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CHARTER MEMBER ANNE MARIE WALLACE PASSES



FLOWER O' THE FOREST
Anne Marie Wallace
 July 25, 1931 – January 4, 2017

It was a sad day on Wednesday, January 4th, 2017, when Mrs. Anne Marie Wallace passed away at the age of 85.

She was married to Joe Perry Wallace, co-founder of Clan Wallace Society. She was one of the original signers of Society's Articles of Incorporation, and received the Society Lifetime Achievement Award for her services to the Society.

It was a delightful surprise when Anne Marie attended the Society's 50th Anniversary Gathering in Salado, TX in November 2016.

She had many pictures taken with the Chief of the Clan and Family of Wallace, Andrew R. Wallace of that ilk. Her daughter JoAnne, is a Past President and Legal Commissioner of Clan Wallace Society.

Anne Marie received a Bachelor of Science on May 25, 1953, and later in life went back to school to receive her Master of Art Education at East Texas State University on August 13, 1976.

During her career as a school teacher, she taught in five different school districts; Waco ISD, Fredericksburg ISD, Howe ISD, West ISD and Killeen ISD, where she received many awards for her excellence in teaching.

After retiring from teaching, she was a co-owner of the Kwik Kopy Shop in Temple, TX.

Anne Marie is survived by two daughters and one son: JoAnne Wallace McIntosh and husband Jim of Austin, TX; Jean Marie Kendall and

husband Jon of Salado; Stephen Duke Wallace and wife Barbara of Pleasanton, CA; and eight grandchildren.

She spent her life volunteering and serving others, including being an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Sherman, TX, and serving on the board of the Central Texas Area Museum.

Anne Marie was a very well-liked lady and will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and her Clan Wallace Society family.



Anne Marie between granddaughters Kimberly Kendal and Megan McIntosh, daughter Jean Kendall, Chief Andrew Wallace, and daughter JoAnne McIntosh.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just a short note to bring you up to date on activities that the Society is working on. Clan Wallace is participating in the Royal Tattoo's program on August 14th. While the guaranteed tickets are no longer available, Tickets to the Tattoo are still available so if you are lucky, you too can still participate. Last year we helped the Wallace Pipes and Drums of Malta obtain Green Wallace Kilts. They will be participating in the Tattoo as well and hopefully will be marching with Clan Wallace in the opening ceremonies. The BBC will be recording that night.

We are also working on a memorial in Stirling, possibly at the Wallace monument, to honor our late Clan Chief Ian Wallace, and all past (and future) Clan Chiefs. We have a great design and hope to have more details as the year progresses.

Our new Webmaster, Scott, is doing great things with the website. Besides getting the capabilities to do your

memberships and renewals on the website using PayPal, soon you will be able to update your address there as well.

By the time you read this, Marcia and I will have attended/convened seven Festivals/Games already this year. Several of those events are in the games section of this newsletter. But starting this year, we are also asking conveners to send their write ups to the webmaster for inclusion on the website. Later in the year, conveners will also be able to do it themselves.

Last year we created a special commemorative coin celebrating our 50th Anniversary. There are a few left if you didn't get one last year, go to the website and order yours while they're still available. The coin was very well received, and we hope to have another one to raise funds for the Clan Chief memorial Caran.

Stay tuned, the best is yet to be.

EDITORIAL

Why Americans Should Thank Scotland
(And William Wallace) For Their Freedom

Thanks to Heirloom Audio
Submitted by Bob Wallace

"When freedom is hard fought to obtain, it becomes a most precious commodity to maintain."

The Scottish knew this to be true in the 14th century when they were struggling to overcome the rule of England. In fact, the impact of their struggle has a direct relation to the struggle and ultimate victory of the colonists in the American Revolution.

The parallel can be seen in America's Declaration of Independence and that of the Declaration of Arbroath of 1320. Let's look at the corollary points.

According to Linda McDonald-Lewis, author of *Warriors and Wordsmiths of Freedom: The Birth and Growth of Democracy*, much of the mindset for the forming of this country's declaration document has considerable influence from the Scottish concept of independence and freedom.

"If Americans want to understand their history, they need to look to Scotland,

because that is where their ideals come from," she says. "And Scots should look across the Atlantic to see where their homegrown doctrines and ideas have been most fully embraced."

