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A Personal Appeal from Dr Nick Fiddes - Founder & Director, *Scotweb*

Dear Scotweb Friend,

If you care about Scottish traditions, this is the most important thing you'll read for a long time. So please do read on. The future of Scottish heritage needs your help!

My partner, Adele Telford, and I have stepped in with a last minute rescue package to save Scotland's last surviving traditional taran weaver, D.C. Dalgliesh, of Selkirk, Scotland, which was on the point of closure.

Here's why: if this mill had gone the way of so many others, then **90% of all family tartans would never be woven again**. Most people could never wear their family tartan!

That's not being dramatic. It's a fact. Without this mill, the only tartans that you, or anyone, would find to wear, ever again, would be the popular best-selling designs such as Royal Stewart, Black Watch, and a few hundred other setts that the big mills produce in volume. The thousands of recorded tartans for everyone else's clan, family, business, club, or dis-

trict would have become effectively impossible to obtain - ever.



We didn't want to see that happen. We know how much tartans matter, to people like us all over the world. So whether or not this is a sensible business decision, Adele and I are staking our commitment and personal savings on the faith that we can turn this amazing mill's fortunes around.

We need **YOUR** help! (Please.) This is a time you can make a serious difference.

Here's how to help:

We think that the main reason D.C. Dalgliesh found itself in such financial trouble was mostly that not enough people knew about their unique products. So what we really need right now is for YOU to help us spread the word.

Unless you're a famous celebrity or journalist yourself (or know any, in which case please forward this!) the single most important thing you can do is to

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Scotland's Last
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D. C. Dalgliesh Ltd.

Fort Myers-Lee County (FL) Library now has Library Affiliate Research Status & Family Search Microfilm/Fiche Rental Program Check your own local Family History Center...

Many Mormon Family History Libraries have been closed. There are solutions to how to access the information you once found there.

We still have many researchers who need access to the actual microfilm or fiche copies maintained by the Family History library and once were accessible through local Family History Centers. Since the both local centers in Naples and Fort Myers have closed, the Lee

county library System stepped in and was awarded the privilege of becoming a Family History Library Affiliate Center. Because of some recent queries from visitors, I am sending out another copy of our FAQ on procedures for using the Fort Myers Library to order microfilm or fiche from Salt Lake City.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Library has been granted full status as a Family Search Affiliate Library. This privilege allows us to offer our

genealogy patron's access to the microfilmed holdings of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City which houses the largest genealogical library in the world. Through the FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries, they make many of their holdings available in microform to genealogy researchers on a loan basis, for a processing

fee of \$5.50 per roll of microfilm and \$0.15 per sheet of microfiche.

Another added benefit involves the quality of images on microfilm and fiche products. Since the Family History Library, in conjunction with the Family Search Beta Project, Footnote.com and Ancestry.com are in the gradual process of digitalizing records and reimaging older records that were microfilmed prior to the 1990s, this will eventually result in the creation of new microfilm rolls with improved image quality versus their earlier predecessors.

With a few exceptions, patrons will have access to most genealogical materials in microfilm or fiche formats. However, there are some limitations which we must abide by in terms of access:

We are unable to borrow any materials in print format

Due to space limitations, we are unable to retain microfilms indefinitely as was the case previously when the local Family History Centers were operating in Naples, Fort Myers, and Port Charlotte.

That decision may be revisited upon completion of our new building scheduled for late summer of 2013.

We have compiled this handout to help answer the most common questions about procedures related



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to ordering materials for research. Feel free to contact us with any additional questions or comments.

1. Do I need to be a member of the LDS Church to order microfilm?

No. The Mormon Church makes their library materials and online databases freely available to everyone, regardless of religious affiliation.

2. Can I order microforms by email or phone?

No. You must make an appointment to meet with a genealogy volunteer at the Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library to place an order.

3. Can I order the microforms at another library?

Microform orders may only be placed at the Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library

4. Can the microforms be sent to another library?

FamilySearch rules stipulate that microforms remain at the Fort Myers- Lee County Public Library.

5. What is the cost to rent microfilm and microfiche?

The cost is \$5.50/roll for microfilm and \$0.15/sheet for fiche.

6. Can I pay for the film with a credit card or a check?

Credit and debit cards are not accepted. Payment must be made by cash or check.

7. Do I have to pay for the microform rental when I place the order?

Yes. Payment must accompany the order.

8. Do I need a Lee County library card to order microforms?

No.

9. Will someone be available to help me order the microforms?

Yes. A genealogy volunteer is available by appointment to assist library patrons in the selection of FamilySearch microform materials. Appointments may be made in person at the Fort Myers Library reference desk or by calling 479-4636.

10. Why do I need to come in to the library

to place a microfilm order?

Placing an order with the assistance of a genealogy volunteer helps to ensure that you order only those microforms that are likely to contain the information you are seeking. Payment by cash or check is due at the time of the order.

11. After I order a microform, how long will it be before I receive it?

It usually takes 3-4 weeks to receive microforms after they are ordered.

