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## How rare whisky is funding community projects on Islay

Residents of Islay have played a major part in the success of the distilleries located on the island over the past few centuries, and now one of those success stories is looking to give something back to the local community.

Lagavulin distillery marked its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, and as part of the celebrations has released an exclusive new bottling – the *Lagavulin 1991 Single Malt Scotch Whisky* – which was carefully selected by the distillery team and Ivan Menezes, chief executive of owner Diageo, for a limited run of just 522 bottles.

All of the proceeds of the sales of this run will then be donated to community projects on the island, which should see £580,000 divided out across seven charities.

Nick Morgan, head of whisky outreach at Diageo, explained that the project is their way of saying thanks to a special place that has helped to support the distillery over the past two centuries, he said: “This is just one way in which we want to express our affection for the people who have welcomed us (Ileachs and others) to work and live on Islay for the last 200 years.”

The money will be distributed to a number of local initiatives, including a major donation of £310,000 for Islay Heritage, which they say will go towards helping to create an Islay Heritage trail to ensure



more visitors understand the island’s rich history, with a portion also being used for conservation work focusing on Kildalton chapel.

Steven Mithen, trustee of Islay Heritage and professor of archaeology, said: “Islay Heritage is hugely grateful to the Lagavulin 200 Legacy for the support it is providing to further our knowledge about the archaeological sites and monuments on Islay. This investment in our heritage will greatly benefit both the local community and visitors to the island. While some of Islay’s sites and monuments are very well known and accessible, others are virtually unknown, difficult to find and rarely visited.”

“There is no doubt many more are waiting to be discovered which will help tell us more about not only Islay’s story, but that of Scotland, Europe and the path of human culture as a whole. We are delighted that Lagavulin shares our vision to reveal Islay’s past so that it can be explored and enjoyed by everyone.”

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**Islay Community Projects**, *continued from page 1*

Lagavulin will also donate £60,000 to the Finlaggan Trust, which maintains the historical site at Finlaggan, the home of the Lords of the Isles, to be used to refurbish and modernise the existing visitor centre and development of the Finlaggan Bridge.

There will also be contributions towards the arts and events on the island as well as for upgrades to the island's cyber café and swimming pool.

Georgette Crawford, distillery manager at Lagavulin, who is a resident of the island herself, said: "We will all be raising a dram to years gone by and an exciting future ahead of us and this incredible island, as we close a year of celebrations for the 200th anniversary of the distillery. The range and ambition of the projects we are supporting is something that as an Ileach I feel very deeply about and I am so proud to see the proceeds of our iconic whisky benefit the local community in such an unforgettable way."

The distillery will also create a new partnership with the RSPB as part of the Legacy 200 with a further £60,000 being put forward to restore and conserve peatlands on the island.

Bottles of the Lagavulin 1991 can only be purchased through a special ballot on the Whisky Exchange, with the first bottle being auctioned separately to raise more charitable funds, and one bottle being donated to the auction site and to the Diageo Archive.

Read more at: <http://www.scotsman.com/giving-back/charities/how-rare-whisky-is-funding-community-projects-on-islay-1-4330618>



# Are Lowland Haggis real?



## The Tartan Blogger

There is some big news at ScotlandShop.com. The other day, while clearing out the attic, our much loved colleague Auryn, stumbled across some video tapes.

Don't get too excited now, they aren't anything salacious but they certainly are curious. The videos seem to be in the form of a documentary, clearly shot some time ago, in which the presenter has enlisted two local boys to help him track down and capture a Lowland Haggis, a creature thought to have been invented solely to fool unwitting tourists.

These videos, rough as they are, seem to suggest that the Lowland Haggis is, or was at any rate, a real creature and hunting for it formed a part of the daily existence of the people of the Borders.

Unfortunately, the video tapes were inexpertly stored, causing severe degradation of the magnetic tape and rendering some of the tapes completely unwatchable. Those that have been salvaged are currently undergoing a difficult and time-consuming process of remastering – we plan to share these videos with you as soon as possible.

Our video restoration team estimate that the first video will be available for you to watch soon, with several others to follow as and when they are returned to us.

