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Clan Macfie welcomes a new Clan Commander, Iain Morris McFie, Esq.

The Lord Lyon King of Arms, the Honorable David Sellar, has appointed Iain Morris McFie,



Esq. of Coultintyre, KinCraig, Kingussie, Scotland as Ceann-Cath (Commander) of Clan Macfie.

The appointment follows Commander Sandy McPhie's decision to step down from the office so as a new leader can bring in new ideas.

In March, Lord Lyon gave permission for Clan Macfie to convene an ad hoc derbhfine to select a suitable candidate for nomination to him by petition for appointment as the post. The ad hoc derbhfine in this instance consists of the Armigerous men and women of the Clan.

The Clan Armigers were canvassed to ascertain if any of them to be willing to be considered for nomination for appointment. Iain Morris McFie from Scotland, asked to be considered and Sandy asked the ad hoc derbhfine to support his cadency.

In just the last little while, Sandy received advice from the Lyon Clerk that the Lord Lyon has,

indeed, appointed Iain Morris McFie of Scotland as the new Commander.

Should you wish to send along your well wishes to the new Clan Commander, email iain@coultintyre.orangehome.co.uk

Iain and his wife, Fiona, are well known to many Clan members through their dedication since 1993 as coordinators for the quadrennial Clan International Gatherings and Clan Parliament in Scotland. Iain, a former President of the Clan Macfie Society in Scotland, received a Grant of Arms in March of 1998. He was appointed Commissioner for Clan Macfie in Scotland by the Clan Commander in July of last year. He has also been the Keeper of The Clan Macfie Records for many years.



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Nothing is impossible for a man who doesn't have to do it himself.
---A.H. Weller



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Miss Narra is ready for the holidays!

Narra The Wonder Cat is ready for all of the holidays! She's bundled up against the possibility of snow - which can happen in South Carolina - but was something that a small Florida born and bred half Siamese and half Maine Coon had never even thought about until just a few years ago.

At the moment, she is asleep at my right elbow, curled into her "snail" ball and gently snoring! (When she was little, she would curl up and look exactly like a gigantic striped snail!) Nowadays, at almost 14, she is no longer "Narrow" (from whence cometh her name) but very wide (Come to think of it, so am I!)

She still assists with every publication and has taken on the added responsibility of helping me enjoy my lunch each day as I sit at the island in the kitchen. She likes to have a little taste of everything - which isn't such a wonderful thing for her as my lunches tend to be bologna sandwiches. On the days when there is a "Whopper Junior" on the menu, she politely waits for some of the burger!

She joins Sylvester, Peggie Hairy, Bicket and Ruby Lou...and, of course, sweet Tom and me in wishing each and every one of our readers the most wonderful holiday season ever! We all wish you love and friendship and happiness.

A letter from your editor

Christmas is here once again....

Christmas letters are a wonderful way to keep in touch with friends you don't get to see very often.

I thought it might be fun to just write mine here - since I consider each and every reader of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* to be a friend...and I surely don't get to see many of you all that often.

Tom and I are wonderful. I say sometimes that it's like everybody in the world knew the secret...but me. The secret? That life could be happy and filled with joy and love, companionship and friendship and contentment. If you haven't met sweet Tom, maybe we'll see you at a Scottish Games next season. I hope so. You'll love him too!

Tom was featured in the November issue of *Scots Heritage* magazine. The article is about his heraldic art and is a wonderful piece that will introduce you to the wonderful person in my life. If you go to Scottish games, you've seen heraldic banners designed by his magical hands and heart.

Narra The Wonder Cat has taken to using the first floor of her apartment that sits next to my right elbow in my office. It's a little chilly in here...so, she has gone "downstairs" to the snugly bed of fleece and enclosed "room" that she loves. Summertime, she ensconces herself on the "penthouse" of the wicker cat-apartment. She has a leopard print pillow, soft, woolen blanket and snacks nearby in the upstairs unit. She is fine...but I suddenly realized not long ago that she will be 14 this month.

The others in my cat-family are also doing well: Bicket (the "new kid"), Peggie Hairy and Sylvester. Sylvester now weighs in at about 20 pounds. If I hold him and let him "stretch out" he goes from my neck to my knees! He is a big boy!



Ruby Lou Begonia is fine. She is still with my good friend, Jeff, as his fence is much better than mine. She has grown her curly hair for the coming winter. I wish my hair would curl like that! Ruby Lou is a chestnut - red hair, red mane and tail...and in the winter, she has hair that is about 3 inches thick!

Our lives have been just sort of busy and fun...with not much fancy included. We love to pack a lunch and go somewhere beautiful for a picnic. Because we live in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, there are always new gorgeous places to go with our little lunch.

I did get to go travel to Flagstaff, Arizona and Ventura, California this year - the trips sponsored by Nancy and Ludlow Porch and AirTran Airlines and by my "twin" brother, Jim Walters of the Caledonian Kitchen. Nobody threw anything at me during my speeches and it was wonderful to visit with friends I don't often get to see.

