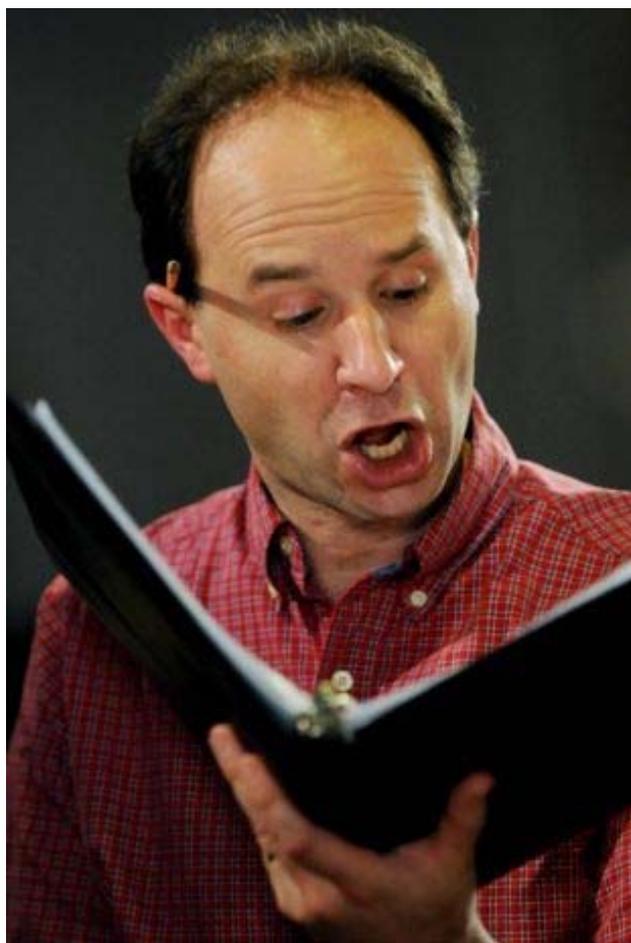




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Robert Burns Project to be premiered January 2013 in the United States



John Schreiner of Schenectady, a singer in the Aoede Consort, rehearses at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Watervliet, NY.

Anne Macpherson writes, "On January 25th, 2013 *The Voice of Robert Burns*, a night of songs and music, will be the first ever concert devoted totally to the songs of Robert Burns. and more. The concert will take place at the internationally famous Troy Music Hall, known around the world for its acoustics.

The Aoede Consort, a 26- voice professional choral will perform. This group has just had their Carnegie Hall Debut.

Several transcriptions of Robert Burns songs by Beethoven will be performed by the great pianist, Vladimir Pleshakov.

A new composition of one of Burns poems that has never been put to music will be presented.

Proceeds of this concert will go to provide a competition for college level musicians to create a new piece of music from a poem. The winning composition will win a \$10,000 scholarship and the student's college will also receive a \$10,000 grant. Meanwhile our U.S. Ambassador, Mike Ogletree will be touring NY State in the spring of 2013 to create greater awareness of the Great Bard."

This is a joint project of the Robert Burns Club and Celts Celebrate (A 501 (c) 3 not for profit organization in the U.S.)

We will soon be posting on Kickstarter to raise the money to pay for the event which will include both a CD and DVD of the concert.

For further information, contact Anne Macpherson at Anne_Macpherson@aol.com.

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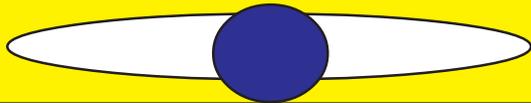
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Check out the Macfies proudly
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When a very elderly Scottish lady became very interested in the Bible, friends asked her about her sudden interest.
"Why?" she answered, "I'm studying for my finals!"



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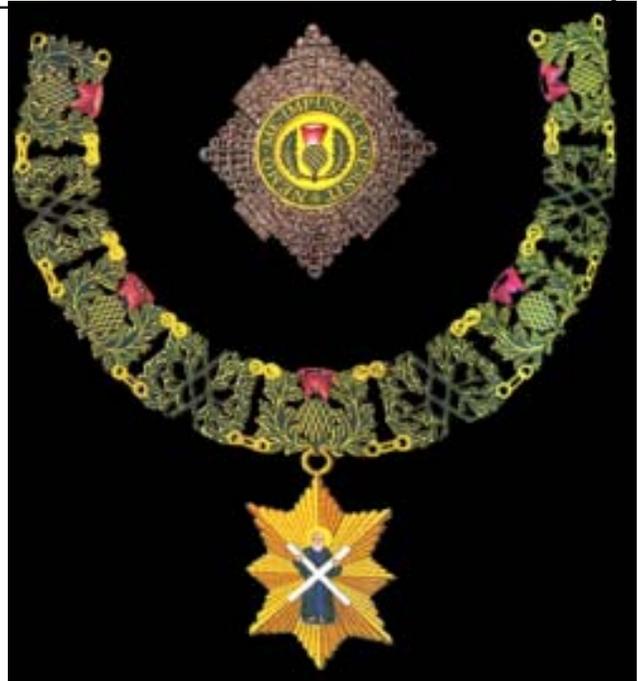
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What is “The Order of the Thistle?”