For now, we have been able to scrape together a few clips from the pieces of video that

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# Family Group Sheets genealogy basic tool

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Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

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Family group sheets are an excellent first step in creating a research roadmap. Like any type of research document, the key is proper documentation. The compiled details provide names, dates, places, events, sources, and relationships that may need to be discovered, verified, or better documented. Family group sheets are created to show at least the names of the husband, wife, and the biological children of a family. If a husband or wife has been married before and there are children from that previous union, they must be included in a separate family group sheet. In cases of adopted children, they can be added on these sheets as long as you document and specify them as being such. This is especially true for researchers involved in medical or legal issues.

Most family group sheets have spaces for information pertaining to birth, marriage, and death information, names of parents, and children's spouses and space for detailed footnotes and source citations. This documentation provides clues critical for additional research, follow-up queries, and verification in the future when encountering conflicting pieces of information emerge. Some examples of these clues/sources may include censuses, joining or leaving churches, christenings, confirmations, burials, acquisition or sale of land, migrations, citizenship changes, etc.

Knowing all of the children, where they eventually moved to, and their spouses' names can be invaluable when researching the parents. This is especially true from a historical perspective since it was common for parents to spend their final days in the household of one of the children.

Many times the wife's maiden name doesn't appear on your ancestor's birth, marriage, or death

records, but may appear on one of his/her sibling's records. Family group sheets are also a source where the maiden name can be found if known or added later when discovered.

There are multiple variations of family group sheets to choose from. The most important pieces of information that you should make sure are available include:



1. Minimum of six fields for vital information for every person on the sheet.

2. Place to record residences for the primary couple.

3. Place to record their religious affiliation and name of the church

4. Place to record the name of the couple's parents.

5. Place to list the occupation

6. Place to record military service or other additional information when applicable.

7. Enough room to record at least eight or more children.

8. Place to record your name, address, phone number or email address on the form.

These eight steps are important because as you proceed through the research process, you'll be referring to these family groups sheets multiple times. It will not be unusual that over time, you may be revising the information as new facts are verified.

When recording information, the following steps

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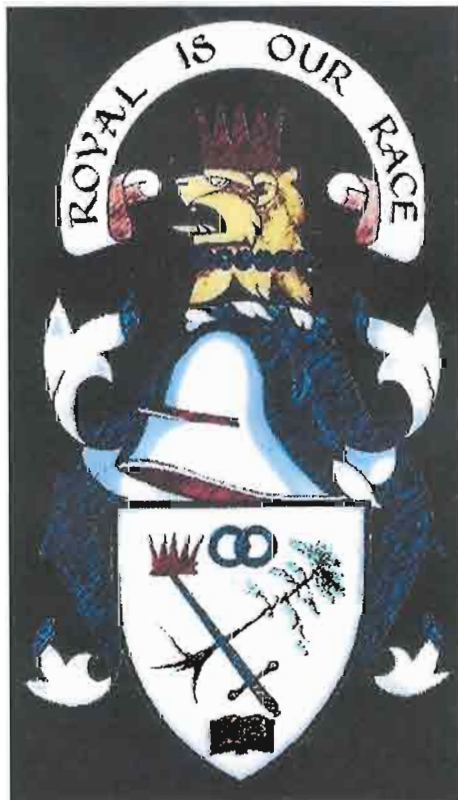
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# Davidson FaceBook Admin changes effective now...

Dave Chagnon, Clan Davidson Sennachie, writes, "At the request of our esteemed President, John Dawson, we have made the following changes

to the Administration of our FaceBook group: Donna Graves leaves as an admin due to the press of other duties. Donna has done yeoman duty as FaceBook admin and we thank her for her time and efforts.

New admins are Debbie Mecca, Vinson Jaye, Steve Driver and John Dawson. Our thanks to these fine Davidson Clansmen for stepping to the plate here!

Clan Davidson Society of North America is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to the preservation of the traditions and knowledge of the Great Scottish Highland Clan Davidson through our educational and charitable activities.

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Membership in the Society is open to any person regardless of ethnic origin, religious affiliation, sex, or age, who is interested in Scottish Cultural affairs as they relate to the Great Scottish Highland Clan Davidson. There shall be only one form of membership in the Society and that is a "regular" membership. A regular membership is defined as a "member house-

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## Lowland Haggis, *continued from page 3*

were in reasonable condition. They will be available soon.

All of us here at ScotlandShop.com are waiting with bated breath to see what will be revealed in these videos, hopefully you are as excited as us, if you are, make sure you check here often to see what we discover.

To keep up to date with this fascinating story, visit <http://www.scotlandshop.com/tartanblog/index.php/2017/01/are-lowland-haggis-real-find-out-here/>

hold". The "member household" shall consist of the primary adults and their dependents, if any. All individuals above the age of eighteen (18) residing in a "member household" shall be entitled to hold elected offices or appointed offices.

