

Michael T.R.B. Turnbull presents his new book: *Rosslyn Chapel Revealed*

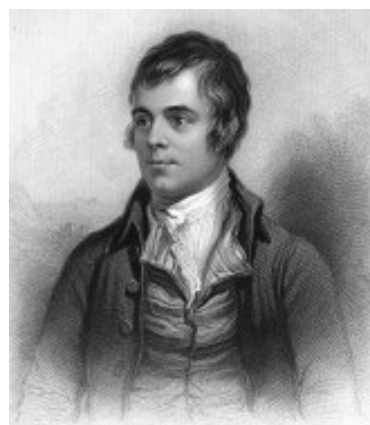
Michael T.R.B. Turnbull writes to us of his new book, *Rosslyn Chapel Revealed*. He has written a piece about some of our favorite Scots visiting the chapel - which will follow this article.

On Amazon.com the book is described: *Rosslyn Chapel Revealed* offers the reader an increased understanding and respect for one of Europe's finest pre-Reformation buildings.

Michael Fass, lately priest-in-charge at Rosslyn Chapel, describes the "deep longings for meaning, for peace and for comfort which visitors express in the prayer requests that they leave with us." Rosslyn Chapel, with its foundations in the world of nature, still points bravely to the heavens.

Rosslyn Chapel Revealed, provides rational grounds for supporting such profoundly spiritual expectations, based on the best available historical and archaeological finding.

That there is mystery at Rosslyn Chapel, there can be no doubt. But it is not the mystery of the Gnostic variety available only to the initiated few. Instead, it is knowledge, accessible to all, of the dynamic intertwining of the created world with the impulse towards self-



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Flowers of the Forest

Mary Grace Brown Cathey, 85, died last June 7. Born 29 June 1922, in Tiptop, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late John D. and Mary Lee Anderson Brown. She was a former counselor with the Cancer Society in High Point, North Carolina and a former member of the Triad Prayer Group in High Point. Mrs. Cathey was a member of the Spartanburg Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her husband, Boyt Henderson Cathey; a son, Robert Allen Cathey and daughter-in-law Kathleen "Kathy" Wheale Cathey of Greenville, South Carolina; a son-in-law, Rankin Darby of Roanoke, Virginia; a sister, Harriet Dale of High Point; and a grandson, Aaron Darby of Roanoke. She was predeceased by a daughter, Marian Lee Cathey Darby and a son, Stephen Dale Cathey.

Carol Grant Sanderson passed away on April 16th, 2008 in Rochester, New Hampshire, where she had moved in 2007. She was involved in many Clan Grant activities for a number of years. She is survived by her son Arthur Grant Sanderson and her daughters, Grace Collins and Marcia Sanderson.

Dorothy "Dot" Shields, 84, widow of William "Bill" Shields, died late last year in Augusta, Georgia. Known as "Granny" Shields in the Scottish community, she traveled to many Highland

Games and events with Bob and Virginia Folds. She worked with Bob Folds in his silversmith business.

George W. Shaw, Jr., died in Felton, Pennsylvania last April 2. He was Clan Shaw Society member #607. Geordie, with his wife, served the society as a convener for a number of years representing Clan Shaw in Maryland, Pennsylvania and other states. He also held the post of society genealogist for a number of years.

He was honored as Clansman of the Year and with the Order of the Dagger and the Order of the Dirk for his long and effective services.

George was 72. He served with the United States Air Force as a Chinese linguist and was a member of the US Marine Reserves.

He is survived by his wife, Ann.

Ellouise Sharman MacKinnon, died 1916, died this past April in Jacksonville, Florida. She was the mother of Clan MacKinnon Society of North America founder, N. Joann MacKinnon Osborne, who passed away in 2006. She was also the mother of former Representative of the Chief, Clinton E. MacKinnon, Sr., along with daughters Sally Rorer and Alexandria Pratt.

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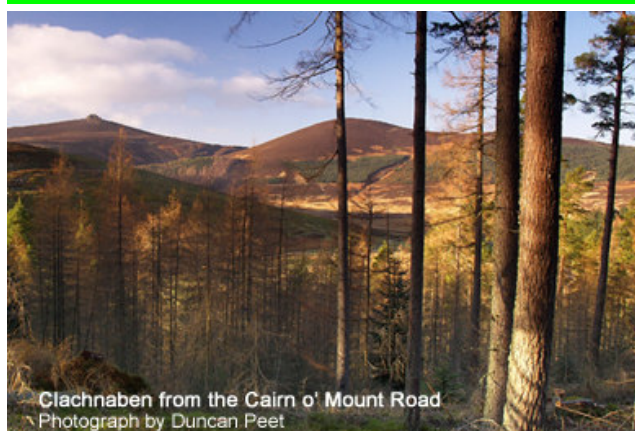
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US Army Sgt. Garrett Ian McLeod

At age 23, **Garrett Ian McLeod** died on August 22, 2007 in Iraq alongside 13 fellow soldiers in a Black Hawk helicopter crash, after completing a reconnaissance mission.

Garret was born in Houston, Texas, but grew up in Rockport where he played trombone in the high school band and worked on the yearbook staff while playing varsity tennis and soccer.

At church, he organized the annual Big Kahuna Surf trip.

He enlisted in the United States Army during his senior year of high school and served two overseas tours in Afghanistan and Iraq.

At Garrett's memorial service, nearly 600 mourners heard this regarding the young man: "Nothing I can say will show how special he is to me and much I love and miss him. Garrett couldn't just go surging, he had to moon everybody. (The stories get more graphic from there.) Yet, he was full of loyalty, bravery, love and life - a glow I'll never forget." (His cousin, Greg Emmons.)

"When I first heard about Garrett, I just dropped to the floor and wept," said Reverend Walter Knight. "I was 40 when I came here and Garrett said, 'We're a little disappointed - they told us we were going to get a young guy.'"

