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Donnie Nicholson wins Scottish n'tl leadership award

Donnie Nicholson led a team to row from St. Kilda to the Isle of Skye. For that accomplishment, he was chosen to win a Leadership Award from the British National Adventure Awards committee for National Adventure for organizing his team, who came close to also being awarded the Team Award.

The team, from a small community on the Isle of Skye got together to rejuvenate an old boat built in 1890, the *Aurora*, and row it for one hundred miles between the remote St. Kilda and Skye.

Donnie gathered the team, trained them and motivated them; it said much for Donnie's leadership skills.

The entire project was all to raise funds for the Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution and Skye Young Carers.

Donnie and Rosie McDade, the Coxswain of the boat, recently became the proud parents of a daughter, Holly Rose Nicolson.

With thanks to *Scorrybreac*, The Journal of Clan MacNicol of North America.



*Please help
if you can!*

I am trying to find the birthplace in Ireland, of my 6th great-great grandfather, Hugh Harkins.

He came to Charleston, S.C. in May 1767 on the *Prince of Wales* with his wife Elizabeth.

I do not know where/how to determine some document that might indicate the parish/town/county in which they lived.

Any help or advice is appreciated.
regards,
Charles Harkins
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Glasgow 2015 Games photos here for you!



There are two pages of photos from the 2015 Glasgow Highland Games on pages 12-13 of this section, including this handsome young man.

Happy Birthday, America! Happy Fourth of July!



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March 26, 1862 Time Travel in Camp Stanton, TN



My Dear Father,

I have received your very welcome letter of February 24th. It gave me much pleasure to learn that, you and the rest of the family were well. I hope that this letter will still find you all well.

Our Regiment left Camp Wood on the 23rd of February and arrived at Bowling Green on the 25th. We encamped on the banks of Barren River, close to the town for three days. We then marched to the Cumberland River and camped for a week at Edgefield opposite Nashville.

During the whole route and the time that it required us to accomplish the march from Green River to Nashville, a distance of 108 miles, no rebel could be seen.

The fall of Fort Donaldson was as effectual in ridding the country north of the Cumberland River of rebels as a barn in flames would be in dispersing mice and rats.

After remaining about a week at Edgefield, we crossed over to Nashville and encamped four miles south of that river at Camp Andy Johnson, where we remained until the 15th of March.

On the night of the 15th, our Regiment received orders to advance to Columbia with a view to cut off and disperse any parties of rebels that we might come across and also to protect the bridges along the line from the torch of the rebels.

Nothing of great importance occurred during the night.

At 10 o'clock on the 16th AM we came upon a camp of Louisiana Cavalry which we immediately dispersed.

We pursued them rapidly for eight miles and though our horses were considerably jaded never the less we would have captured them but for the fact that coming to a bridge that spanned Rutherford Creek, the rascals set it on fire. It was instantly in flames.

This bridge had been previously saturated with pitch and tar. It therefore needed but the application of a match to insure its immediate destruction.

The creek being too deep to be forded, we had

for the present to give up the pursuit and turn our attention to the mass of lurid flame which the doomed bridge sent curling upwards.

Presently the mighty structure began to quake. There was a mighty crash and splash in the water and the creek was without of bridge.

During the pursuit, we took three prisoners, seven cavalry horses, two mule teams and a large amount of provisions.

On the morning of the 17th AM, our Regiment moved upstream and plunged into _____ partly swimming and partly wading. The entire Regiment crossed. 1st Ohio not having the same pluck. Though abandoned by the 1st Ohio which should have accompanied us, still we pressed on to Columbia at which place we arrived at morning.

There the rebels occupied a very advantageous position from which they poured bullets into our exposed ranks.

Here, the 2nd Kentucky evidenced its cool and steady courage. Here they fired their well directed volleys into the ranks of the cunning foe and from here we compelled the enemy to fly like wildfire towards the Tennessee and Alabama line. The Federal armies are today passing here going to the Tennessee River where doubtless ere long a great and sanguinary battle will be fought.

My health has been feeble for some time past. I am now getting better. I hope my dear father that this letter will find you and the family well. I send you all my love and respects and am your affectionate son. John Kaput

To Mr. John Kaput, Senior, Direct Nashville, Tennessee, 2nd Kentucky Cavalry, Co., E in care of _____ Booth, Cool.



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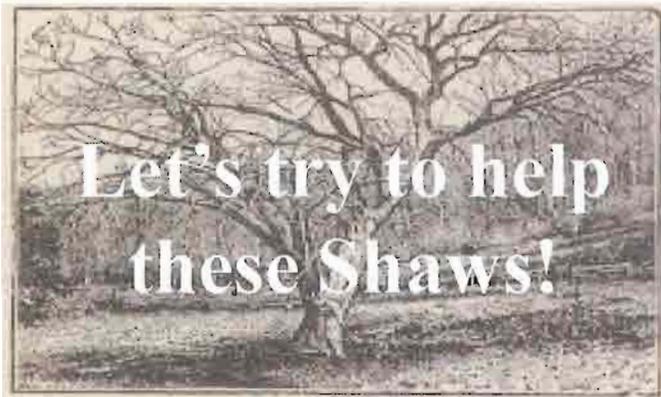


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To see the many names on the Clan Donald sept/allied family list, please visit:

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I am searching my family tree to see if I am part of the **SHAW CLAN** in Scotland. I go back to 1650 Hartshill, Warwickshire, England, with **WILLIAM SHAW**, 1650, son of **WILLIAM** and wife, ANN GROST. Son, **WILLIAM SHAW**, born in 1675 in Hartshill, Warwickshire, England. Son **WILLIAM** immigrated to America in 1675 lived in Mamaroneck, New York.