Membership dues in CDS-USA is \$20 per year per "member household". You will be reminded by email when your dues are up for renewal. Dues can be paid ahead for as many years as you would like.

There is also a Lifetime Membership available for \$300.

To download a mail-in membership form, visit: <https://clan davidson.org/Miscellaneous-PDFs/Davidson%20Membership%20Application.pdf>

The Clan Davidson International Gathering – 2017, will be held June 2nd through June 4, 2017 at the Glasgow Highland Games, held near Glasgow, Kentucky.

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## Remember?





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Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will ever make. Hope to see you soon!



# Tain & District Museum & Clan Ross Centre shows us a treasure - a silver nutmeg grater!



Sheila Munroe, Manager of Tain and District Museum and Clan Ross Centre, shares one of her favourite pieces in the Tain Silver Collection with us:

*Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.  
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.  
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,  
Where's the peck of pickled peppers that  
Peter Piper picked*

This tongue twister reminds me of a special piece in the Collection; a small pocket nutmeg grater made by Hugh Ross II or III ( 1740-1780), heart shaped with hinged lids top and bottom and fitted with a grater made of steel.

It was designed to be carried in a gentleman's pocket as nutmeg was routinely used to flavour alcohol. The owner was displaying his wealth; the silver of the nutmeg grater and indeed the nutmeg itself.

The Dutch East India company had a monopoly on the import of nutmeg into Europe, and consequently

it was a very expensive spice.

In 1769, Pierre Poivre, an 18th century French horticulturalist smuggled some cloves and nutmeg out of the Banda Islands, and soon after nutmeg trees were growing in Mauritius, Reunion and elsewhere.

This allowed the British East India Trading Company to break the Dutch monopoly .

Nutmeg graters were produced from the late 17<sup>th</sup> century but become more common in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century as spices became more affordable.

A mid 18<sup>th</sup> century grater was a real status symbol. And Pierre Poivre? ...Peter Piper of course! The man who "picked a peck of pickled peppers" - the pickled peppers having been "pickled" by the Dutch with quicklime to stop them germinating.

Check our website to see other artifacts from the collection. Visit: <<http://www.tainmuseum.org.uk/objects.asp>>



*The Tain Silver pocket nutmeg grater*

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should always be taken:

1. Surnames of individuals should always be written/recorded in all CAPITAL letters.
2. Record all middle names, when known, and use initials only if you don't know the given middle name.
3. Record nicknames whenever possible and indicate them in quotation marks as in Cameron "Buck" Williams.
4. Always record dates in the following format 29 Dec. 1878.
5. List the place location with the smallest division appearing first. "Downtown Historical District, Fort Myers, Lee Co., FL"
6. Always include the county name when recording any location.

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## Clan Skene honoured clan at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Clan Skene has been selected to be the Honored Clan at the Myrtle Beach (SC) Highland Games on March 25, 2017.

As of now we will be represented by our President, Al McGalliard, his family; Darrell Hilliard, Georgia, Commissioner, his wife Audrey; Dorna Comp, Treasurer, and Ralph Comp, Secretary.

If any Skene's are in the vicinity please come out and join us as we lead the Parade of Tartans. On the few occasions the Clan has been honored we have managed a large turnout and hope to do so this time.

Hotels in the area are plentiful and off season rates are very reasonable. Join us for a great time.

New this year at the games will be a British car show, 9 hole mini-golf for the kids and a free Ceilidh on Friday night.

For more information contact: <http://myrtlebeachhighlandgames.com/>

## Where is the wettest spot on Earth?

(and it's not the Amazon!)

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## *Congratulations* to Rev. James B. Graham, III! *New Vice President of the Clan* *Graham Society of N.A.*

The Clan Graham Society of North America is proud to announce that Rev. James B. Graham, III is their new Vice President.

The new vice president's information was announced initially by Lora Greenland, Clan Graham Society of North America Secretary.

Secretary Greenland thanked all of the Clan Graham Society of North America members who researched all of the candidates and then voted.