"Garrett had that Ralph Lauren face with a smile that said, 'Guess what I just did?'"

"He went from suntanned and sandals to sharp in uniform with shined shoes. I asked him if he had seen any action over there? He said, 'Nope, they wear veils.'"

His service had 100 Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas holding American flags at the en-

trance. Inside, six surfboards stood in salute along the altar walls behind the flag-draped casket. Mourners viewed a slide show and video and the service concluded with a bagpipe version of Amazing Grace - switching to a rock n' roll arrangement.

Sixty motorcycles escorted the funeral procession to the cemetery.

His uncle, Paul Emmons, said, "That was just the way Garrett would say good-bye."

He said, "We'll never forget Garrett, and it's

best said by this poignant phrase, 'The beginning of the end of war lies in remembrance,' and that's just what we're going to do."

Your editor is in tears. Please, everyone, say "Thank you" to our military men and women at



every opportunity.

I had just read Dan Rather's The Greatest Generation when 9/11 occurred.

Just a few days before, I had wondered what in the world would happen to us should something unthinkable happen to our nation. I wondered if we would again have the military men and women to defend our way of life and our freedoms. I was doubtful.

I need not have worried - although that little worry has changed to an on-going worry and concern about the brave young people who have put their own lives on hold to defend us. I'm not very political - but I do know that no act of terrorism has been committed on our soil since 9/11 - although many horrible events have taken place elsewhere in the world. Many of our precious fellow Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice for each of us in this crisis.

Thank you, Garrett!



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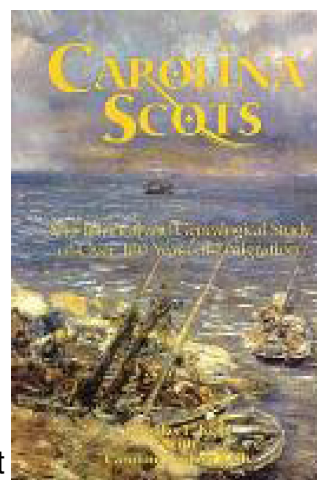
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Alastair McIntyre on Scotland

Alastair McIntyre, electricscotland.com

I'm sure my Scottish friends are not going to be too pleased with my observations but I'm getting more and more convinced that the best of Scots have already left Scotland. While this isn't news as such I just thought it was time to put some of my thoughts down and I'd certainly welcome any comments after you have read it be they positive or negative :-)

Back in the 16th, to 20th centuries hundreds of thousands of Scots left Scotland for lands all over the world. [Note that at the Union of the Crowns in 1707 it was estimated that the population of Scotland was just 1 million]. A lot of them had an enterprising spirit and saw business opportunities. A lot of others were forced to leave through the Highland Clearances but it still took a lot of courage to leave the homeland.

You simply can't read the histories of other countries without being made aware of the part the Scots played in those lands. Before the new worlds were discovered Scots had been emigrating to Europe and other lands and then they turned to the opportunities of the new worlds.

They founded banks, legal firms, farms, educational establishments, churches, and were leaders in commerce, shipping, and general industries as well as being heavily involved in politics be it local or national.

In those days Scots had a world vision and an enterprise that was astonishing and despite all that has happened, the Scots descendants still do amazing things in the world. Recently they discovered that despite being a small minority in the USA they actually produce 10% of all the millionaires in America.

I find as I travel around the various places in the world where Scots have settled that I get a great deal of help from the Scots and their descendants. They are generally proud of what they and their ancestors have achieved and are willing to provide information on those achievements. And yet the Scots at home seem a pale shadow of those descendants. They don't have the same vision or pride that our descendants do in other lands.

I have written to 100 Scottish companies to see if they'd be interested in providing some history about their companies. Not one provided such information, although the Wood Group did some years later.

I have emailed or written to every Scottish Council area to ask for information and the few that responded offered nothing or little that was of any use.

Not one tourism company or tourism organisation in Scotland has offered anything about themselves.

I have attended a number of meetings in Canada and the USA where I've been asked to attend due to a Scottish Minister doing the rounds or other Scottish organisations wanting to talk to local people. Never have they come up with plans on what we can do to help. They tell us a tiny amount about their organisations or what is happening in Scotland and expect us to read their minds about why they have come or what we might be able to do to help.

I once did a survey on why people might go to Scotland and found that some 78% of them that did go to Scotland just wanted to touch base with their roots. Those 78% had, to their knowledge, no living relations in Scotland.

I keep wondering why local Scots in Scotland are so poor at communicating. We are after all in the communication age. Even if you visit their web sites most are just brochures and very few of them excite or enthuse the visitor. They are so seldom updated that there is often little point in going

back as nothing will have changed.

I am in fact fortunate to be in Canada right now and here in Canada I could spend the rest of my life just writing about Scots in Canada with the huge amount of written accounts of Scots here. In fact I've really come to the conclusion that Canada is the real home of the Scots as so many of them came here, settled and helped to develop the country to what it is today.

If we read the histories you can see that many clan chiefs came from other lands to Scotland. This progress now

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seen to be happening again but this time clan members are moving to Canada, America, Australia, etc.

On the whole it's those people that have kept alive the clan roots and not, in most cases, the people back in Scotland.

We keep hearing about Scots wanting to ditch the tartan and bagpipe image of Scotland and yet these are instantly recognisable brands for Scotland. It was the Scots people of Canada and the USA that came up with Tartan Day and now the local Scots want to ditch that in favour of Scottish Week. Did they ever do anything to help get Tartan Day started? No! So in thanks for all our work to get Tartan Day started they tell us thanks but we need to move on to other things. Do they actually recognise all the work that went on to get Tartan Day recognised? I'm sure most have no idea whatsoever.