(Adapted from ‘Scottish History Online’) This order was founded in 1540 by King James V, who being honoured with the order of the Garter from his uncle King Henry VIII of England, the Golden Fleece from the Emperor, and the order of St Michael from France, resolved to be in the royal mode. He made the order of the Thistle for himself and twelve knights, in imitation of Christ and his twelve apostles. Then celebrating all the festivals of the orders, he set up their arms and badges over the gate of his palace at Linlithgow, joing St. Andrew with them..

The common badge and other insigna (shown above to the right) worn by the knights contains a cross surmounted by a star of four silver points, and over them a green circle bordered and lettered with gold, containing the motto “*Nemo me impune lacessit*”, “No-one harms me without punishment” but more commonly translated in Scots as as “Wha daurs meddle wi me”. and in the centre is a thistle proper, the whole being embroidered on the left breast.



the Blarney Stone.

It is NOT ok to take a piece of the castle back home with you.

If you do, legend has it, you’ll suffer more bad luck than you can talk your way out of.

The Irish Voice reports that a lady in South Carolina bought such at an estate sale and trouble soon dogged her heels - even though she wasn’t the one who stole it in the first place.

She drove to her local USPS and air-parcelled the accursed stone back to Blarney Castle.

According to the castle’s owner, Charles Colthurst, such stones arrive in the mail several times a year.

Beware of the curse of Blarney, and take nothing but photographs.

Beware the Blarney Curse



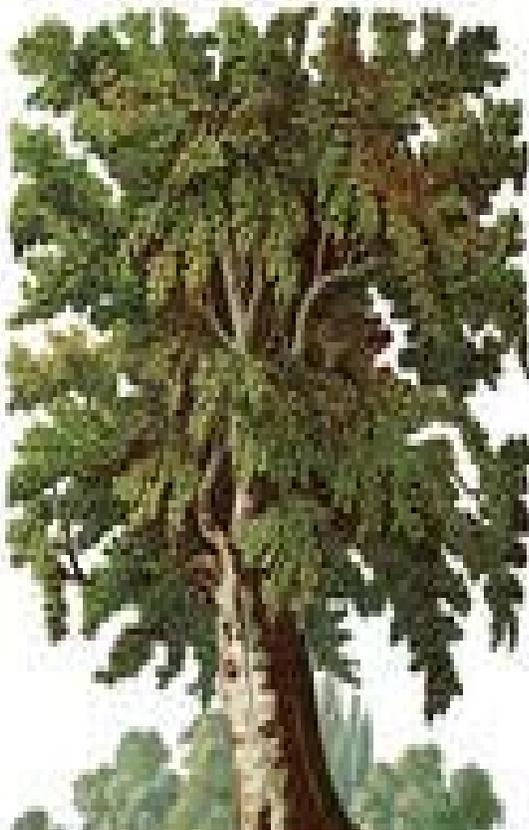
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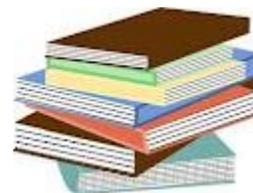


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D-880. **Biographical Sketches of the Early Settlers of the Hopewell Section and Reminiscences of the Pioneers and Their Descendants by Family, with Some Historical Facts and Incidents of the Times in Which They Lived.** By J. R. Alexander. 1897. 105pp. This publication provides historical and genealogical information on such families as Alexander, Davidson, Barry, Baker, Moore, Latta, Montgomery, McCoy, McKnight, Peoples, Davis, Elliot, Blythe, Torrance, Wilson, and Cathy. These and other families settled in the Hopewell section of North Carolina, and this work records their history and the history of the times. \$20

D-881. **Chronicles of the Cape Fear River, 1660-1916.** By James Sprunt. 2nd edition. 1916. 751pp. This is the second revised edition of this history of Cape Fear and of the Cape Fear River in particular, from its first European settlement into the early 20th century. It begins with chapters on the exploration of the area and first settlements, and continues through the introduction of permanent settlers, the pre-1776 affairs of the region, the Revolution, the prelude to 1861, and the course of the Civil War itself along the Cape Fear River. Finally, there is a history of the people of the Cape Fear region down to the early 20th century. \$20

D-882. **Colonial and Revolutionary History of Upper South Carolina, Embracing for the Most Part the Primitive and Colonial History of the Territory Comprising the Original County of Spartanburg, with a General Review of the Entire Military Operations in the Upper Portion of South Carolina and Portions of North Carolina.** By John Belton Landrum. 1897. 2 vols. 385, 743pp. This history records the events central to an understanding of the original county of Spartanburg, as well as of upper South Carolina and North Carolina. Volume 1 concentrates upon the colonial and revolutionary history of this region. It includes information on literally hundreds of individuals and families, many of them Scottish or Scots-Irish. Among those discussed are Brown, Campbell, Clark, Cutbertson, Cumming, Ferguson, Kerr, McCall, and others. Overall, this is a detailed chronological history of the region from the early 18th century. Volume

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**McDuffee Clan Society of America
of Clan Macfie**
50th Anniversary Celebration

to be held at Glasgow, KY Highland Games May 30 - June 3, 2012

The games are held at Barren River Park

Registration should be in no later than two week prior to the event

We will plan arrival at the Ramada Inn, Bowling Green , KY on Wed., May 30.

Registration for the 50th Anniversary Celebration

will be \$93.50 per person

This will include entrance to the games on Saturday & Sunday,
plus transportation to and from the games.