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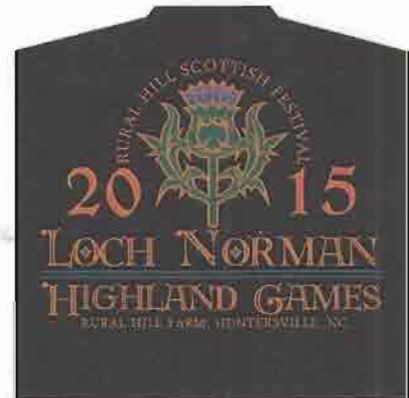
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# Flowers of the Forest

**Richard Lewis Grant**, born November 20, 1931 in Knoxville, Illinois, was restored to peace and dignity on October 12, 1916.

He is survived by Kathy, his wife of 40 years, his sisters, Dorothy and Libby and brother, Dean.

He is also survived by children: Ashley, Linda, Sheryl, Dave, Dick, Barbara and Mareene.



Mr. Grant is survived by 22 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

He served four years in the United States Air Force.

After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1961, he spent 30 years with the Boeing Company as an aerospace engineer.

Prior to retiring as vice president in 1993, his proudest achievements were leading the uranium enrichment project in Oak ridge, Tennessee and the V-22 Osprey in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was proud of working with the International Space Station in Huntsville, Alabama.

In his retirement, Richard enjoyed his Scottish heritage, becoming Vice President of the Clan Grant Society and attending the Scottish Games across the US and Scotland.

In addition, he enjoyed restoring antique cars on his farm in Arrington, Tennessee, where he was also devoted to their rotating family of dogs, cats and horses.

His other great love was the cabin he and Kathy owned on Flathead Lake in Montana. It was there that he fell in love with the local history and often donated to the surrounding schools, animal shelters and protection of Flathead Lake.

He had a saying which he repeated often, "Leave the world a little better place than you found it." His philosophy lives on through his contributions.

A private service will be held later. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Mission Valley Animal Shelter (<http://missionvalleyanimalshelter.org>) or the charity of your choice.

If you would like to leave a message, go to the online guest book at <[www.CallNFC.com](http://www.CallNFC.com)>

**Michael Richard Thompson**, 1943 - 2016 - After a long fight with pancreatic cancer, he was surrounded by his family at the time of death.

A past president of Clan MacTavish, he passed away on Wednesday November 16, 2016 at the Capital Caring Halquist Hospice Center in Arlington, Virginia.

Michael was born in Long Beach, California to Wendell and Carol (Berg) Thompson. He entered into military service with the United States Navy as a Corpsman in 1962. During his service, Michael served multiple tours in Vietnam for which he was recognized for acts of bravery, and actions above and beyond his call to duty.

After leaving military service, Michael relocated to the D.C. Metro Area where he met his wife Elizabeth (Zanone). The couple were married in 1972 and resided in Vienna, Virginia where they raised their fam-

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If you have a friend, a family member or a member of your Scottish organization who has passed away, please send a copy of his obituary to <[bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)>. There is absolutely no charge for the Flowers of the Forest articles here.



# Elliot Clan Society, USA

## Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

[www.elliotclan.com](http://www.elliotclan.com)

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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**Michael Richard Thompson,**

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ily. He was a dedicated employee of Miller & Long working as a Rod Foreman for over three decades.

Michael was an active member of Clan MacTavish where he served as Virginia Commissioner and President. He was an avid history enthusiast who shared his passion for his Scottish family history with many.

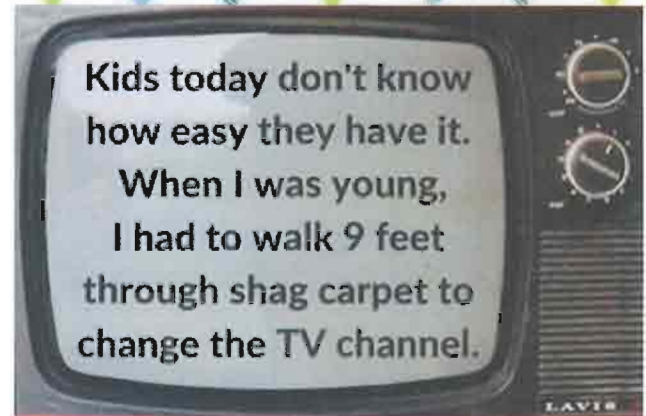
Michael is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jeffrey. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Libby), son, Alexander (Katja Yount), daughter, Carol (SSGT Jeffrey Bilous), brother, Vincent Collins, and sister, Debra Apple.