My hip is doing so good! I've started walking and geezette loping at least a mile each day. Before the hip went wonky, I could lope six miles and more without taking a deep breath...now it's all I can do to do one mile. Tom says I'll get better as I haven't been able to do this for maybe 2 years. Tom's house is just across from a wonderful park here in Walhalla where there is a luxurious walk-

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Macfie Clan Society wins big Participation Award at 2008 Stone Mountain Highland Games!

With eleven participants in the Clan Challenge Kilted Mile, the Macfie Clan Society won the 2008 Clan Participation award. Thanks largely to the efforts of John McAfee of Baxter, Tennessee, adults and children participated in this big event.

The Stone Mountain Highland Games were also the Macfie Annual Meeting and 25th Anniversary Celebration. After the games, the group met at the Emery University Conference Center for a meal and the meeting.

Chloe McAfee performed a Highland Dance. She is five years old and a primary dance student and the daughter of Keith and Holly McAfee of Chattanooga.

After dinner, the meeting was called to order.

Jim McAfee was elected president, Amy Fee was elected vice president and Ginger McAfee was

elected treasurer.

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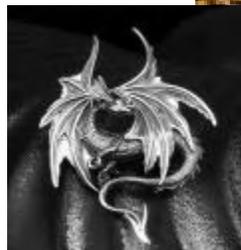
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The Isle of Mull, 2005

Is there someone who can help?

Dear Genealogy Friends:

Re: Scottish immigrants:

The Parrish family has this dilemma. There appears to be a Richard parrish who came into the Virginia Colony. Most of the Parrishes are from England who came from France 1200-1600

I don't know what to make of what John Conley Parrish wrote about Missouri history. What puzzles me is the reference to Richard Parrish coming from Scotland. How can that be? Dan mentioned that there's a reference in the Scott Lee Boyd book "The Parrish Family" to Richard going to Scotland (and then coming back, of course), but the Missouri history appears to suggest that Scotland is where he came from, which is news not only to me, but also news to other descendants of Richard Parrish in our research group.

One correction, my reference to Scotland from Boyd's was from the early introduction of the Parrish family. In that introduction there is a mention of a knight who went to Scotland to fight for the English King. I suggested that could be a source of Parrishes in Scotland, especially if the knight was awarded land in the low country of Scotland.

On p. 60-62 There is this Richard Parrish in Scotland 1600-1700s

Do you have any insight about any Scottish Parrish/Parish people coming into this country in the Virginia area in the 1600-late 1700s.

Respectfully,

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Sword ban is unkindest cut for Highland dancers - but current tempest may just be in the teapot

From *The Scotsman*

For almost a thousand years, it has been a demonstration of courage and dexterity, the successful completion of which heralded victory in battle.

But the Ghillie Callum, or Sword Dance, as it is better known, has now been defeated by red tape, according to dance judges who have cancelled its performance at a Highland games, claiming a license is now required to “transport a dangerous weapon.”

Organizers of the Balquhiddy and Lochearnhead Highland Games have been forced to strike the sword dance off their Highland dance competition after the judges, who in previous years, brought their own swords, said this was no longer possible for fear of breaching new legislation designed to control the carrying of knives.

Kenny McCallam, a member of the organizing committee of the Balquhiddy, Lochearnhead and Strathyre Highland Games, said yesterday that the sword dance has been cut after the two judges refused to transport their official weapons to the games.

In the past, competitors danced around two handmade “swords,” made from blunt steel with an improvised hilt. But the organizers were informed a few years ago that “official” swords should be used and these would be provided by the judges...until now.

“I think it is a terrible shame,” said Mr. McCallam. “The sword dance has been on the go at the games for decades, but given the events that

have taken place and the problems of terrorism, people are clamping down on all sides. The judges said they had been advised not to carry the, that a license may not be required and we don’t have time to apply for one.



However, it would appear that the judges, who did not wish to be named or quoted, are mistaken. The Scottish Government, under the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Act 2007, plans to establish a scheme for the licensing of knife dealers with a view to restricting the sale, hire, lending or giving of swords and bladed weapons.

But the act is not yet in force and will have specific caveats to protect the use of swords for religious or cultural

reasons. A Scottish Government spokesman said: “When we do bring forward restrictions on swords, the legislation allows defences for religious, cultural and sporting purposes among others.

Documentation with the bill added: “In addition, the bill allows defences for other purposes to be specified by Order, and ministers will use this power to provide exceptions to the ban on sale for specified purposes, including Highland games.

Last night, Helen Ford, the director of administration at the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, insisted there was no restriction on the transportation of swords for dancing. “The scheme is not yet in force and we have been told we will not be affected and the dance will continue.”

With many thanks to Patricia Tennyson Bell from Pasadena, California.



Beth and Tom at Charleston 2008.

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ing trail - so, I don't have to worry about cars or dogs or anything. (Dogs never scare me anyway...) My hip had its first birthday October 26, so I guess I'm doing OK.

I had a lovely surprise not long ago. A previously unknown cousin on my father's side of the family emailed me. What a delight! She is the daughter of my father's brother. We got to go over to Highlands, NC where she and her husband had rented a house for a week and meet them. I don't know how to explain how great it is to actually have some family.

