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Clan Forrester sets Stone Mountain AGM

We in our Society are getting very excited about the upcoming Stone Mountain Highland Games! (For those that might not realize it— that is Stone Mountain, Georgia.) Stone Mountain Highland Games are one of the largest games in the southeast, and we consider this our “home” games. Each year at the Stone Mountain games we hold our annual business meeting for ALL Clan Forrester members. It is our desire that our members will mark your calendars and plan to join us at this event. We would delight in an overwhelming representation of our membership!!

The annual business meeting will be held promptly at noon on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Please plan to attend this important meeting!

This year we will be voting on our new slate of officers who are: President – Jon David Forrester; Vice President – Will Newman; Secretary – Sonia Newman; Treasurer – Laura Forrester; Membership Chairman – Ben Forrester; Merchandise Chairman – Will Newman; Editor – Betty Forrester; Stra-

tegic Chairman – Ben Forrester; Webmaster – Jeff Forrester; Council Members – Jared Foster, Jarred Forrester

Please review this list and let Will Newman know if you have a candidate that you want him to consider. After our meeting, we will enjoy sharing lunch with our family members and friends. Please plan to bring enough food and drink for your family plus a little extra for cousins that might forget! Pa-

per goods, utensils and ice will be furnished.

The games are a wonderful event with many activities. I am sure that you will find something to do for everyone that you bring. These occasions are a great way to meet new family members, make new friends and learn more about our fam-

ily heritage. If you have any info that you are willing to share about your direct family line, please bring it with you or email it to us at benbf@alltel.net. We will put the info in a notebook and take it to the games for everyone to study.

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Remember,

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Newsletter Contest

Dec. 1 deadline!

See August 2007 front page for all details!

Please tell everyone about <http://www.electricscotland.com/bnft>



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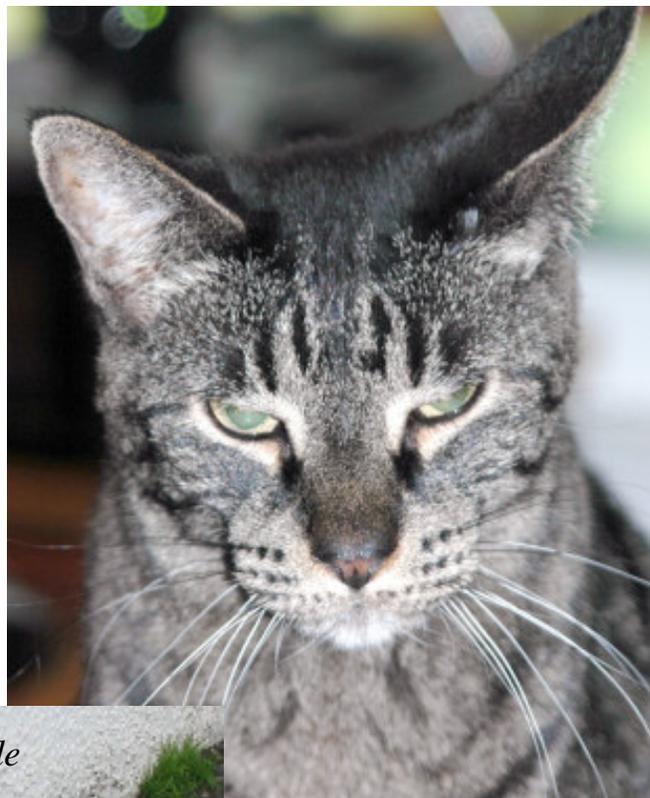
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BNFT goes “International”



*Mr. Period and Mr. Comma relaxing outside
an Oban, Scotland pub...*



Miss Narra The Wonder Cat, long-time proofreader and ROI (Recline On It) Computer Repair Cat for *BNFT* has taken the publication to new heights with her decision to hire helpers in Scotland. To handle the “Scottish Desk” Narra has recruited Mr. Fred Period and Mr. Arthur Comma of Oban, Scotland.

Both Mr. Period and Mr. Comma say they have had lifelong experience with newspapers - either using, fetching or carrying.

Narra asks that we all be “politically correct” and refrain from mentioning that the new *BNFT* employees are...er, er....they are, well, to tell the truth, they are dogs.

A real letter from your editor...



Dear Friends,

If you are new to *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*, perhaps a little explanation is necessary. If you are a long-time reader, you may still enjoy reading this little letter.

This publication has been in existence for, I think, maybe 17 years with a hiatus of one year exactly.

I think, because the last longtime has gone by in a complete blur and I sometimes - in fact most of the time - am astonished to realize (a) How long someone has been my friend (b) How long I have had this or that little widget and (c) how old I have become while time was merrily whooshing by.

But, for readers of this publication, whether in the 8 1/2 x 11 zexoxed version that was its beginning or the sort of sophisticated print edition that had - at it's most - over 90,000 press run or the last incarnation before this, that was an Internet publication, the one thing I am always sure of is that whatever version, BNFT is written not like a regular newspaper which is written to strangers, but as if it were being written to a circle of friends.

Once, long ago, I had one of my friends say, "You know, if I didn't know you did your paper, I would know you did it anyhow." I was just tickled several

shades of pink, blue and even a few tartan colors!

Several times I've had folks write and say things like, "Boy, I could make something GOOD out of that paper if I could just get a hold of it and write it like a professional newspaper."

What the latter don't realize, is that this is NOT intended to be, nor ever was intended to be a "regular newspaper or magazine."

This is written to friends about friends.

There is enough bad news in the world for most anyone....but they won't find much of it in our pages although many times there are sad things to report.

We are "the hometown newspaper" of the worldwide Scottish community and the genealogical community too - although they are many times and most times for our purposes, one and the same. We write about things that matter to us.

We care if someone is ill or has passed away or needs our help.

We're proud of our youngsters for their accomplishments and proud of our peers who do grand things.

So, I hope you enjoy *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*. It is a small miracle that it still exists at all and would not exist without the kindness and generosity of my friend, Alastair McIntyre of Electric Scotland. Thank you, Alastair!

This is a way for me to do what I love and earn a few needed dollars with which to feed Brenda Sue Louise and Ruby Lou Begonia (of the horse persuasion), Narra The Wonder Cat and her cohorts, Sylvester, Bicket and Peggie Hairy - not to mention the "barn cats" and neighboring dogs who come to enjoy the outside cat buffet.

This paper fills a proven need in the worldwide Scottish community for us to know what we are all up to. I hope it gives you ideas of things to do and events to plan...I hope it gives you a chuckle now and then. (I would love to write like Dave Barry or Ludlow Porch, but can only write like Beth, I'm afraid.)

It's a fact, that I have no living blood-family of my own...and I think all of you that know me, know that I consider you all to be my true family....for which I thank you.

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A real letter from your editor, *continued from page 3*

It's a fact, that readers of this publication have been with me through enough years so that we have pretty much run the gamut of "things that happen to you in life."

The readers of this publication, all the way back to 1989 when it began, have shared not only the scary times, but the happy times, the sad times and all of the joys and heartaches that we all have during our lives.

I thank you all. This magazine would not exist at all without you.

This publication costs you nothing - but I hope you will patronize the advertisers and please thank them for supporting *BNFT*.

I am so delighted that I will never have to ask you for postage money - although I do miss hearing from my readers - so, if you'd like to drop me a note, that would be lovely - no checks needed - just a note telling me how YOU are!

I must ask you not to be shocked when you see me in the next little while at Games. I am liable to be walking with my trusty "Howard" aka a walking stick.

Seems I have had one horse wreck too many and my creaky left hind hip is to be replaced by a shiny new one (I've ordered a Titanium Sport Hi Miles model). The surgery will be October 25 at Oconee Memorial Hospital in Seneca, South Carolina.