About half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, including Thomas Jefferson himself; in fact a few of the signers were former ex-patriates of the Jacobite rebellions (uprisings intended to re-install James II of Scotland as king of England.)

Among the colonists that fought in the Revolutionary War and gave the ultimate sacrifice, a large number were of Scottish ancestry.

The Declaration of Arbroath was presented to the pope in 1320 to affirm Scottish independence from England.

"A lot of Scots who had to leave Scotland after the failed Jacobite rebellion ended up dying on American battlefields, fighting the same enemy on a different field," McDonald-Lewis says. "The research I have done tracing these stories has really joined up a lot of dots in the intertwining histories of these two great nations."

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DEEP ROOTS OF WILLIAM WALLACE TREE LEGEND



Close up of chain embedded in the growth of the oak tree (Photo credit: Cha Halliday)

Published by BBC Scotland, 2 Feb 2017

A local legend claiming that Scottish patriot William Wallace was chained to a tree in what is now Port Glasgow has led two friends to embark on a three-year quest to locate and preserve the tree. Cha Halliday, 53, from Greenock, and Sean Donnelly, 48, from Inverkip, have been all over Scotland visiting sites linked to Wallace, the Scottish hero of the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297. But a small reference in a book on Wallace led them to a little known site close to where they lived.

According to Scottish author David R Ross, in his book *On the Trail of William Wallace*, the Scottish warrior was captured in August 1305 at what is now Robroyston, north of Glasgow, and taken overnight to Dumbarton Castle to await transfer to London to stand trial for treason. He recounts the local legend that Wallace was taken across the Clyde at West Ferry, and transported along the old Roman road to an area called Broadfield, which is now in Port Glasgow in Inverclyde.

It is said that he was chained to a tree until English troops arrived and he could be handed over and taken down south. The chains were said to have remained at the scene for many years and each time they rotted away they were replaced. They were said to be painted red each year by local children to symbolise the blood shed by Wallace in his fight for Scottish independence.

Historian Fiona Watson said there was very little reliable evidence on Wallace beyond his victory at Stirling Bridge, his defeat at Falkirk a year later and his death in 1305. Wallace was hanged, drawn and quartered on 23 August 1305 after being found guilty of treason. Dr Watson said: "We know

nothing about Wallace between him being chased by the English near Dundee in autumn 1304 and his capture in summer 1305."

She said there was no evidence to place Wallace in Port Glasgow but over the years people across the country had "filled in the gaps" in Wallace's tale with stories associating their area with the great Scottish hero. She said: "There is little evidence to support many of the associations but it does not mean they are not strongly held."

The truth behind the Port Glasgow legend is hard to establish but it appears the stories of the Wallace Tree have deep roots in the Inverclyde area. A 1962 Greenock Telegraph article carries an appeal to save the "gnarled oak", saying its loss would be a "tragedy".

It refers to notes from a Mr Scrymgeour who describes a different legend. He tells of the flight of William Wallace from English soldiers, with a price on his head. Mr Scrymgeour begins with Wallace's escape from an inn at Elderslie on a horse belonging to one of the soldiers who had cordoned him off at the hostelry. Wallace, he says, then made off over the hill towards Greenock. He claims that when Wallace reached the big tree at Broadfield he climbed into its branches to hide himself and his two-handed broadsword from the pursuing soldiers. Mr Scrymgeour also tells how the 13th Earl of Glencairn sought to save the tree in 1768 when it was showing signs of decay.

The earl had the infected part bored and boiling pitch poured into the hole. According to Mr Scrymgeour: "He also had the heaviest branches chained in such a fashion that each or all could be tightened at will by the aid of a triple screw." This could provide an alternative explanation for the chains which have been associated with the tree. The tree had been located where the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church now stands when it was blown down in heavy storms in 1995. More than 18 years after the tree was felled, Mr Halliday set about trying to find it.

After some detective work and the aid of Facebook, the tree was tracked down to the former Gourrock Ropeworks yard, where it had been taken for safe-keeping. "They guy who had it said he knew someone would come looking for it one day," says Mr Halliday. In order to get a date for the age of the tree, Mr Halliday called in dendrochronologist Dr Coralie Mills.