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Registration needs to be returned by 1 May 2012

2 concentrates upon the period after 1800, with attention to the role the area played in the Civil War and after. There are numerous family sketches, with both historical and genealogical information. \$20

D-657. **A Flora MacDonald Sourcebook: A Collection of Materials Relating to Flora MacDonald.** This CD includes the following works: 1) *Flora MacDonald in America, with a Brief Sketch of Her Life and Adventures*, by J. P. Maclean (93 pages); 2) *The Truth About Flora MacDonald*, by Allan Reginald MacDonald, edited by Donald Mackinnon (157 pages); 3) *Flora MacDonald in History*, by Dorothy Mackay Quynn (23 pages). From the very day she stepped into the spotlight of history, having assisted Prince Charles Edward Stewart to escape in the Hebrides, through her life in prison in London as a celebrity, to her resettlement in North Carolina, her retreat to Canada and, ultimately, back to Skye, Flora MacDonald has always been an elusive personality, strangely passive, eager for her celebrity status, and yet obviously deeply revered by the Jacobites of her day. These works seek to place her into a corrected historical perspective and to trace her steps throughout those years from obscurity to celebrity and back to Skye. \$20

D-883. **An Historical Account of the Rise and Progress of the Colonies of South Carolina and Georgia.** By Alexander Hewatt. 2 vols. 360, 337pp. 1879. This is a history of the colonies of South Carolina and Georgia, from the 17th century through to the end of the colonial period. It provides a chronological account of the first settlements, the British attitude toward this area, the Spanish response, and then the internal politics of the region. There is considerable material on the natural state of the colonies, their economic development, and the role of religion in both. Volume 2 in particular includes the settlement of Georgia and developments in the 18th century up to the beginning of the Revolution. \$20

D-779. **An Historical Account of the Settlements of Scotch Highlanders in America Prior to the Peace of 1783, Together with Notices of Highland Regiments and Biographical Sketches.** By J. P. MacLean. 1900. 463pp. This is a history of the movement of Scots from the Highlands and into North America in the period prior to 1783. It begins with an account of Highland history and then moves to a study of the Scots and Scots-Irish in America before settling to an account of the Highlanders in North Carolina and on Cape Fear in particular. It includes an account of emigrants from Jura; the importance of Clan Donald; the 1775 campaigns in the Carolinas; Highlanders in Georgia and the Georgia settlement; the settlement of Capt. Lachlan Campbell in New York; the Prince Edward Island settlements, and those in Nova Scotia. It concludes with an account of the Highland regiments in America; biographical sketches of Highlanders, both those loyal to Great Britain and those who joined the rebel cause; and a general analysis of the importance of the Scottish Highlanders in America. \$20

Ordering information on page 7

The Call has been issued!

All Clans to gather for The Glasgow Highland Games 2012! Come share your Scottish pride by participating in 2012 Raising of The Clans.

Remember all Clans in attendance will receive 2 Games tickets for Saturday and Sunday! Give your best Clan war cry so Clan Hay (last year's winner) chooses your Clan as this year's winner! Let's kick off the Ceilidh with an inspiring torchlight ceremony!

I hope to see all of you there!

Peter Lapham

**Director, Raising of the Clans
Glasgow Highland Games**

Lorelai Marie Pollack needs your prayers

Clan Blair members #898 Chris & Ruth Blair of Oregon are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild.

Lorelai Marie Pollack was born Nov 15th, 2011. 8lb 8.6oz, 20 inches long. Parents are Rachel & Brian Pollack.

The grandparents report that the baby was born with some health problems requiring expedited surgery. They are hoping and praying that no further surgery will be needed. All prayers are appreciated.

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Flowers of the Forest

Zenna B. Childress, age 96, of Laurens, SC passed away in Laurens County Hospital on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Mrs. Childress was born in Pool, W.VA. on April 20, 1915.

She moved to South Carolina from Arizona to be nearer to her sons and their wives. after her husband, Grover Childress, passed away.

Mrs. Childress is believed to have been the oldest living relative

of Bartholomew Ramsey, 1776-1843.

Mrs. Childress is survived by her two sons, James of Aiken, SC and Richard of Hendersonville, NC, three grandsons, Ty, Doug, and Greg Childress and three great-granddaughters, Monique, Ainsley and Savannah..

A memorial service and graveside ceremonies were held at Phoenix Memorial Park, Phoenix, AZ where she will lie in quiet

repose with her loving husband, Grover



Two shipwrecks discovered near Donegal, Ireland Coast. Armada?

A pair of shipwrecks discovered off the Donegal coast recently may be the remains of possibly two dramatic episodes in Irish history.

One may be from the 1588 Spanish Armada, which came to grief along Ireland's western coast after failing to best the fledgling British Navy in the English Channel.

Heading home around Ireland, their maps places the Galway peninsula at the wrong longitude and more than two dozen ships smashed into a land that wasn't supposed to be where it was.

The other wreck might belong to a lesser-known armada, the failed 1798 attempt by Napper Tandy to bring a second French fleet to land in support of the United Irishmen's uprising.

Both wrecks will eventually be explored by underwater archaeologists to bring their identities to light.



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2012 Clan Leslie Gathering, New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain...You're invited.



The Clan Leslie Gathering is coming to the New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain on September 21 to 23. The Clan Leslie Chief, the Hounorable Alexander Leslie and his wife Francesca will be attending. Take this opportunity to meet your Clan Chief and have a good time with other Leslies, Abernathys, Moores, Carneys and Laings. The details of the Leslie Gathering are available at the Electric Scotland address below.