12. How will I know when the microform is available for me to use?

A volunteer will notify you when the microform material is available.

13. Where do I go to pick up the microform(s)?

Your FamilySearch microform(s) will be held under your name at the Fort Myers- Lee County Library Reference desk. All microforms are for in-library use only and may not be removed from the Fort Myers – Lee County Public Library.

14. How long can I keep microform(s)?

Microfilm will be held for your use at the Fort Myers Library reference desk for about three weeks before it must either be returned or renewed. Microfiche is loaned for an indefinite period and will be retained by the Fort Myers- Lee County Library.

15. What if I'm not finished with the microfilm by the date it's due?

Microfilm may be renewed up to two times at a cost of \$5.50 per renewal.

16. What if I order the wrong microfilm?

While we are happy to assist, you are ultimately responsible for the selection of microform(s) to be ordered. The Fort Myers- Lee County Library will not reimburse for rental costs when the microform does not contain the hoped for information.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or comments. I can be reached at (239) 533-4626 or via e-



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Clan Elliot Society, USA

Any person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot in any of its various spellings, including the spouse or descendant of such person, or any person who would like to be a friend of the Elliot Clan is welcome to join the group.

Please contact the treasurer for a membership form or visit <http://www.elliotclanusa.com/> for a form.

The Clan Elliot Society, USA Treasurer is: **Patricia Tennyson Bell, 2288 Casa Grande Street, Pasadena, CA 91104.**

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The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page is up!

Glen Cathey has recently put up
The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page
and it is ready for you to join and participate.

You can see some Youtube of the Clan Parliament at Nethybridge. This is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680>

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The candles on the high altar light JOHN THE RED COMYN as he finishes up his prayer. His uncle stands beside him in the shadows like death.

JOHN THE RED COMYN, 42, Earl of Badenoch, is the single most powerful man in all of Scotland; politically astute, ambitious, and cares naught for anyone.

The Red Comyn turns gracefully to face Robert upon hearing the door open. He smiles a charming crocodile smile. The candles flicker from the disturbed air.

JOHN THE RED COMYN
Ah, The Earl of Carrick has arrived. I trust your journey here was uneventful, cousin.

While holding the door open, Robert and Christopher are lit from the vestibule.

We need your help to turn this script into a major motion picture. Send us an email and tell us that you would like to see this movie made...

crb@rebelking.com



Love Highland Games? Here are some upcoming 2011 Highland Games & Scottish Festivals

June 2-5, 2011

Glasgow, KY Highland Games
Barren River Lake State Park, Glasgow, KY
www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

June 11, 2011

Clover Scottish Games & Scotch-Irish Festival
Clover, SC
www.cloverscottishgames.com

June 11-12, 2011

Blairsville Scottish Games
Meeks Park, Blairsville, GA
www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org

June 17-18, 2011

2nd WNC Celtic Heritage Festival -
Pisgah Brewery
Black Mountain, N.C.
www.celticheritageproductions.com

June 17-19, 2011

15th Taste of Scotland Festival
Franklin, NC
www.tasteofscotlandfestival.org/

July 7-10, 2011

55th Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games
Linville, NC (near Boone)
www.gmhg.org

September 10-11, 2011

Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival
Elizabethton, TN 37602
www.shoalscelfest.com

September 17-19, 2011

Charleston Highland Games
Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant, SC
www.charlestonscots.org

September 24, 2011

Dandridge Scotch-Irish Festival
Danridge, TN 34697-0507
www.mainstreetdandridge.com/festival.htm

October 1, 2011

Scotland County Highland Games
Laurinburg, NC
www.schngc.org

October 14-16, 2011

Stone Mountain Highland Games
Stone Mountain (Atlanta), GA
www.smhg.org

Thanks to Keets Taylor for this listing of games.

Please let us know about any
Scottish Highland Games & Festivals in
your area...and that is anywhere.
Just email bethscribble@aol.com
No charge for listing.

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COME JOIN US! The Clan Davidson Society, USA, Inc. will be sponsoring an *International Gathering of Clan Davidson* on the 2nd weekend of June (**June 10, 11 & 12**), 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.

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More information about photocopies of images and other items since Family History Centers are gone.

Bryan Muldahy writes: 've had a large number of queries recently about the subject of obtaining photocopies of images and other items from Family Search versus waiting for microfilm or fiche. Thanks to one of our newsletter recipients, here is some updated information from Family Search that should answer the question.

Photoduplication Services From FamilySearch Wiki

To request photocopies from the Family History Library, use the form titled [Request for Photocopies: Census Records, Books, Microfilm, or Microfiche](#).

Follow the instructions found on the form, and mail your order to the address indicated on the form. Visa and MasterCard orders may be faxed to 801-240-1584. We only accept orders by mail or fax.