Now there is a movement afoot to get the month of April recognised in the USA as Scots & Scots-Irish Month. This is of course being done by local people of Scots descent and this month has already been recognised by many States in America. Where are the local Scots in all this? Nowhere! I might add if you want to give support to this group you can read more at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/articles/ncscotsmonth.htm>

I am hugely proud to be a Scot and especially when you consider what the Scots have achieved all over the world. I'm not so sure I can identify with the local Scots of today however. They seem to be a pale shadow of what our Scots ancestors were in the olden days. I believe most of our real traditions have been moved to places like Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere in the world.

Indeed Canada has already had to go back to Scotland to teach them about step dancing. The Gaelic College in Cape Breton is keeping the Gaelic Language alive. The College of Piping in Prince Edward Island likewise for bagpipes. The Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph is the only place in North America where you can obtain a Doctorate or Masters in Scottish Studies. Some of the finest Burns clubs in the world can be found in Canada and the USA.

About the only reason for going back to Scotland is to see the country where we came from. Next year we see Homecoming Scotland getting started and to learn how to do a clan gathering they had to visit the Grandfather Mountain Games and Stone Mountain Highland Games and the Fergus Highland Games in Canada to learn how to do it. The fact that it is being held on Scottish Soil is perhaps the only reason to go there.

Most people that will go to Scotland in 2009 from further afield than Europe will be going for between 7 - 14 days. Likely at least 3 days will be to Edinburgh where the Clan Gathering is but where will they go next? Perhaps to Stirling but then I would imagine most will head to St. Andrews and the Highlands and Islands. So many parts of Scotland will be

missed as no attempt is made to attract people to them. Like why would you go to Glasgow? Why go to a city for your holiday? Would it even occur to you to go to Glasgow unless you had relatives there?

I get reports on Scottish Business from the point of view that Scots around the world send opportunities back to Scotland. The local Scots seem to want business handed to them on a plate. Like you mean we have to do some work to get the business? Unless there is a grant I'm not interested!

Our ancestors didn't get grants but many of them made millions by engaging businesses all over the world. A lot of them found ways to co-operate with each other to help defray expenses. And a lot of them made sure people knew who they were and why they had come. This is entirely different from the secretive Scottish Enterprise who while involved in North America make sure you learn virtually nothing about what they do.

The vast majority of Scots left Scotland to get a better life and most of them achieved that and are now Americans, Canadians, Australians, etc. Their new countries have given them a much better life that they could get in Scotland. We mostly have positive attitudes to "Old Scotland" but I doubt most of us have any particular ties to "New Scotland" unless you have family there. Should the Scotland of today want to engage us they need to give us reasons and provide us with some information as to why we should do so.

That's not to say Scots in Scotland won't give you a decent welcome when you get there but I just think our Scots descendants give you an even better welcome when you visit them. Like I spent 6 months in Canada and all that time I was put up in Canadian homes of Scots and their descendants. Likewise I was put up for 3 months in the USA again staying with Scots and their descendants. That just wouldn't happen in Scotland.

It just seems to me that local Scots have no idea how to communicate with the Scots Diaspora around the world and it's a real shame as they are ignoring the very best of Scots that have actually achieved so much in their new lands. These are successful people with vision and enterprise. Why would you not want to communicate with them?

I believe Scotland could do so much better but perhaps it's because the best of Scotland have already left Scotland and the people we left behind are mostly the ones that did not have the courage to leave Scotland or the vision and enterprise to see the possibilities in the world.

Scotland should be able to do so much better but where are the visionaries, the entrepreneurs? We simply don't know as Scotland has a failure to communicate and so most Scots in the Diaspora haven't a clue as to what Scotland is getting up to today. Only a tiny percentage go to the trouble of finding out.

And so if Scots want to do better in the world it's time they went back and looked at their history when Scots were doing all those amazing things in the world.



Visitors through the ages

Michael T.R.B. Turnbull

Poets and Novelists

One of the earliest celebrity travellers in Britain was the London literary critic and novelist, Samuel Johnson who was accompanied by his biographer, James Boswell of Auchinleck (1740-95) on his tour to the Hebrides. On their return from the North of Scotland the pair prepared to take the coach for London on Monday 22 November 1773, but decided instead to make a lingering and nostalgic detour. Boswell wrote:

I resolved that, on our way to Sir John's [Dalrymple], we should make a little circuit by Roslin Castle and Hawthornden ... it was, I believe, one o'clock before we got into our post-chaise. I found that we should be too late for dinner at Sir John Dalrymple's ... but I would by no means lose the pleasure of seeing my friend at Hawthornden, — of seeing Sam Johnson at the very

spot where Ben Jonson visited the learned and poetical Drummond. We surveyed Roslin Castle, the romantick scene around it, and the beautiful

Gothick Chapel, and dined and drank tea at the inn; after which we proceeded to Hawthornden, and viewed the caves ...[i]

Johnson and Boswell's literary sight-seeing dragged out to such an extent that day that they arrived at their

host's far too late for dinner, much to Sir John Dalrymple's barely-concealed displeasure.

On 13 June 1787, shortly before he left Edinburgh for ever, the poet Robert Burns and the painter Alexander Nasmyth (1758-1840), who had been working on a portrait of Burns, set off for the Pentland Hills after a session at an Edinburgh hostelry which lasted into the 'wee, sma' hours'.

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fulfillment.

Rosslyn Chapel Revealed will show quite that the chapel is first and foremost a Christian building, constructed in the traditions of the pre-Reformation Church for the celebration in word, gesture and music of the Divine Office and of the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ offered on his Cross for the salvation of the human race.