I will be fine and will take the laptop to the hospital so I can work all the time except when they whomp me on the head for the surgery..

Sweet Tom will be here and will see that I am fed and watered and don't lack for anything...so, it won't be long until I am back to Geezette Loping down the road.

My kind neighbors and friends here will feed horses and cats for me...so, all will be well. Please don't worry about me.

Love, *Bethie*



Our **ROTTEN EGG** **AWARD** *of the* *Month*

Bet you didn't know that if you change employers but still have mail going to the old employers' address, according to USPS regulations, your old company has no responsibility to forward your mail to you. In fact, the old employer may open your mail, read it, throw it away or do what they wish with it, with no regard for anything.

It is a USPS regulation that you lose your rights regarding to your mail if it goes to a former employers' address.

The name of this award came from what I said when I was told this gem, "That stinks!"

If you have something that "stinks" to you...just send it to bethscribble@aol.com

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Clan Sutherland and Clan MacGruer united in marriage at Dunrobin Castle this past April 6th

The sixth of April was a picture-perfect day at Dunrobin Castle for the wedding of Sara Sutherland and Iain MacGruer. She must have looked like a princess to her schoolchildren as they “bubbled” her into the castle.

She and her father, Jack Sutherland of Waynesburg, Ohio, were “piped” up the winding staircase to the library where the ceremony was held.

Susan Brown, minister of Dornoch Cathedral, officiated.

Guests included members of Iain’s family from the Golspie area and farther, and many of Sara’s family members, mostly from the U.S.

The reception at Carneige Hall included a dinner for the families, followed by fellowship, food, and dancing for their many local friends.

Sara first went to Aberdeen in October 1991 to do a third year exchange year at Aberdeen University from The College of Wooster in Ohio.

After finishing her final year at Wooster, she returned to Aberdeen in June 1993 and has lived and worked there ever since. She moved to the High-

lands in 1997 when she began teaching in Castletown near Thurso for a year.

In 1998 she started to teach in Brora in the county Sutherland and is presently teaching a composite class of 1st and 2nd grades.

Sara met Iain in August 2005 through his sister, Kirsten, and his mother, Lesley, who were both teaching colleagues in Brora.

Iain worked as a sonar controller in the Royal Navy based in Plymouth, England for 13 years after high school. After meeting Sara, he decided to leave the Navy and return to the Highlands. He worked briefly as a roustabout on an offshore oil rig in the North Sea off Denmark. He is now working at a newly established wind farm, erecting wind turbines behind Golspie.

They chose Dunrobin Castle as their wedding venue, because their daily walks with their dog, Skye the Beagle, took them along the seafront and past the castle. With Sara being a Sutherland, and Scott Morrison, a friend of Iain’s, being the manager at the castle, the decision to have the wedding at Dunrobin was easy.



Clan Sutherland photo

With many thanks to Jean Sutherland Booth and The Dunrobin Piper, publication of the Clan Sutherland Society.



Just had to share this with you all...

This came as “truth” from friends on the Internet!

A seagull in Scotland has developed the habit of stealing chips from a neighborhood shop. The seagull waits until the shopkeeper isn’t looking, and then walks into the store and grabs a snack-size bag of cheese Doritos.

Once outside, the bag gets ripped open and shared by other birds.

The seagull’s shoplifting started early this month when he first swooped into the store in Aberdeen, Scotland, and helped himself to a bag of chips. Since then, he’s become a regular. He always takes the same type of chips.

Customers have begun paying for the seagull’s stolen bags of chips because they think it’s so funny!



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Clan MacKenzie Society plans AGM Dinner for October 27 near Toronto

A number of people have told me they are looking forward to coming to the Clan MacKenzie Dinner on October 27th but to date only one cheque has been mailed to us. It would help the organization of this event if we could get definitive orders and cheques please.

The once popular annual Clan Mackenzie Society Dinner is being revived and we are pleased to announce that arrangements have been made to use the superb facilities of the Mississauga Golf and Country Club on Mississauga Road close to the intersection with the Queen Elizabeth Way. The dinner has been fixed for 8 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting will be held prior to the dinner at the same place at 6 p.m. Cocktails to be available from 7 p.m. The cost of the dinner will be set at \$60 per person and the Society will provide both red and white wine for each of the tables.

For out of province Commissioners there are special arrangements to enable them to attend and they should contact Alan at alan@mkz.com for details. Here is the dinner menu: Soup: Lobster Bisque. Salad: Niagara Salad (Baby Lettuces tossed in Ice Wine Vinaigrette with Sliced grapes, Pine Nuts &

Goat Cheese.) Entrees: Choice of Roast Eye of Prime Rib (Well-Trimmed and Lean Prime Rib served with Demi-Glace, Buttermilk Mash and Vegetables.) or, Chicken Supreme & Shrimp (Topped with Roasted Shrimp & White Wine Roasted Garlic Cream Sauce served with Rosti Potato.) Dessert: Chocolate Trio (Dark Chocolate Cup with White Chocolate Mousse, Devils Chocolate Ice Cream and Chocolate Dipped Strawberry.)

In the past we have had over 100 members and friends attend this dinner and we shall work on providing lots of entertainment in addition including Highland dancing. **BOOK YOUR PLACES NOW**

Just send a note reserving the number of places preferably with your cheque as well and also your preferred choice of main course. In any event we would like reservations to be in no later than September 30th so we can finalize with the golf club.

Requests for tickets should be sent to Alan McKenzie at 580 Rebecca Street, Oakville, ON L6K 3N9 together with a cheque for the meal at \$60 per person. There are a number of good hotels in the vicinity and the Club itself is only 20 minutes from Toronto Pearson Airport.

GENEALOGICAL HELP NEEDED!

Re: **DUNCAN AND ANNABELLA MCKENZIE**
I am trying to complete my family tree and to learn as much about my heritage as I can. I have been able to trace my great great great grandfather, **DUNCAN MCKENZIE**, to his homestead near Galt, Ontario Canada. **DUNCAN** was born in November 1807 in Scotland. He married a lady named **ANNABELLA**. **ANNABELLA** was born in 1811 in Scotland. **DUNCAN** and **ANNABELLA** had five children in Scotland; **RORY** (born 1823), **DONALD** (born 1826, Died 1911), **WILLIAM** (born April 3, 1829, died April 24, 1906), **HANAH** (born 1833), and **ANNABELLA** (born 1835, married **JAMES HEMSWORTH**). The family then immigrated to Canada and had three more children; **KEN-**

NETH (born 1838), **ALEXANDER** (born February 14, 1840, died 1919, married **ANNIE HEMSWORTH**), and **MURDOCK** (born 1843). My great great grandfather, **ALEXANDER MCKENZIE**, married **ANNIE HEMSWORTH** and they had my great grandfather in Galt Ontario in 1868. They then moved to Plainsfield Michigan prior to 1871. They moved to Saskatchewan Canada prior to 1886. They had four children in Michigan (**WILLIAM, MARY, EUPHEMIA AND MARGARET**). Their last son, **JOHN**, was born in Canada. If anyone has information about their son, **WILLIAM** (born 1871), please contact me. I have no other information about **DUNCAN** and **ANNABELLA**. I have heard

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Congratulations to Colin Alexander Feden (CAP) Munro!

Our congratulations go to Colin Alexander Peden (CAP) Munro who received an Order of Australia Medal in the General Division for his service to regional Australia through the promotion and preservation of rural culture, particularly through television and radio. Just to give you an idea of what took up Colin's time before he retired here are a few of his involvements. He was the ABC Manager Regional Liaison; President of the Australian Council of Agricultural Journalists; Deputy Chairman of the NSW Branch of the Stockman's Hall of Fame, Longreach, Queensland; Ambassador for the Year of the Outback 2006; Member of the Board of Australia's Open Garden Scheme; Vice President of the NSW Farmwriters; & judges Country Music at Tamworth. If that were not enough, Colin is also our Overseas Member of Council for the Clan Munro.