Copies provided through this service cost U.S.\$2.00 each, with a U.S.\$4.00 minimum charge per order. Some documents, such as probate or deed records, are charged by the page. Costs include post-

age and handling. Photocopies of works which are currently protected by copyright are limited to 10 pages or 10% of the work, whichever is less. We don't make copies of an entire work.

You may request copies of select pages from the index of a record. After you receive the index, you can send a second order requesting the specific pages you need.

An alternative to ordering Photo Duplication for films or fiche that are not restricted:

- * Order the film or fiche to the family history center near you.

- * If the center has a printer for the film or fiche reader, you can print out a copy of the pages you want.

- * If there is no printer available, you can capture the image by taking a picture of the film/fiche reader screen with a digital camera. If multiple images are desired, this could be a less expensive method than requesting photoduplication.

Bryan Mulcahy, *continued from page 3*
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Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most written communications to or from County Employees and officials regarding County business are public records available to the public and media upon request. Your email communication may be subject to public disclosure.

Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.



The Welsh National Party, Plaid Cymry, is planning a yearlong Welsh Homecoming Year for 2015.

Linking together a variety of special events, the year is intended to encourage people from overseas, especially the descendants of the Welsh diaspora, come visit the old home country.

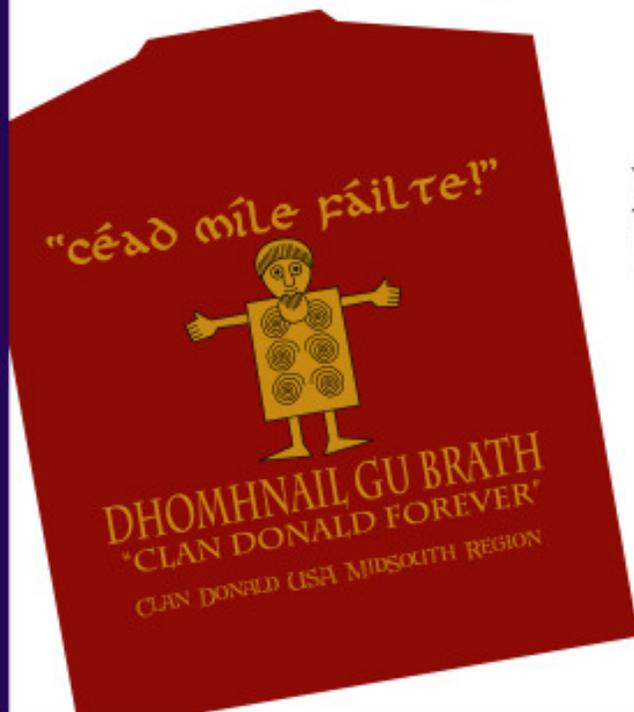
The idea is modeled on 2009's Homecoming Scotland Year, that included *The Gathering of the Clans*.

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Find out more about the epic story at....

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There is a new resolution in Congress that recognizes the month of April as **National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month**. It is **H.RES 238**. People can go to **www.govtrack.us** to let members of Congress know of their support. Please request your members of Congress to sign-on as co-sponsors.

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We Are Clan MacTavish!



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How you can help D.C. Dalgliesh, Ltd., *continued from page 1*

put up a link or banner advertisement somewhere on the web, perhaps your own web site or blog. There's a page with ideas to help you do this, for [D.C. Dalgliesh Supporters](#). Even 'liking' the D.C. Dalgliesh site on Facebook, or tweeting, would help. But a permanent link is what we really want.

So please visit the Supporters page at www.dcdalgliesh.co.uk/support.html and spread the word in any way you can.

Here's why it matters: D.C. Dalgliesh is the ONLY tartan weaving mill able to produce a short length, just for a single garment like a kilt or skirt. The minimum weaving length at most mills is 30-60 yards. D.C. Dalgliesh will weave just **four yards**, in single width tartan. This makes a special weave affordable for almost anyone, so **anyone can wear their own family tartan**.

That's not the only reason. All D.C. Dalgliesh fabrics are produced on traditional flying shuttle looms, which give the tartan the '**natural**' or '**kilting**' selvedge that any proper kilt should have.

Most mills have been installing modern high speed computerised looms that need each line of 'weft' to be cut at each side, leaving untidy threads that give a thick edge when tucked in, and can fray. D.C. Dalgliesh is the only mill to promise this.

And that's not all. D.C. Dalgliesh are woven with **heavier yarns**, and **more tightly woven** per inch, than is normal elsewhere. This gives their fabrics a quality you just don't find anywhere else. And it's all done by hand, with immense skill and care. Their product is without doubt the **finest tartan on earth**. It would be a tragedy, not just today, but for future generations, if it weren't to survive. That's why Nick and Adele stepped in.

Here's what we're doing: Until now we

branded our D.C. Dalgliesh fabrics as Glen Affric. Over the coming weeks we'll be redesigning our site to make their true heritage more prominent. We'll also be increasing the range of tartans available from D.C. Dalgliesh, for anyone wishing the very best tartan on earth.