It was during her visit that a second piece of the tree was found hidden in the undergrowth. It had a length of chain embedded in its growth, providing more evidence that it was the tree that had been referred to locally as the Wallace Oak. The age of the chain is unknown but clearly does not stretch anywhere near as far back as Wal-

lace's time. It is likely have come from a local shipyard in the late 19th or early 20th Century.

Dr Mills told BBC Scotland that the oak itself was very old and put a date of 1786 on the section of the tree that she sampled. Allowing for the evidence that the section of the tree had probably been about 2m from the ground, she put the age of the tree at 1763, if it was a single-stemmed tree. However, the newspaper article from 1962 held out the possibility that the tree could still be much older.

Dr Mills said the date of her tree sample was very similar to the reputed date of the Earl's boring of the tree and the stimulation of roots growing down through what must have been a rotten or hollow lower stem. She said: "In other words, the part of the tree we have aged is re-growth above the much older hollow base." Dr Mills said she could not determine the age of a hollow stem and so could only estimate the age of a tree which was already old and hollow in the 18th century. "It could easily have been several hundred years old at that point," she said.

The oldest known scientifically aged living trees in Scotland are mid-15th Century. "We cannot refute the Wallace tradition on the basis of the dendro results," Dr Mills said. A conclusion which "delighted" Cha Halliday. He told BBC Scotland: "I liked the story because it was a legend and I was worried Dr Mills might be able to prove the tree was about 100 years old or something. "But it was a chance we had to take.

"If she could get it anywhere near Wallace's time then it would keep the story going. "Obviously a lot of people before me have believed in it and if we can keep it going and get something to mark it then I think it is amazing." Scotland has a rich heritage of notable trees with famous associations. In 1830, artist and naturalist Jacob George Strutt, in his book *Sylva Britannica*, published a special section called *Sylva Scotica* in which he listed 10 famous Scottish trees. Most of these trees have not survived into the 21st century, including two trees associated with William Wallace,

The Wallace Oak at Elderslie, in which tradition provided Wallace and 300 of his followers shelter as they were pursued by the English army and The Torwood Oak, near Stirling, beneath which he was said to have made camp. The latter tree was already dead by Strutt's time, the pieces being carried off as souvenirs.

A similar fate befell the Wallace Oak at Elderslie after it was brought down by a great storm in 1856. Strutt also mentioned the Bishopton Sycamore in Renfrewshire where Wallace was 'delivered up to his enemies by the treachery of a pretended friend'.

NEWS FROM OUR CONVENERS



Paul, Kelly, Capt. John, Kaitlyn, Ryan, Carole Leonard, and Dirk

45th Annual Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering

Forty Clans and Societies, led by the Honored Clan HAY, surrounded the parade and athletics field at Boone Hall Plantation in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina on 17 September 2016 to celebrate the Charleston Scottish Society's 45th Annual Scottish Games and Highland Gathering. In spite of a major tropical storm that passed over the area midweek, the weekend weather turned incredibly beautiful for Saturday for the huge assemblage of participants and spectators. Thirteen Pipe and Drum Bands marched, played, and competed during the day, as well as Scottish Heavy Athletic events, Highland Dancing competitions, and even a Fiddling Contest. There were Sheep Dog Demonstrations and incredible music entertainment by three popular Celtic groups, and even a Children's Area filled with fun games for the wee ones. Vendors of all kinds were present to serve a variety of food and beverages for the visitors and selling a range of Celtic wares and gifts.

There is more to this event than just a fun and games weekend. Annually, this major effort put on by one local

Scottish Society, using its own resources, and volunteers from its membership raise thousands of dollars for local charities. The principle recipient of this generous giving is the local Ronald McDonald House in Charleston, a most worthwhile organization respected all over the United States.

The weekend was kicked off on Thursday by a Scotch Tasting Event, followed on Friday evening by a lavish formal Tartan Ball at the Mills House Hotel in downtown Charleston; then the Games and Celebration at the Boone Hall Plantation on Saturday, and ending on Sunday after a traditional Kirkin 'o' the Tartans at the First Scots Presbyterian Church in Charleston.

Long time Clan Wallace Convenor, Carole Leonard, teamed with Board Member and Past Clan Wallace Society President Sir John Wallace to man the Heritage Tent for this event. It turned out to be a busy but most enjoyable day with many visitors and several Wallace families who stopped by to chat and have a wee dram and/or some shortbread cookies!!

