member #4539, is presented her certificate and medal as she is inducted into the Order of the Chief by outgoing VP, Members, Mark Henderson.

Mitzi is a distinguished author, lecturer, and champion of anti-human trafficking initiatives and awareness.

She is inducted into the Chief's Order specifically for her contributions to Clan Henderson as a guiding force and the inspiration behind our partnership with the American Red Cross to increase blood donations across the nation.

Additionally, as the leading Lady of her family branch of Henderson, she continues a 134-year tradition of sponsoring an annual family Ceilidh in Dublin, NH.

She also is personally responsible for adding 24 new members into the Clan Henderson Society.

Congratulations, Mitzi!

Harold Gould Henderson changed history

Thanks to Mark Henderson, Vice President of Members

Harold Gould Henderson (1889–1974) was a scholar who lived in Asia, mainly in Japan in the 1930s. As a scholar, Henderson wrote histories, translated poetry, studied art, and afterwards became a professor at Columbia University.

Interestingly, our clansman could never receive a doctorate at Columbia because there were no Asian scholars who could examine him: he knew more about Asia than any of the people who could have examined him.

After WWII, General MacArthur was looking for people who had knowledge of Japanese culture. The professor from Columbia University came to MacArthur's attention. MacArthur appointed Henderson to be the liaison between himself and Japan's Imperial household.

For our Clansman, this meant continuous interaction between MacArthur and himself. Henderson learned there that the Occupation leaders were planning to treat Japanese leaders, including teachers, as war criminals.

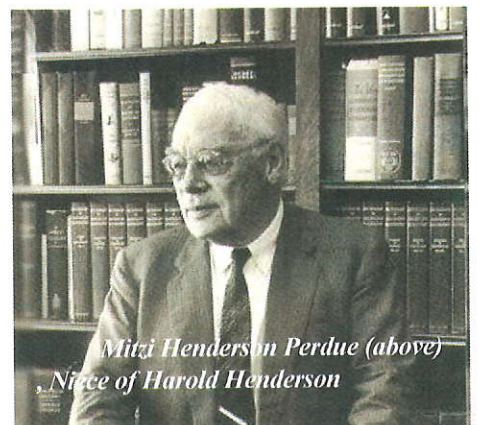
Henderson protested to MacArthur, saying that teachers could not be tried as criminals if we wanted Japan to accept democracy.

Members of the Occupation had assumed that we would remake the existing educational system, including burning the textbooks.

Harold objected to this as well. He told MacArthur something along the lines of, "We

are not going to start fresh. That will never work in Japan. Instead, we'll use existing Japanese textbooks, but we'll select the ones that are most receptive to democracy."

Japan became a successful and robust democracy and is today among America's favorite and staunchest allies in Asia. The wisdom and cultural understanding of our clansman, Harold Henderson, played a remarkable role in why this is so.



Mitzi Henderson Perdue (above)
Niece of Harold Henderson

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2022 historic event for Clan Henderson!

Mary Lane Henderson,
Southeastern Regional Commissioner

Grandfather Mountain was spectacular again this year.

The weekend started with a surprise visit from our own Central Commissioner, Laura Petry, and Diana Young.

We setup and enjoyed the Torch Lighting Ceremony. It was a beautiful night. Dan Henderson represented Clan Henderson in the lighting for us.

Friday was a record-breaking crowd and Saturday was close to last year's record of over 40,000 attendees.

Clan Henderson Highland Dancer Brynn Hendersonn brought home 2-1st place wins and 2-2nd place wins.

In addition to her wins. Brynn celebrated her 16th birthday with us. For her birthday she got her own Henderson Dress Tartan kilt, which was christened by Rev. Dan C. Henderson.

SE Regional Head Bodyguard, Ed Hendricks, installed Michael Durham of North Carolina as a Bodyguard and installed Alan Henderson as lead Bodyguard of Georgia.

Over the weekend we had 8 Bodyguards of the Southeast to attend. Answering the call were, Ed Hendricks, SE, Luther Jones, Larry Henderson, Dwight Henderson, Michael Durham, Will Henderson, Allen Pippin - all from North Carolina. Alan Henderson and Ed Hendricks are from Georgia.

Again, this year, Clan Henderson had a large presence in the Tartan Parade. We were big in numbers and smiles!

The Bodyguards kept us in step even in the misty weather.

As we gathered back at the tent to say our goodbyes we were met with another surprise.



Rain
Drops
Keep
Falling
On My
Head

Photos by Robin Durham and Kari Henderson.