We are hoping to get started on our house soon. I'll have to write a letter to everyone when that gets going as it is a wonderful story. Right now, we're working on house plans and think we have found our bit of land. I'll tell you more about all that later.

Tom's mother just celebrated her 94th birthday. She is fine and still lives upstairs in her own house. She was a nurse for over 60 years and has been retired for a long time. We both enjoy her so much.

You know that I wish each and every one of you a wonderful Christmas and holiday season - and that you all have love and happiness and good health and joy not only at this time of year, but all year long.

Love, beth

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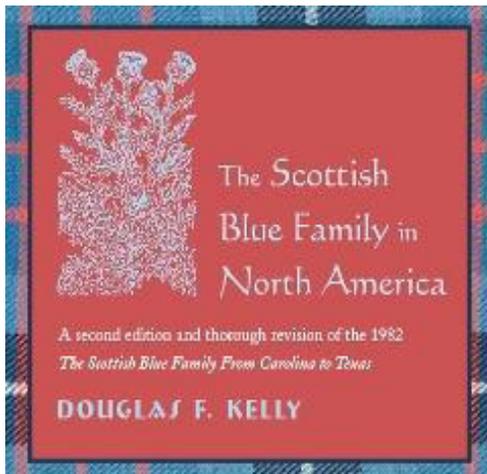
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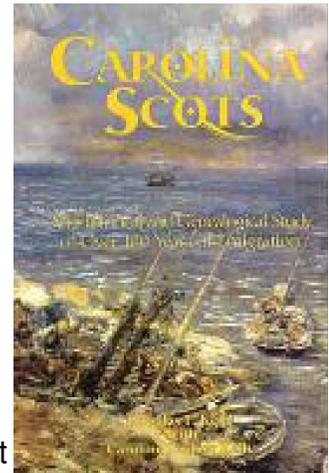
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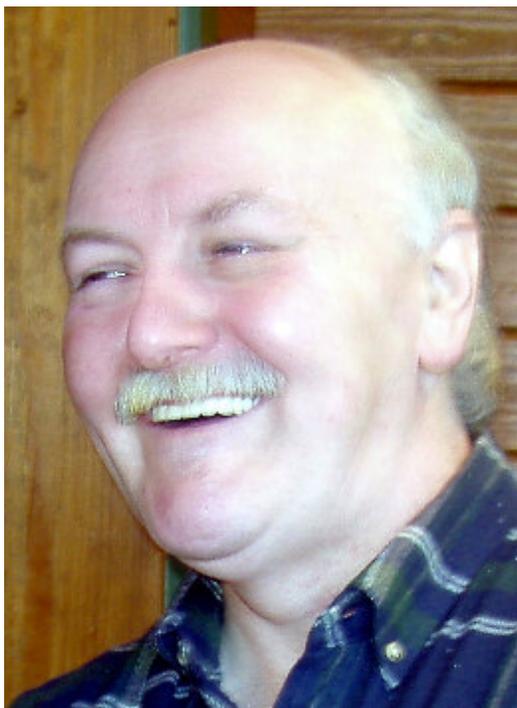
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The Scottish Tradition in Canada Edited by W. Stanford Reid and *The Auld Alliance* in New France by Henry B. M. Best

Here is how the first chapter starts...Scots have played an important part in the development of Canada, as the subsequent chapters in this book will show, but in order to understand why this has been the case we must look beyond Canada to Scotland itself. The traits of character, the ways of thinking, the prejudices and the biases with which the Scottish immigrants came to this country and which they passed on to their descendants even to the third and fourth generations, found their origins in the homeland which they had left. It is therefore necessary that we should commence our survey of the Scottish tradition in Canada by looking at the Scottish background in order to gain some comprehension of the place which the Scot has made for himself in Canada.

Two basic forces which have made the Scot what he is are Scotland's geography and Scotland's history. The physical character of the land itself has wielded a powerful influence on Scottish development; along with that has gone the influence of its geographic position in the world. At the same time, history which includes the human development in this environment has played an even more important role in shaping the Scottish character. We must, therefore, take both these factors into account when we attempt to understand the Scot and his contributions to the New World.



Scotland, like Caesar's Gaul, is divided into three geographical areas: the far north, including Caithness, Sutherland and the Orkneys, which are flat, windblown and not very fertile; the middle portion, containing the Highlands lying north of the Firth of Forth-Firth of Clyde line, which are mountainous, rugged and on the west coast come down to the sea's edge with cliffs sometimes over two hundred feet high, with long coastal indentations or sea-lochs, deep valleys and poor soil; the southern area or Lowlands with a broad belt of fertile land running between Edinburgh and Glasgow, and the more southerly portion having low hills or uplands and relatively good soil. The Lowland area has always been the wealthiest part of the country, and since the eighteenth century and the beginning of the Industrial Revolution it has tended to dominate Scotland, drawing off much of the population from the northern areas to its factories and workshops. It has also had a further advantage in that it has the best ports on both the east (Aberdeen,

Dundee, Perth, Leith) and west (Ayr, Ardrrossan, Glasgow) coasts, and is closer to England than the other regions, which means that its opportunities for commerce are considerably greater.

