

FINLAY UPDATE - A MUST READ

Hi All, We know how eager you all are for an update on Finlay. We understand and fully appreciate your concern. Hopefully you are sitting comfortably as this is a long but important read.

First and foremost, Finlay is doing great. A very recent vet visit confirmed that he is in excellent condition and has over wintered with no problems at all. As you can see he is looking wonderful: bright, alert and full of life.

We are anti captivity and want Finlay to be free at the earliest opportunity. We do not want him to spend a single day longer in his enclosure than he has to.

The ideal time for his freedom to occur would be late spring when the small mammal populations are abundant. Any attempts earlier than that would likely result in failure, and we of course want to maximise Finlay's chances.

It is very important to note that any process will be slow, gradual and Finlay will be constantly monitored, provided with food and have access to shelter and veterinary care at all times if required.

We will update you more on our dialogue with Nature Scot shortly, regarding Finlay's future and our proposed protocols.

We have all been appalled at the alleged wrongful seizure and mistreatment that Finlay endured at the hands of the Police and we have promised to do all we can to hold to account every single mem-



ber of the Police force who was involved.

After many months of information gathering and collecting evidence (vet reports etc), you will be pleased to hear that this process is now well underway.

We have been working closely with our highly experienced legal team at Bindmans LLP, who helped secure Finlay's return. Since then, their team that specialises in Actions against the police, led by Joseph Morgan, have formally lodged a compre-



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An apology from your editor



Hi Everybody. I am happy to report that I am very much better. Being completely exhausted plus being three night sleep deprived was not pleasant. I am at about 85% OK I guess.

We are consumed with Tom having two surgeries beginning in the next month. He had to be approved by a bunch of doctors which took much of a month. In that time, his scheduled first surgery place was given to some one else.

He has been in bed for over two years.

He has two pressure ulcers which will not heal.

Tom's first surgery will be May 3. He will only be in the Piedmont Hospital in Buckhead for up to six days and then home again to heal.

As soon as that is all well, we'll go back to Piedmont Hospital for flap surgery. That healing is another story as it will take 28 days and up to six weeks. It will take a full year to completely recover.

They will take healthy skin from his legs and hips to repair the skin which is just worn out as he had his accident in 1988.

He will reoperate at Shepherd Center right next to Piedmont Hospital. I am going to be in the room with him while he is there.

We are so fortunate and very blessed to be having both of his surgeries at Piedmont Hospital and to have reoperation at Shepherd Center.

The amazing thing is that all through the

two years of the Wound Care Center every Thursday with Wound Pumps and all manner of dressings on his wounds and being in bed all of the time and having me there all the time...he has not been anything but his same kind and sweet self.

Those who know me well know I am not a particularly patient person. I am learning patience.

I was somewhat upset when my wonderful doctor told me to quit just about everything I was doing. I loved doing all of the publications.

I didn't have sense enough to know I was so tired.

Then, I really messed up. Tom had to go to the hospital in the night and he was so very sick, I was simply afraid not to go to the hospital with him. I went in the ambulance with him as I no longer drive.

This hospital had no facilities for family. I had to sleep on straight metal chairs, which meant I had no sleep for two nights, plus the night we arrived.

I was sick for sure then.

I am very fortunate to be better and hope to be completely better soon.

I have to be better to take care of Tom.'

I don't know when I will be able to do another publication.

OH, I don't know when my PageMaker will disappear as Adobe doesn't want anyone using that program.

I plan to learn Microsoft Publisher when I am in the hospital with Tom. I plan to learn Windows 10 as that is what my laptop is. I plan to work on my Ancestry.com while I am there and I will take lots of books to read.

Please add us to your prayers. We appreciate them all! Thank you.

I don't know when there will be another BNFT. It depends on how Tom gets along.

Much love to you all.

I am sorry that BNFT got so messed up and all whompy jawed.

THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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hensive Police Complaint. It alleges serious failings at various levels in the police force, from officers, right up to the position of Crime Commissioner. ‘

The complaint also alleges serious breaches of the Animal Welfare Act. As you can imagine, we have had to be guided by our legal team about how much information we can release and when.

Our solicitors, Bindmans LLP, have issued a press statement on the matter on their website. You can read the news release, see quotes and look at a pictorial timeline that has been submitted as evidence: <https://www.bindmans.com/knowledge-hub/news/wildcat-haven-brings-police-complaint/>

They have provided us with the police complaint for you all to see at the end of this message. It has been lightly redacted for legal reasons, but you can now read it for yourself and see the true extent of the alleged failings by the police.

We won't say too much now while you read everything. There is an awful lot to take in. You may want to pay particular attention to how they supposedly cared for and 'assessed' Finlay. It's section 4 and 5 of the police complaint below. It must be read to be believed. We will follow up early next week with further information about the complaint and its implications.