This year, we are also inviting Leslies from Australia and New Zealand to attend the Gathering. The Commissioner, Clan Leslie North America, William Leslie and the CLSI Chieftain, David Leslie White as well as members of the CLSI Council will also be there to meet you and discuss any Clan Leslie ideas or issues that you have.

Please read the entire package that Laura Messing has prepared for you, register and book your rooms as soon as possible. The Registration Form, page 12, is at the end of this newsletter.

To see the entire Gathering Package, go to Electric Scotland at the <http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/newsletters/leslieint/2012CLSIGATHERING.pdf>

Culloden...Once again

I have been 'asked' (?) why I write about The Battle of Culloden (16 April, 1746). It has been pointed out to me that Clan Sutherland was NOT a Jacobite Clan and that the defeat of the army, under "Bonnie Prince Charlie" at Culloden, had little to do with Clan Sutherland. This could not be further from the truth. As the Jacobite Army retreated northward from their English Invasion, after their rear-guard victory over the Government army at Falkirk, some of the clan regiments were dispatched in an attempt to gather food, recruits, and plunder.

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Clan Sutherland and Culloden,

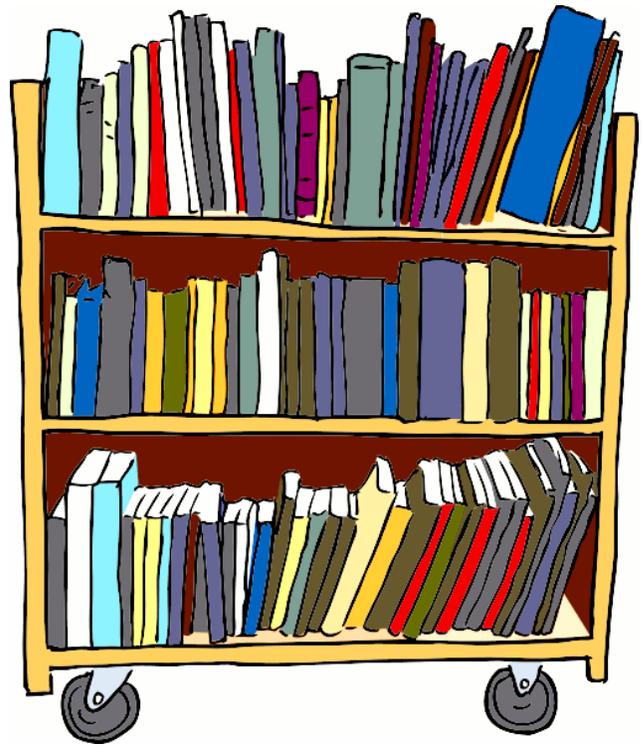
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One such unit, The MacKenzies, went north into Sutherlandshire and raided the area. They had the ‘distinction’ of being the last military unit to take a castle by force in Scotland.... that being Dunrobin. As they came in the front door, the Sutherland Chief went out the back door and onto an awaiting boat in The Moray Firth.

The Mackenzies looted the castle & the surrounding acres and started back south to hook-up with the Jacobite Army waiting near Culloden Moor. Enroute, they were surprised by The Laird of Forse and his group of Sutherlands. The Mackenzie chief was captured and his men were defeated. The Mackenzies were therefore, unable to lend their strength to the Jacobite Army at Culloden. Would they have made a difference? Who knows! There were individual Sutherlands (& sept members) who fought on the Jacobite side during the battle but never as a clan unit. Clan Sutherland was chastised by The Government as not having done enough during The Rebellion and any benefits that they thought would come to them from The Government just didn’t come.

As an aftermath of The Rebellion, clan chiefs were ‘forced’ to name themselves as owners of the clan lands.... leaving their clan-folk out of the mix. The chiefs no longer held the land, in trust, for their clansmen but became “the land-owners.” This situation eventually led to The Highland Clearances...a dreadful time in Sutherlandshire and elsewhere in The Highlands. So, Culloden is/was important to members of Clan Sutherland.

Gordon D. Duffus in the Dunrobin Piper, newsletter of the Clan Sutherland Society



Genealogical and Inter-Library Loan Resources Available Using Library Websites - FREE programs coming up in May

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p. m. Saturday, May 5

Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Fort Myers- Lee County Library

Library websites offer a wide variety of services and resources to assist patrons with genealogical research. Our seminar will highlight the many types of resources available on the Lee County Library website. The resources covered are indicative of what most libraries and repositories with genealogical and historical collections would offer. Particular emphasis will be given to links such as Inter-Library Loan Searches and Procedures, Family Search film/fiche ordering procedures and the “Ask a Librarian” feature. Websites discussed will include Ancestry Library Edition, Cyndislist, Family Search, Heritage Quest, and the Lee County Genealogical Society. Please note that the Lee County Genealogical Society will be presenting a comprehensive program on Family Search at their quarterly Saturday meeting on Saturday, May 12, 2012. *Registration required.*

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Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2012

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

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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Clan Leslie to honor one of their own

Council has approved a new award, the Convenor of the Year Award. The criteria for scoring is the number of tents hosted (one tent per event), and the number of new members joined. The Convenor of the Year Award is an award that recognizes a Clan Leslie Society International (CLSI) Convenor who has exhibited outstanding service to the Society. This award is not necessarily presented every year, but as warranted by the achievements of the individual. To qualify for the award, the Convenor must have promoted our Society in one or more of the following ways: Served the Clan Leslie Society International for at least two years. Sponsored a CLSI tent or the hosting of multiple CLSI tents at



Scottish festivals and/or Highland games, thereby promoting membership in the CLSI. To qualify, the fol-

lowing additional criteria must be met.