Bodyguards Michael Durham, Ed Hendricks, Will Henderson, Dwight Henderson, and Allen Pippin.

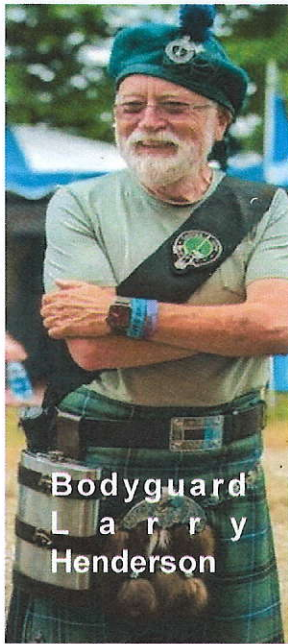


Bodyguards at Grandfather Mtn before the Tartan Parade - Flag Bearer Susan Pippin, Bodyguards - Allen Pippin NC, Lead Bodyguard Ga. Alan Henderson, Will Henderson, NC, SE Region. Lead Bodyguard Ed Hendricks, Dwight Henderson, NC, Michael Durham, NC, and Flag Bearer Robin Durham.

We were awarded the Clan of Excellence banner!

This was such a surprise as in the sixty-six years of Grandfather Mtn Highland games, this was the first back-to-back win!

Thanks to Brother Dave's and Kari's leading by example and a "Village" of members, we bring this honor to the Chief and Clan.



Bodyguard
Larry
Henderson



Ed Hendricks installs a new Clan Henderson Bodyguard member!



New Clan Henderson member, Michael Durham, was installed as a Bodyguard by Ed Hendricks at the recent Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.



Christening of
Brynn's kilt with Kari

Jan Burdette, Kari Henderson, Mary Lane Henderson (We worked hard and loved it!)



Photos on this page by Jan Burdette



Clan Henderson tent at Grandfather Mountain. From the left: Ed Hendricks, Brian Passaro, Dan Henderson, Mary Lane Henderson, Jack and Debbie Harper, Judy Henderson, Michael and Robin Durham, Brynn Henderson and her mom Celeste, Jan Burdette, Kari and Brother Dave, Alan Henderson



Perfect order was maintained as the Bodyguard command rang out “Eyes Right!”

The procession squared away to pay respect to the assemblage of dignitaries gathered above the field.

It was a short march to exit the field and our nearby Clan tent. A large assembly took position along the rope line to shout encouragement and cheer to other clans on a miserable rainy event.

Clan tents on both flanks were abandoned following the Parade. Henderson’s soon filled the voids for shelter from the storm and continued camaraderie.

Suddenly mid-afternoon, a Henderson voice called out “we are here”.

As everyone turned attention to our Clan tent there was an assemblage of visitors positioned out front.

It was Games Vice-President Bobby Groves, his wife, Board Member Alastair Cairns and a host of photographers. In an unprecedented turn of events the group wished to present Clan Henderson the “Clan of Excellence Award for 2022”. It was a “shock and awe” moment for all present.

Southeast Commissioner and convenor Mary Lane Henderson excitedly accepted the award.

The awards committee of 5-7 Board and officers positioned at various locations around the field independently scored CHS as most responsive in demonstrating pride of Scottish culture and heritage.

Later that afternoon, I had opportunity to speak with GMHG President Steve Quillin. I reported much surprise in winning Clan of Excellence two years consecutively and it was my understanding that it was not possible.

President Quillin responded that he was aware of our status because the Awards Committee approached him with their dilemma, “Can selection be the same clan as previous year?” Quillin asked the committee, “Did they earn the honor?”

The Committee answered unanimously “yes”. Quillin then advised them to make the award presentation.

A big “thank you” goes to every cousin in attendance who braved the elements to represent all Henderson’s at one of the largest internationally recognized gathering of Scot’s around the world.

Also, a big thank you to the Bodyguard members who answered “the call” and to Southeast Head of Bodyguard Ed Hendricks for commanding a well-executed drill on the review field.

All participant’s served both Chief and Clan with great distinction in overcoming very challenging environmental conditions.

Henderson’s everywhere should be proud and hold their heads high when attending future gatherings. Few have ever attained the distinction achieved at the 2022 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Clan Henderson Great Scots Parade contingent, downtown Greenville, South Carolina



Here we are May 27th Downtown Greenville, South Carolina, ready to join in the Great Scots Parade. Clan Henderson representatives: Mary Lane Henderson, Marti and Jim White, Fran and Audrey Kalk, Jan Burdette, Ed Hendricks, Rick Kalk, Leon and Ann Hicks. Not shown is Thomas Henderson. This was the parade contingent.