I have *The History of Clan Shaw of Tordarroch*. The last date I have is **JAMES SHAW**, one of Lady Ann's trusted lieutenants 1746. Contact jshaw1330@aol.com.

Recently I have been tracing my maternal father's family tree. Since I had always heard they were Pennsylvania Dutch, I was surprised to see my great-grandmother's maiden name as **SHAW**. In tracing **ARCHIBALD SHAW** (born 1770) there was a comment on the *Find A Grave* site that mentioned his ancestors had originally left Scotland after the Act of Union in 1707. They settled in today's Northern Ireland, then came to North America. Other information in articles about Pennsylvania history mentions these Shaws came to Pennsylvania around 1800.

I would appreciate any information or suggestions for other sources to see if these **SHAW'S** are part of the **CLAN SHAW**. Since the **SHAW'S** in Pennsylvania were connected with the Presbyterian Church, I am assuming they were Lowland Scots other than Highlanders.

Family names include **SHAW**, **KOOZER** and **DAUDT**. If anyone would like the complete family line, or if you can provide any further information to **Diane Daudt**, please contact her at ddaudt@pacinfo.com.

2015 Clan MacNicol North American Gathering: Knoxville, TN in October

The Clan MacNicol principal 2015 North American event will take place during the last weekend of October - October 30-November 1 - with Halloween falling coincidentally on that Saturday. That will be the annual North American Gathering and Directors meeting in Knoxville.

Local hosts will be Director and State Commissioner, Brenda Nicholson Pritchard and her husband, Tom, who live in Knoxville.



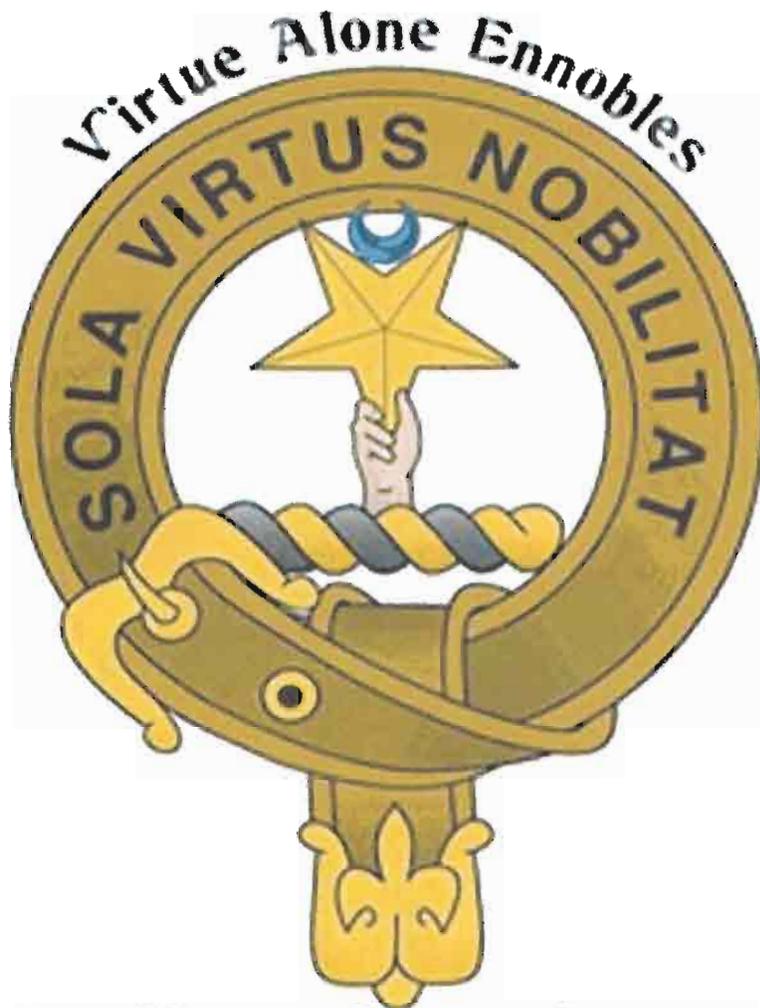
A good turnout is expected, especially from our Tennessee members as well as those from the bordering states of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North and South Carolina and Virginia and from further afield on the East Coast.

If you wish to come, please contact Jeremy D. Nicholson, Chieftain in Clan MacNicol and

Chairman, the Highland Clan MacNeacail Federation.