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Nasmyth's son James, the inventor of the steam-hammer, writes of that early morning expedition:

At that time of the year the night is very short, and morning comes early. Burns, on reaching the street, looked up to the sky. It was perfectly clear, and the rising sun was beginning to brighten the mural crown of St Giles Cathedral. Burns was so much struck with the beauty of the morning, that he put his hand on my father's arm and said, 'It'll never do to go to bed on such a lovely morning as this! Let's awa' to Roslin Castle.' No sooner said than done. The poet and painter set out. Nature lay bright and lovely before them in that delicious summer morning. After an eight-miles' walk they reached the castle at Roslin. Burns went down under the great Norman arch, where he stood rapt in speechless admiration of the scene. The thought of the eternal renewal of youth and freshness of nature, contrasted with the crumbling decay of man's efforts to perpetuate his work, even when founded upon a rock, as Roslin Castle is, seemed greatly to affect him. My father was so much impressed with the scene that, while Burns was standing under the arch, he took out his pencil and paper, and made a hasty sketch of the subject. This sketch was highly treasured by my father, in remembrance of what must have been one of the most memorable days in his life.[ii]

Burns was so taken with the wholesome fare the landlady of Roslin Inn provided that he scratched the following verses on a pewter plate:

*My blessings on you, sonsie wife!
I ne'er was here before;
You've gi-en us walth for horn and knife,
Nae heart could wish for more.
Heaven keep you free frae care and strife,
Til far ayont foreshore;
And while I toddle on through life,
I'll ne'er gang by your door.*

It was Sir Walter Scott, however, whose summer home was only a short walk away, who would use Rosslyn Chapel as a more powerful inspiration for his fiction and poetry. In the early 1800s Scott rented Lasswade Cottage (with its quaintly thatched roof) from the Clerk family of Penicuik.



There Scott wrote the opening stanzas of 'The Lay of the Last Minstrel' and his 'The Gray Brother' in which the countryside near Lasswade would feature, his Dirge of Rosabelle also referring to the popular tradition of the Chapel appearing to be on fire when any member of the St Clair family died.

[i] James Boswell, *The Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides* with Samuel Johnson (London; J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd., 1928), 335-36

[ii] James Nasmyth, *Autobiography* (London: John Murray, 1883), 34-35 quoted in James Mackay, *A Biography of Robert Burns* (Edinburgh: Mainstream Publishing, 1992), 290-91

Cheryl Caira, *The Herald* (Glasgow) says...

Michael Turnbull meticulously studies the physical and spiritual elements that have defined the chapel's distinct iconic identity as a place for countless visitors to find peace and meaning. This is an interesting insight into the rededicated chapel — which was based on the plan of Glasgow cathedral — and it comes beautifully illustrated. Cheryl Caira and Anne Johnstone, *The Herald* 3 Nov 2007

Professor John Haldane, *The Tablet* says...

Michael Turnbull provides a thorough account of the facts and touches (reluctantly, I sense) upon the fantasies. Anyone at all interested in Rosslyn should seek out this fine book. Professor John Haldane, *The Tablet* 22/29 Dec 2007

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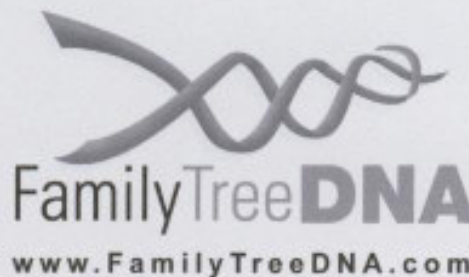
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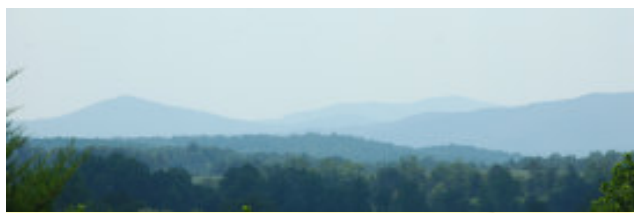

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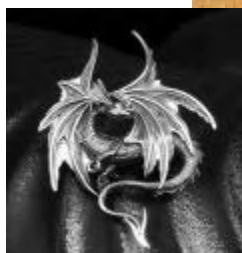
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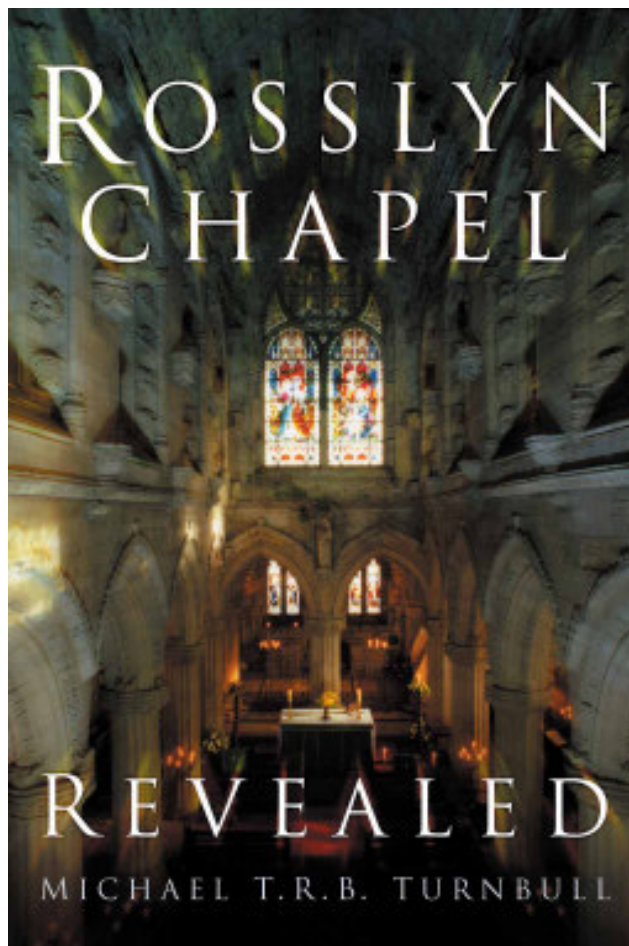
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Lynne McNeil, *Life and Work* says...