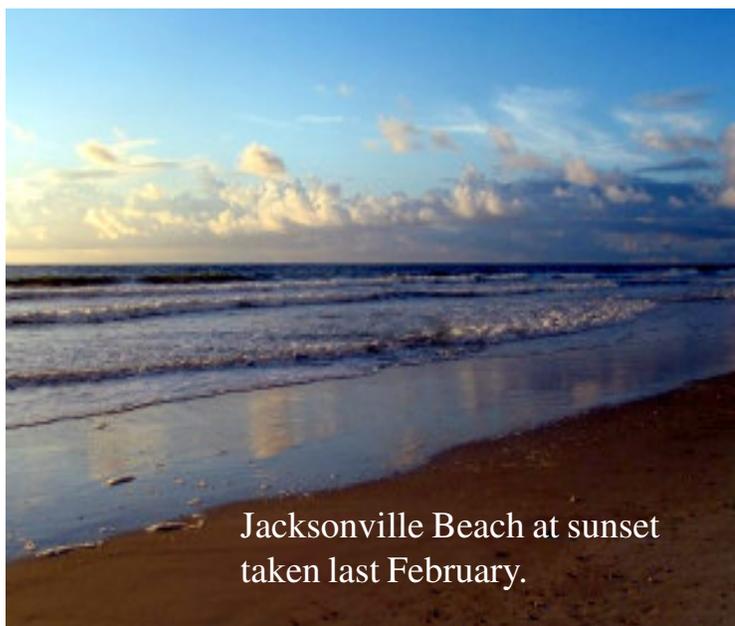
You can read the rest of this chapter at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/canada/tradition/tradition3.htm>

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Spring Seminar set in Jacksonville, FL February 29

There is no December meeting of the Jacksonville Genealogical Society. However, February 29, 2009, the society will hold a Spring Seminar, from 9-4, registration beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the Crown Point Baptist Church in Mandarin, 10153 Old St. Augustine Road, Jacksonville, FL. Printable forms, with additional seminar information can be found on our website: <http://jaxgen.home.comcast.net>

We are fortunate to have as our speaker this year, Genealogist Amy Larner Giroux, CG, CGL. Mark your calendars now for plans to attend.



Jacksonville Beach at sunset taken last February.

Haunted cemetery with lots of Skeens interred found near Franklin, Kentucky. Ooooooooooooo!

The Clan Skene Association newsletter reports that at the Grandfather Mountain Games, a lady named Elizabeth Gillespie from Franklin, Kentucky, came to the Clan Skene tent. She is not a Skene, but near her property is a Skeen graveyard, she says.

Ms. Gillespie says the graveyard is haunted and dates back to the late 1700s.

She said the area is very dark and scary. When you walk through it, you have to be careful where you place your feet because you start sinking into the ground.

The graveyard has been abandoned, but anyone who goes there will never go back in again.

Her daughter-in-law once wanted to dig up some flowers from the edge of the grounds, when she heard a woman's voice amongst the graves calling her to "come on over here."

Needless to say, the daughter-in-law was terrified and ran away.

These are some of the names on the gravestones: K.T. Skeen, 26 November 1809 - 4 November 1969; Pamela A. R. Skeen 8 July 1811 - 8 April 1863; Infant son of Pamela and K.T. Skeen born and died 6 April 1848; J. N. Skeen 4 June 1939 - 24 December 1878; Robert C. Skeen 21 January 1843-10 November 1844 and Thurston Skeene 1816-1880.

If you would like more information about the Clan Skene, please contact The Clan Skene Association, Inc., 5116 Ridgeway, Orlando, Florida.

Macfie Clan Society, *continued from page 4*

H.R. Scot McPhee and his wife Marvene were recipients of a plaque honoring Mr. McPhee as founder of the Clan Society. Marvene was given a lovely Austrian crystal pendant carved with the Clan Crest in appreciation of her work as society treasure and newsletter editor.

After the meeting, the evening continued with a ceilidh.

If you would like more information on The Macfie Clan Society of America, contact Dr. Jim McAfee, president at 420 Ash Dr., Baxter, TN 38544.

Flowers of the Forest

Robin R. Farquhar, 59, Artistic and Executive Director of Flat Rock Playhouse passed away Monday evening Nov. 3, 2008.

A native of Flat Rock, NC, Robin was the son of Robroy and Leona Farquhar, founders of Flat Rock Playhouse.

He is survived by his sister, Keets Taylor, her husband Richard H., their son Bryan and daughter Holly McDonald with her husband David.

Robin returned to the Playhouse in 1980 after a brief time in Atlanta, GA, to assist his ailing father with the management of the State Theatre. Upon his father's passing in 1983, Robin accepted the position of Artistic and Executive Director and remained in the leadership role to the present.

Robin Farquhar touched the lives of hundreds of theatre artists around the nation. Having produced over 300 professional productions at the Playhouse, he will long be remembered as one of the southeast's most prolific and successful theatre visionaries.