Contact him at PO Box 501166, Atlanta, GA 31150. Call 770-650-0905. Email macnicolsociety@bsn1.net.





An Airean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIan). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

MOTTO: Sola Virtus Nobilitat (Virtue Alone Ennobles)

WAR CRY: "The Henderson's Are Here!"

Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique

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Statue unveiled of Mary, Queen of Scots last April



Mary, Queen of Scots has been the center of turmoil in Scottish history with the controversies whirling about her have, until now, discouraged the erection of a statue in her honor.

Last April, over 400 years after her death, a statue was unveiled in Mary's 1542 birthplace of Linlithgow Palace - created by sculptor David Annand.

If Mary Stuart sometimes seemed larger than life, so, too, is her statue - a bronze casting a full seven feet tall.



The monument is the fulfillment of a campaign launched several years ago by Margaret Lumsdaine, president of the Mary Stuart Society, who pointed out that, after all is said and done, Mary was the last sovereign Queen of an independent Scotland.



You just need to know these things!

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century.

He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise."

Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras.

One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms.

Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted.

Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.'

(Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint)

The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



" O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom you have come.

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Part Qallunaaq: From Hudson Bay to the Firth of Tay: Searching for My Scottish Grandfather

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It is a fact of life all over the Inuit homeland in Arctic Canada that the progeny of Qallunaaq (White People) have existed for generations amongst Inuit. The earliest forbears of these were explorers, whalers, traders, policemen, and numerous assorted others. Very few of these ever left a name, address, or some other tangible reference by which their Inuit descendents could touch, feel, and know their Qallunaaq ancestor.

In recent years, interest in Qallunaaq ancestry has been heightened among Inuit people related by such ancestry from far-flung locations finding each other. Some have come across each other through research triggered by enlightened curiosity. Others do so literally by accident. Detective work is the order, and it is mostly hit and miss. Some who suspect shared ancestry from one individual can never be absolutely sure. Names, dates, and records can be very sketchy, if they exist at all.

Inuit of mixed ancestry have endured a variety of social and personal stresses. People of mixed Inuit/Qallunaaq parentage are so common today that it may seem odd to consider that any tension ever existed among full-blooded Inuit and half-breeds. But such tensions have been an obvious fact of life in Inuit society for as long as such people have been around. This tension is very hard to describe in clinical exactness, because its manifestations are as diverse as human nature, personality, and character.

In my parents' generation, it took the form of being looked down upon, of being made to feel not quite whole. If one had the misfortune to be part Qallunaaq, it was not unusual to be treated as a psychological outcast.

One was made certain to know how you were not really, truly, an Inuk. In addition to the petty cruelties inflicted upon half-breeds for being born as such, there was the obviousness of illegitimacy. Most unions producing such offspring were not based in Holy Matrimony.

As a result of enduring these stresses during some part of their lives, Qallunaaq (part Qallunaaq half-breeds) compensated by "out-Eskimo-ing the Eskimos" in many aspects of life.

Half-breeds were generally more indiscriminate and deliberate in the practice of traditional life; from eating the most rotten igunaq (fermented meat), to possessing respectable repertoires of unikkaatuat (stories and legends), and being expert in the ancient skills. No revenge was sweeter than to demonstrate by living example that they were as human beings just as valuable as any who might have felt superior.

From where do I speak of this? My late mother was the daughter of an Inuk mother and a Scottish father.

William Mackenzie Peter was a Scotsman who worked for the French trading company, Revillon Frères, in the 1920s. He had a sister named Winifred, for whom he insisted my mother be named. He is remembered as being very friendly to Inuit; that, he certainly was to my grandmother. He left, as did so many others, leaving no trace other than the child he fathered by an Inuk woman. His biography, as far as we knew it, was his name, and his country of origin.

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If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

<http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/html/contact.html>



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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



You're welcome to email the Pres.
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All her life, my mother carried an un-fulfillable desire to know her biological father. She insisted that my first-born son be named William Mackenzie, after the father she was destined never to have. One of my mother's great pleasures was being able to say, "Ataataak! (Father!)" to my son.

What would it take to find that piece of paper, that photograph, in which I would find a missing piece of myself? A visit to France to search out Revillon Frères records? A trip to Scotland to publicize the tattered scraps of his biography? Scores of families across the Arctic who share such unfilled blanks in their family picture also had such questions echoing in their lives.

As grandchildren of this man, my siblings and I never had the slightest interest in knowing about the man for most of our years. This wasn't because of any hard feelings; just indifference made normal by never having known anything about him, other than his name. With so little to go on, searching for him seemed a Mission: Impossible!

Originally, the idea of a search was for my mother's sake. But, as I took on the task, it transformed into pursuit of fulfillment for me, my brothers and sisters, and our growing crowd of grandchildren. I had no illusions about the daunting challenge of finding anything. Even holding a photograph would do in the event of finding nothing else. In a quest such as this, even little would be plenty!

This is the story of my search for my family's Scottish roots...