Meanwhile, Nick and Adele will be working with the D.C. Dalgliesh management to find new ways to return the mill to prosperity. The one thing they don't want to do is to modernise it; we'll do nothing to undermine the qualities that makes this mill so unique.

Nick has already (almost single-handedly!) produced a new [D.C. Dalgliesh web site](#), and a fascinat-

ing **short video**, about the D.C. Dalgliesh production process which you'll also find there. The aim of both is to show the world just how much skill, care, and time goes into each and every piece of fabric. If you can rebroadcast this video anywhere, please do! (Instructions on the site.)

Here's what you can do (again): Visit the [D.C. Dalgliesh Supporters](#) page, and please add a link (or encourage

someone else to) anywhere you can. **We can't stress enough how important this is.** We need everyone to rally round and help save this unique and historic mill for future generations. It will only take a few minutes. And please tell everyone about this article! **Thanks!**

Your friendship and support means a lot to us. We like to think of Scotweb as more than just a business. If you share our love of Scotland's history and heritage, and would like your children and grandchildren to be able still to enjoy it as you do, then now is the time for you... to help us... to help you.

With very best wishes to you all,

Nick Fiddes (Dr)

Founder, *Scotweb*





It seems impossible,
but Beth's Newfangled Family Tree
is FIVE years old!

Scottish Recipes weights and measures conversion makes life simple

We thank *The Dunrobin Piper* from Clan Sutherland for this very useful chart. Most of us have a Scottish cookbook or two...and it is frustrating to try and figure the math for the ingredients. Here it is! All done for you. Thanks, Clan Sutherland!

4 ounces flour = 125g = One cup

8 ounces flour = 250g = Two cups

4 ounces oatmeal = 124g = One cup (scant)

4 ounces butter and other fats, including cheese = 125g = One stick

8 ounces butter and other fats, including cheese = 250g = One cup

7 ounces caster/granulated sugar = 200g = One cup

8 ounces caster/granulated sugar = 250g = One and a quarter cups

8 ounces meat (chopped/minced/ground) = 250g = One cup

One ounce (1oz) = One rounded tablespoon

One tablespoon of liquid = 3 teaspoons

One teaspoon liquid = 5ml

One tablespoon liquid = 15ml

8 tablespoons = 4 fluid ounces = 100ml = Half cup

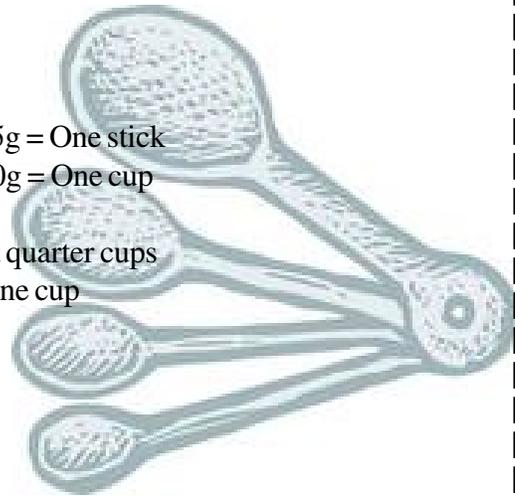
8 fluid ounces = 250ml = One cup (Half a US pint)

Half pint/10 fluid ounces = 300ml = One and a quarter cups (scant)

Three quarters of a pint/15 fluid ounces = 450 ml = Two cups (scant) or one US pint

One pint/20 fluid ounces = 600ml = Two and a half cups

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June 10-12, 2011, Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree
Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, Burbank, California

<http://scsgenealogy.com/2011jam-home.htm>

Speaker: Bennett Greenspan, President and CEO, Family Tree DNA. Visit our booth
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Flowers of the Forest

Lt. Col. Edward Harrison Lewin, Jr., US Army Ret., 90, of Summerville, South Carolina, died Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the Village at Summerville.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, May 2, 2011, at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, Summerville. Entombment was at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery in Miami, Florida.

Family requests no flowers.

Mr. Lewin was born May 21, 1920, in Boston, Massachusetts, son of the late Edward Harrison Lewin and Edith Lillian Hall Lewin.

He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 32 years with the United States Army. He served in World War II and was a POW in the Korean Conflict. He was a survivor of the German Massacre of American Troops at Kasserine Pass in North Africa.

He was an artist, enjoyed golfing, taking cruises and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and The Clan Skene.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons: Dorna Lewin Comp (Ralph) of Summerville, Edward Francis Lewin of Maimi, Florida, Stephen Michael Lewin (Mary) of Cocoa, Florida, and Mary Lewin Vespasino (Roberto) of Miami, Florida, four grandchildren: Edith L. Cusack of Mount Pleasant, Lisa R. Comp of Goose Creek, Edward Lewin of Fort Myers, Florida and Kristopher Lewin of Miami, Florida, six great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Alicia Torres Lewin.