During the Awards Ceremony held at the end of the Games, The "Female Athlete of the Day" was given a trophy

donated annually by Clan Wallace to recognize her accomplishments.

All in all, it was a tremendous weekend, filled with family and friends enjoying the entertainment, the spectacle, and traditions of old Scotland at this grand venue, called Boone Hall. Never been? You should come... maybe next year! Slainte' - John

29th Annual Celtic Classic Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Celtic Classic Highland Games (PA) was held on September 23 - 25, 2016 in beautiful downtown Historic Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Bright sunny skies and 75 degree weather greeted the six clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

The parade of tartans was held at 10:30am after opening ceremonies. The entertainment included the Glen-garry Bhoys, Seven Nations, Barleyjuice, Emishand, with eight pipe bands that were in the Piping and Drum Major competition. The Games included heavy athletics, Scottish Country Highland Dancing and Irish Dancing, and Children events.

Special thanks to all that joined us for the weekend. We can't do this without you.

7th Annual Scotland County Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Scotland County Highland Games was held on October 3, 2016. These games are held at John Blue House in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Rain, Rain go away, come again another day greeted the 11 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Other participants included the SAMS (Scottish American Military Society), Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Scottish Heritage USA, and St. Andrews Society of North Carolina.

The Parade of Tartans was held at 11:30am after open ceremonies. Clan Wallace waited patiently in the pouring



Frank & Lynne Leslie at Kerr County (TX).

rain. Darrell Wallace, Jeremy Wallace and Aaron Harper joined us to march in the parade. Jeremy Wallace is a Scottish athlete who competed and won all of the class-B division events. Our congratulations to Jeremy for winning and wearing the Wallace red kilt as he won each event.

Russ and Marcia Harper provide lunch for all of the brave souls that ventured out in the rain. One of the clans even ordered Domino's pizza and had it delivered to the field.

The entertainment included Colin Grant Adams, Rathkeltair, Seven Nations and Belles on Strings. Thirteen pipe bands competed. The Games included heavy athletics, Border Collies, and Children events.



President Russ Harper at Scotland County (NC)

Special thanks to Larry and Judy Slight, Karen and Charlie Wallace, Jim "Bowie" Wallace, Darrell Wallace, Aaron Harper, Bill and Betsy Wallace, Sara and Matt Born and Baby Max, and all of the rest of the folks who came by the Wallace tent to make the day so special. You are the reason we are here in the pouring rain.

Kerr County Celtic Festival and Highland Games

By Frank and Lynne Leslie

The Kerr County Celtic Festival & Highland Games, held in Ingram, Texas, October 8 & 9, 2016. The weather was warm, yet nice as compared to last year in August, when it was very hot. We are appreciative that the Gathering was moved to October. Being that Clan Wallace was present last year, a special certificate was given in recognition of attending the "Hotter than Hell" KCCF! We had a number of Wallaces visit the tent and all were briefed concerning the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration at the Salado Gathering next month. Information cards for the Salado Gathering were also given out! Unbeknownst to us, our Chief Ian Francis Wallace's passing was recognized during the Flowers of the Forest portion of the Sunday morning Kirking services.

16th Annual Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games

By Terry Lee Wallace

The 16th Annual Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival was held at Olcott Beach, NY, less than an hour from both Rochester and Buffalo, NY. It was a real success with lots of people despite the fact that it rained heavily Saturday, and on and off a lot on Sunday.

There were no less than 22 Celtic bands playing at three venues, and most were Irish. There were Celtic Moon Band, Penny Whiskey, American Rogues, and Merry Mischief, just to name a few. My



Terry and Mary Ann Wallace at the Niagara Celtic Festival in southern Ontario.

wife's favorites were the "Screaming Orphan's" from Ireland.

There were about six Celtic dancing groups. Also animals galore, including a demo on the sport of Falconry and pony rides. At the Celtic College you could learn how to properly fold a kilt, and basics of Scottish sword dancing.

What a great festival. There just seemed to be something interesting for everyone.

Tucson Celtic Festival and Highland Games

By Bob Wallace

Tucson held its 30th annual event over the first weekend of November at Rillito Racetrack Park. That number "30" also matched the number of clans in attendance, from Buchanan to Wallace. As is the case with many Scottish events in the western region, Chief James McBain of Clan McBain was in attendance.