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Winifred and Harry, 1959



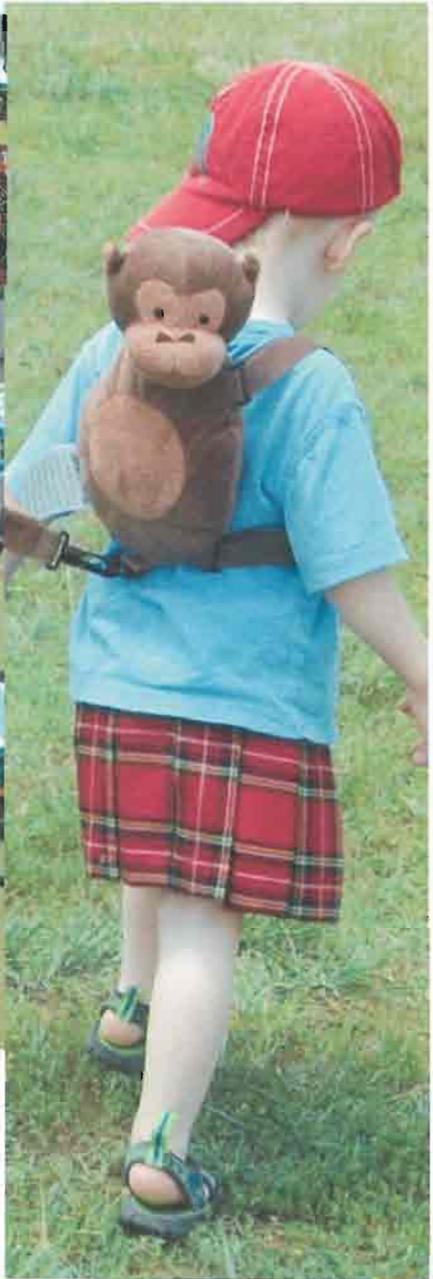
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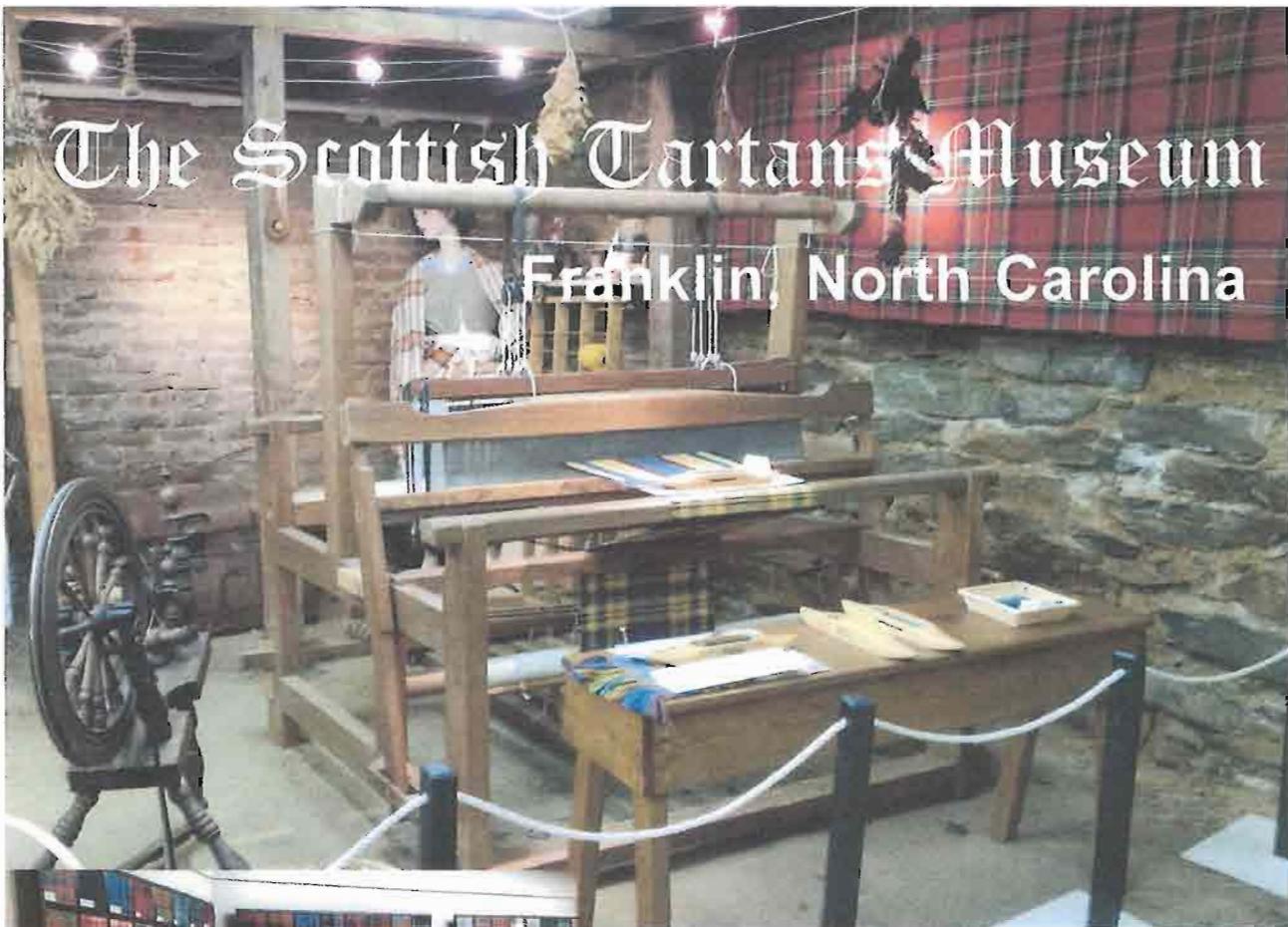
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The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of