Sir Iain Noble, Gàidhlig campaigner and nationalist, died over the holiday season this year in Scotland. Noble is best known for founding the college of Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, in Skye in the 1970s. He received no government support in this. He once re-

fused to allow a road to be built across his land, unless the signs were bilingual, which opened the way for the numerous ones to follow.

Born in Berlin, Noble came from a moneyed, upper-middle class family of career diplomats. He was a successful businessman, setting up at least two merchant banks, a successful small whisky company, knitwear and Seaforth Marine. His commercial activities helped turn Sleat into one of the economic hubs of Skye.

Noble was fiercely independent in his politics and was critical of the major political parties' pallid stance on Gàidhlig and their unwillingness to deal with the rural housing crisis.

Scott McPhee passed away last December 29. He battled cancer for a number of years. He was a

carpenter by trade and owned his own companies, Highlander & Tartan construction with his main office in Hollywood, Florida.

Being fond and proud of his heritage, in 1982, he became the founder and President of the MacFie Clan Society of North America and its first president.

His passion for travel and his Scottish heritage led to participation at numerous annual Highland games held annually throughout the United States. His two favorite games were Stone Mountain, Georgia, site of the clan's annual meeting and Grandfather Mountain near Linville, North Carolina.

He and Marvene were pleased to participate in the 29th annual meeting of Clan Macfie in 2008. Scott also proudly represented Clan Macfie at the International Gathering held in Scotland and as a representative in Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. McPhee was a member of several different Scottish groups including SAMS - The Scottish American Military Society.



Keeping Cape Breton's unique Gaelic culture alive and well today & tomorrow

Some folk music forms still heard in Cape Breton, like at the Celtic Colours International Festival, have been lost in Scotland and reintroduced from Canada.

Musicians, folk culture enthusiasts and teachers have been spearheading attempts to revitalize a unique Gaelic culture on an island off Canada's Atlantic coast. Brandy Yanchyk reports from the Celtic Colours International Festival on Cape Breton.

Several hundred years after Canada's Nova Scotia province was settled by refugees from the Scottish Highlands and islands, the Gaelic culture they brought with them survives, just.

On the island of Cape Breton, Gaelic has endured

even as the language came under intense pressure from Canada's English-speaking majority. The island's road signs are printed in Gaelic and English.

Some Gaelic supporters say the people's Celtic roots are evident in their humour and storytelling traditions.

"In teaching the language here I find that they already have the blas, the sound of the Gaelic even in their English," says Margie Beaton, who was brought over from Scotland in 1976 to help revitalize the Gaelic language. "It's part of who they are, you can't just throw that away. It's in you."

For the past week and a half, fiddles, harps and Gaelic songs have delighted crowds at the 14th annual Celtic Colours International Festival, a key part of the island's efforts at cultural revival. Local musicians and songwriters were joined by musicians from Scotland and Ireland, in a bid to celebrate Celtic song and keep the language alive.

Malcolm Munro, a singer from the Scottish band *Meantime*, said he had noticed a resurgence in Gaelic

in Cape Breton since he first visited 17 years ago.

Younger generations have made learning the language a priority and have helped keep Scottish traditions like fiddle music, step-dancing and piping alive, Mr Munro says.

"I've seen fresh roots of recovery here in Cape Breton," he says.

Cape Breton residents and officials' desire to keep the Gaelic language alive goes beyond the festival.

In 1995, some Nova Scotia schools began offering Gaelic language as a core subject, after years in which the province lacked the funding to do so. Adults keen to brush up on their

Gaelic can take an immersion course called "Gaidhlig Aig Baile" (Gaelic in the community), in which groups meet weekly to practise speaking Gaelic and learn traditional Scottish pursuits like milling frolics, where Gaelic songs are sung in rhythm while beating a woven wool blanket across a table-top.

Nova Scotia's Office of Gaelic Affairs hopes to develop an all-immersion Gaelic curriculum in some schools.

Scottish settlers

The efforts come after a long decline in Scottish Gaelic in Nova Scotia, as generations of Gaelic speakers have passed away, taking their knowledge of the culture with them.

An estimated 2,000 people speak Gaelic across Nova Scotia now, officials estimate. Roughly 25,000 Gaelic speakers settled in Nova Scotia from Scotland in the 1770s.

Gaelic's decline coincided with the rise of formal English-language education in Nova Scotia in the mid-



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JGS invites you...meeting, classes

Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their regular meeting on June 18, 2011 at 1:30 at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street., Jacksonville, Florida.

The program is: World War II Photograph Album. We are fortunate to have as our speaker George Bass. George and Chris Bass will give a presentation on digitizing her father's World War II photo album. They discovered the photo album in 2009 while conducting a genealogy interview with Chris' mother and sister in Peoria, Illinois. They realized the photo album is a genealogy gem and would not get passed along to all grandchildren and other relatives without duplicating it.

George and Chris will show the contents



of the album, talk about prelude and introduction that was added and discuss the process for scanning and creating the album. The photo album is evolving to include more documents and pictures. They will also discuss the impact of distributing the album to relatives.