Photo by Thomas Henderson.

Greenville Scottish Games The “Great Scots” Parade, the Games at Furman University and the Clan Henderson Ceilidh

Mary Lane Henderson, Southeast Commissioner and Convenor

The weekend began with the “Great Scots” parade downtown Greenville, SC Friday, May 27th.

The parade’s Grand Marshall was The Right Honorable the Lord Lyon King of Arms, who was driven up Main St. in a beautiful “Carolina Blue” Bentley.

Clan Henderson was represented by twelve members lead by High Commissioner Dave Henderson and President Leon Hicks.

Following the parade, Clan Henderson gathered at City Range Grill for dinner.

Saturday morning, May 28th, of Memorial Day weekend, we attended the Greenville Scottish Games at Furman University

for a fun filled day.

Great music including a mass band of ten pipe and drum bands, patriotic flyovers, paratroopers, a visit to the tent from The Lord Lyon, and time for Archery and Ax throwing made for a memorable time.

In the heavyweight competition, the Clan Henderson tartan was worn by Jance and Trish Footit. We were very proud of this couple and presented them with Clan Henderson Gold Coins.

Saturday evening, following the games, Rick and Fran Kalk invited us to gather at Holly Tree

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*Kylie Anderson and
Brynn Brown at the Ceilidh.*

Good Afternoon, I hope everyone is having a great Saturday.

Leon Hicks, CHS President

I want to give everyone an update on my previous conversations (2) with Buzz. He was very hopeful that events are coming back to the SW region.

He and his wife Linda are looking forward to convening at least two events in the Colorado area.

He was very communicative about his activities, both with CHS and his personal situations.

Suffice to say his interest in CHS is still very keen but his personal life has gotten considerably more complicated. The last conversation I had with him focused on the issue or the position of RC and the importance of being able to communicate frequently with members of his region.

He admitted that he is not comfortable with

the technology to do so, but he would be willing to learn.

He also allowed, however, this not something he has a lot of interest in. So, the way we left it was that I would begin the search for a new RC, he would assume the position of RC Emeritus and he would continue to be the convenor for events near the Denver/Aurora area.

I will be sending out an email to members of his region to see if there are others interested in the position.

I had an email a few weeks ago in response to the announcement in the *An Canach* that the position is vacant. While the announcement was premature, it did solicit a response. I have since replied to the inquiry but have not had a confirmation of interest.

Going forward, perhaps there are two terms we should use for soliciting applications for a position listed on the officers page: "vacant" implying no one had the job currently, and "open" which implies a person currently holds the job, but we're looking for a replacement.

The Ceilidh, continued from page 19

Country Club for a Ceilidh. All 20 of us had a wonderful time sharing stories and songs. The Chef prepared a fantastic Scottish Buffet, Rick Kalk setup a video and music presentation that included Clan Henderson at the *2017 Edinburgh Military Tattoo*.

Thomas Henderson shared the story of how he found and came to own the Henderson Cemetery of his ancestors, Michelle Brown brought her daughter, talented Highland Dancer, Brynn Brown, and Brynn's friend Highland Dancer, Kylie Anderson, to the Ceilidh to perform five dances for us!

A silent auction was held to benefit the Youth Scholarship program. Ed Hendricks sang *The Bold Princess Royal* and *When a Man's in Love, He Feels No Cold*.

A group of clanmates led us in songs as we ended the night holding hands and singing *Auld Lang Syne*.

Thank
you so
much

Sherrilyn and John McKendry

For their years of convening
on behalf of Clan Henderson!

Your hard work is greatly
appreciated.



Second Annual Clan Henderson Christmas Card Design!

Clan Henderson Society Members,

I would like to invite the **Children and Grandchildren** of Clan Henderson Members to create a Christmas Card! The cards will be printed and made available for Society Members. The card should be designed with a Clan Henderson / Scottish theme. This is a good way to encourage young members to learn their Scottish heritage and to become engaged in our Society. It is also good way to bring awareness of our Society to your family and friends. The proceeds will go to support the Chan Henderson Society Scholarship Program.