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Visit our website and learn some history as well

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Telephone 828-524-7472 or email us tartans@scottishtartans.org



John Andrew Nicolson: Clan Nicolson is sorry to report the death in Tasmania in November of 2014 of John Andrew Nicoloson, uncle to our present Clan Chief.

He was born in January 1936, the youngest child of Athol and Nancy Nicolson, in Launceston, Tasmania where he spent all of his life.

He had two elder sisters, Alison and Margaret (also known as Ting). They grew up to a happy country childhood on the family property called "Streanshalh" a few miles west of Campbell Town, Tasmania.

John's father, Athol, died when he was young and John Andrew took over the running of the farm at the age of 21.

He developed a passion for the Corriedale breed of sheep, particularly their own Streanshalh Corriedale stud, established by his grandfather, Norman M. Nicolson (recognized as the 19th hereditary Chief of Clan MacNicol in 1908.)

The Corriedale is a breed that was developed in New Zealand and Australia and is now also found in the Western USA and in Argentina.

It is a large, heavy sheep, valued both for its thick fleece and for its meat.

Usually know in the family as "Andrew," he continued a family tradition of exhibiting teams of sheep at the renowned Campbell Town Show, and later in Melbourne and Bendigo.

In the late 1970s, while on a trip to Hobart, he met Judith Coy, his guide around Hobart's historic Battery Point. Although Judith moved to Perth, Australia in 1985, they maintained and strengthened their friendship until they were married August 1996 in the tiny church at Kirklands near Campbell Town.

This church was the meeting point for the Clan MacNicol International Gathering in 2010, when Andrew gave a talk on the history of the family in Tasmania. Andrew had worshipped there for all of his life and

was a Church Elder for over fifty years.

He had an amazing gift, an incredible memory, and could recall the pedigrees of his own and most of his neighbors' families - together with the pedigrees of his own and his neighbors sheep.

In his later years, he was in declining health, the result of being knocked over by a group of heavy rams in the paddock.

Right up until Andrew's death, a respected sheep classer, Andrew Colvert would assist Andrew, taking him to sheep shows. They would have lengthy discussions on the merits of rams being inspected, and Andrew, with pen and paper, would take copious notes for future reference. He was still purchasing rams for the betterment of his flock three weeks before his death.

Andrew was greatly respected for his knowledge and for his humility.

The Streanshalh property with its magnificent homestead, purchased in 1899 by Andrew's grandfather, Norman, will continue to be run by Judith Nicholson, the estate executors and a very loyal staff.

Rene' and Delane **Blondeau** have been members of Clan MacNicol since we began in the 1980s. They live in a tiny town called Portal, Arizona in the extreme east of that state.

"We could do that," Rene' and I agreed. The clan was recruiting members to establish MacNicol tents at more Scottish Games. We decided to do one for the Arizona Scottish Games where we live - beginning in 1994."

With a French name like Rene' Blondeau? But it was legitimate. Rene's mother was Elizabeth Nicholson, born in Edinburgh. We had done genealogical research on her line and visited Edinburgh to see where she lived, meeting two elderly cousins who still lived in Scotland,

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Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

Davey	Davisson	Dea	Dee	Dhai	Keay	MacDade	MacDavid
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Davis	Dawson	Deas	Dewis	Dyson	Keys	MacDaid	MacKay
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For more information, check out our website at [www.elandavidsonusa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].



Rene' Blondeau, *continued from page 15*

Isabella and Susan.

We had visited the Isle of Skye, made a small contribution to the land the clan bought there, named Ben Crachaig.

When Susan died, Rene' was surprised by inheriting her small savings, he contributed it to buy trees for the clan land in the name of Susan and David Nicholson.

To decorate the tent we had two choice items - a targe Rene' and his daughter, Anne, had made based on the oldest targe in the Museum of Antiquities, which turned out to be from Skye. We also had an authentic copy of a claymore custom-made for Rene' by a man who did blacksmithing for a hobby.

We had gone to the shop where he worked and heard the ring of the hammer and watched the sparks fly from the red hot metal being flattened into the blade.

Don and Louise Nicholson came by our first tent and became partners. We ran the MacNicol tent for some years where we met Murray and Barbara Nicolson who became our "clan cousins."

We later turned the tent over to an enthusiastic young couple who had a suit of Armour and a coat of arms and helpful relatives.