Over the 29 years of his tenure, Robin created a new vision for the Playhouse. The organization grew from a 10 week summer stock company to a year-round professional regional theatre and school advancing the dual mission of quality performance and arts education. The performing series now spans nine-months and entertains over 95,000 theatergoers while the educational component, YouTheatre, instructs up to 1,000 students each year. Seasonal artists and college students number more than 100.

On Sunday, November 2 the organization dedicated The Robin R. Farquhar Education Center. Constructed in 2007 at the Playhouse site, the state of the art facility is the centerpiece of an educational mission fulfilling both his and his father's long-term goals for the Vagabond School of the Drama, Inc.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Robin R. Farquhar Education Center, P. O. Box 310, Flat Rock, NC 28731 Attention: Dale Bartlett—Development Director.

Ellouise Sharman MacKinnon, died early in 2008 in Jacksonville, Florida. She was the mother of Clan MacKinnon Society of North America founder, N. Joann MacKinnon Osborne, who passed away in 2006. She was also the mother of former Representative of the Chief, Clinton E. MacKinnon, Sr., along with daughters



Sally Rorer and Alexandria Pratt.

Mrs. MacKinnon was a lifelong resident of Jacksonville, Florida. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and shortly after, married her high school sweetheart, Clarence Emory MacKinnon., Sr. She was a charter member of the Clan MacKinnon Society and held the office of Treasurer for many years.

Sgt. Dustin J. Perrott, aged 23, from Fredricksburg, VA, USA, died 21 June from wounds when a makeshift bomb exploded near his vehicle in Miri, Afghanistan.

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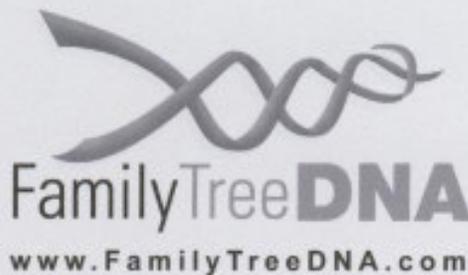
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Gracie Allen (1906-1964)

Is this fella one of your missing kin?

Born in Hamburg, Aiken County, South Carolina on 27 October 1828, but raised in Dayton, Ohio, Marcus Junius Parrott, whose views on the issues of child slavery were undoubtedly influenced by his Quaker father, was educated at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1849. He subsequently studied law at Cambridge University, Massachusetts, completed his degree and returned to Dayton where he was admitted to the bar and started a legal practice.

In 1853 and 1854 he served as a representative in the Ohio State Legislature.

Parrot moved in 1855 to Leavonworth, Kansas Territory, practiced law there and became a political activist. In that year, he was appointed court reporter for the first session of the Territorial Supreme Court and in the following September served as defense attorney for Charles Robinson and several other free state partisans who were under indictment for treason and in the custody of the pro-slavery government of Leecompton.

A Democrat when he first arrived in the Territory, he soon became active in the Free State Party (later the Republican Party) and was a delegate to the Topeka Constitutional Convention on 23 Oc-

tober 1855. In 1857 he was nominated as a delegate to Congress under the Topeka Convention. He was subsequently elected with over 7,000 votes and served Kansas in that capacity for nearly four years.

Parrott was in Washington, DC when the Kansas Bill finally passed in January 1861 and he transmitted the news to Leavonworth.

He ran a very close third to James H. Lane and Samuel C. Pomeroy in the balloting for the US Senate and unsuccessfully sought election to Congress in 1862 and 1874.

Parrott then left politics and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on his farm near Leavonworth. A few years later, after experiencing failing health for several months, he moved back to Dayton, Ohio, to be close to his brother.

He died there on 4 October, 1879.

Do you have this man in your family tree? If so, please contact John Perrott, 5 Shepherds Rise, Vernham Dean, Andover SP11 OHD England, United Kingdom.

*John Perrott visited me in Georgia many years ago! It's wonderful to know that he is still working with his beloved P*RR*TT Society!*

Only great minds can read this.....

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Our friend, Jay Brown, sent this to us. It's a hoot - especially for an editor who is sometimes highly criticized for ONE typo out of 100,000 words! Thanks, Jay!

Here are your families...and how to contact them!

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Looking west across the Stenness Loch on Orkney. This photo of swans in the thin ice was sent by friend Pat Long of Orkney whose article you will see elsewhere in this issue of BNFT. Pat says, "I live about half a mile to the left of where I took the photograph. The swans had made trails in the very thin ice on the loch. The loch only freezes on a handful of days each year."

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Family History on the Internet

Why did they die?

*With many thanks to
The P*RR*TT Society
Family Notes
(<http://www.p-rr-t.org.uk>)*



<http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/English/EnglishA.htm>

I am frequently nonplussed when I see death certificates, or, more precisely, the causes of death quoted on some of them. Donald Williams has on his family tree a child, Minnie Perrett who died in Colchester in 1881 at the age of 6 months. The cause of her death: "Marasmus." Whatever was that?