1. The announcement of the event must be published in the clan publication *Grip Fast* before the event. It should also be posted on our Facebook page. The information must include the name of the event, the specific location, the dates of the event, the name of the host or hosts and preferably the event's website (if there is one) so that interested members can get more information.

2. The Convenor must provide our Publications Editor with a write-up and photos of the event within two weeks following the event. At least one of the photos should be of the interior of the tent showing the display. The best tents should have a display that is attractive, neat (not too empty, not too cluttered) and welcoming.

3. The Convenor must include his or her name on the membership applications handed out, to include the name of the event. This is the only way we can accurately count the source of the new membership applications.

The award may be a plaque, an engraved glass bowl, or a Quaich, and if considered exceptional, a cash award of \$100.

David Leslie White, Chieftain

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Free genealogical programs,

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Tracing Your Irish Ancestors

Speaker: Byron Wallace - Lee County Genealogical Society, Chairperson Irish Roots Group 10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Irish genealogical research has long been plagued by myths and stereotypes which cause many to feel it is almost impossible to trace immigrant ancestors back to Ireland. While Irish genealogy can be challenging, many new resources are now available to overcome these problems. Our two-part seminar is designed to provide techniques and resources with a proven track record for success in helping overcome these challenges.

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John and Edwin Muir, two famous writers of the Clan Muir - a sept of Clan Leslie

The Clan Muir is a Scottish clan registered with the Court of Lord Lyon but does not have a Chief currently recognized as such by the Lyon Court. Clan Muir's allegiance is to the part of Scotland from which their family originated; therefore, if a person offers their allegiance to a particular Chief by joining his Clan's society or wearing his tartan they can be deemed to be a member of that Clan. The Muirs of Aberdeenshire and Fife joined the Leslies as a sept while those geographically located in the highlands became septs of Clans Gordon and Campbell.

John Muir was born April 21, 1838 in Dunbar, Scotland. In 1849 his family immigrated to a farm near Portage, Wisconsin. The location in southern Wisconsin with its woods, hills, lakes and rivers was a magnet for his interest in nature. He later left the University of Wisconsin to work and travel throughout the United States, Canada and Central America. Ultimately he settled in California where he again began farming. His proximity to the Sierra Nevadas increased his fascination with them and the Yosemite Valley. His exploration of the area led to his writing career as he published a series of articles, "Studies in the Sierras."

His wanderlust resulted in abandoning farm life and from California he traveled extensively to Alaska as well as worldwide including Australia and the Asian nations. His writing proliferated with articles on the natural wonders he had encountered and the need for their preservation. Many of his works were published in *Century Magazine* resulting in a close association

with its editor.

Together they developed a joint interest in the creation of a number of national parks earning John Muir the title of Father of the National Park System. In 1892 he founded the Sierra Club and served as its president for the next 22 years. During his time he was considered the country's foremost conservationist. Several national landmarks are named for him including Muir Peak and Glacier in Alaska and Muir Woods in Marin County, California. In the end he had a falling out

with the national park service authorities over grazing rights on national park lands and the creation of a dam and reservoir within the Sierra Park Valley.

He died of pneumonia in 1914 in Los Angeles while visiting his daughter. He is credited with authoring over 300 articles and 12 books.

Edwin Muir was born in the Orkney Islands in 1887 where his family was engaged in farming. Forced by economic failure they moved to Glasgow. The deaths of his parents and brothers necessitated him to perform manual labor at menial jobs rather than obtaining an education. Despite that fact he began to write poetry initially using

the pen name Edward Moore.

He married a well-known novelist, Willa Anderson, and with her traveled extensively throughout Europe.

While there they collaborated in translating European literature from its national language into English.

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Savannah Scottish Games set for May 5, 2012

The Bethesda Academy, 9520 Ferguson Ave., Savannah, GA will be the site of the 2012 Savannah Scottish Games on Saturday, May 5.

Events include Scottish Heavy Athletics, Highland Dancing, Piping Competition, Children's Activities, Musical Entertainment. You'll see Scottish Border Collies, the Celtic Marketplace, Whisky Tasting and the Sponsors and Patrons Reception.

There will be a Kirkin o'the Tartans on Sunday at 11 AM, Independent Presbyterian Church located at 207 Bull Street, downtown Savannah.



Savannah Scottish Games
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Author! Author! The Muirs, *con't* from page 19

Although he wrote several literary works and an early book, *Scott and Scotland*; he became best known for his poetry.

The Muirs returned to Scotland where he became Warden of Newbattle Abbey College encouraging the writing careers of promising authors as well as publishing his own autobiography.

In 1955 he was appointed the Norton Professor of Poetry at Harvard University. His advocacy for the publication of Scottish literary form into the English language was controversial among Scottish scholars. Nevertheless, today he is regarded as a central figure of the modern Scottish literary renaissance.

He died in 1959. He had over 45 major publications and translations in addition to his voluminous

poetic works.

Although their literary careers spanned different decades and focused on unrelated topics, the two authors possessed some common characteristics including an agricultural background contributing to a creative writing talent. Edwin Muir referred to it as Edenic. Their scope of interest was facilitated by extensive travel giving even greater authenticity and exposure to their publications.