At age 98, (those long lived Scottish genes), Rene' died recently. He was born on the edge of San Francisco during World War I. He watched the Golden Gate Bridge built.

As an Eagle Scout, he was always interested in nature and earned a PhD in Science from the University of Wisconsin.

Rene' was employed by Shell Oil's Agricultural Division his whole career, working in the US, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Switzerland - and on assignment from Shell to the World Health Organization in Kenya, Egypt and Sudan.

Widowed by the death of his wife, Crystal Salkeld, he later married Delane Adams and they moved to a beautiful canyon in the mountains of Arizona where Rene' designed and built an early model solar home. He was one of the founders of the Emergency Medical System and Fire Department of the little hamlet of Portal.

He is survived by three daughters, Susan, Anne and Vicki and their husbands, six grandchildren and seven grandchildren.

"It has been an enjoyable and full life," he wrote to his children in his life story.



October 10, 2015 to feature Scottish Society of Indianapolis Scottish Games & Festival

On Saturday, October 10, 2015, the Scottish Society of Indianapolis will present the Sixth Annual Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. The inaugural Highland Games and Festival in 2010 was a great success and has grown quickly. We moved to a larger venue in 2012 and are looking forward to returning to German Park on the Indianapolis southside this year. We anticipate over 3,000 in attendance. The event will include highland athletics, live music from well-known bands, Celtic-themed merchandise, children's activities, re-enactors portraying the Scottish royal court, and more.

The Society sponsors the Scottish Foundation of Indianapolis, a 501(c)3 non-profit formed to support education in Scottish art, history, culture and genealogy, and organize the Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival. We ask you to consider a sponsorship and have included a brochure describing sponsorship opportunities. Your donation may be tax deductible. In return for your sponsorship, we have a variety of opportunities to recognize and promote your organization.

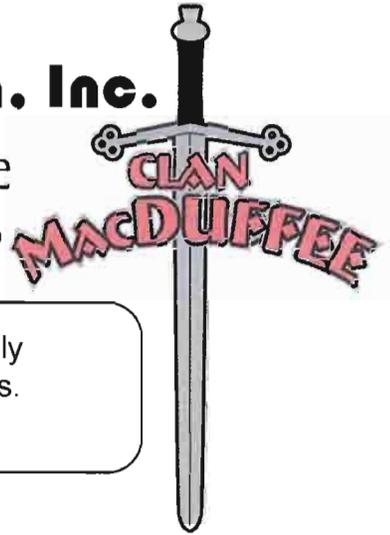
With your help, this year's festival will be a success for all who attend. Feel free to contact me with any additional questions. We appreciate your support of this exciting and educational family event.

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Pete & Wendy's UK Adventure



The Isle of Man and the TT motorcycle races

We took a few days and went to the Isle of Man to see some of the practice sessions for the famous TT motorcycle races. The IoM is a small island, 33 miles long, between England and Ireland, in the Irish Sea. It is about 3½ hours by ferry, but it is like stepping back a century or more to the Victorian era. During the ferry ride you pass through a huge wind-farm. We counted over 200 towers.



The TT races are like a throw-back to racing half a century ago. The course uses the primitive public roads that criss-cross the island. Here a racer flies by on a public street. Note the unprotected tree on the right, an unprotected phone pole on the left, and exposed stone walls lining the course. Not surprisingly, crashes often result in severe injuries.



We rode the Victorian steam train to Castletown and the shorter, Billtown racecourse for the vintage cycle event.

Here we are in our Victorian train car. If you are an

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Our "treat" from the UK continues.....

Through the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, we have secured permission to print "UK Adventures" for you to enjoy.

Dr. Pete Hylton is a Fulbright Award Recipient for 2014 & 2015. He will be in the United Kingdom for quite awhile and will be sending his "Adventures" back home. He has kindly given us permission to print his stories! He is Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D., Associate Professor & Director of Motorsports Engineering and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.



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We encourage everyone who is interested in the great Clan Ramsay to join the Clan Ramsay Association of N.A.
Contact David Ramsey: <davidf.ramsey@verizon.net>



Become a part of Clan Ramsay's DNA Project!

What is it? DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name **Ramsey** or **Ramsay**. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom and ultimately, we can link different lines together. But, to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of the spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc., 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, MD 21044. Call 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

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Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games and events all over the country

Clan Ramsay is represented all of the United States at Scottish Games, Gatherings and events. See us at the Loch Norman Highland Games in NC; Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games in OK; Smoky Mountain Highland Games in TN; Gallabrae/Greenville, SC Games; Glasgow Highland Games, KY; Scottish Christmas Walk

of the Clans, VA; Chicago Highland Games, IL; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC; Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games, CO; Wichita Highland Games & Celtic Festival, KS; The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Annual Scottish Gathering and Games, CA; Columbia Scottish Festival, IN; Halifax Celtic Festival, Halifax, NS, Canada; Oklahoma's Premier Celtic Music Festival & Scottish Highland Games, OK; Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, SC; Ligonier Highland Games, PA; McPherson Scottish Festival, KS; Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, IN; Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA; Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Scottish Games, TX;

Clan Ramsay needs YOU!