Important dates:

Submit entries by **September 30, 2022.**

Christmas Cards will be available for purchase on the Clan Henderson Society website, **October 16, 2022.**

Shipping of Christmas Cards will begin **November 21.**

Information to provide with the submission:

Name of the Artist

Age of the Artist

Region of the Artist

Picture of the Artist

Brief description of the artist

Submit the design to:

Louis Russell: louis.russell@functionalproteins.com and

Mary Lane Henderson: marylanehenderson1@gmail.com

Scottish Games in the southeast this fall:

MaryLane Henderson (marylanehenderson1@gmail.com)

- Oct 1 - **Scotland Co. Highland Games** in Laurinburg, NC - Kyle Henderson is convening
- Oct 14-16 - **Stone Mtn. Highland Games** at Stone Mtn, Ga - Harry Keifer is convening
- Oct 22 - **Crystal Coast Highland Games** in Beaufort, NC - Bill Henderson is convening
- Nov 5 - **Charleston Scottish Festival** in Charleston, SC - Mary Lane Henderson is convening



47th San Diego Scottish Highland Games are BACK after 3 years of delays!

Christian Henderson, CA Bodyguard/California Convenor

The 47th San Diego Scottish Highland Games were back in 2022 after three years of delays at the beautiful Brengle Terrace Park located in Vista, California.

The Hendersons were there, also, after a long absence from the games which were formerly convened by Joe Henderson, an awardee of the Chief's Prize.

Honor to Joe was on full display through banners and displays of him with photographs of his cottongrass giveaways he brought to these games.

This was my first time convening any games and was a pure joy to organize and meet and greet Clan Henderson members and hopefully several new members of our wonderful Clan.

The games are associated with the Rob McIntock California School of Piping and Drumming.

I had dropped my son, Aiden, off one week prior to the games for this camp. Aiden is a Clan Henderson scholarship winner and represented well this week and was one of the few to perform a solo for a free concert for the public.

Aiden also competed at the games in solo competitions and with his band the UCR Pipeband of Riverside. Aiden took 2 third places in solo's and with his band placed First for MSM (Grade 5) and Second place for QMM (Grade 5) and First place for Marching and Department for all grades.

Aiden's mother, Daniell, my wife, plays snare in the band and just became the manager.

Beret Dernbach stopped by the tent to say thank you for her Scholarship Award. She took First place in Highland Dancing and told me she will soon be off to World's.

The space given to us for the event was in a great location and we had full view of the main

stage and the heavy athletics.

I gave our temporary Clan Henderson tattoos, business cards and water.

We had dozens of visitors come to the tent and plenty of UCR pipe band members enjoyed the space also.

Special thanks to Jane Henderson Schaefer for briefly manning the tent to allow me to watch the UCR compete.

We have lots of gratitude for all those who came and shared their stories of Joe and what he meant to them and these games.



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Flower of the Forest Clan Henderson Society

Donald William Leslie

Donald William Leslie, 90, of Abbeville, husband of Marian Henderson Leslie, died Thursday, October 7, 2021 at his daughter's home in Madison, GA.

Born April 18, 1931 in Atlanta, Georgia, he was the son of the late Alpheus Ezekiel Leslie and Lucy Katherine Sturdivant Leslie.

A 1948 graduate of the Decatur Boys High School, Mr. Leslie was a member of the 1948-49 class at Presbyterian College where he played football.

He received his BA degree from Georgia State University in 1986. While at Presbyterian College, Mr. Leslie was drafted into the United States Navy and honorably served his country during the Korean War.

He owned and operated Leslie Enterprises, a construction business, retiring after 43 years.

Mr. Leslie was most proud of his Scottish Heritage. He was a member of Clan Leslie for 25 years and proudly served as past Chieftan of Clan Leslie Society for four years.

Mr. Leslie enjoyed woodworking, watching football and most of all, spending time with his family. He was a member of the Abbeville Historical Society, the Hunting Club and New Hope

Presbyterian Church where he was elder emeritus.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Leslie was preceded in death by two sons, Donald W. 'Bo' Leslie, Jr. and Henry Miller 'Hank' Leslie; two brothers, Robert Edward 'Ed' Leslie and Alpheus E. Leslie, Jr.; and a sister, Mary Sturdivant Leslie.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marian Henderson Leslie, of the home; one daughter, Susan Leslie Vaughn of Madison, GA; two granddaughters, Allison Vaughn Candler (Clark) and Audrey Katherine Vaughn; two great-grandsons, Griffin and Clark Candler, III; a nephew and a number of nieces; two sisters-in-law, LaFern Leslie of Atlanta, Georgia, and Jane Leslie of Birmingham, AL.