Readers fascinated by the beauty and mystique of Rosslyn Chapel will enjoy the author and historian's interpretation of its history and the meticulous research which aims to set to rest the popular myths surrounding this building. Lynne McNeil, *Life and Work* Jan 2008-04-03

Moir Western, *Inspires* says...

This lovely book is a counter to some of the silliness of recent years. Rosslyn is a fascinating place and deserves to be taken seriously as a place of worship which is a profound testament to faith which has embraced mystery, beauty and Christian community through the ages. Michael Turnbull has done the congregation at Rosslyn a great service by writing about the building in which they worship with great sensitivity and affection without straying into the quagmire of peculiar pseudo-mysticism that has seemed to surround it in recent times. Rosslyn is worthy of a visit and worthy of study on its own terms and in spite of all that. I think this book is an excellent and comprehensive introduction to it and a super memoir for anyone who has visited. Maria Western, *Inspires* Feb 2008-04-03



Professor Gerard Carruthers, *Open House* says...

A visually hugely attractive book, appropriately enough, the narrative of which spins out to connections spanning 'ordinary' social and cultural history and the creative and spiritual wellspings of human beings in a way much more richly layered than anything *The Da Vinci Code* is capable of envisioning. Like Rosslyn itself, this book is rather delicious and I would urge anyone with an interest in the Scottish religious sensibility to read it. Professor Gerard Carruthers, *Open House* Dec 207/Jan 2008

Anderson/MacKinnon competes in the Alaskan Iditarod! He's a musher!



Ken Anderson, son of Clan MacKinnon Society members Elizabeth McKinnon Anderson and Henry Anderson of Minnesota, completes in the Alaskan Iditarod - the grueling dog sled race.

Ken, 35, was born in Minnesota. He says he began mushing at birth as his parents had a recreational dog sled team.

When Ken was in the sixth grade, his father bought him a book on the Iditarod and he decided to someday compete in the race.

He came to Alaska in 1993 to become a musher and study biology at the University of Alaska

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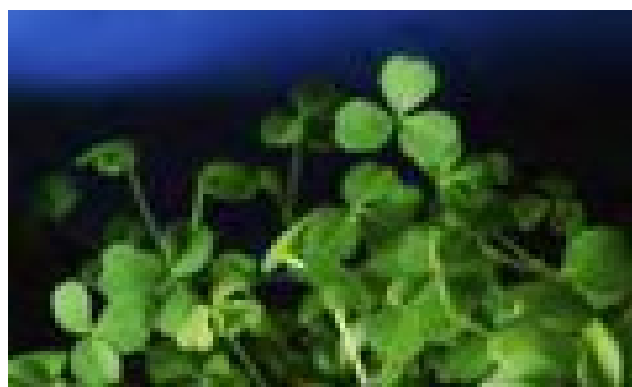
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Introduction to Irish Music at The Irish Cultural Center (Phoenix, AZ) on Saturday, September 13, 2008

Phoenix, AZ – Introducing school children to Traditional Irish Music at the Irish Cultural Center, 1106 S. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ . This event is slated for September 13, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Arizona educators have an opportunity to experience an innovative workshop which is an introduction to Irish music for the elementary and middle school classroom sponsored by Four Peaks Irish Arts. The organization is the Arizona chapter of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (ˈkʰl-tis kʰl-tʰr-? ˈâr-in), which is the largest group in the world dedicated to the preservation and promotion of traditional Irish music, song, dance, language and culture. The information-packed four hour workshop will be given by Anita Arden, a respected elementary school music educator and accomplished Irish musician.

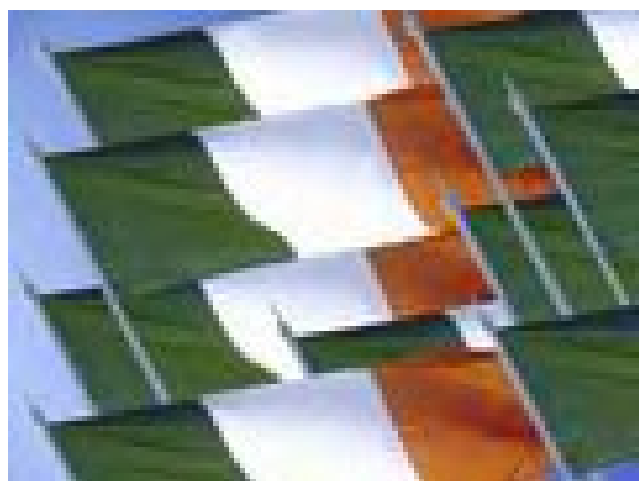
Teachers can expect to become familiar with the instruments, types of traditional music, and dance. They will learn how to



use the music to meet Arizona standards and how to incorporate it into the General Music classroom. In addition they will be given resources for more information.

This exciting workshop will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The location is the Irish Cultural Center, 1106 S. Central Avenue in Phoenix. The workshop fee is just \$20 per person. As space is limited, those interested are encouraged to pre-register early for the workshop.

For more information and to pre-register please contact: Four Peaks Irish Arts, Arizona branch of Comhaltas International at info@fourpeaksirisharts.com or call 602.315.3065 or visit www.fourpeaksirisharts.org



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THE 17TH ANNUAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

The 17th Annual ANNE ARUNDEL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008. This one-day event is held 9 am–5 pm, "Rain or Shine" at the Anne Arundel Fairgrounds, 1450 Generals Highway, Route 178, Crownsville, Maryland.

- **Entertainment.** This year's Festival-Games will again feature exciting day-long live entertainment.
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- **Tickets.** Prices are \$15.00 for adults, \$13.00 for seniors/military, and \$6.00 for students (12-18). Children under 12 are free. Free Parking. Advanced purchase discount ticket form is also available on our Website.