The family asks, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in Michael's name. Donations can be made at [www.pancan.org/donate](http://www.pancan.org/donate) or by mail at 1500 Rosecrans Ave, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

In keeping with his traditions, on January 13th, a celebration of life will be held in Michael's honor. The celebration will be held from 6-10 pm at Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway Fairfax, VA 22033. All are welcome.

## The Littlest MacTavish

Congratulations to Steve and Lynn Barr on the birth of their 17<sup>th</sup> grandchild. (Yes, that is not a typo... 17<sup>th</sup>!) Steven Westley Thompson was born on November 19, 2016 at 1:50 PM PST.



## Site Seeing Harbin (China) Ice Festival

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# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, they engaged in the “rieving” of the period and participated in many battles against the English.



Declared “unruly” by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan were “encouraged” to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called “Redcloak” and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell Genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

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# THE QUEEN'S BEASTS RETURN

Paul Campbell, from *The Armiger's News*, <[www.americancollegeofheraldry.org](http://www.americancollegeofheraldry.org)>



*Obverse and reverse of the Lion of England proof coin*

I had honestly noticed this new coin set earlier in the year; but, as happens, life events intruded, preventing me from doing much writing about anything until now. Happily, current events are kinder to my schedule.

Royal heraldry is among the best for a number of reasons and appropriately so. The year 2016 saw the introduction of a new coin set that will be of interest to students of heraldry and the coin collectors out there. The coin set honors the Queen's Beasts, a series of six-foot-tall stone statues representing the Royal lineage carved by James Woodford for the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. After the coronation, the statues eventually reached Canada, where they now reside at the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa.

I saw them with my son on one of our annual father-son trips when we lived back East.

The first coin design in the series, the Lion of England, was issued in March. The gold coin was issued in £100 and £25 denominations while the silver is available in a £5 denomination.

A proof set recently became available as well.

The second coin issued is the Griffin of Edward III, which was just released this past November.

The other eight coins in the series – to be released at future, undetermined dates – will be: the Falcon of the Plantagenets, the Black Bull of Clarence, the Yale of Beaufort, the White Lion of Mortimer, the White Greyhound of Richmond, the Red Dragon of Wales, the Unicorn of Scotland, and the White Horse of Hanover.

Engraver of the series, Jody Clark, has earned quite a deserved reputation as a great artist at a relatively young age. Joining the Royal Mint in 2012 after a few years of commercial work, he came to broader notice when he won the contest to anonymously submit a new design for the Queen's portrait for the fifth coin design to bear her image. He was the first artist from the Royal Mint to have this honor in better than a century, and his winning design was also the first such to be done entirely digitally.

Clark is designing all the coins for the Queen's Beasts series.

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# THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HERALDRY



A Chartered, non-profit body established in 1972, with the aim of aiding in the study and perpetuation of heraldry in the United States and abroad.

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# Getting Started with Irish Research set for McClelland Library Feb. 11

Genealogy Workshop **Getting Started with Irish Genealogy Research** to be held February 11, 10:30AM – 12:30 PM. The class will highlight the methods and numerous resources available for discovering Irish ancestry at the McClelland Library.

This workshop will acquaint participants with the basic genealogical process along with goal-setting, research source selection and documentation requirements. The class will highlight the methods and numerous resources available for discovering Irish ancestry at the McClelland Library. An actual research project will be used to trace the ancestry of an American-born Irish descendant back through three generations to locate the family's ancestral homeland in Ireland. The session will conclude with a discussion of resources and tools that are useful for genealogical research.



Register by visiting: <http://www.azirish.org/getting-started-registration/>

Presenter: Miles Davenport has over 17 years of genealogy research experience. In 2010, he published his own colonial family history spanning over ten generations. He has been published in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* and taught advanced genealogical courses at the Scottsdale Public Library. Miles is currently a volunteer staff genealogist at the McClelland Irish

Library.

The class will be held in the McClelland Library's Norton Room at 1106 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

*Reverse of the Griffin of Edward II silver bullion coin*



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## Flowers of the Forest

Maili Pringle Willrich, daughter of **John "Jack" Pringle** wrote, "It is with sadness that I tell you that my dad, Jack Pringle, passed away on November 30<sup>th</sup> in Puyallup, Washington. He was 97 years old and lived life to the fullest. He was with his family when he passed, as was his wish."

He is also survived by two sons, Donald Pringle and Chuck Pringle, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren. His wife predeceased him.