Researching in a Straight Line— Backwards:

Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. (JGS) will be holding a five-session Genealogy Class. Subjects include: Back to Basics; Research Documentation; Sources-What are they?; Dates, Places & Relationships; Use of Vital, Court and Church Records; Record Keeping; and much more. Certificates of Completion will be given to those persons who attend at least four of the five class dates: Saturdays: May 21 and 28, and June 4, 11 and 25 2011. Register Online at <http://jaxgen.homel.comcast.net> or mail a letter or form to: Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc. P.O. Box 60756 Jacksonville, FL 32205-0756

Preserving Cape Breton's Scottish Culture, *Continued from page 17*

19th Century. Students were punished for speaking Gaelic in school, and by the 1930s many parents stopped passing down Celtic traditions, believing that to get ahead their children had to assimilate into English-speaking culture.

"We are just like the native peoples here, our culture is indigenous to this region," says Lewis MacKinnon, a musician and Gaelic poet from Cape Breton and head of the Nova Scotia Office of Gaelic Affairs. "We too have suffered injustices, we too have been excluded, we too have been forgotten and ridiculed for something that is simply part of who and what we are. It's part of our human expression and that story needs to be told."

Canadian Gaelic dialect

The community's isolation has helped preserve traditions that sailed across the Atlantic with the original settlers but have since declined in Scotland. "The dialect of Gaelic that I speak... doesn't exist anymore in Scotland," Mr MacKinnon says.

And Mr MacKinnon says styles of step dancing and fiddling found on Cape Breton have been lost in Scotland, with efforts underway to reintroduce them there.

Ms Beaton, the Gaelic language teacher, said

Scots also feel the connection to their new world cousins. "The motto they have for Nova Scotia is 'Ach an cuan' which translates as 'but for the ocean', meaning 'but for the ocean we'd actually be together.' There's only an ocean separating us," explains Mrs Beaton.

"We're like another island off the coast of Scotland but we have an ocean separating us instead of a strait or a channel."

With many thanks to *The House of Scotland Newsletter*, CherieMcGruer, editor. Contact president, Steve Knight, at 760-741-3909.

Land Records & Land Entry Case Files will help all genealogists

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian,
The Fort Myers-Lee County Library

Land records such as deeds, mortgages, releases of dowry, etc., are among the most under-utilized research records types. Yet they usually contain significant pieces of genealogical information concerning kinship ties and may lead to the resolution of brick walls in your research. The prospect of doing research in a courthouse often intimidates many genealogists. For those who make the effort, the rewards often lead to major research breakthroughs. Before homesteaders, soldiers, and other land patent recipients received their land, government paperwork had to be completed.



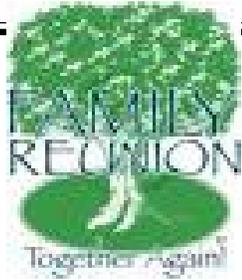
Individuals obtaining land through military bounty land warrants, preemption entries, or land acts such as the Homestead Act of 1862, had to file applications giving proof about military service, residence on and improvements to the land, or proof of citizenship. Land Entry Case Files often contain significant amounts of genealogical information that often lead to other detailed sources. Access to Land Entry Case Files is available through a number of repositories such as the National Archives, Family History Library, and other large research

institutions. The Internet also provides a number of excellent access points. Online research options include Ancestry.com www.ancestry.com , Family Search www.familysearch.org , Footnote.com www.footnote.com , Bureau of Land Management-General Lands Office <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/> , as well as the

Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest databases available free on the Lee County Library System homepage under genealogy links.

Land records are more complete than other records. Records such as property tax lists, deeds and deed indexes, and the written transcripts of real estate transactions tend to go further back in time than any other type of records used in genealogical research. Probate records can play a significant role in pointing researchers to the whereabouts of land parcels that were distributed upon the death of the father. Land was distributed among the family members or close personal associates of a given decedent property owner. Probate records often provide clues and evidence about family and other personal

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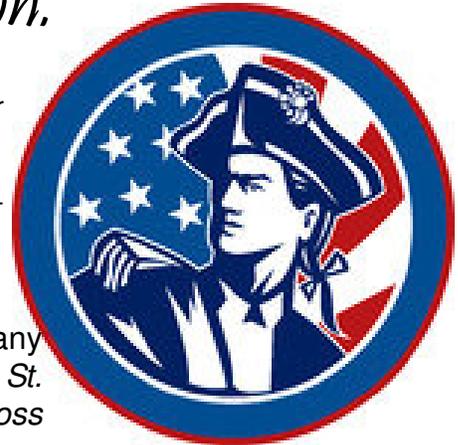
Reunion for the Coffey/ Coffee folks!

Commander Iain and Fiona MacFie of the Clan MacFie Society North America will be joining the Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association for their 75th anniversary of the annual gathering. The Reunion will be June 24-26, 2011 in Lubbock, Texas.