The family received friends 2:30PM - 3:30PM, Sunday, October 10, 2021 at New Hope Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were in the church sanctuary with Rev. James Norris officiating. Burial followed in Long Cane Cemetery with Rev. Jim Williams officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Leslie, may be sent to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 136 Hwy. 71, Abbeville, SC 29620.



Blairsville Scottish Festival begins again with a great big



BANG!

Suzanne Keifer

It's been 3 years since the Blairsville Games occurred. In 2019, they were flooded out, and then came Covid...

This year certainly made up for the loss of Games! The weather, although warm, was sunny and dry, bringing out what I think were record crowds to Meeks Park in Blairsville.

At one point, folks couldn't move along Clan Row and it reminded me of a fobble (double) line at a Disney theme park ride.

Clan Henderson had a constant flow of visitors to the tent – either people curious about their heritage or children looking for passport stamps.

The kids had been instructed by the Games folks to ask questions about the Clans at each of their stops; some simply got their stamps and moved on, others were seriously into the history of it all and wanted answers.

I don't think we sat down from 8 am to 4:30 when we finally called it a day.

Fortunately, we were ably assisted by Tim and Gwynn Lindler, Larry and Jan Henderson, and Alan Henderson to help with questions, stamps, etc.

Even Sunday, which is normally a very quiet day, was busy up to closing. I did get a chance to amble by the performance and vendor tents; already lines at Cameron's food tent!

We had a great contingent of Hendersons for the Parade of Tartans, too. The Parade is part of the

opening ceremonies so there were plenty of spectators to appreciate all the pageantry and colors of the event.

Shortly after the parade, it REALLY got crowded such that visitors were resorting to walking in the parking lot to avoid the traffic jams in front of the tents.

I guess that's what 3 years away from Games does to you.

We made some new friends and re-connected with some old ones.

It was just so nice to see so many familiar faces!

These are sweet little games (Henderson is one of the founding clans) and they've stayed small as there is no musical or dancing competition.

They do have athletics, musical performances, and pipe bands.

I think I counted 38 clan tents this year, again, pretty respectable after 3 years of absence.

These games are usually scheduled for the second week in June, in a beautiful part of Georgia.

If you're an "outdoorsy" type person, this is a perfect place to visit and maybe add the games to your itinerary.

If you're not, the games are on level ground (although spread out) and in a lovely park setting with plenty of benches to enjoy the scenery.

We're looking forward to next year, God willin', and the creek don't rise (literally!).



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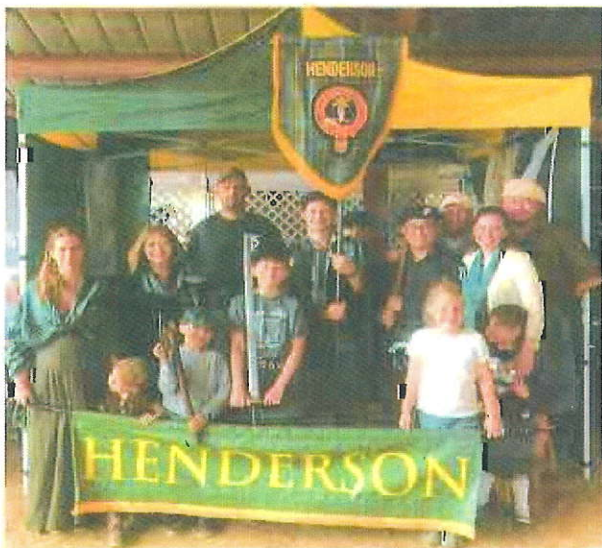
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Our new Webmaster, Charm Henderson Russell, says, "We feature the list of games, your area commissioners, how to apply for genealogy, member of the month and weekly news of Scotland. We have new pages for Scotland, Aussie Branch, and Canada as well as lots of history movies.

"Take a look yourself and maybe you'll get more ideas."

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Here are special guests at this year's Greenville Games. On the left, Dave Henderson, our Henderson Chief's representative and High Commissioner, George Alexander Way of Plean, Baron of Plean in the County of Stirlingshire is a Scottish Sheriff and former Procurator Fiscal of the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland. In November 2015 it was announced that he was to be the first Scottish Sheriff to be appointed a member of the Royal Household in Scotland as Falkland Pursuivant Extraordinary at the Court of the Lord Lyon. On the right is also the Clan Henderson President, Leon Hicks..