If you too would like to have this and other mysterious sounding causes of death explained, may I recommend *Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms* whose (free) website details are given at the top of this article. It consists of alphabetically listed medical conditions, and how they have been defined through the years. On the title page are a few of the odder sounding conditions - Winterbottom's sign; Erbs paralysis; and Blue Devils are amongst them. Clicking on the names will take you directly to a description of these illnesses, but a more methodical way to use the site

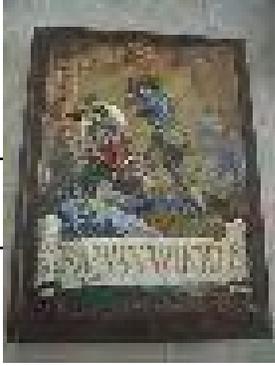
is to click on the initial letter of the disease on the left hand side of the page.

Doing this on the letter "M" leads us to "Marasmus," mentioned above. So what was it? I find it described in 1829 as "A wasting away of flesh without fever or apparent disease," and in 1988 as "a condition of chronic undernourishment occurring especially in children and usually caused by a diet deficient in calories and proteins but sometimes by disease (as congenital syphilis) or parasitic infection, called also *athrepsia*. So, poor 6 month old Minnie died primarily because she was undernourished. Life can be very sad.

Several of my ancestors died of "phthisis." The website deals succinctly with this one: "Phthisis" is an archaic name for tuberculosis.

This website can become addictive! When a female relative of Dr. Chris Bell died, a contribu-

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Famous Orcadians in American History... Washington Irving

Pat Long - pat@buyOrkney.com

Famous men and women are often remembered for just one achievement or event and many of them would be shocked to find how they have gone down in posterity – Benjamin

Franklin flying a kite in a thunderstorm and Isaac Newton being hit on the head by an apple.

It is a well known fact in Orkney that Washington Irving's father came from the island of Shapinsay and he is known here, and to most people, as the author of *Rip Van Winkle* and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* but these are two of his lesser claims to fame.



Irving is generally described as the first American author to achieve international fame and the first whose writing lived on after him. When the Hall of Fame for Great Americans was established in 1900, 97 of the "great and good" of America voted for which of 294 nominees should be installed as members. Washington Irving came tenth, with 83 votes.

His first success was with a satirical history of New York by a fictional author Deidreich Knickerbocker. It was enormously popular in the USA and Britain and introduced the word knickerbocker to popular culture – the New York Nicks and Knickerbocker Glory. The item of clothing got its name from its resemblance to the illustrations in the book.

He was also the first writer to give New York the name Gotham, since given wider prominence by Batman. There is an old story that the inhabitants of Gotham in England pretended to be idiots by raking a pond for the moon and Irving thought the name was appropriate for a city of 'wise fools'.

However, Irving's greatest contribution to popular culture is why I'm writing about him in December – our idea of the traditional Christmas is very largely due to him. His first contribution was in *Knickerbocker's History of New York*, in

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tory cause of death was "Cachexia," which in 1829 was described vaguely as "A bad habit of body, known by a depraved or vitiated state of the solids and fluids." By the middle of the 20th century, the explanation was more understandable: "Any general reduction in vitality and strength of body and mind resulting from a debilitating chronic disease." This makes sense when we find that the other cause of the lady's death was cancer.

William Perrott, a currier aged 72, died in Bristol in 1872 and the cause was given as "Apoplexy." A conventional dictionary defines this as a "malady arresting the powers of sense and motion," but the website quotes a modern source thus: "The word 'apoplexy' comes from the Greek 'apoplexia' meaning a seizure, in the sense of being struck down. In Greek "exe" is "a stroke." The ancients believed that someone suffer-



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in South
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Robert Burns event set for Charlotte, North Carolina

You are invited to the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Scotland's Robert Burns. It will be Saturday January 24th from 6 pm until about 10 pm at the Charlotte Country Club - The Grand Ballroom.

The Immortal Memory will be given by Frank Shaw FSA Scot. Poetry, Song, Music and Toasts will be order of the evening.

Tickets are \$75 per person which includes dinner and drinks. Tables can be reserved for up to 10 persons per table. Tickets are available now.

Please contact Peter Wilson, President Robert Burns Society of Charlotte at: Tel 704 535 8955.



Frank Shaw to present Immortal Memory

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which he described St Nicholas as an elfin Dutch burger with a clay pipe, who rode over the treetops in a horse-drawn wagon, dropping gifts down the chimneys of his favourites, giving rise to our popular image of Santa Claus.

Irving spent some years in England and wrote about his travels in "The Sketch Book". His account of travelling by stagecoach on Christmas Eve and spending Christmas at Braceridge Hall seems to be full of clichés, because they are the source of our idea of the Victorian Christmas.

Charles Dickens was a friend of Irving and a great admirer of his work. He made no secret of having used Irving's descriptions in *A Christmas Carol* and *Pickwick Papers*.

"Perhaps the impending holiday might have given a more than usual commotion to the country, for it seemed to me as if everybody was in good looks and good spirits. Game, poultry, and other luxuries of butchers' and fruiterers' shops were thronged with customers. The housewives were stirring briskly about putting their dwellings in order; and the glossy branches of holly with their bright red berries, began to appear at the windows.