The Coffey/Coffee's are happy to be able to show our friends from Scotland the real Texas. For more information contact Robert Glasscock, P.O. Box 93491, Lubbock, Texas 79493 or rglasscock@nts-online.net

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or business-related relationships.

Land records often reveal the name of a man's wife. The English common law system of "Dower Rights" for widows was followed in the American colonies and United States well into the 19th century. As a result, early land deeds will almost always mention the name of a married woman because she had a legal interest (1/3 of the husband's estate upon his death) in any land

being sold or purchased.

The Fort Myers-Lee County Library has a number of study guides that cover this subject in greater detail in our genealogy collection.

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The 18th Gathering of Clan Macfie invites all Macfie's to join in the fun

The 18th Gathering of Clan Macfie will be at The Charleston Scottish Highland Games, Mt Pleasant, SC on September 16-18, 2011.

The Holiday Inn; 250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, is host hotel and they are holding a block of rooms at the rate of \$104.00, plus tax . When you call to make reservations, please let them know you are with the Clan Macfie for this special rate. The phone number at the Holiday Inn is 843-884-6000.

The festivities will begin on Friday afternoon, 4:00-6:00 with a **Commander's Reception** to be held at our host hotel, The Holiday Inn, The cost for this will be \$12.00 per person. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar.

On Friday evening, the Charleston Scottish Society will host their Dinner, also at the Holiday Inn. Clan McFie Clan Commander Iain and Fiona will be obligated to attend this event, so we will not have an alternate event that evening. You can get information about tickets to the dinner at <http://charlestonscots.org/>

On Saturday evening at 7:00 PM, we will have our Clan Banquet, this will be a Buffet, and the cost is \$42.00 per person (this includes tax and tip).

The menu: **Salad:** Mixed Green Salad with choice of two dressings. **Entrees:** Chicken, stuffed with Apple Cornbread stuffing in a Supreme Sauce or Sliced Beef sirloin in a Brandy Mushroom Sauce. **Side Dishes:** Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes or Rice Pilaf , Seasonal Vegetable Medley. **Dessert :** An assortment of the Chef.s Choice. **Drinks:** Choice of Coffee or Iced Tea.

Reservations for the reception and banquet need to be in by August 1st and total payment by September 1.

On Sunday morning, we will attend a Kirking of the Tartans hosted by the Charleston Scottish Society. 8:45 at 11:15 AM at the First Scots Presbyterian

Church; 54 Meeting St., Charleston.

There are a number of other hotels very close to the Holiday Inn, that may be a little cheaper, but we do not have rooms blocked at any of them, but they are in close proximity to the Holiday Inn and close to all the events.

Days Inn-843-881-1800. Quality Inn-884-856-8817. Master.s Inn-843-884-2814. (We have stayed at this hotel and it is very nice) Sleep Inn-843-856-5000. Hampton Inn-843-881-3300.

We are not going to have any other structured activities or tours, there is so much to see and do in the Charleston area, that it is impossible to narrow it down to one or two. We will try to have information and help with transportation to folks that are flying in and won.t have access to a car, so you can make your own plans and see the sites that interest

you. Some of the local attractions are: Fort Sumter, the site of the first civil war battle. Horse drawn carriage tours through the old city. Old Southern Plantations to tour Charlestown Landing, the site of the first English Settlement in SC (1670). Tour the Citadel. You can tour the *USS Yorktown*, aircraft carrier at the harbor. There are beautiful beaches. And FOOD galore.

Plus much. much more. You may check out some of Charleston's attractions on line, www.charlestoncvb.com and request a visitor's package be sent to you.

We will get more information up on our website as plans change, so check back frequently at www.clanmacfieofamerica.com

So grab your swimsuit, and kilt and come on to Charleston in September. It is usually very hot so bring lots of water to the games. We hope to see you there!

The Charleston games are only the beginning of

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Free genealogical programs in Ft. Myers

Saturday, June 4, 2011

9:30am-12:30pm

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy

WPA Records, Historical Records Survey:

Their Impact on Genealogical Research

From the standpoint of genealogical and historical research, WPA (Works Progress Administration) records have provided a tremendous legacy of historical and genealogical information that may have otherwise been lost due to age and neglect. WPA records involved activities such as:

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4. Help create a centralized record keeping system that was uniform throughout the country
5. Locate millions of official records that the federal/state or local government knew had been compiled but were missing from the courthouse or other facility that supposedly housed them.

This seminar will focus on how these records can impact genealogical research and where to locate them.

Saturday, July 2 and 23, 2011

9:30am-12:30pm

Genealogical Research on the Internet

Speaker: Carol Weidlich

President and Webmaster Lee County Genealogical Society

Workshop #1 Saturday, July 2nd - Navigating the Superhighway — The Internet

- a. What is the Internet
- b. Web browsers: Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, BING, Safari and Opera
 - (1) Saving favorites and organizing them
 - (2) Setting up home pages
- c. Boolean Searches
- d. Wild cards used in Searches
- e. Using Google

Workshop #2 Saturday, July 23rd - Online

Genealogy for Free

Using free genealogy websites

- a. FamilySearch.org
- b. Find-a Grave
- c. US GenWeb
- d. Google Books (how to download books)
- e. Interlibrary Loan
- f. Heritage Quest
- g. Mailing Lists and Message Boards

Attendees are welcome to bring their own laptops to each session.