Perhaps on Robert Burns' birthday when we toast Scotland's most famous author we also should raise a glass to the renowned authors Muir, our Leslie kin.

Loren Leslie, writing for *Grip Fast*, the publication of the Clan Leslie Society, International.

The Story of the Tay Bridge

In 1879, the Tay Rail Bridge was the longest bridge in the world, spanning two miles across the Tay estuary.

On the evening of 28th December 1879, the central part of the span - the so-called high girders - suddenly collapsed, leaving a gap of well over a half-mile.

Most disturbing was that the two-year-old-bridge collapsed while an express passenger train from Edinburgh was making its way across.

The resulting accident claimed the lives of the victims, making it the most catastrophic structural failure in Britain's history.

Surprisingly, until now, there has been no memorial or monument to the victims. The Tay Rail Bridge Disaster Memorial Group was recently established to ensure that a proper and fitting memorial to the victims of the 1879 bridge disaster is constructed.

Become a Friend of the Trust

The aim of the Trust is to raise funds to erect a monument to the Victims of the Disaster. The monument will be sited on Riverside Drive, Dundee, with a complimentary plaque on the Wormit side.

At the time of the completion of the monument, a publication on the history of the disaster, the victims and the story of the monument will be issued to the Friends of the Trust. (For Friends for Live or those with at least 2 years friends donations.)

In addition to becoming a Friend of the Trust, donations are always welcome.

Corporate donations are especially welcome.

We will keep you informed of any special events and fundraisers connected with the Trust. This will be by email only, so please ensure you give us your email address when you make a donation.

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Have you any stories to tell of the disaster?

Have you any other material connected with the disaster?

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We would love to hear from you.

Let's read about the ancient name of Ayton/Aiton/Eytown

AYTON, or AITON a surname derived from the village at Eytown, now called Ayton, in Berwickshire, which seems to have taken its name, anciently written Eytun and Eitun, from the water of Eye, that, rising among the Lammermuir hills, flows into the sea at Eyemouth. The etymology of the.. word is 'the town on the river.

'The family of Ayton were descended from Gilbert de Vesci, an Anglo-Norman knight, who, settling in Scotland shortly after the Conquest, obtained the lands of Ayton in Berwickshire, and adopted the name of the lands as his family name. About the year 1166 Helias and Dolfinus de Eitun attested a charter of Waldeve, earl of Dunbar. Stephanus de Eyton appears as witness to a charter "de quieta clamatione de terra de Swiatona," granted by his son, Earl Patrick, who died in 1232.

In the reign of William the Lion, Helias, Mauricius, and Adam de Eitun are among the witnesses to a donation of David de Quixwood to the lazaret or hospital of lepers at AuldCambus.

In 1250 Adam de Eiton granted to Henry de Lamberton three tofts of land with houses in Eyemouth.

In 1331, Adam, the prior of Coldingham, acknowledged a grant made to him of land for the site of a mill near the bridge of Ayton, by Adam, the son of William de Ayton.

Robert de Ayton was among the number of the Scots slain at the battle of Nesbit-moor,

22 nd June 1402 the principal family ended in an heiress, who, in the reign of James the Third, married George Home, a son of the house of Home, who thus acquired the original lands of Ayton.

By charter of date 29th November 1472, the greater part of the lands of Ayton, with those of Whitfield, were granted to George Home, son of Sir Alexander Home of Dunglass, who thus became ancestor of the Homes of Ayton. History mentions the baronial castle of Ayton, on the banks of the Eye, founded by the Norman baron de Vesci, which was taken by the earl of Surrey in 1498, but no vestiges of it now remain.

The modern mansion-house of Ayton, built upon its site, was destroyed by fire in 1834.

A branch of the Berwickshire Aytons settled in the county of Fife, and Skene imputes a Gaelic origin to the name. "The Pictish Chronicle," he says, "in mentioning the foundation of the church of Abernethy, describes the boundaries of the territory ceded to the Culdees by the Pictish king as having been 'a lapide in Apurfeit usque ad lapidem juxta Cairful, id est Lethfoss, et inde in altum usque ad Athan.'

It is a remarkable fact that the same places are still known by these names, although slightly corrupted into those of Apurfarg, Carpow, and *Ayton*, and that the words are unquestionably Gaelic." (Skene's *Highlanders of Scotland* vol. i. p. 76.) In 1507, James the Fourth disposed the west half of the lands of Denmuir, or Nether Denmuir, in the pariah of Abdie, Fifeshire, to Andrew Ayton, captain of the castle of Stirling, a son of the family of Ayton of Ayton, in Berwickshire, "pro bono et fidei servitio."

He was the uncle of the heiress of Ayton above mentioned, and in consequence of the original lands of Ayton having passed, by her marriage, to the house of Home, he obtained a new charter of the lands of Nether Denmuir, in which they were named Ayton, and the Fifeshire branch of the family were afterwards styled Ayton of Ayton. Sir John Ayton of that ilk left two sons, Robert and Andrew.

Robert, the eldest, succeeded to the estates of his uncle Robert, Lord Colville of Ochiltree, and in consequence, assumed the name of Colville, being styled Robert Colville of Craigflower.

The second son, Andrew, was a merchant in Glasgow, of which city he became lord provost. He built a large house, surrounded by a garden, near the High Street of Glasgow, the site of which, now occupied by public works, is still called Ayton court.