Congratulations Colin, a well deserved honour.

With many thanks to the Clan Munro Australia Newsletter. You may find them online at dmun1249@bigpond.net.au

TN & NC history buffs! Here's a mystery for you!

I have a group of individuals and families that I am researching, not all related. I have found some of the women widowed and owning land in their own names.

Much of this information comes from 1820-1840 census documents for Lincoln Co., TN.

They made a move from Surry Co., NC to Lincoln Co., TN just prior to 1820.

I found something interesting on the census for 1820. On three pages there are listed 12 Widows as head of household with no men in the household of an age to be a husband. Some of them are listed next to families of the same name.

It seems a little strange to have so many husbandless families in the same area.

What was going on in history during this time frame that could explain such an occurrence? How about women owning land in their names? Isn't that odd for the time? Why would this be allowed? Reply mccollum212@msn.com please.

Genealogical help needed,

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through the family gossip line that **DUNCAN** and **ANNABELLA** were from the Isle of Skye. If anyone has any information about anyone in my family line, please contact me. I love history and find the McKenzie history very interesting so if there is any information on our history please direct me to the location. My email address is chcline@shaw.ca. **Thanks for your time, Chrystal Cline**



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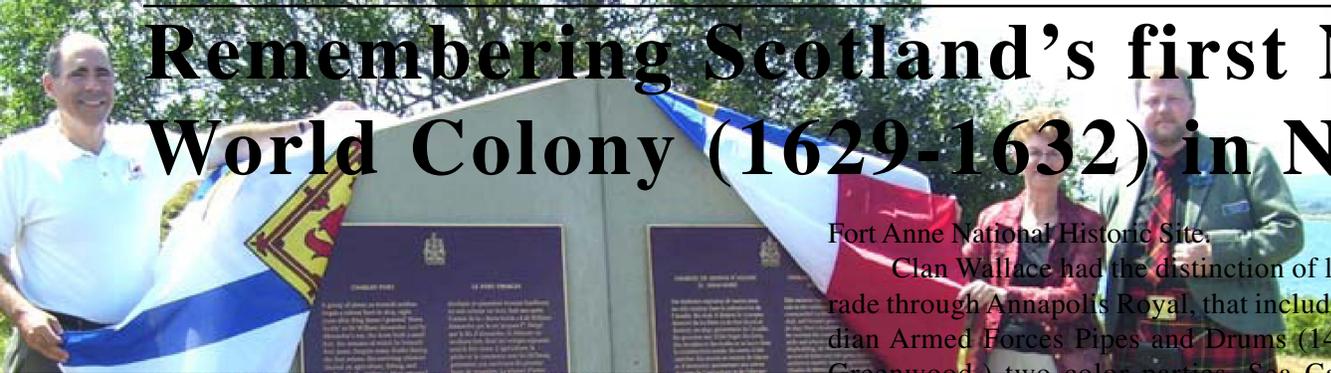


MAKE YOUR DREAM TRIP TO SCOTLAND COME TRUE



Tom E.S. Wallace (R) with Hon. David Morse, NS Minister of Natural Resources (L), and Marie Colombe Robichaud (C) from the Acadian Heritage Society unveil a new Charlesfort Memorial at Annapolis Royal, NS, on August 14th. Coincidentally, this monument is made from sandstone quarried at Wallace, NS.

Remembering Scotland's first New World Colony (1629-1632) in NS



way to fund colonial expansion into North America.

The Charlesfort Colony, named for James' successor, Charles I, was the first capital of "New Scotland." Through the 1620's, colonial promoter Sir William Alexander dreamed that Nova Scotia would be Scotland's response to England's Virginia and Massachusetts Bay colonies. International politics, however, doomed the venture when Nova Scotia was ceded to France in 1632, and the Colonial Office gave precedence and resources to the English colonies farther south. The removal of the Scots paved the way for French colonial expansion in Atlantic Canada.

The Acadians are the ancestors of today's American "Cajun" communities.

Archeological research in the 1990's proved that the short-lived Charlesfort existed on the site of present-day

Fort Anne National Historic Site.

Clan Wallace had the distinction of leading a parade through Annapolis Royal, that included the Canadian Armed Forces Pipes and Drums (14 Wing CFB Greenwood,) two color parties, Sea Cadets, Parks Canada, representatives from various Scottish and Acadian societies, and dignitaries from all levels of government.

Following the unveiling of the new monument — which happened to be constructed of sandstone quarried at Wallace, Nova Scotia — there was a public barbecue, an open-air concert, and exhibitions of Highland and traditional 17th century Scottish dancing.

For more info on Charlesfort and the International Gatherings of the Clans, visit www.scotsns.ca or www.igc2007.ca.

With thanks to: Am Fear-Gleidhidh, newsletter of the Clan Wallace Society. Wallaces contact William J. Wallace via email at <billandnorma@gmail.com>

CALLING ALL BLAIRS & THEIR EXTENDED FAMILIES

*November 2nd-4th, 2007 is the time for all
Blairs and their descendants to congregate
in Tucson Arizona, to celebrate the*

2007 Clan Blair Society AGM and the Society's 20th Anniversary.

*You don't have to be a member to enjoy the
fellowship of other Blairs. The events are in
conjunction with the Tucson Celtic Festival &
Scottish Highland Games at the Rillito Park Race
Track, 4502 N. First Ave. Tucson, Arizona.*

www.tucsoncelticfestival.org and
www.clanblair.org

Friday, November 2nd

*2-5pm The Clan Blair Society Board members will
meet at The Hotel Arizona. This is an open meeting.
You can dine at the hotel, explore on your own or
dine at the Raceway.*

6-7:30pm The Raceway will be having a catered Celtic
dinner.

(Reservations must be made asap)

7:30-8pm The Torchlight Ceremony of Honor at the
Raceway. Clan Blair will be an Honored Clan and will be
piped in, hopefully with our song "My Bonnie Blair". We
hope to have lots of "Blairs" marching with us!

8-10pm A Ceilidh will be held at the Raceway,
entertainment by "The Muses".

Saturday, November 3rd

9am-5pm The Celtic Festival and Highland Games at
Rillito Park Race Track.

1pm Meet at the Clan Blair Society tent at the Games
to discuss the AGM and meet the new board
members. We will have cold drinks and food at
the tent for everyone to enjoy. **7-11pm** Clan Blair AGM
Dinner at the Hotel Arizona, 181 W. Broadway Blvd.

Tucson, AZ 85701.

We will have a cash bar, buffet of pepper crusted Sirloin
with sautéed onions and mushrooms in a rich brown
Demi Sauce, Lemon Zest Halibut with Caper Cream
Sauce, marinated Roma Tomatoes with sliced red
onions and Cojita Cheese, mixed green salad,
Parmesan herb roasted potatoes, Chef's choice of
vegetables, rolls, assortment of mini cheese cakes,
coffee and tea. (Menu may change if we don't get
enough people.). A Piper will pipe in the Haggis, Bob
the 1st will recite the ode to the Haggis. A Bonnie Knee
contest, entertainment and a raffle are in the works.

(Dinner reservations must be RECEIVED by Oct.
12th, 2007)

Sunday, November 4th 9am-5pm The Celtic
Festival and Highland Games at the Race Track

For those traveling we have made arrangements at The
Hotel Arizona, 181 W. Broadway Blvd. Tucson, Az
85701. It's about 6miles from the Raceway. The hotel is
very handicapped friendly and every room has a view.