All the usual trappings of a Celtic Festival and Highland Games were in evidence over that weekend, starting with the Pirate Pub Night on Friday, continuing with the dancing, heavy athletics and pipe band competitions on Saturday and Sunday. Pipe bands this year included Tucson & District Pipe Band, Phoenix Pipe Band, Glendale Pipes & Drums, Southwest Skye Pipes & Drums and Tucson Fire Pipes & Drums.

Friday 's Pub Night got under way with Celtica lighting up the crowd before the Clan Torch Lighting Ceremony lit things up shortly after the sun went down.

Entertainment went on until well after 9:00 on Friday evening. Saturday got under way with clear skies and gentle breezes, the main stage again taking on Celtica, spelled by The AnGry Bri-ans.

Sunday was another great day for weather, but crowd count was well below last year's attendance.

Opening ceremonies took place on Saturday officially at Noon, with the Parade of Clans, the massed pipe bands and Chief McBain of Clan McBain, making the announcement that the Games were open.

Those of us marching in the ceremony, pipers and clans, numbered almost as many as those watching from the sidelines this year.

Saturday evening topped off the day's activities with the Cirque Roots Fire Dancers, torches and fire rings being carried on foot, on wheels and stilts, entertaining the evening crowd for about an hour.

Closing out the day's events, Celtica and AnGry Brians kept the audience entertained from the Main Stage with sets that went on until 9:00 pm.



President Russ Harper at Florida Keys under beautiful and sapphire skies.

Sunday's attendance was perhaps the lowest numbers seen in years. Clan Wallace was represented at this year's weekend event by Howard and Ann Sloane, Ari and Dawn Sloane, Thomas and Suzanne Wallace, all of Tucson, and Bob and Lois Wallace from Phoenix.

We took advantage of the low turnout on Sunday to visit the Main Stage and vendors over the course of the day before packing up all the tent materials and the tents before heading out for the traditional Sunday evening dinner.

4th Annual Florida Keys Celtic Festival

By Marcia Harper

The Florida Keys Celtic Festival was held in Marathon Community Park on January 7, 8, 2017.

The Florida Keys beckons you to come as you are. The weather was 82 degrees with bright sunshine on Saturday, but on Sunday, we were greeted with 40 miles per hour winds.

The event is sponsored by the St. Columba Episcopal Church with the cooperation from Celtic Heritage Productions.

Entertainment was provided by West of Galway, The Screaming Orphans, Rathkeltair, Albannach, and Marcille Wallis and Friends. The pipe band of the day was the Police Pipe and Drum Corps of Ft. Lauderdale Florida.

Women athletes competed and our own Council Member, Amy Jenkins, was representing Clan Wallace in her Green Wallace kilt.

Clan Wallace, Clan Maxwell and Clan Donnachaidh shared their clan history with the folks of the Florida Keys.



Suzanne Wallace, Howard Sloane, Dawn and Ari Sloane, and Lois Wallace.

WHERE ARE YOU?

By Charles M. Wallace
Membership Chairman
Clan Wallace Society

Re: Please Help Us With Our Missing Member Search

Over the years, we have asked members to provide the Society with address change information when physical or email addresses change.

However, members often overlook providing this notification.

This results in an inaccurate database and prevents the Society from providing you with official correspondence, especially during the Board of Directors election process

We have over 60 missing Council Members and we would greatly appreciate your assistance in locating them.

The Society takes the privacy of its membership very seriously. For this reason, civic numbers have been removed in the publication of this list.

If you see a missing member name listed and have information relating to their new addresses, please provide the name, old mailing address, new mailing address (so we have the correct member), phone number and email address.

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23rd Annual Sarasota Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Sarasota Highland Games was held on February 4, 2017 at Sarasota fair grounds in Sarasota, Florida.