About the commencement of the eighteenth century the lands of Ayton in Fife were acquired by Patrick Murray, Esq., second son of Sir Patrick Murray, the second baronet of Ochertyre, and they still continue in the possession of his descendant.



The Whisky Corner

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Whisky, Water, and Ice – As You Like It

“The water was not fit to drink. To make it palatable, we had to add whisky. By diligent effort, I learnt to like it.” – **Sir Winston Churchill**

We’re glad Sir Winston found a way to enjoy his water - the challenge continues to this day. For a sure-fire way to start a great bar discussion, ask your fellow guests bellied up to Mahogany Ridge about *their* preferred way to enjoy Scotch.

You’d think the way the distillery craftsmen in Scotland who make, live, and nearly elevate their nectar to holiness would be the ultimate authority on “the right way” to drink it. Their near unanimous opinion: neat, with a wee bit of water. But no! Everyone seems to have their own, sometimes very vocal, opinions about how to enjoy Scotch. Most of these involve water, ice, or the absence thereof. Soapboxes ready? Let’s talk about water or ice in Scotch.

Adding just a bit of water to most single

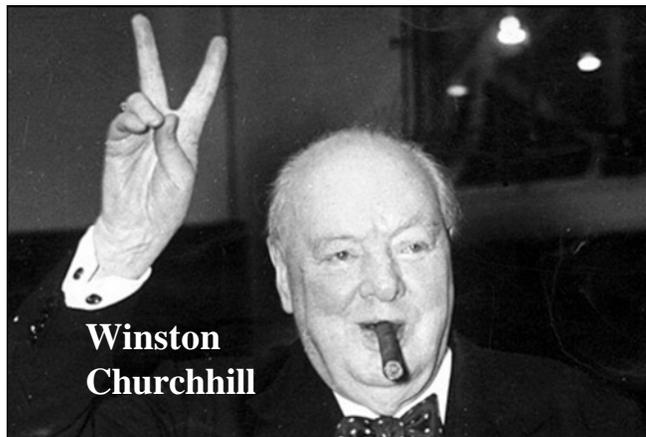
malts – start with about ½ teaspoon of water to a standard bar pour – usually results in an enlarged bouquet or “nose” – more aroma to be enjoyed. Many people feel that a bit of water softens the alcohol aroma and takes some of the edge and heat away from the spirit. And, some folks don’t. The true danger of

adding water is adding too much. The object is to add just enough to *enhance*, not dilute. The type of water to add should not be a stumbling block. Many municipalities’ local water is wonderful, right from the tap;

others, not so much. In this case, bottled spring water does the trick. The temperature of both the whisky and the water works best if both are at room temperature.

Ice in Scotch offers wider opportunities for experimentation. Maybe it’s an American thing to chill our drinks. After all, when was the last time you sought out a nice room temperature beer? Many profes-

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Winston Churchill

sionals in the whisky industry usually approach the ice issue with the politically correct “no rules – any way you enjoy it”, regardless of their personal view; and some are very vocal – NO ice. Let’s face it – you paid for it, so enjoy it any way *you* want (but, please, watch the dilution.)

Let’s assume all ice to be added to our Scotch is perfect – freshly made, no chemicals, and no aromas of lurking in the freezer. It’s a fact that the more surface area of the ice in a drink, the faster it will melt and dilute the drink. So, with ice, bigger is better because there is less surface area on one large cube than on a few smaller ones. And, there is even less surface area if the shape is a sphere!

Enter retailers, and at least one distillery that promote ice spheres and the molds to make them. Some creative bartenders even hand-craft an ice sphere from a large cube, *while you watch!* This very cool procedure (pun intended) takes about four minutes, so tip accordingly! Jim Romdall, Manager of the upscale bar *Vessel* in Seattle, WA hand-crafts an ice sphere in this video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls63xTkqMWo>

At <http://japantrendshop.com> (search for “ice ball mold”) is what appears to be the gold standard of ice ball molds. The Macallan has branded its own version of a

spherical mold made by Taisin, and offered it as a kit. For a wonderful demonstration, hosted by the distillery’s Andy Gemmell, click on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dhcMJtpYF8>.

In Los Angeles, mixologist and bartender Michele Dozois’ Névé Luxury Ice Company, offers pre-made ice in a variety of plus-size shapes, all made with super premium quality water. Visit Névé at <http://www.neveice.com>.

In San Diego’s Gaslamp District, bartender Anthony Schmidt at the speak-easy called *The Nobel Experiment*, advocates use of the large cubes, hand carved from blocks of very pure ice. He insists that perfect ice is essential in crafting the classic cocktails his bar is famous for.

Back in Seattle, James MacWilliams, head barman at the renowned *Canlis* restaurant, is also a fan of the larger, slower-to-melt pieces of ice for Scotch, but goes for a more “organic, natural shape”, and uses mini-iceberg-shaped chunks that have been frozen to the inside of the glass. The result is a phenomenon not usually seen – the ice does not move while one enjoys the drink.

So there you have it – a glimpse into a few opinions about water and ice in single malt. And now you, connoisseurs that you are, can make up your own minds about your personal way to enjoy your single malt.



Large, free-form ice at Canlis Restaurant, Seattle, WA.

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We are pleased to offer you this handsome map showing the locations of the Border reiver clans and families on both sides of the English-Scottish border in the 16th century. This was the great age of the reiver families, when they were a law unto themselves, challenging even the kings of England and Scotland for power in the region.