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The Anne Arundel Scottish Festival, Inc., is proud to announce that our Flyer recently distributed to more than 2,500 residences nationally was briefly featured in the "Headlines Segment" on **THE TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO**, on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

The weekly segment is a humorous look at headlines and photos that viewers forward to The Tonight Show. The media flyer (shown in part, left) is self-explanatory. The photograph was found on the Website and used in our document. We have no idea who submitted the flyer to The Tonight Show. This organization is very proud to announce our 30-seconds of fame!

DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

This year's Scottish Festival & Highland Games will be held on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007**, at the Anne Arundel Fairgrounds, Route 178 (Generals Highway), Crownsville, MD.

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Beth will be presenting talks on things Scottish - genealogical and otherwise - on Friday morning and afternoon at the host hotel. See the poster in the lobby for details! FREE.

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Black Sheep

Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian Fort Myers, (FL)

Historically, regardless of the country of residence, the size of your average family was much larger than in modern times.

Genealogists often encounter at least one black sheep ancestor in every family unit researched.

My father and I are both members of what I now joyfully call this “elite group” due to his marriage outside the family approved religion and ethnic group.

I am a proud member based on my birth as the product of this dastardly event.

Your ancestors may have gained membership in our elite squadron due to one or more of the following common situations:

1. Criminal activity;
2. Refusal to follow a family mandated directive (such as an arranged marriage for example);
3. Unplanned or unwanted pregnancy;
4. Extramarital affair;
5. Mental or medical disability that embarrassed the family;
6. Marriage outside the approved ethnic or religious group;
7. Employed in what was perceived



as an unacceptable occupation;

8. Failure to achieve a family designated educational, social, religious or occupational goal.

The usual strategy used by many families is to initially pretend that the person doesn't exist. Next, they tend to vilify the ancestor.

In some cases, their actions were justified based on the social mores of the time. However, in more than a few cases, I've heard accounts where the family was guilty of wrong doing and tried to cover it up.

The ancestor who refused to go along with the lie ended up having the blame transferred to them. If they were conveniently deceased, the person was not around to defend themselves. Hence, it is wise to remember that there are two sides to every story and truth is often stranger than fiction. Both of these cliches are especially important for anyone involved in genealogical research.

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Orcadians in American history....

Orcadians in the American Revolution

Pat Long from BuyOrkney.com

When I studied the American Revolution for my History O-grade many years ago, there was no hint at how heavily Orcadians were involved, on both sides.

It is intriguing to wonder what decided which side they chose.

I have already written here about John Scollay and Andrew Craigie, who were very active on the American side. Perhaps this wasn't surprising because, although of Orcadian stock, they were born in New England.

Those who had come to America themselves seem to have been rather more likely to remain loyal to the Crown. This may be because the ones we know of are those who had done rather well for themselves under the old arrangement.

Robert Traill, who had been comptroller of Portsmouth, was a loyalist and left for Britain before the war. This was despite marrying Mary, sister of General Whipple, one of New Hampshire's signatories of the Declaration of Independence. Their daughter Mary married another Orcadian, Keith Spence, and they were the grandparents of James Russell Lowell.

Another Loyalist Orcadian was Charles Steuart, who was a merchant in Norfolk, Virginia and then became Surveyor-General and Receiver-General for North America until 1769. His rather

unfortunate claim to fame is as the slave-owner in the very famous Somerset case. Steuart returned to Britain in 1769 and took his slave, James Somerset, with him.

Somerset escaped and was recaptured and Steuart decided to send him back to America.

Slavery abolitionists intervened and succeeded in bringing a land-mark court case, which established that slavery was illegal, in England at least.

Just as in the American Civil War, families weren't always on the same side.

David Geddes from Stromness was Paymaster-General for the British general John Burgoyne but his brother George was a privateer out of Pennsylvania, the very successful captain of the *Holker* and *Congress*.

Another pair of relatives with mixed loyalties were Henry Mowat and his cousin's son, Thomas Clouston.

Captain Henry Mowat, born in 1734, was captain of the British ship *Canceaux*, and had been quietly engaged since 1764 in a survey of 3000 miles of the New England coast, when the war broke out.

Leading a flotilla of four ships, he was ordered to bombard and burn New England coastal towns.

In October 1775, he sailed up to Portland,

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Maine, then known as Falmouth Neck, and sent a letter to the inhabitants, suggesting they should get out of the way. The next day, he destroyed two-thirds of the town. Four years later, in July 1779, he was in charge of the three ships that accompanied an army force led by Brig Gen Francis Maclean that was to establish a base in Penobscot Bay, Maine.

The Massachusetts Assembly felt this was rather too close to home and sent 19 armed vessels, 24 transports and 1000 militia. However, their inexperience and incompetence helped Henry Mowat to hold out until British reinforcements arrived, leading to what is described as the greatest American naval disaster until Pearl Harbour.

A contemporary account by Loyalist Dr John Caleff says, "The manoeuvres of the three sloops of war under the direction of Captain Mowat had been such as enabled the king's forces to hold out a close siege of 21 days against a fleet and army more than six times their number and strength."

One of the reinforcements was the wonderfully named *HMS Reasonable*, (look, I have 64 guns here, lets be reasonable) which had, in 1776, captured the American privateer *Dalton* and taken Thomas Clouston, son of Henry's first cousin, Robert, prisoner.

Clouston is one of the many surnames that proves your ancestors came from Orkney; one of the many names that arises from an Orkney place-name.

The Cloustons seem to have taken to privateering en masse; as well as Thomas, there was John, captain of the *Freedom*.

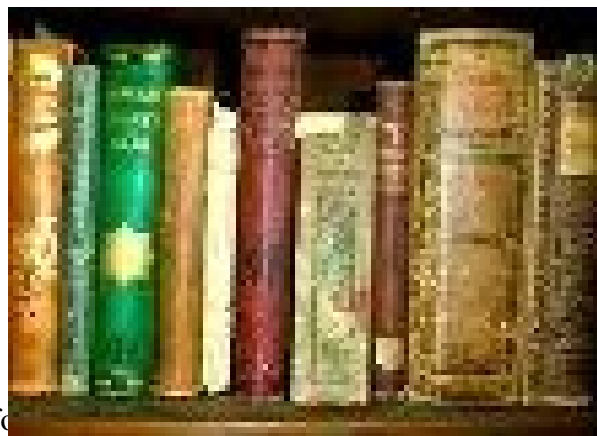
Henry Mowat's naval career flourished and he rose to command the British fleet on the North American station but died on board his ship *HMS Assistance* in 1798 and was buried in Hampton, Virginia.