Thank you for your patience and as always for your support. None of this is possible without you. The fight for Finlay's freedom is of paramount importance.

Very best wishes

The Wildcat Haven team and Finlay

POLICE COMPLAINT SUBMITTED 13/2/2023
If you would like to read about the legal case, just email >bethscribble@aol.com> and I will send you the entire email. I'll send it quickly, too.

**KFT Keets here...
Eddie has moved**



Eric, Eddie and Uncle Dick!

Sherrie got word from Erin that Eddie ... Edward J. Ferguson ... has moved to:

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Keets and Sherrie cheering ... yeaaaay!!!

He loved the cards you sent... and cards and photos continue to be most welcome

From your Texas Area Reps--Anglea Farley and Pamela Farley

We have been informed that due to a significant number of obstacles the Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games event scheduled for the first weekend in May has been cancelled.

I'm not sure if they will be able to find another

venue in the future, but it is a definite "no-go" for this year. We are going to attend another event - Grapevine Celtic Heritage Festival on April 22nd (address: 3000 Meadowmere Park, Grapevine, TX). There is some talk that the former Decatur event may merge with this fes-

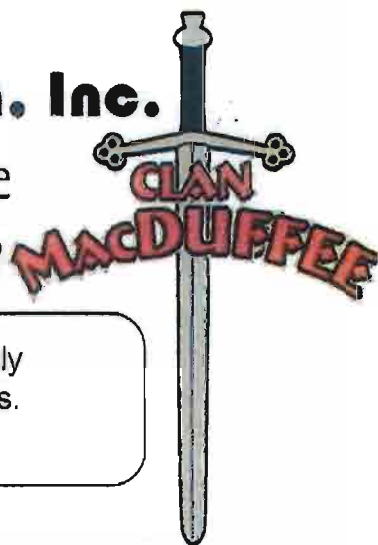
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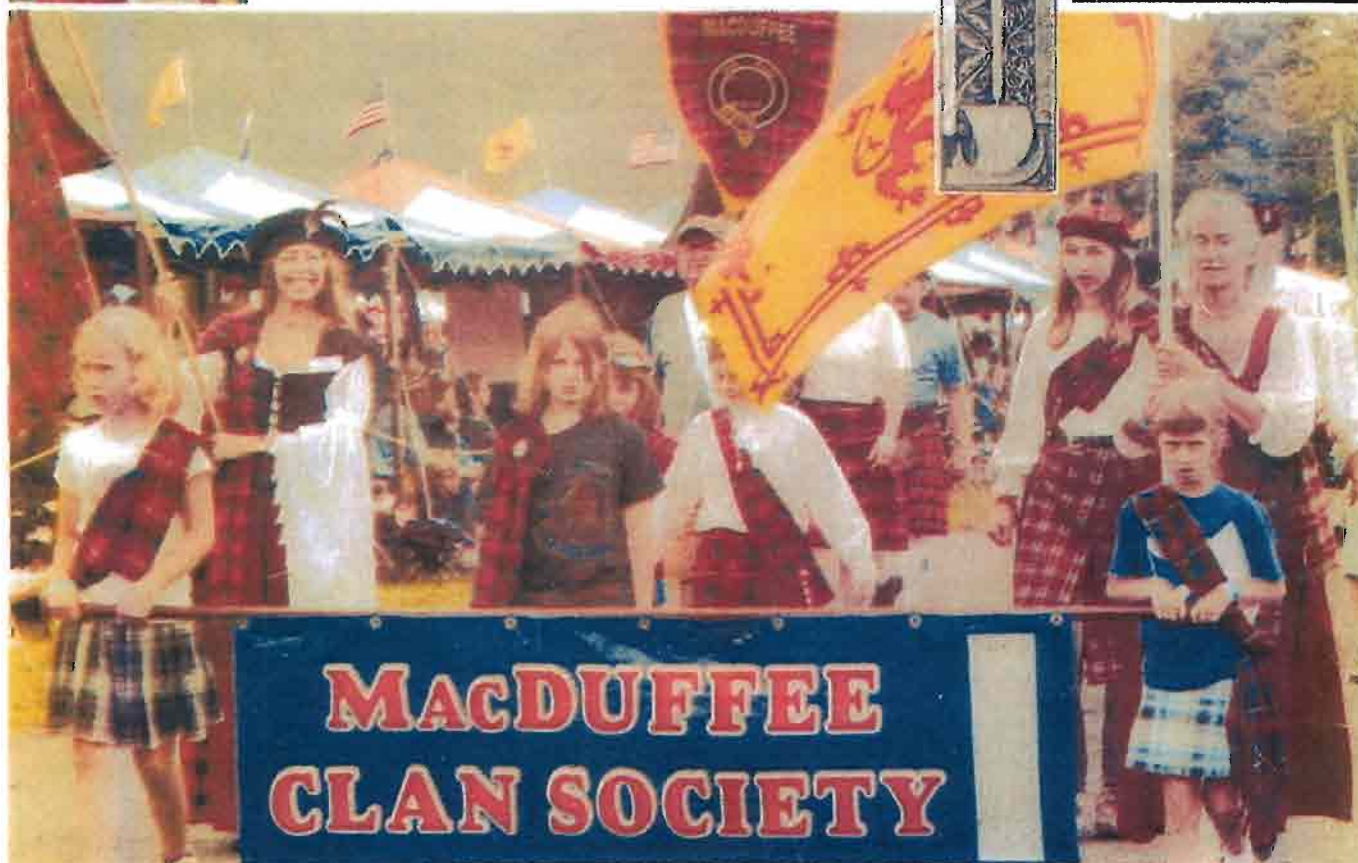
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Queen's life at Balmoral celebrated in exhibition