The scene brought to mind an old writer's account of Christmas preparations. "Now capons and hens, besides turkeys, geese, and ducks, with beef and mutton – must all die, for in twelve days a multitude of people will not be fed with a little. Now plums and spice, sugar and honey, square it among pies and broth. Now or never must music be in tune, for the youth must dance and sing to get them a heat, while the aged sit by the fire."

"As we approached the house, we heard the sound of music, and now and then a burst of laughter, from one end of the building. This, Braceridge said, must proceed from the servants' hall, where a great deal of revelry was permitted, and even encouraged, by the Squire, throughout the twelve days of Christmas, provided everything was done conformably to ancient usage. Here were kept up the old games of hoodman blind, shoe the wild mare, hot cockles, steal the white loaf, bob-apple, and snap-dragon; the Yule log and Christmas candle were regularly burned, and the mistletoe, with its white berries, hung up, to the imminent peril of all the pretty house-maids."

Best wishes from Orkney for a good, old-fashioned Christmas.

Flowers of the Forest

Clan MacLellan Historian **Gene McClellan**, 09/25/16 – 09/07/08, passed away on September 7, 2008 in Clifton Springs, NY. His failing health over the past few years has prevented active participation in meetings of the Board of Directors and tenting at Scottish games, but he was always available for consultation, encouragement, and sharing ideas for ways to improve communication among members of Clan MacLellan. While he is not listed as a “founder” of Clan MacLellan, he certainly was key in the progress made throughout the years as he joined his brother, Hugh, and friend Crawford McLellan contact McClellans throughout the U.S. and Canada in an effort to share genealogy research and incorporate the organization. Joining on November 1, 1981 he was member number 1! His contributions to the development of a successful organization are too numerous to list here, but a significant result was the first Officers’ Manual

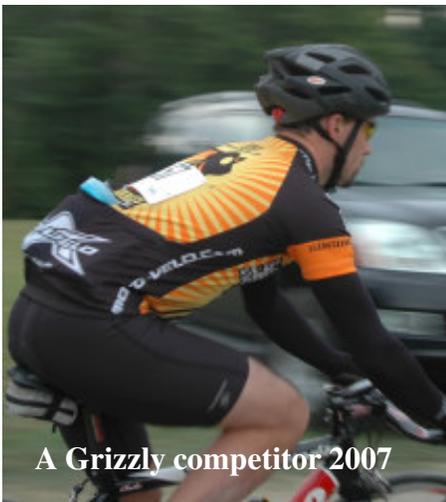
which he wrote. It was used by leaders for many years and he assisted with the updating and revisions made in 2006. In addition to serving as President, he served as Director of the West Region for many years. In the past year he was working on preparing a history of Clan MacLellan and we hope that his draft can be retrieved from his computer by his family.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund and the Archives Fund have been received in Gene’s memory. His genealogy is recorded in the publication by Lois M Patrie and Gene, “Descendants of Michael and Jane (Henry) McClellan of Cotrain, MA,” a copy of which can be found in the Clan MacLellan archives housed at Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, GA. Our sincere sympathy is extended not only to his immediate family, but to all the clan cousins who cherished his friendship.





Another beautiful Scotland photo from RWeebobbi@aol.com who sent this of the Firth of Fourth Bridge. He says he went to the Black Watch reunion in Perth this past summer (He was in the band from 1955-1967) and took the photo we see here. Thanks, RWeebobbi!



A Grizzly competitor 2007

Eric Marland - with Clan Skene connections - places 13th in this year's Grizzly

Eric Marland, the son-in-law of the late Edna Clark (a long-time Clan Skene member) placed 13th in this years Grizzly at Grandfather Mountain.

The Grizzly is a Metric Century bike ride of approximately 65 miles with 7000 feet of climbing. The ride includes a climb over Beech Mountain where Lance Armstrong trained for his comeback into cycling after his successful fight with cancer.

The Grizzly begins and ends on the track at Grandfather Mountain.

Riders cycle through Avery County, North Carolina, including 2 miles of dirt road up the back side of Beech Mountain.

Congratulations, Eric!

Genealogy and Self:

A Search for Roots and how it Relates to the Appreciation of the Past in Ourselves

by Joanne Crawford, Ph.D. Kevan Crawford, Ph.D.

“In all of us there is a hunger, marrow-deep, to know our heritage - to know who we are and where we have come from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness and the most disquieting loneliness.”