Discount Room reservations must be made asap

*For the fit who can climb lots of stairs, The Best
Western Inn & Suites, 6201 N. Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ.*

*Price lists for the activities and room rates are on the
next page.*

*There are direct flights into Tucson from many locations.
Average November temperature is low 70's daytime and
40's nighttime. There's lots to see and do in Tucson,
check out www.visittucson.org.*

Call, email or write me for more information.
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2007 Clan Blair Society AGM Events
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Clan Blair AGM Dinner

November 3rd, 2007

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Day trip planned to The Georgia Historical Society in Savannah

CGGS (Coastal Georgia Genealogi-
cal Society) Field Trip to Georgia Histori-
cal Society in Savannah is planned for
Wednesday, 10 October 2007.

This will be a day trip with travelers
taking their own cars.

The next regular meeting of the
group will be the 2nd Sunday in Novem-
ber at The College Place United Method-
ist Church on Altama Ave., in Brunswick,
GA. The meetings begin at 2 PM and
everyone is invited.

Telephone 912-265-5916 for infor-
mation about the trip and the meetings
and speak to the president, Rob Lear.

Clan Forrester, *continued from page 1*

After the events on Saturday, everyone is in-
vited to attend our annual Ceilidh at Will and Sonia
Newman's home. Plan to arrive at their home around
6:00-6:30 for food, fun and fellowship. Feel free to
bring your "musical talent" to join in with "pickin'
'n grinnin'". The Newmans will furnish the meat
and everyone needs to bring side dishes. (a covered
dish, salad, drinks, dessert.....pick up from KFC, Deli,
homemade, etc.....anything that you would like to
bring to add to the meal.) There will be a sign-up
sheet at our tent for this event.

I want to personally thank each member for your
support of me as your Clan Forrester President the
past four years and I look forward to serving you in
other positions in the coming years. Please support
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Mountain Games.

Yours Aye, Ben



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My name is Bill Forrester. My father's people left Germany in 1744 from the Zweibrucken area to come to America. Does anyone know if we can be tied into Scotland? Please contact [<Billy.forrester@us.army.mil>](mailto:Billy.forrester@us.army.mil)

W.M. "Bill" Karaitiana in New Zealand writes, "During the 1970s, Mr. **PAUL FORRESTER** who was an accountant and his two daughters, **JULIET** and **MARTINE**, stayed with my grandfather whilst they learned to ride horses. **PAUL**, **JULIET** and **MARTINE** were from the UK. They may have lived in other countries since then. Can anyone help me locate either of them? Contact **Bill** at [<optimax@extra.co.nz>](mailto:optimax@extra.co.nz)

Seeking any information on the descendants of and/or historical connection between **JOHN GARBH MACLEAN OF COLL** and the **GARVIES** of Perthshire. Perthshire tradition has it that the **GARVIES** are descended from **JOHN GARBH**, seventh MacLean of Coll, through one of his sons, probably **John of Totaronald**. This son was wounded at the Battle of Inverkeithing in 1651, and did not return to Coll. His three sons (or grandsons) rented Upper Balgarvie, Lower Balgarvie, and Mill of Balgarvie in the parish of Scone. **Colin G Garvie** garvie@iafrica.com

This is Ian Munro's story - he is tracing a **GEORGE MUNRO** who was born in the Orkney Scotland on the 14-1-1824, he married **ELIZABETH GOW** from Caithness on 10-10-1853 in Edinburgh, they lived in the Gorbals Glasgow after they were married & then came to Australia, his father was **ROBERT MUNRO** a Carpenter according to family stories was lost at sea, his mother was **SUPHEMIA MOWATT** & his

wife's parents were **DONALD GOW** & **CATHERINE MILLS**. **IAN** can trace back to a **ROBERT MUNRO** to 1766 at Stromness, Orkney & you can contact him at ian.munro8@bigpond.com

One of Clan Munro's (Association) Australian members, **Lydia Batchelder**, would love to find a little more about her ancestors. **DONALD MUNRO** was born in Ross-shire but moved to Moray where he married **HELEN BAIN**. Their children were **HELEN, ALEXANDER, WILLIAM, JANE, JOHN, CHRISTINA, JAMES & DAVID** - they were all born in Dyke. Lydia's grandfather **WILLIAM MUNRO** was born in 1837 & he married **CATHERINE CAMERON**. Their children were **ELLEN, GEORGE, ALEXANDRINA, JAMES, ETHEL, WILLIAM PETER & JOHN**. Let me know if you recognise any of those. dmun1249@bigpond.net.au

Nancy Milne-Fowler sent this one. "I am trying to find a record of my great grandmother's early days in Inverness, Scotland - especially her father's name and her mother's maiden name. These are the details I have. **MARGARET** (or **MARGRET**) **MUNRO**, born 1818/1819 Inverness, died Kapunda, South Australia 9 June 1903 aged 85 years. She was the widow of **DONALD BARRON** b. 23 Sep 1818 d.19 Feb 1886. They were married 22 Jan 1847 in Inverness both of Huntly Street Inverness. Children of the marriage were - **CATHERINE** b.17 Oct 1847 Inverness; **DUNCAN** b.1 July 1851 Inverness d.14 Apr 1935 S Australia; **MARGARET** b.20 Dec 1852 Inverness d.26 Dec 1916 S Australia; **THOMAS JOHN** b. 5 Mar 1857 Kapunda S Australia d. 9 Apr 1905 S Australia;

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Auld Scottish Wedding Traditions

Festivities, known as Penny Weddings, were renowned for feasting, drinking, dancing and fighting. They were enjoyed by all except the clergy - who disapproved of such raucous behavior. Opinions that were wholeheartedly ignored.

Gifts were made to the newlyweds towards the cost of the wedding feast and wild celebrations which started on the eve of the wedding with singing, toasts and the ceremony of "feet washing."

A tub of water was placed in the best room, in which the bride placed her feet. Her female friends then gathered around to help wash them. A wedding ring from a happily married woman was previously placed in the tub and it was believed that whoever found the ring would be the next to get married.

The menfolk were outside the door making jokes and attempting to watch through the doorway.

The following day, the bridal party made their way to the church, flower petals being thrown in front of the bride, but if they encountered a funeral or a pig on the way, it was considered bad luck and they would return home and set out again.

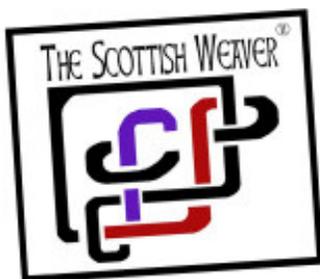
The first person they encountered was called the "first foot" and would be given a coin and a drink of whisky by the bride. He would then have to accompany the bridal party for one mile before being allowed to continue on his way.

Just outside the church, they would be met by the clergyman and make their wedding vows. Then, a mass was held in the church, during which the clergyman blessed food brought by the guests.

It was traditional for the clergyman, however shy, to kiss the bride.

With thanks to *Tulach Ard*, newsletter of the Clan Mackenzie Society in the Americas. Mackenzies write Howard Wright, Secretary, PO Box 300337, Waterford, MI 48330. Email <wright@ameritech.net> or call 248-666-3708.

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MacLellan's gather at SMHG

The next Annual General Meeting of Clan MacLellan will be held the weekend of October 19-22, 2007 at the Stone Mountain Highland Games near Atlanta, Georgia. The Clan MacLellan Southeast Region will host this year's event.

Elections for the positions of the Editor of *Think On* and Recording Secretary are set for the meeting. Clan MacLellan is also in need of Northeast/New England Region Director. States included in the region are Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont. Please contact any officer of the current director if you are interested in holding this position.