Captain Mowat has one of the more wonderfully unlikely memorials, courtesy of a business in Maine, W O Hesperus & Co. They make Captain Mowat's Hot Sauces and their slogan is 'Burning Portland since 1775'. The abridged logs of his voyage have been published as, *Henry Mowat, Voyage of the Canceaux 1764-1776*.

Primary Records in genealogy

In genealogy, there are basically three types of records you use in learning about your family history and to validate information.

The most important are called Primary Records - records that were written by or hold in-



for someone who was present at an event, such as a birth.

Primary Records include birth and marriage records, as well as Bible records. (Death records are not considered primary records because the informant may not have known the deceased well.

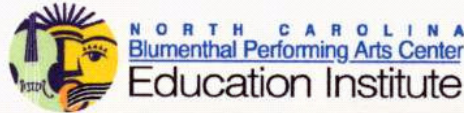
Birth and death dates may also be inaccurate and parental information may not have been available.

Bible records are considered Primary Records because the information is typically provided by someone with knowledge of the event, at the time the event took place.

Secondary Records are those written by someone who knew about the person but wasn't actually there at the time the event took place. Secondary Records include probate and land records written by clerks and attorneys and census records, which contain information given by a person within the household.

Tertiary Records are those written by people who were not witnesses to an event and who wrote the material long after the event occurred. Tertiary Records include county histories, biographies, family histories and school and tax records.

It is very wise to seek evidence to confirm dates and resources from secondary and tertiary records.



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Celtic Crossroads

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CELTIC CROSSROADS has been critically acclaimed as one of the best live music concerts to come from Ireland in over 20 years. A group of seven highly talented multi-instrumentalists bring Irish music to an entirely new level, by creating a wonderful fusion of musical genres, such as eastern European Gypsy, North American Bluegrass, world Classical, Jazz and the various forms of Celtic music from around Europe. The audience will be amazed as these 7 young musicians play over 20 instruments and incorporate inventive arrangements and bass-driven grooves that have revitalised the image of traditional Irish music around the world.

*All that is required for
evil to prevail...is that
good men do nothing.*

*An Biodag, Quarterly Newsletter
of the Clan Shaw Society*

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Fairbanks.

Ken has been completing in the Iditarod since 1999.

He is married to Gwen Holdmann, also an Iditarod veteran.

He says he and his wife feel very fortunate for their dogsled lifestyle and have mushed throughout North America.

"We look forward to Iditarod all year long," says Ken. "I am very proud to be part of this great race."

He lists his occupation as dog musher and says he likes carpentry, running and horses.

The Iditarod Trail began as a mail and supply route from Seward to the community of Nome. The race began since 1973 but has been run from Anchorage since 1983. The race covers 1150 miles of rough, beautiful country. Both men and women compete.

Last year, Ken Anderson finished 4th place!

With thanks to the Clan MacKinnon Society's newsletter, *The Shankbone*, and to Jan Webberson.

Flower of the Forest

Sgt. Dustin J. Perrott, aged 23, from Fredricksburg, Virginia, USA died 21 June last year from wounds when a makeshift bomb exploded near his vehicle in Miri, Afghanistan.

With condolences to the family of Sgt. Perrott and thanks for sending this sad news to us to The P*RR*TT Society, 21 Defford Avenue, High Heath, Walsall, West Midlands WS4 1AQ, UK.

Clan Shaw Society honors six

The Clan Shaw Society has announced its annual awards for 2008. Six society members were honored for their service to the organization.

The society's longest standing award, Clansman of the Year, with accompanying medal, went to first-year conveners Brent Shaw of Maryland and Donald Shaw of California.

The Order of the Dagger, with accompanying clan crest skene dubh, went to Michael Shaw, Convener for Iowa and Peter Shaw, Convener for Arizona.

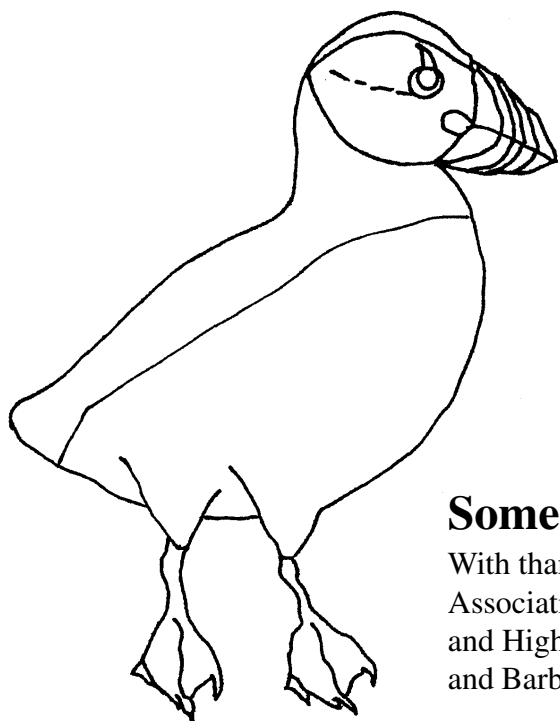
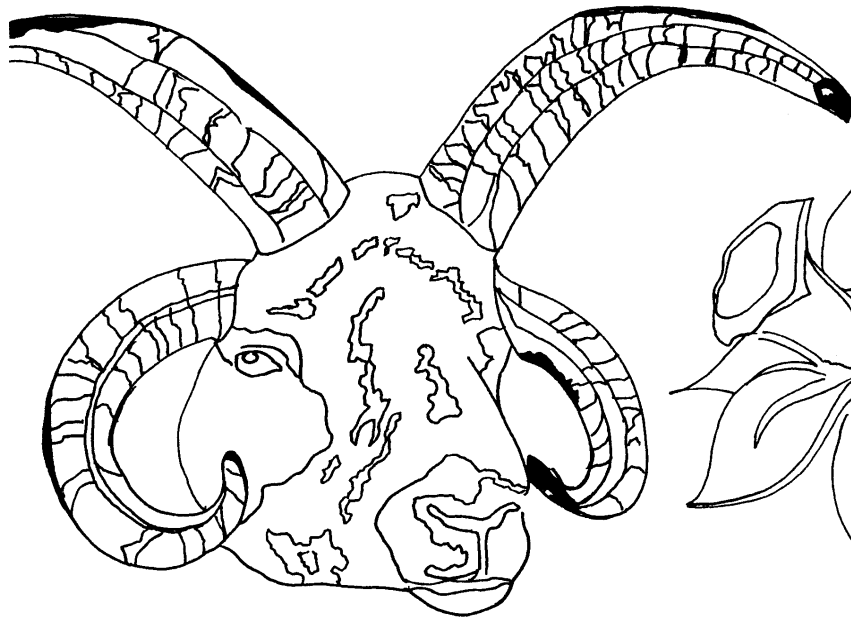
The organization's The Order of the Dirk, with accompanying bonnie dirk, was given to Nancy Foxworthy, the society's long-term Convener for Indiana and other areas.