There are openings available in the state/region commissioners roster where you would be most welcome. Contact David Ramsey at

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for full information and details about the Clan Ramsay Association of North America.



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old movie fan, think Michael Caine in the movie they made of Rudyard Kipling's *The Man Who Would Be King*. If you are a newer movie fan, think the train to Hogwarts in *Harry Potter*.



A view of the sunny coast and a darker, more foreboding coast.



The Isle of Man race courses are frequently lined by unprotected stone walls. Note how close they come to the white stones in the second photo. Imagine a slip coming into the corner. In a battle of helmet versus stone wall.....I think the wall wins.

One of the winners in the vintage races was an 87 year old rider !!!! Proves that just because you get older, you don't have to slow down

The most interesting of the bikes were the sidecars. In the next photo you can see the passenger hanging on behind the rider. In a corner he (or she, as many are women) leans way off the right side or left side to help balance the vehicle through the corner. These three-wheelers are designed more like racecars than like motorcycles.



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FLYING HERALDRY



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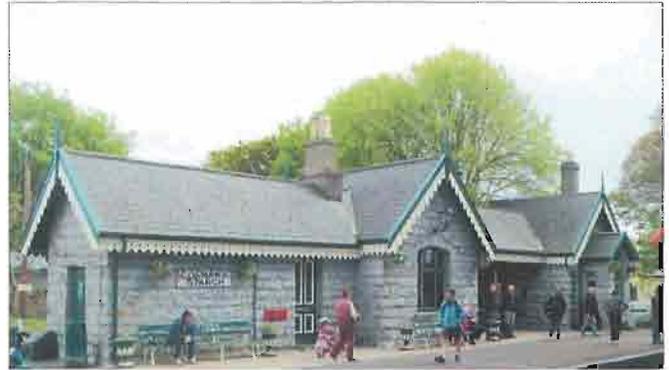
Here Wendy takes a close look at a giant Isle of Man blue pumpkin. Well...actually it is a giant ball of hay, bound in blue plastic. It is positioned to protect a rider if he tries to crash into that stone wall behind Wendy.



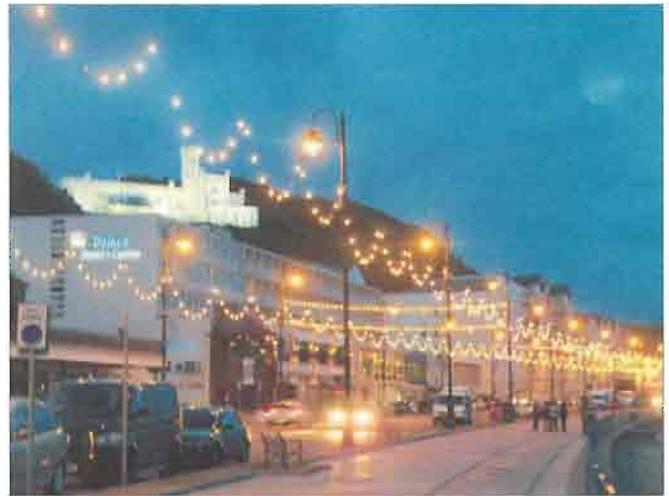
This is one of the mountain-top twisty bits of the course. (Below) Wendy at the medieval castle in Castletown.



A Victorian train station.

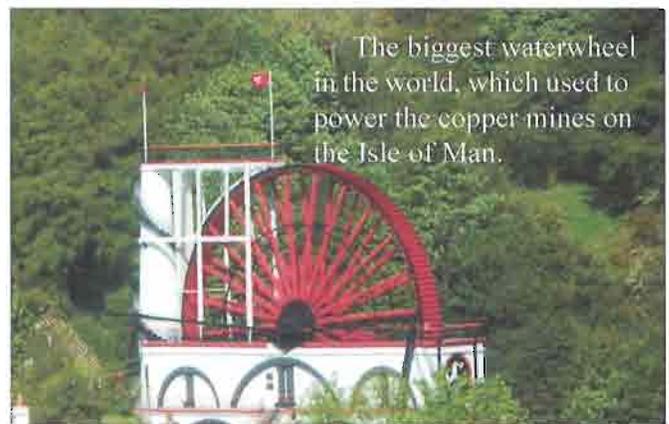


At night, downtown Douglas is bright with lights.

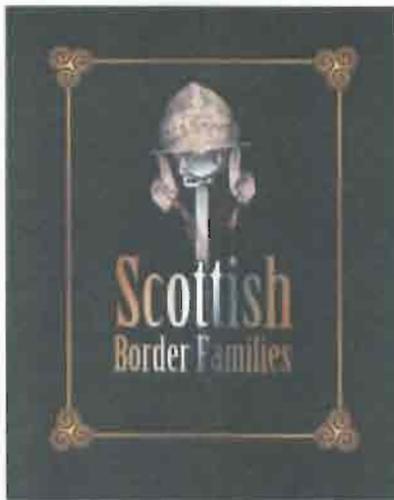


The views from the train are like picture postcards of Victorian Britain. The isolation of the Isle of Man, and the fact that they have a separate government, their own currency system, etc. has allowed them to keep in place regulations that work to retain the classic atmosphere of the island.