Contact president, David McLellan, 2508 Dunn St., Pensacola, FL 32526 or call 850-944-1390. You may also email <dmbm@cox.net> for meeting information or to volunteer your services.

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JANE b.29 Oct 1861 Kapunda d.12 Jul 1869 Kapunda S Australia. **DONALD BARRON** (age 37) and Margaret Munro (age 36) Left Liverpool U K in October 1854 by ship "William Stevenson" and arrived in Port Adelaide on 1st February 1855. They settled in Kapunda South Australia and **DONALD BARRON** worked as an agricultural labourer. They were both buried in Kapunda Cemetery." You can contact Nancy on nanfowler@netspace.net.au

This one will be difficult – Jo Lockwood wrote "The Munro I have in my tree is **ALEC MUNRO** (though my aunt also spelt the family name as **MONROE**). **Alec** was married to **IVY MAY PIERCE** (b. 10 Sept. 1918). They had a daughter, **MARGARET HELEN** (b. 1946). This is all the information I have." If this rings a bell, contact Jo on lockwoodsjj@yahoo.com

From **Suzi Reilly** we have - **RICHARD MUNRO** was born about 1861 in Ballarat, Vic Australia and died 26 November 1948 at home in Undercliffe, NSW Australia, on 6 November 1883 at The Wesleyan Church, Deniliquin, NSW Australia he married **CAROLINE SUSAN HANCOX** born 21 July 1864 Collingwood, Vic Australia. They had 11 Children and only one died young. 1 **GEORGE HANCOX MUNRO** Born 1882 Deniliquin, NSW Died 13 Oct 1965 Balmain, NSW Married 1905 **ELIZA ELLEN SCOTT** (1881 - 1938) 2 **CAROLINE SUSANNAH MUNRO** born 24 August 1884 Collingwood, Vic Died 6 Sept 1969 Undercliffe, NSW married 1904 **FREDERICK P BLAKENEY** (1879 - 1928) 3 **MARGARET JANE MUNRO** born 6 May 1886 Prahan, Melbourne, Vic died 7 June Fairfield, NSW married 1909 **AMBROSE (BUGG) BUDD** (1888 - 1956) 4 **ELLEN MUNRO** born 22 June 1888 Balmain, NSW

Died 6 April 1972 Stanmore, NSW married 1912 **ALBERT LAWSON SIMMONS** (1885 - 1943) 5 **ELISE MAY MUNRO** born 1 July 1890 Leichhardt, NSW Died 29 July 1969 Undercliffe, NSW married **CECIL LEO FREDERICK JAMES BUGDEN** (1890 - 1973) (there are no living members of this line) 6 **RICHARD ALEXANDER (Dick) MUNRO** born 1892 Leichhardt, NSW died 30 May 1971 married 1916 **ETHEL M LLOYD** (died before 1971) 7 **RUTH MUNRO** born 13 October 1894 Leichhardt, NSW Died 6 Jan 1985 Bexley, NSW married 11 Sept 1915 **HERBERT JAMES (Jim) BENNETT** (1892 - 1965) 8 **RUBY VICTORIA MUNRO** born 6 June 1896 Victoria Park, Perth, WA Australia died 12 dec 1957 Saint George Hospital, Kogarah, NSW married 1920 **SAMUEL LIVINGSTONE WINE** (1894 - 1942) 9 **MARY MUNRO** (1900 - 1900) 10 **MAY VICTORIA MUNRO** born 24 May 1901 Leichhardt, NSW Died 23 June 1989 Westmead Hospital, Westmead, NSW married 18 November 1922 **WALTER ARTHUR GLADSTONE PURSS** (1899 - 1955) 11 **MARY ROBINA (BEANIE) MUNRO** born 31 March 1904 Leichhardt, NSW died 14 August 1993 Seven Hills, NSW Australia married 10 Apr 1926 Warren Methodist Church, Marrickville, NSW Australia **LESLIE GEORGE BIDDLES** born 18 August 1899 Marrickville, NSW Died 27 Feb 1991 Guildford, NSW Marriage Certificate we see that his parents were **ALEXANDER MUNRO** and **JOHANNA McKAY**. I do not know any more about them and we have been looking for a Birth certificate for **RICHARD** for many years. (have search Vic, NSW and SA). We think that **RICHARD** had a brother **GEORGE** but don't know for sure. Contact **Suzi** on srei8710@bigpond.net.au if you know any of those people.

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2007 Annual Membership Meeting Stone Mountain Games October 19-21 set for Clan Guthrie! All Guthrie's welcome!

Clan Guthrie members be sure to mark your calendar to attend the Scottish Highland Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia in October.

Clan Guthrie Regional Commissioner for the Southeast, Dwan Guthrie Hightower, will be hosting the Guthrie's Games Tent and is planning a gathering of Guthries for cocktails/dinner party will be held on Friday, October 19th at Dwan's home in nearby Decatur, Georgia.

All members and prospective members of Clan Guthrie are invited to attend: just call Dwan at 404-

486-7703 for information and directions.

If you've ever attended one of Dwan's parties before you already know you will have a full immersion exposure to Scottish culinary delights and cultural enlightenments.

Out-of-towners are advised to contact Clan Membership Chairman, Larry Guthrie for help in locating overnight accommodations.

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To help you plan your fall festival season here is a recap of the upcoming events here in New England. I've included a short personal impression for those of you who may not have attended all of these Scottish games.

Sat. October 6 Goshen, Connecticut. The St. Andrew's Society Scottish Festival is Connecticut's largest event and takes place in the northwest hills at the Goshen Fairgrounds. The St. Andrew's Society always does a great job hosting this event which is well attended. The Scottish dogs is a very popular event along with the athletics and the Litchfield area will be coming into its autumn glory. Don't worry about the weather, if it turns Scottish they can move us into the barns. <http://www.sasct.org/festival.html>

Sun. October 7 Scotland, Connecticut. The Scotland Highland Games is one of my favorites and a great location for those of you east of the Connecticut River. Set amid the trees, barns and stone walls of the Waldo Homestead it is hard to imagine a more picturesque setting for the games. This is the last of the season and the Clan Village takes on a ceileidh air with lots of food and fun. The leaves will be approaching their peak which adds to the very New England feel of this festival. <http://www.scotlandgames.org/>

If you want to see pictures from any of these events from last year, visit my website at <<http://www.geocities.com/ayebuchanan/festivals.html>>

Richard and I and our families along with many of your Buchanan 'kinsman' will be at all of these games with your award winning Clan Tent. We would love for you to visit us again or to make your acquaintance for the first time. Pull up a chair and sit a spell or drop off your coolers and backpacks and enjoy the games, we are your family and we want you to feel at home.