— Alex Haley

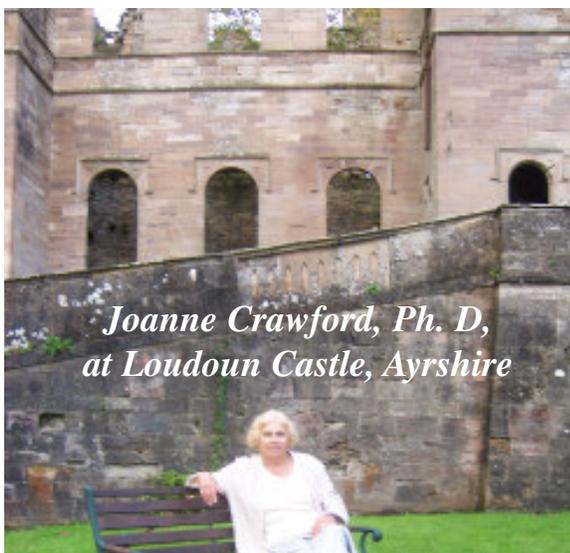
This presentation applies our professional and personal perspectives to an understanding of the current interest in genealogical studies, especially with regards to the US, but probably in many ways universally relevant. As Crawfords, we will use our own experiences as genealogist and DNA surname project coordinator for our Clan Crawford Association, when providing some of the concrete examples for the ideas we discuss here.

We will focus on two aspects. The first is an analysis of what motivates people to research their origins. The second addresses the role of DNA studies in the search for one's ancestry. In this second section, we discuss some of the issues that have emerged from the Crawford Surname YDNA Project.

Motivation to Research Family Origins

Our perspective is based on the supposition that the ballooning interest in genealogy may well respond to a need for connecting to an idealized community. The often depersonalized society we have become tends to estrange people from their family of origin. People seek a sense of community and a desire for ties that define their identity.

This, we think, plays an important role in fueling the current surge of popularity in the study of family genealogy. 1



We now live in an urbanized, often impersonal world, characterized in many ways by anomie. We move out of our home still in our adolescence to go away to college. When we in the US take a job, it is as likely to be on the opposite coast, or midway across, as it is to be in our own home state — much less our hometown. In too many cases, our children grow up barely knowing their

grandparents. This culture of mobility, in the US at least, is a continuation of the pattern of immigration that so marked the development of this country.

As Crawfords, we have found interesting learning about the immigration patterns of our Scot and Scots-Irish ancestors. The Crawford family has probably a couple hundred thousand descendants around the world. In the US, their numbers have been estimated at over 100,000. We don't know whether our families are representative, but there

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are several thousand people descended from the earliest identified ancestors of both of us, Edward and Joseph Crawford (born eight generations back in the late 1700s). Their descendants are widely distributed around the country, resident in at least half of the 50 states.

American frontier families were large with a dozen children not uncommon. Thus, there probably are over 40 million American descendants of Scottish origin, which is some fifteen percent of the US population. This makes us by far the largest ethnic group in America, today seconded only by African-Americans! Though Hispanics are catching up fast. Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa also have significant population of Scottish descent. Thus, the number of descendants of Scottish émigrés around the world is many times larger than the population of Scotland today (about 5 1/2 million).

Scots, and especially the Scots-Irish, have actually defined in many ways what America is. They constitute a majority ethnic group in the US, both in terms of cultural norms and in numbers. They pretty much originated American Protestantism based on Scottish Presbyterianism and have imposed a code of ethics that came out of the hardships of life in Scotland, Northern Ireland and frontier America. Their survival has come from their strength as a community. We think loosing that nexus, within the context of the alienation of modern American life — where people move across country for schooling and jobs, where grandparents have ceased to be functional contributors in the growing family's life — foments feelings of personal insecurity. All this would propel people to search for influences that might provide a sense of stability and reconnection with a family and community context that in the past had been extremely important for a sense of identity. Evidence of this is that the number of books published on the Scots and Scots-Irish has proliferated over the last five years, Scottish Games in the U. S. are quite

massively attended, and Ancestry.com and its sibling companies have become a major industry.

In America, Crawford families and their relatives have been moving west for generations. They tended to stay together and migrate (within America) together as groups of families (often related by marriage), following the path of newly opened lands as European America extended westward. There appears to have been an actual predominant pattern of migration, at least by the 2 Scots-Irish, whereby they arrived on the East Coast, typically to Delaware Bay, first settling in Pennsylvania (1720-1740). The second generation moved south into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia (1750-1760). They next moved into the Carolinas (1760-1770). Others went into Kentucky (1770-1790), and then on to Tennessee (1790-1810) as new lands became available and old lands became depleted or shared by many offspring. A relatively more permanent move was into Midwestern states like Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, and Texas (1820-1840). The final move, often several generations later, was to the far West (California, Oregon, Washington, and the Mountain and Southwest states) (1860-1870). This migration re-intensified during different decades of the 20th century. It had been mobilized by social events that included the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the Great Depression, progressive industrialization, and the two great Wars.

Historical recollection reminds us that descendants of Scots and the Scots-Irish propelled democracy in the US. It was the Scot tradition of independence, and probably especially the ideal of such, that provided important impetus to the break away from Britain by the American Colonies. The Declaration of Arbroath (1320), a letter by Scottish nobles to the Pope, declared that —“It is in truth, not for glory, not honor that we are fighting, but for freedom —for that alone which no honest man gives up but with life itself.”

This article to be continued in Section B of this issue

Joanne Crawford, Ph.D presented this paper at the
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in St. Andrews, Scotland in August of 2006.