Saturday, July 9, 2011

9:30am-12:30pm

Long Distance Research

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy

Genealogical research involves searching multiple varieties of historical record types, manuscripts, documents, and publications. The research process involves searching multiple jurisdictions in different states and overseas. However, time and financial constraints may limit the ability to travel. This seminar will discuss the various options available to those who are unable to perform on-site research.

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Cathey Reunion set for August 2011

The 2011 Cathey Reunion will be held Sat. Aug. 6th at The Henry Horton State Park, near Chapel Hill, Tennessee. The park is located 40 miles south of Nashville on U.S. Hwy 31A between the towns of Chapel Hill and Lewisburg. The park is accessible via I-65 by turning east on State Hwy. 99 and following the signs.

We have a block of rooms reserved for Fri. Aug. 5th & Sat. 6th in the park inn at \$70 per night + tax.. Make your reservations at: 1-800-250-8612. The Client Code is CATFAM. Make your reservations early since the park fills up during the summer. Chain motels are located in Columbia, TN about 20 miles away. There is also camping at park. Cabins are available for larger groups but they may be taken already.



The state park has an 18-hole golf course, swimming pool, and a tennis court.

The park is located in the heart of Middle Tennessee's Cathey country. George Cathey, Sr. had a land grant along the Duck River less than 20 miles away. Many of the early Catheys are buried in Maury Co. around Columbia.

Registration will start at 9:30 am in Conference Room A. The reunion will start at 10:30 am. There will be a dinner Sat. evening. The cost of the dinner will be determined later.

This year there will be free downloads including the back issues of the *Kith & Kin*. If you have a computer at home, bring a flash drive to download on. If you have a lap top computer please bring it to help with downloads.

All Cathey's are invited.

McFie Gathering, *continued from page 21*

the Gathering fun, there are 3 straight weekends of Scottish revelry planned, while Iain and Fiona are in the states.

On the weekend of September 24 and 25, Iain and Fiona will attend the Bethesda Presbyterian Church Homecoming. The entourage will be staying in Pinehurst, NC, for that event. If you have the desire to join them, just give John Rosser a call, and he will provide details. (336-209-7166)

Friday, September 30 : Afternoon: Commander Iain Macfie and his wife, Fiona, attend a "meet and greet session" with the leadership of the Scotland County Highland Games. Evening: Banquet at the Hampton Inn where we gather for a clan social to welcome Iain and Fiona to North Carolina.

Saturday, October 1 : Morning & Afternoon: Highland Games. Evening: Ceilidh at the Cypress Bend Vineyards (GPS address: Wagram NC 21904 Riverton Road) John Rosser has reserved a bank of 25 rooms at the Hampton Inn for the event. It.s located at 115

Hampton Drive, Laurinburg, NC 28352. Phone number is 910-277-1516. Please mention you are with the Macfie Clan Gathering when you call to make reservation

For further details, feel free to contact John Rosser or his wife, Marty, at JFRosser@aol.com or (336-209-7166)



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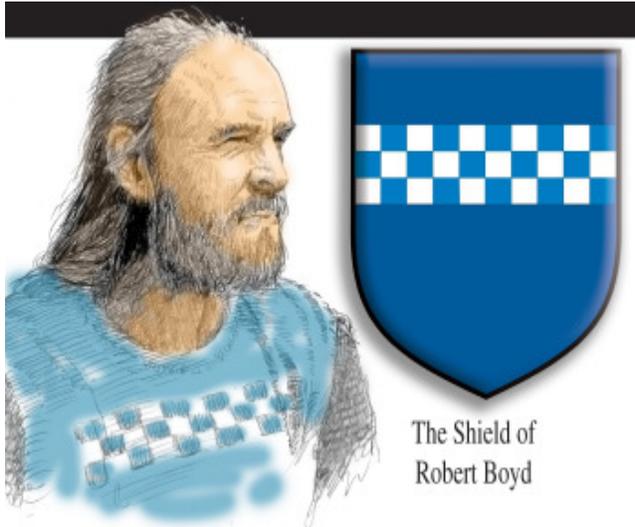
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Scots in Argentina?

A little known aspect of the Scottish diaspora, and in a nation better known for its Welsh immigration, Buenos Aires, Argentina, does not forget its Scottish heritage.

The present-day residents of the village of Florencia Varela, just south of Buenos Aires, that was the center of the Argentine Scottish community, founded in the 1820s are working to preserve the "Scottish Chapel" (Saint John's Chapel). The last services were in 1935, but the Amigos de la Capilla Escocesa are trying to preserve the building as a part of the nation's heritage and have appealed to Scotland for help in securing funding for the restoration and preservation.



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