His family came from Stornoway, The Isle of Lewis, in Scotland. He was proud of his seafaring ancestry which led him to spend part of his life in Hawaii as did some of his ancestors. He was descended from Clan MacAulay.

*Jack went to Scotland with my friend, Marti, and me several times. He was a kind, gentle and lovely man. He will be missed by all who were fortunate to know him.*

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It is with sadness that I report the death of **Edna H. McDonald**. Edna was 104 years old and lived alone at her home in Redmond, Washington. Her son who lived close by discovered her on Christmas Day.

Edna, who had a home in Mesa, Arizona, will be buried in Arizona next to her husband who died in the late 1970s.

Edna was a fixture at many Scottish games in the North Pacific and California. She was also a constant participant at the Clan Donald USA AGM's until just recently.

Keep her in your prayers. Clan Donald USA will miss this wonderful woman.

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Clan Skene writes, "We have just received word that one of our past Presidents, **Jesse Skeens** has passed away.

Mr. Skeens was retired from the Orlando Fire Department and was one of the founding members of the Clan Skene Society.

If you wish to send a card the address is: 5116 Ridgeway, Orlando, FL. 32819-7429



## Calendar rock discovered in Sicily last November

A 5,000-year-old calendar rock discovered in Sicily sported a man-made hole through which the winter-solstice sun would shine. *Photo Credit: Giuseppe La Spina.*

Featuring a 3.2-foot diameter hole, the rock formation marked the beginning of winter some 5,000 years ago. Italian archaeologists have found an intriguing Stonehenge-like "calendar rock" in Sicily.

The holed Neolithic rock was discovered Nov. 30, 2016 on a hill near a prehistoric necropolis six miles from Gela, on the southern coast of Sicily, by a team who was surveying some World War II-era bunkers.

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# Clan Napier Flower of the Forest

**Lt. Col. John Hawkins Napier III, USAF Ret.**, 91, December 27, 2016 (St. John's Day on the Anglican calendar.)

He was born in Berkley, CA February 6, 1925 as his late father, Dr. John Hawkins Napier, Jr. was earning his PhD at Stanford University. His mother was the late Lena Mae Tate Napier of Picayune, MS. He attended Pomona College before enlisting into the Marine Corps in 1943. During WWII he served as a sergeant in the Pacific Theater, was one of the first Marines into Nagasaki after the bomb and served during the Occupation of Japan.

He entered the University of Mississippi, becoming a member of Sigma Chi. He graduated in 1949 with a BA in history, with many honors, and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

A veteran of three wars and two occupations, he was a precursor and advocate of unconventional warfare, serving in intelligence, psychological warfare, communications intelligence in the NSA in Germany and Pakistan. He was one of the five founders of the Counterinsurgency Course at Maxwell AFB which later moved to Hurlbert AFB and became Special Operations. He lectured there for many years.

He was the unconventional warfare plans officer with General Westmoreland's staff in Vietnam in 1964-65. He served in the Pentagon as special assistant to

the Secretary of the Air Force. He returned to Montgomery in 1971 to serve on the faculty of the Air War College as their unconventional warfare expert. From 1974 until 1977 he was Air University Command Historian. He retired in 1977 as a Lt. Col., having earned a MA from Auburn University and doctoral studies at Georgetown University.



*Major John H. Napier III, and his wife, Cameron, at the Tan Son Nhut Airport in Saigon on February 4, 1965.*

After retirement, he served on the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, was a columnist of the *Montgomery Advertiser*, and was an adjunct instructor at Auburn Montgomery.

In 1991, during the Gulf War, he joined the Alabama State Defense Force, became its deputy commander with the state rank of brigadier general and retired again in 1999.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Joint Service, Air Force and Army Commendation Medals, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, British Order of St. John, Alabama Distinguished Service Medal and he wore the Parachutist Badge.

His first wife, the former Harriet Elizabeth McGehee of Jackson MS, whom he married in 1950, and two infant sons predeceased him.

On September 11, 1964 he married Cameron Mayson Freeman of Montgomery at St. John's Epis-

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**Lt. Col. John Hawkins Napier III,** *continued from page 23*

copal Church. Life took them to Saigon, Bangkok, Washington DC and around the world before returning to Montgomery in 1971. Both have been deeply



involved in the civic, cultural and historical life in their beloved city.

In 1984 he founded Clan Napier in North America and was designated its Lieutenant to the Chief

by the then Lord Napier and Ettrick of England.