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This striking map, commissioned by and produced exclusively for us, measures a large 24 x 24 inches, and is suitable either for framing or laminating for use at the clan tent. The map is bordered by a multi-colored Celtic knot pattern. Your copy will not have the watermark on it. It will be shipped rolled, in a sturdy tube. You can order directly from Vicki. The price is \$39.95, plus \$3.00 shipping in the US, \$8.50 out of the country. Enjoy! Renny and Vicki McLeod

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More great Scottish household hints! Saving time AND money! Who doesn't love these?

How about buying one of those large cereal savers along for a handy trash container in the car? You can even put a small plastic trash bag in - so disposal at a big trash can is easy! Which leads to putting the roll of small trash bags IN the car trash can so you will always have a clean one?

My own contribution to these hints is one that REALLY works! Go to one of the dollar stores (or a thrift store) and buy a pair of salad tongs...keep those tongs in the car to reach for something on the floor without unbuckling your seat belt or reaching for something that has fallen between the seats? Works many times each time you are in the car!

Here are lots more hints which will save you time and money.

□ Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

□ Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold! (But you can scrape off any mold and still eat the cheese without changes in flavor!

□ Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and stronger flavored.

□ Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.



□ To make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in and then beat them up.

□ Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

□ Reheat leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, on med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza.

□ Easy Deviled Eggs: Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag, seal, mash, add remainder of ingredients, keep mashing, mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw the bag away!

□ Expanding Frosting: When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes for the same price. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.

□ Reheating refrigerated bread: To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

□ Newspaper weeds away: Plant your plants in the ground; work the nutrients in your soil. Then wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go, cover with mulch,

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Their home is now a museum...

The new Frank McCourt Museum on Limerick's Harstonge Street opened its doors last July, attended by the late writer's brother, Malachy McCourt.

The museum contains a replica of the home the author of *Angela's Ashes* grew up in on nearby Roden Lane.

Malachy applauded the accuracy of the rendition, except for the peeling wallpaper. "We had no wallpaper," he noted. "The walls were covered in something they called blue wash."

The moment was something of an endpoint to the journey Frank and Malachy set out on decades ago,

with little thought that Frank would someday receive a Pulitzer Prize for a memoir that at first wasn't always well regarded in Ireland.

"Some people felt that Frank's book brought disgrace to Limerick," Malachy said in regard to the unsentimental recollection of the urban poverty the brothers endured. "But, that is the old axiom that the prophet is without honor in his own time; it also applies to Limerick. But, the thing to do is not to come back once, don't speak honorably once. Keep at keep coming back and then you'll be honored. They will get used to you."

Household Hints for those who are Scottish - or those who wish they were Scottish, Continued from page 27 —

and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

☐ *To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant: squirrels won't come near it.*

☐ *Flexible vacuum:* To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

☐ *Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip or slacks to eliminate static cling.* It works; you will not have a clingy skirt or dress, or slacks when wearing panty hose; ... Ta DA! ... Static is gone.

☐ *Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water.* Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

☐ *De-fog your windshield:* Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

☐ *Re-opening envelopes:* If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the

freezer for an hour or two. Voila! It unseals easily. Only for old-fashioned "lick-type" mucilage envelopes!

☐ *Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs.* It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth.

☐ *Goodbye Fruit Flies:* To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid; mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

☐ *Get Rid of Ants:* Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children



being harmed!

☐ *Drop a small object on the carpet and can't find it.* Place panty hose over the end of the vacuum hose and start vacuuming. The panty hose will keep it from getting sucked into the vacuum.

☐ *Need to cut some corn off the cob.* Use your Bundt pan. Place the ear on the opening in the center of the pan, and as you slide the knife down the ear, all the kernels will collect in the main part of the pan

If you have a favorite hint that is not listed here, please send to bethscribble@aol.com.

More on 2014 Year of Homecoming

Stirling Council has followed on to EventScotland's recent announcement of funding for Scotland's 2014 Year of Homecoming with a huge announcement of their own: Stirling will host an international gathering of clans, proposed for 11 - 13 July 2014 to coincide with the Sekonda Stirling Highland Games.

The 2014 clan gathering is envisioned to take place across a number of venues in Stirling, and is planned to feature:

- Clans Village
- Cavalcade procession between the Clan Village and the Castle
- Entertainment on the Esplanade

A program of musical and other cultural events in other key venues. From the looks of it, things are going to be absolutely hopping in Scotland in 2014, especially in Stirling.

In addition to all of the regular cultural and entertainment events in the area, and in addition to Clans 2014 International Clan Gathering, Stirling Council plans to add the following events in 2014:

- A packed Bannockburn 700 Weekend, featuring re-enactments, the official opening of the National Trust for Scotland's new Visitor Centre
- A potential youth arts festival and schools event
- A "Stirling Tastes Good" food and drink festival in September
- A potential angling festival

Of course, the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs has already committed host to a *2nd International Clan Convention* to conduct the global business of the Clans, in 2014, most likely also in Stirling and well coordinated with Clans 2014, Bannockburn 700 etc. COSCA and Standing Council will partner in America to ensure that American Scots are well integrated into all of the 2014 events, especially the Clan Convention.

This is going to be fun. Stay tuned for more info as it becomes available. Buy more luggage.

Go here to take a peek at Stirling Council's excellent 2014 website:
<http://www.stirling2014.co.uk/>

Yours, aye!

Susan L. McIntosh, President



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