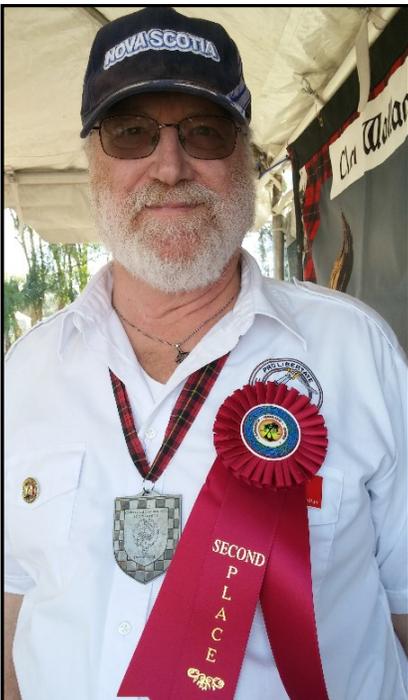
Sunshine was the weather of the day. There were 22 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

The entertainment included the Sarasota Pipes and Drum Band, The City of Dune-din Pipe Band, North American Pipe Band, MacPhearson's Rant, Brendan Nolan and Bobby Vesey and Mike Hickmont.

The Games included heavy athletics, British Car show, Border Collie Demonstration Highland dancing and the Irish Dancing. The vendors at the games included, Lumpy's Ice Cream, Celtic Exchange, Cameron British Food, The House of Douglas Bakery, Scottish Banner, Scots Corner, The Celtic Store, and County Argyle.

The Parade of Tartans was held at noon. At 2:00pm the top three best tent awards were presented, Clan Wallace was awarded second place, Clan Cameron came in first, Clan Henderson came in third.

Thanks to all that came out and enjoyed the day with us.



Russ Harper displays his red ribbon.

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Among the most curious connections: George Washington owned a wood "snuff" box supposedly made from the same tree where Scottish hero William Wallace hid from his pursuers.

But it is the fight for freedom – and the respective founding documents – that carries the strongest ties.

With roughly half the signers being of Scottish descent, including Jefferson, who wrote the first Declaration of Independence drafts, it isn't difficult to imagine the Declaration of Arbroath playing a key role, particularly in inspiration.

It reads in part: "As long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honors that we are fighting, but

for freedom – for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself."

The Declaration of Independence reads, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

No, Jefferson didn't lift out entire sentences or phrases, but the basic concept – freedom from English rule – is identical.

So, the next time you sing the National Anthem at a ballgame or watch fireworks explode on a warm Fourth of July night, say a prayer of thanksgiving not only for the Founders, but for the 14th-century Scots as well.

POET'S NEUK

Churchwear

Cowboy Poetry by Darrell Wallace

(Note: Cowboy Poetry is composed by the cowboy while in the saddle riding the range, so all has to be memorized.)

Cayuse Bill had been long on the trail
His jeans were near worn out
His shirt and coat were way past new
His boots, hole-ly beyond doubt

But he stopped at a farm near town
And asked real nice of course
If the widow inside could wash his clothes
clean
And he washed off the smell of his horse

At daybreak he left, headed to town
A man on a mission for sure
For Sunday was here, and Bill went to
church
To hear of his Maker so pure

The preacher prayed, and the choir they
sang
And the sermon, it sounded just fine
It made Bill feel good, as he sat erect
And his hands held the bench of old pine

But when service was done, and all filed
out
And chatted and nodded their heads
Ol' Bill was left out, and no one said "Hi"
To the cowboy in worn-out threads

To the preacher he went, and shook his
hand hard
And started to ask of his health
When the man of God smiled, and looked
down his nose
At this fella who seemed to lack wealth

Brother, he said, this week as you work
Talk to the Lord and pray
And ask his advice, just as nice as you
can
What you should wear to church on Sun-
day?

So Bill rode off, and he give it some
thought
Until night, and up come the moon
He even got down, and knelt in prayer
And hoped for an answer soon

A week went past, and the sun rose again
On that church as the folks sauntered in
Bill took his seat, and listened anew
As the preacher took issue with sin

Then all fell quiet, and many stared as
the preacher spoke with a sneer
Brother, he asked, I see you've returned
In clothes that shouldn't be here

Didn't I say, that the Lord you should ask
What clothes would be fitten to wear
When to God's house you come, to join us
in song
And your head should be down in prayer

Well Bill stood tall, and looked him in the
eye
And explained his talk with God
"I asked Him, you know, what to wear in
your church
An' if boots were proper to trod

And His words came to me, clearly you
see
He said 'What I don't know, I can't share'
And I asked why not, it's strange I
thought
'Til He said, 'I've never been there.'"