The newest and highest award, given this year for the first time ever, the Order of the Claymore, was given to Henry Lee Shaw, society secretary and long-term convener for Georgia and Alabama.

The awards were made by the officers and trustees of the society. The Order of the Claymore carried with it a presentation claymore..

COLORING BOOK OF CELTIC LANDS: WALES

Wales is on the west coast of central England. The national symbol of Wales is the *daffodil*. One of the most popular birds associated with the country is the *puffin*. Fine Welsh woolens come from a variety of sheep, the most unusual being the *Jacob Sheep*. This breed has four to six horns!

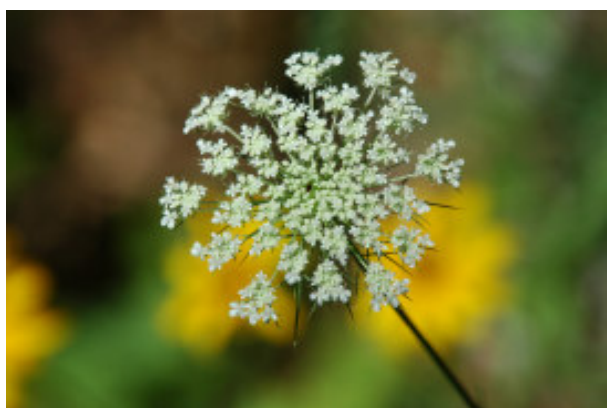
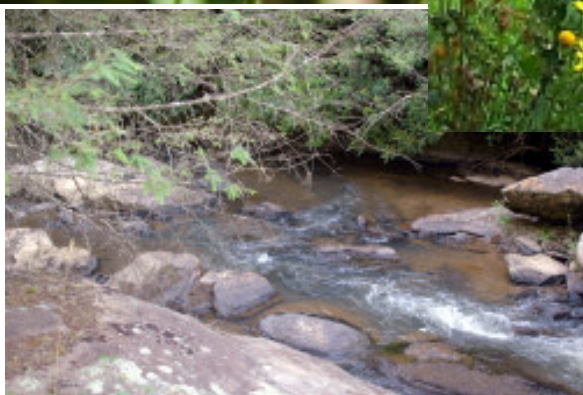


Something for the kids to color!

With thanks to the North Arizona Celtic Heritage Association and the Flagstaff (AZ) Celtic Festival and Highland Games. Thanks too, to Jude McKenzie and Barb Law.



*The end of
summer
in the
Gateway to the
Blue Ridge
Mountains*



Best wishes to Lady Iona Keith upon her marriage to Mark Hopkins!

Best wishes to Lady Iona Keith upon her marriage to Mark Hopkins last May. Lady Iona is the sister of the Chief of Clan Keith.

In the inset photo below, Mark Hopkins, his mother in soft pink, and Lady Iona.

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CLAN OF THE GREAT EARLS MARISCHAL OF SCOTLAND

Newsletter No. 43 Spring, 2008.

Lady Iona Keith, sister of our Chief, marries Mark Hopkins on 17th May at the Chapel of Garioch not far from Keith Hall, with the reception at Harthill Castle some five minutes away.



In the church..

I quote Lady Iona's account of her marriage to Mark; 'It is wonderful being married and life is blissful. It's lovely having Mark as my real family. He is very supportive and we have a huge amount of fun together.

We were married in the Chapel of Garioch, Aberdeenshire, not far from Keith Hall. The service was beautiful-- four hymns and three readings and a choir who sang beautifully. Our reception was five minutes down the road from the

from my late Mum and Dad. Uncle Peter who had also given my Mum away to Dad, and Mark made terrific speeches.

After dinner we danced Scottish reels to a wonderful band on a full floor of dancers. I am just so happy. Getting married was the best day of my life. All the organisation that went into it was so enjoyable and well worth it.



The happy couple

'My uncle, Peter was a saint and supported me throughout the day, as only he can do. He made a wonderful speech as did Mark. Mark is also a wonderful man. I am very lucky to have him as my husband and know that Mum and Dad would have greatly love him too.'

On behalf of the Keiths 'Down Under' I have conveyed our best wishes and love to the happy couple, wishing them a blessed and happy life together. Clan Keith has gained a new member, a charming gentleman and a loving husband to our Lady Iona.

Jean.