He was a "clubbable" man. He was a member of hereditary, patriotic, private, social, military, veterans and civic organizations around the world for many years, including: the Society of Cincinnati; Society of Pioneers and the Montgomery Country Club.

Of his many honors, he received a Doctor of the University, Napier University, Edinburgh (D. Univ.): Fellow, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSA Scot); Commander Most Venerable Order of Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (OSTJ); a Grant of Arms, Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland and was on the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors, University of Oxford, England.

He was the author of three books and many articles.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years and several cousins.

He was a soldier, who lived and loved well, laughed a lot and contributed to the good of mankind.

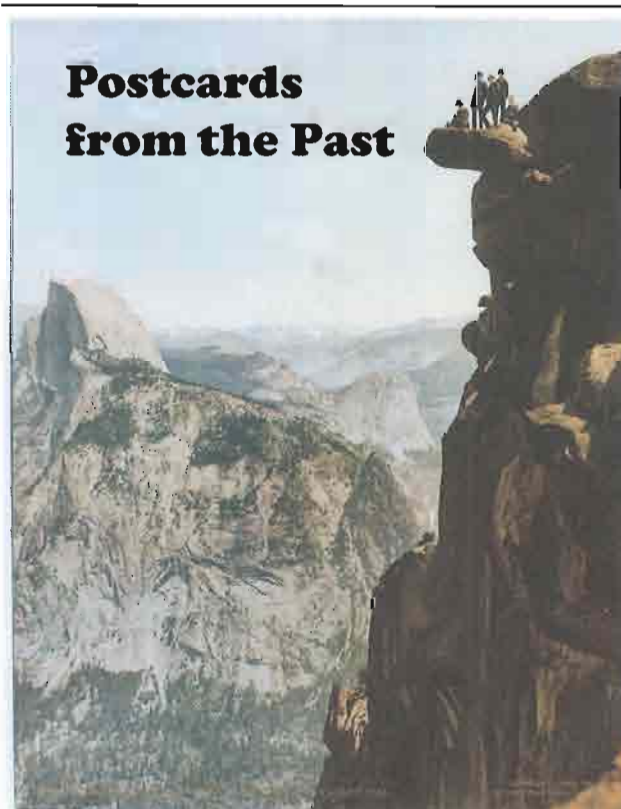
We are deeply grateful to his physicians and caregivers.

The memorial service will be for St. John's Episcopal Church at 2:00 pm on January 8, 2017 with the Reverend Robert Wisnewski officiating, followed by inurnment at Scott's Free Burial Ground, Old Oakwood Cemetery.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are The Right Honorable Francis, The Lord Napier and Ettrick, chief of Clan Napier; Charles Napier, Past President, Clan

Napier Society, Edinburgh, Scotland; David Napier Minor, Clan Napier North America; Col. Eugene Armistead, Jr. USAF Ret.; Richard Henry Arrington, III; Charles McGill; Edward Patrick McIntyre, Jr.; David Virden Morse; Todd Parsons; Edward Pattiillo; Col. Robert W. Shorr, USAF Ret. and John McNeill Trotman, Sr.