We look forward to seeing you there! *Clar Innis!!!*

Yours aye, David Byrne, 2nd Vice President and Region I Commissioner Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc. ctbuchanan@gmail.com



Photo from Clan Shaw Society

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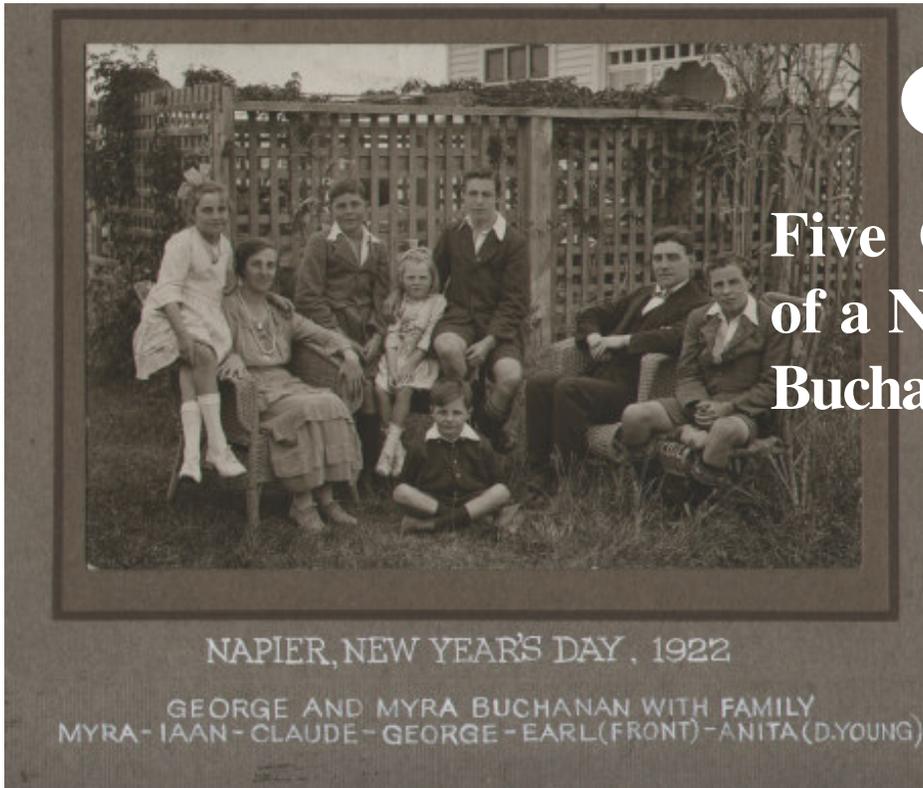
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1.

Generation one is taken in Napier, New Zealand in 1922, not long before a major earthquake destroyed a great deal of the city. Claude's great

Five Generations of a New Zealand Buchanan family

grandfather's family shown here sold everything in Napier and moved to Dunedin, NZ.



2.

Generation two shows George and Myra Buchanan with Claude, Sr., and his brother, George.



4. & 5

Claude Buchanan (from generation 3) and Robin's son, Iaan Buchanan and his wife Kelly, with 5th brand new generation, Harrison!

Long time friend, Claude Buchanan of Gartincaber in New Zealand, sent along these photos of himself and 4 more generations of his Buchanan family.



3.

Generation three is Robin and Claude Buchanan, son of Claude of generation two.

Flowers of the Forest

Bill McClelland, former president and vice-president of Clan MacLellan and chairman of the Membership Committee, passed away after a sudden illness November 2006. He was a piper and enthusiastic member of his own clan and the entire Scottish community.

Jewell McClellan Halle - a *Think On* cartoonist for ten years, passed away November 2006. She was a writer, poet, musician, professional artist and an engineering draftsman/illustrator for the US Government for 22 years. She is survived by her daughter, Jill Burt, son-in-law, David Burt, and grandson, James Burt.

Brad McLellan, former International Director for the Clan MacLellan, passed away November 22, 2006. He was a contributor of articles and book reviews for *Think On*. He was a graphic designer and became a Captain in the US Army Reserves.

Charles Harris Armstrong, Jr., of Jefferson City, Tennessee, born September 20, 1929, died on August 29, 2007, at St. Mary's Residential Hospice Center.

Mr. Armstrong helped found St. Barnabas Episcopal Lutheran Church in Jefferson City, the Church of Annunciation, Newport and was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Morristown, where he served as Senior Warden, Layreader and Chalice Bearer.

He was a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College where he received a BS in Geology and was a member of Sigma Gamma Epsilon honorary fraternity and a brother in Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, serving as president during his senior year.

Charles did graduate work at Emory Univer-

sity where he met his wife, of 49 years, Anne Collier Armstrong.

He served in the US Army during the Korean War.

He retired from United States Steel (USX Corporation) after 31 years of service.

As a professional geologist and an amateur astronomer, Charles was a man of science.

He was active and served as chairman of the East Tennessee section of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers. He was active in civic and community work, serving as President of the College Community Council and

President of the Jefferson City Friends of the Library during the time the library was enlarged. He also was an active Scouter in the Smoky Mountain Council of Boy Scouts of America, having served as Pack Master, troop committeeman, District Commissioner and Chairman of the Scout Show.

Charles also loved genealogy and Scottish-American activities and served as President of the Armstrong Clan Society, the Knoxville Scottish Society, Chairman of the Tarbolton Burns Club, a Director of the Gatlinburg Scottish Games and adjutant of the Post 328 of the Scottish American Military Society.

He was a Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and was an FSA Scot.

He enjoyed sailing and loved to travel having founded and served as first Commodore of the Cherokee Lake Sailing Club.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father

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Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 20*
and friend.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Harris Armstrong and Mary Fitch Armstrong of Birmingham, Alabama. He leaves his wife, Anne; daughter, Anne Armstrong Wing and husband Edward, Knoxville; step granddaughter, Tinsley, Nashville; son, Charles Harris Armstrong III and wife, Jeanie Byrum, Georgia; sister, Mary Katherine Farnham, New Bern, NC; sister-in-law, Betty Collier Kindt, Bokeelia, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Residential Hospice Center, 7447 Andersonville Pike, Knoxville, TN 37938 or the Lawy Body Dementia Association, PO Box 451429, Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Dean Rae (Skip) Berg, Edmonds, WA (1956-2007) By Director Jim "Bowie" Wallace. Clan Wallace Councilman Dr. Skip Berg passed away the night of 11 August 2007, of a sudden heart attack. He was 51.



He leaves loving wife of 20 years, Kathy, and brother Neal Berg of Florida. He was a Doctor of Silviculture (Forestry Management.) while doing what he liked to do dancing at an outdoor 60s RnR concert.

Skip was one of 12 first cousins of CWS Director Jim "Bowie" Wallace. "I helped my Cousins Darrell Wallace and Skip Berg set up and convened the PNW Games in Enumclaw, WA in 2006 which they convened again in July 2007.

Dr. Robert E. H. Punttenney McMinnville, OR (1917 - 2007) Robert E. H. Punttenney, M.D., a great supporter of the Clan Wallace Society and Scottish History, passed away suddenly at his home in McMinnville, OR, on January 1, 2007. He was 89

years old.

He was born in Holly, CO on September 7, 1917, to Elma Grace Wallace Punttenney and Francis Herbert Punttenney. He attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He then went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Kansas and a specialty in Urology at UCLA in California. From there he held multiple teaching positions at UCLA, Stanford University, University of Iowa, and University of Nebraska medical schools. In these positions he was the recipient of numerous professional medical awards and service commendations.

He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1953, entering the service at the beginning of World War II as an enlisted man. Soon he was promoted to an officer and rose through those ranks as well. In 1952 he married

Rosemarie Daniels and began raising a family. Prior to his retirement in 1978, he accepted a position with the Veterans Administration Hospitals as a Chief of Staff dedicated to improving the services provided to military veterans.

After retirement, he continued with active participation in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the

American Legion.

His son, Robert A. Punttenney, had the pleasure of enrolling him as a Life Member in Clan Wallace in September 1998, in tribute to his Wallace heritage, of which he had a very strong pride.

He is survived by his wife, 4 sons, 1 daughter, 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Irwin Grady "Bud" Freeman, 59, passed away September 24, 2007 after a long illness. Mr. Freeman was formerly in the real estate business. He was the only brother of Thomas R. "Tom" Freeman, the artist at Caberdancer Graphic Design, Inc. He is survived by his brother and his mother, Florence Bitter Freeman of Walhalla, SC.

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With thanks to: Am Fear-Gleidhidh, newsletter of the Clan Wallace Society. Wallaces contact William J. Wallace via email at <billandnorma@gmail.com>

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Dwan G. Hightower lives in Atlanta, Georgia where she is pursuing many interests, which include spending time with her grandchildren, reading, researching her Scottish and Cherokee heritage, and completing her sixth novel.