The island is over-run with all kinds of plant life. Unless you keep trimming things back, the stone walls are quickly covered by plants.



The biggest waterwheel in the world, which used to power the copper mines on the Isle of Man.



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Doesn't Clan Turnbull clean up nicely!



Join Clan Turnbull at these events: July 10-12, 2015, Caledonia Games, City Park, Athena, OR, hosted by Dale and Mary Kay Hilding. How about on July 25-26, 2015, Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games, Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw, WA - Hosted by Bill, Pat and Kim Trimble. Maybe you can attend on August 8, 2015, Central New York Highland Games, Longbranch Park, Liverpool, NY, hosted by Chris Nelson.

Perhaps you may attend on September 10-13, 2015, Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Festival, Estes Park, CO, hosted by Helen Goody. Maybe on September 19-20, 2015, the Niagara Celtic Heritage & Highland Games held at Krull County Park, Olcott, NY and hosted by Chris Nelson.

Oh my! Were they talking about ME?

These quotes were taken from actual Federal US) employee performance evaluations...

“Since my last report, this employee has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.”

“His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of morbid curiosity”

“I would not allow this employee to breed”

“This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be”

“Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap”

“When she opens her mouth, it seems that it is only to change feet”

“He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle”

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Scottish Tartans Museum loses James A. Bullman

July 22, 2014 - The Scottish Tartans Museum lost one of its finest, **James A. Bullman**. Al (as he was known to his friends) had been with our museum since its beginning days with Dr. Gordon Teal. We referred to him as our Historical Researcher. He never lost his desire to learn more about *all things Scottish*. He freely shared this knowledge of Scottish history and tartans wherever he happened to be. We only had the pleasure of knowing him for ten short years but very soon after we met him, he became a close friend. Most Saturdays you would find him behind the counter ready to assist those looking for their Scottish connection and the tartan they would wear. Al wrote several books about tartan, many short articles on Scottish History, and was in the process of writing a fiction novel. He completed three chapters before he left this world. I had the pleasure of typing all of his articles as well as his books. His website remains online, free articles to those who wish to learn more – www.unknownscottishhistory.com. PDF files are available for easy download and print.

James “Al” Bullman has been a student of things Scottish for decades. He was created a chevalier of the Grand Priory of Scotland in 1991. He was elected a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (Scotland in 1989). He was a past member of the board of the Council of Scottish clans and Associations (COSCA) and a past member of the Board of Directors for the Scottish Tartans Museum. He had been a proud member of Clan Rose. He was also a past member of the board of The Scottish Tartans Authority, USA. He was the Games Chairman for The Scottish Tartans Society as well. He was a lecturer at the college level on Scottish history and the history of tartans. He was the founder of the original Scottish District Families Association in 1988.

Having Native American heritage Al was past vice-principal chief of the Echota Band of the Cherokee Indians in Alabama. He was once the “*honored Chief*” of the Scottish Games in Cedar City, Utah. He was a member of “*Teallach’s Tail*” for the late Dr. D. Gordon Teall, Barron of Huntly and Laird of Teallach.

In honor of Al, I will be sharing some of his articles

in forthcoming issues of *Beth’s Newfangled Tree*.

Our Cherokee Indian Room in the museum has been dedicated and renamed *The James A. Bullman Indian Room* where some of the artifacts on display were personal items donated by Al to the museum.

We plan to update and redesign this room very soon! If you haven’t visited our museum, The Scottish Tartans Museum, please do.

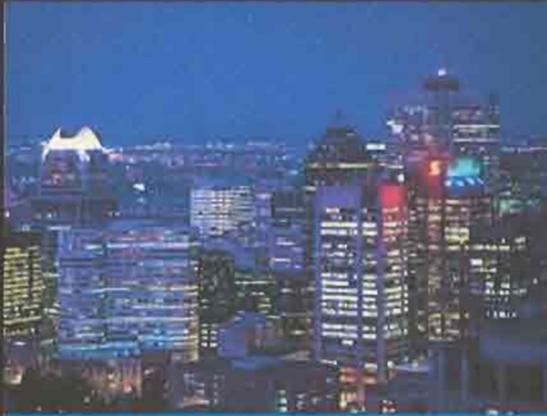
The memory of Al Bullman lives on here and from those of us who knew him and loved him, he will always be with us, guiding us on our continuous journey of all things Scottish.

Kathie Akins

The Scottish Tartans Museum



We do have one of James A. Bullman’s books on CD for sale in our museum.... *The Unclaimed and Unnamed Tartans*. This unique document is approx. 153 pages and shows many tartans that are available for adoption today and are only known by the numbers assigned to them by Wilson and Sons. This CD sells for \$14.95 and can be purchased at www.scottishtartans.org.



OH, CANADA!