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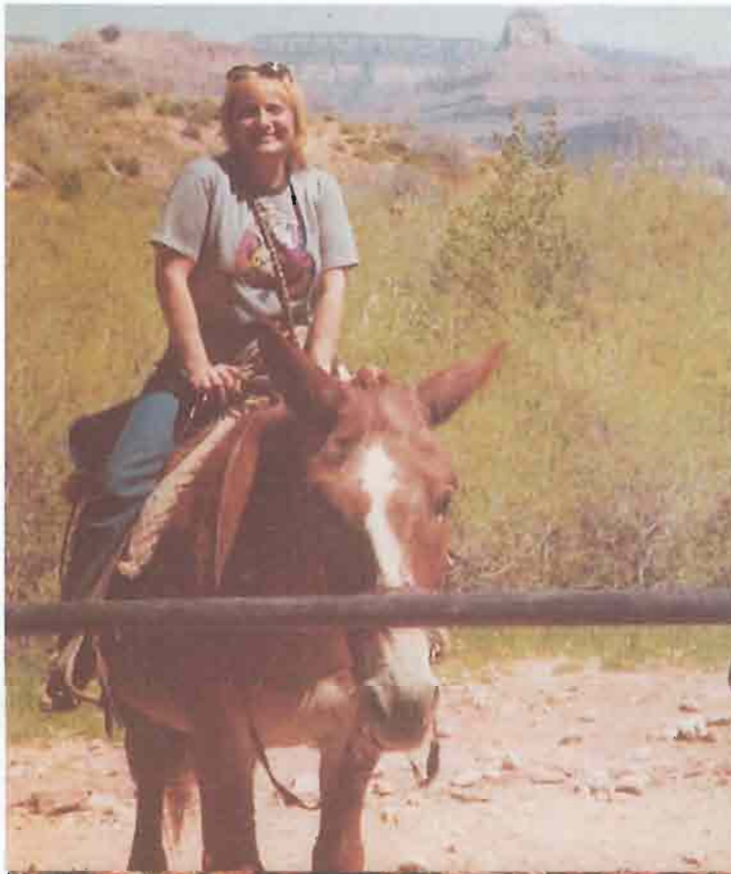
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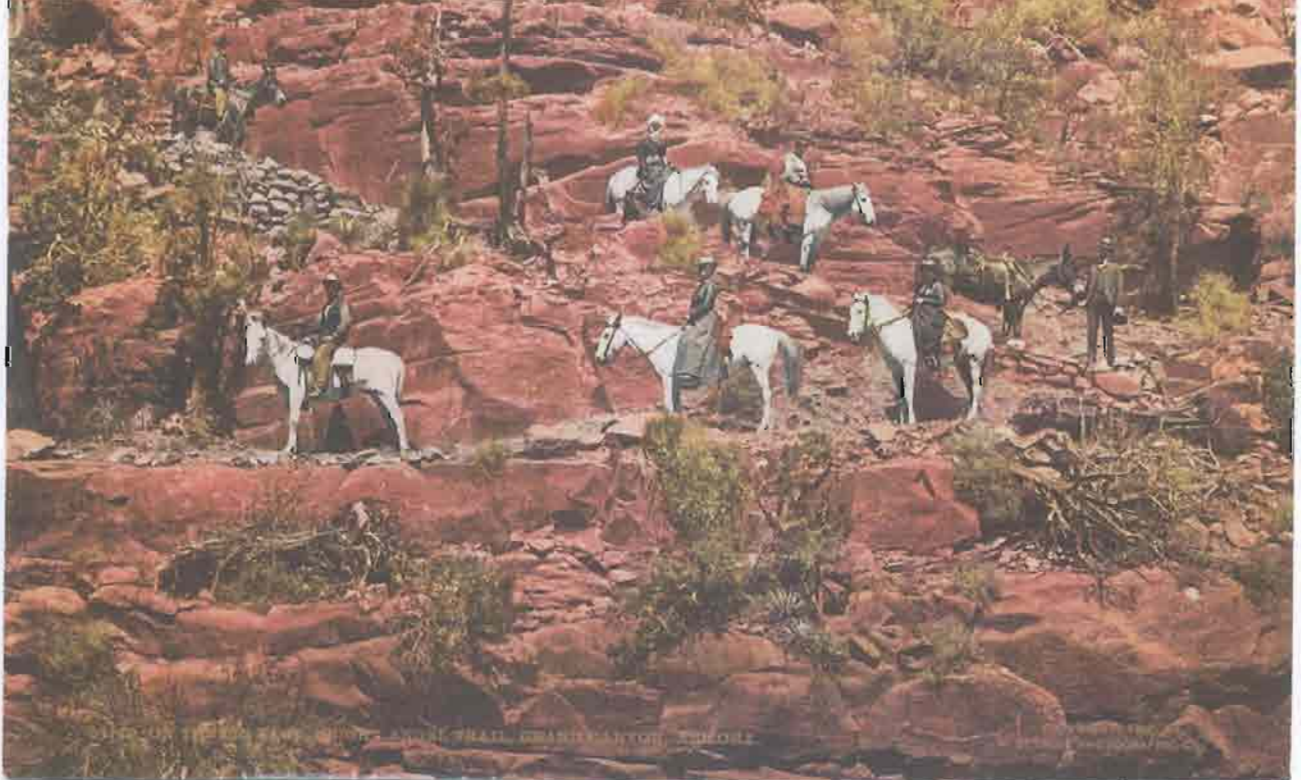
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5 cups all purpose flour

2 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. salt

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•Stir in the flour, baking powder, and salt.

•Cover, and chill dough for at least one hour.

•Preheat oven to 400 degrees F

•Roll out dough on floured surface 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick.

•Cut into shapes with cookie cutter and place on ungreased cookie sheet.

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