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*Dwan Hightower will be signing her book
at the Clan Guthrie Tent, Stone Mountain Highland Games,
October 20-21, Stone Mountain Park near Atlanta, GA*

2007 McCord Reunion July 5, 6



Members of the Clan McCord visited Washington's Headquarters July 5, 6 this summer to celebrate their reunion. Gary McCord of Pennsylvania took these photographs which are posted on their website, along with others, at <http://www.McCordClan.com> Lynn Moss of Connecticut, Advisory Board Member posted the photos.

2007 Clan McCord Reunion a success!

The Clan McCord Society Reunion was held at New Holland, Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Ft. McCord, and Hershey PA over the three days of July 4, 5, 6, 2007.

Our McCord Society and Advisory Board member Ambassador Weston Adams was our Keynote Speaker. He is one of the world's top experts on Betsy Ross, having researched her in great depth, and is descended from her niece who Betsy raised from age 14 and who is believed to have helped Betsy make some of America's earliest flags! Ambassador Adams was Knighted by the Queen in 2006, and received

an honorary doctorate from the University of South Carolina in May this year. He is a former Ambassador serving abroad during the Reagan administration and was Associate Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives' Crime Committee in the 1970's.

Wreaths were planted during our 2007 Reunion at Valley Forge on July 5th in honor of the more than 100 McCords who fought in the American Revolution, including 11 who were at Valley Forge in the bitter winter of 1777-78. A wreath was also placed at the monument at Ft. McCord near Chambersburg

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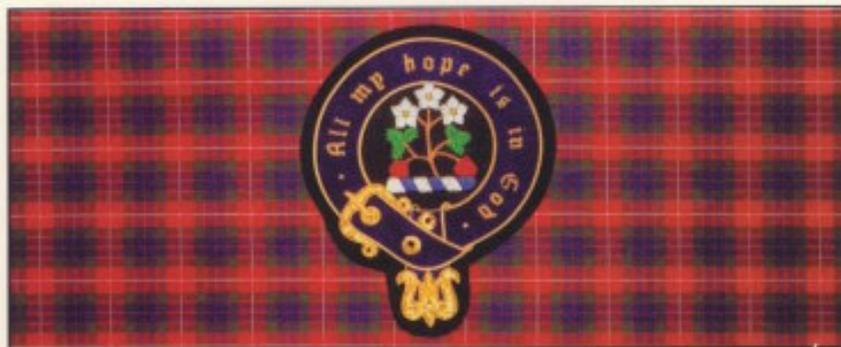
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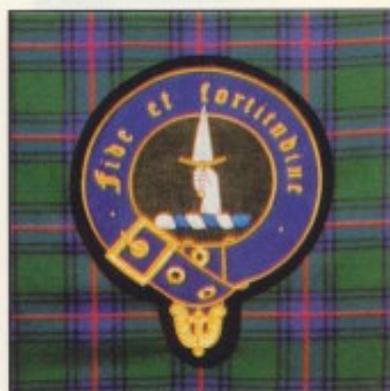
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Many tartans are now available in cotton blends to prevent moth damage. However some are only available from Scottish mills and are woven in wool. Wool is not recommended for use for the large unframed hangings.

The crests are individually produced using both machine and hand stitchery matching fabric, metallic threads and silk threads to create vivid representations.



These displays emphasize the legacies of yesteryear and honor the heritage of our Celtic ancestors. They were first designed as personalized funeral accessories to be used as framed displays before the need and inserted inside the casket at the appropriate time. The large unframed hanging is suitable as a pall for closed casket services and allows for family names and birth and death dates to be added. This will become a treasured heirloom by future generations.

Personalized crematory vessels are also available.



Celtic symbols are uniquely digitized and panels are produced using computerized stitchery. The colors are carefully selected to accomplish these beautiful pieces. The thistle is in hues of purple and lavender with green and gold accents on a light green background. The black rampant lion is stitched on a beige background and is also available featuring a red lion on gold fabric. Other designs are also available such as Celtic knots and crosses. Colors can be customized to fit your décor.



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Scottish Games make *New York Times*!

The Celtic Classic Highland Games in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (250,000 attendance) ; the Long's Peak Scottish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado (75,000 attendance); The Stone Mountain Highland Games near Stone Mountain, Georgia (20-30,000 attendance) and the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California (in excess of 20,000 attendance) were all part of a feature article in the Travel Section of the September 8, 2007 *New York Times*!

The article focused mostly on the Scottish athletic events but mentioned all aspects of what you'll find at most any Highland Games plus specialties at each of the featured games around the country.



Pipe Bands parade at Long's Peak Scottish Festival where approximately 75,000 spectators and participants celebrate their Scottish heritage each year.

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PA where on April 1, 1756 27 people were killed or captured by the Indians there during the French and Indian War.

Some of them were later rescued in a daring rescue by Frontiersmen near Kittanning PA in September 1756.

For this daring feat, the Penn Family struck medals in honor of the leader of that rescue, Col. John Armstrong and his officers.

A wreath was also placed on July 6th at Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey PA which founded in 1724 by William McCord and 11 other Scotch-Irish pioneers.

Our 2007 Clan McCord Society Reunion (McCord Family Assn) was a huge success.

All of the McCord name or descent are now invited to join us at Philadelphia PA when our member Ambassador Adams will be the honored speaker at The Betsy Ross House on National Flag Day. June 14, 2008.

June 14, 2008 also be the opening day of our 2008 International McCord Reunion to be held in Philadelphia.

Details and later updates can be found on our Clan McCord website www.McCordClan.com and at www.McCordFamilyAssn.com.

The 2008 Reunion will be a most special occasion. Please join us! Our phone number is 717-656-4452.-James McCord, President, Clan McCord Society.

Flowers of the Forest

GREENSBORO
—**Frances Craven Walters**, 80, passed away Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at Wesley Long Community Hospital.

A graveside service of remembrance will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 19, at Green Hill Cemetery with Rev.

Steve Pressley officiating. The family respectfully request no black be worn.

Frances Craven Walters was born in Danville, Va., on October 19, 1926, the daughter of Charles Francis Craven and Myrtle Ruth Shearin Craven. She was a graduate of Greensboro High School. Frances was a member of First Baptist Church for over 50 years and was an early member of The Greensboro Artist League, A Lady of the Realm of Raknar, Triad Highland Games, Loch Norman Highland Games and a former member and volunteer of the Catawba Valley Scottish Society. During her childrens' early years, she was involved in the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. She retired from Southern Photo & Print Supply with 42 years service.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Shearin Walters Wimbs and husband, Lee of Greensboro; and her loving son, Charles "Chip"

B.T. Walters and wife, Jodi of Jamestown; four grandchildren, Marcus L. Wimbs (William), C. Michael Wimbs (Timothy), Abigail Shearin Walters and Alexander D. Walters.

John R. (Jock) Sutherland, CSSNA Genealogist emeritus, passed away 14 August 2007. Jock was born 13 October 1918, and was raised in Butler, Pennsylvania. He attended Carnegie Technical College, now known as Carnegie Mellon University, then earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Dallas.

During World War II, Jock served in the European Theater where he was captured and imprisoned



in the German Officerslager (Offizierslager) 64, Szubin, Poland. The first occupants, some 150 American officers, arrived in the camp on 6 June 1943. The camp grew to 1400 detainees by the time it was evacuated in January 1945. The detainees, known as

.Kriegies., made the best of their situation by organizing sporting events, musical and theatrical performances, and planning escapes. Jock was one of approximately 200 successful escapees and earned the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart.

Jock later was an instructor at the US Army Management Engineering Training Activity (AMETA) on Rock Island Arsenal. He performed numerous quality studies on army ordnance and munitions, and trained hundreds of students in qual-

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ity in engineering. He retired in 1972.

After retiring, Jock and his wife, Lorraine, traveled the United States in their motor home, visiting friends and relatives and re-searching genealogy. In fact, they were part of the initial group that met at the Holiday Inn, Banner Elk, North Carolina, during the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1976, to form the Clan Sutherland Society of North America. Jock served as Genealogist of our Society from the time it was initially started until 2005, at which time he submitted his resignation to our current President, John Sutherland. Jock served our Society during the administration of every President from Miss Sally Southerland for 29 years.

Services were held on August 20, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Rock Island, Illinois. Inurnment took place at the Rock Island National Cemetery on the Rock Island Arsenal with military

honors given by Moline American Legion Post 246.

Jock was preceded in death by daughter, Susan, and brothers, Edward and James. He is survived by his lovely wife of almost 60 years, Lorraine, sons John and Don, daughter Linda, two granddaughters, three grandsons and three great-grandsons

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Abraham Lincoln statue in Edinburgh

The first statue of an American President erected outside the USA was unveiled in Edinburgh's Old Calton Cemetery in 1893.

The statue was erected in memory of five Scottish-Americans who died during the American Civil War.

The military men honoured are: Sergeant Major John McEwan of the 65th Illinois Volunteer Rifles, Lieutenant Colonel William Duff of the 2nd Illinois Artillery, Robert Ferguson of the 57th New York Infantry Volunteers, Robert Steedman of the 5th Maine Infantry Volunteers, James Wilkie of the 1st Michigan Cavalry.

With thanks to *An Darach*, Newsletter of the Clan Hamilton Society. Hamilton's are invited to contact Secretary@clanhamilton.org for membership information.



St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee 's Jean Rosenau passes away in September

The St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida, has lost one of its oldest and most talented members.

Jean Rosenau, wife of former St. Andrew President, Jack Rosenau, passed away on Monday, September 24, after a long illness.

Jean was instrumental in starting the Tallahassee Pipe Band and she taught many members how to play the pipes.

When Jack and former member, Bob Hall, designed the Marine Tartan, Jean made his kilt by hand. In all, she made three kilts for Jack.

Jean and Jack loved Scottish Country Dancing and participated until their health no longer permitted it. Members will remember seeing Jack bring Jean to St. Andrew festivities as long as she was able for she loved "all things Scottish".

5-6 October - St. Louis, MO

St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival
Forest Park
<http://www.stlouis-scottishgames.com>

5-7 October - Red Springs, NC

Flora Macdonald Highland Games
Flora Macdonald Campus
<http://www.capefearscots.com/games.html>

5-13 October - Cape Breton Island, NS

Celtic Colours International Festival
Various communities
<http://www.celtic-colours.com>

6 October - Ben Lomond, CA

Loch Lomond Highland Games
Highlands Park
<http://www.lochlomondceltic.org/games.htm>

6 October - Goshen, CT

St. Andrew's Society Scottish Festival
Goshen Fairgrounds
<http://www.sasct.org/festival.html>

6 October - Hartwell, GA

Loch Hartwell Highland Games
9 miles south of Hartwell
<http://www.lochhartwell.org>

6-7 October - Snow Hill, MD

Chesapeake Celtic Festival
Furnace Town
<http://www.celticfest.net>

*For a FREE Games, Festival, Event listing here...just send information before the 15th of the month before your event to:
bethscribble@aol.com*

7 October - Scotland, CT

Scotland Connecticut Highland Games
Edward Waldo Homestead
<http://www.scotlandgames.org>

7 October - Alexandria, VA

Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair
Ft. Ward Park
<http://www.accessenter.com/scotfair>

13 October - Annapolis, MD

Anne Arundel Scottish Highland Games
Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds
<http://www.aasfi.org/index1.html>

13 October - Radford, VA

Radford Highlanders Festival
Radford University
<http://www.radford.edu/festival>

13-14 October - Ventura, CA

Seaside Scottish Highland Games
Seaside Park
<http://seaside-games.com/schedules.html>

13-14 October - Bedford, TX

Bedford Celtic Heritage Festival
Bedford Boys Ranch Park
<http://www.celticheritagefestival.org>

20-21 October - Stone Mountain, GA

Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival - Stone Mountain Park
www.smhg.org

27 October - Waxhaw, NC

Waxhaw Scottish Highland Games
Cane Creek Park
<http://www.wshg.org>

Willie MacKenzie

Songs of a Rosshire Son....

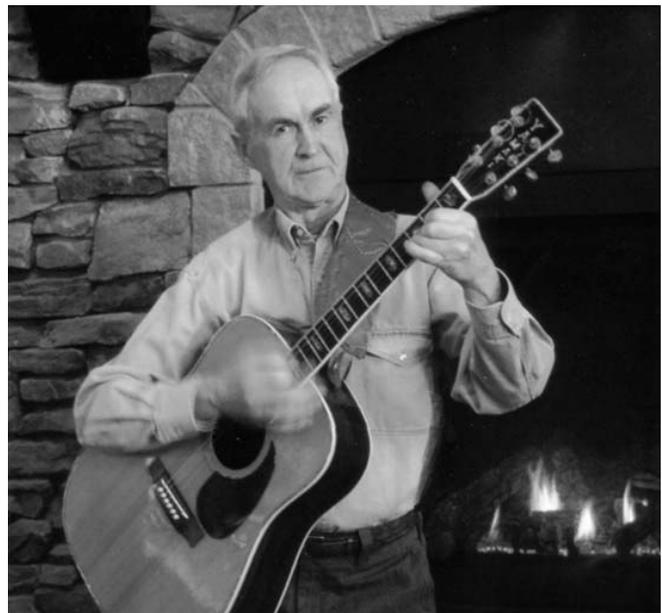
Willie Mackenzie, a Clan MacKenzie Society member living in White Rock, British Columbia has just produced a new CD entitled, "Willie MacKenzie Songs of a Rosshire Son - Celebrating Scotland and Western Canada."

Willie was born 1935 in Poolewe, Rosshire, which he describes as "wonderfully carefree years growing up and through my twenties, great love of the hills and Nature, fishing the lochs and doing a bit of deerstalking now and then."

He first emigrated in 1964, but returned to Poolewe in 1970, married, and stayed there enjoying the hills and old lifestyle for eight years. He returned to Canada in 1978, living in White Rock. Willie started writing in the village bard style, rhymes and songs of the early twenties, most pieces celebrating the wonderful freedom and beauty of those great skylines.

He did a bit of roving initially in Canada, writing songs and poems telling of Western Canada's beauty as well as more on those same old and often missed scenes left behind.

"I still have good friends in the villages, where some songs are occasionally sung at Ceilidhs and house-gatherings, and I keep in touch with them pretty regularly. The past is important and some of my songs go back in time, like 'The Raven Song', 'Children of the wind', 'Wee flowers of Dunblane',



'Riddle of the Sea', and more recently, 'Lewis' Saddened Shore', which tells of the very tragic wreck of the yacht *Iolaire* outside Stornoway harbour New Year's morning 1919 when 200 Hebridean sons drowned just twenty yards offshore as they returned from the war."

Willie says he is not a regular performing person, just an old songwriter who did a few of his songs because nobody else wanted them, so this is his only CD. Willie kindly sent me a copy and I have it playing regularly when I am at clan work in the study. It is a professional piece of work and copies may be bought from Willie who can be contacted at his e-mail address: williesden@gmail.com I do not know the price but I suspect with postage costs it will run to a total of about \$15.

With thanks to the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas *Cabar Feidh* The Canadian Chapter Magazine.



**Flowers
from
Willie
MacKenzie's
beloved
Poolewe**