By Rachel Bell
BBC Scotland reporter

The Queen's relationship with her Scottish summer holiday home at Balmoral is being celebrated in a special exhibition to mark her Platinum Jubilee.

The display at the castle in Aberdeenshire opens on Friday and the centrepiece is an art installation highlight-

ing the plight of salmon conservation.

It is a cause important to Her Majesty and the Balmoral Estate, through which the River Dee runs.

The exhibition in the castle ballroom is to honour her 70-year reign.

Many of her favorite outfits will be there.

Grapevine Celtic Heritage Festival, *continued from page 5*

merge with this festival next year, becoming a full two-day event. We shall see.

Grapevine Celtic Heritage Festival
Saturday, April 22 - 8:00am to 6:00pm
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Libraries and Genealogy Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Libraries are not all the same. From a genealogical research perspective, libraries have rare book collections, periodicals, local history collections, access to online databases, as well as other resources that are unique to that collection or location. This is the first of a three-part series on the topic of using libraries for genealogical research.

Another consideration when conducting research in libraries is that there are many different types of libraries that exist, and each may have different collections and policies. Your job as a researcher is to identify the various libraries that might have the information you need for your genealogy research. Most researchers tend to gravitate towards public libraries that have local history and genealogy collections. Public libraries usually have fewer access restrictions and the level of assistance is often better than what is available in other options. This is especially true when members of the local or regional genealogical or historical society serve as volunteers in the collection.

Having said this, researchers should also be aware of the bigger picture. Consider the following types of libraries for your research:

Your Local Public Library: Use your local library to access online subscription websites available with your library card, and consult the reference librarian for books and articles you need via interlibrary loan. The Public Library Where Your

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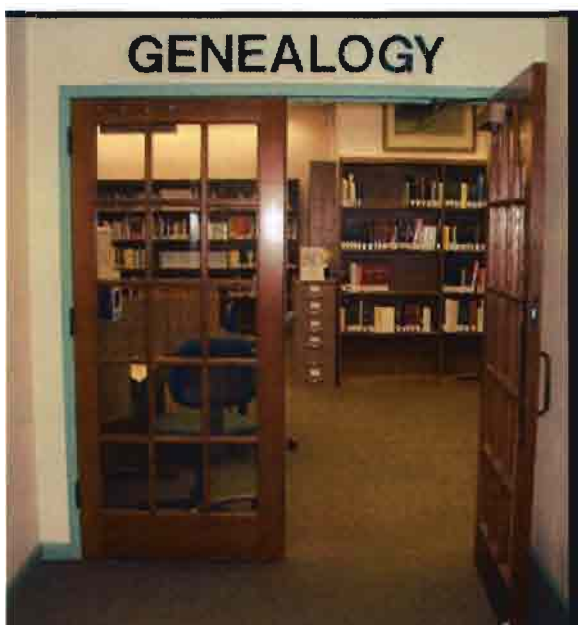
Academic Libraries: Academic libraries are great for subscription databases (think history and periodicals) not available to individuals or at other smaller libraries. Also, look for local history collections and social history books. When researching

in academic libraries, the proper subject heading for any type of genealogical materials will usually be cataloged under “Social History and Statistics”.

State Libraries: Not every state has a state library. Sometimes they are affiliated with a state archive and/or state historical society. Regardless of what the affiliation status is, these libraries have items pertaining to the history of the state as well as genealogy collections.

Private Libraries: Some private libraries are open to the public, while others are only open to members or specific researchers. Private libraries may include rare books, manuscript collections, and topical collections. Libraries of this nature may be under the jurisdiction of a private genealogical entity such as a lineage society, family association, or a subscription based genealogical or historical society.

Genealogy Libraries: Genealogy libraries exist all over the United States. Most people are fa-



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The Armstrong Clan Society

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and those interested in those surnames.**

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from the United States Federal Income Taxes.

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1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families. 2. To provide for the preservation of all armstrong artifacts unique to the family. 3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public. 4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*. 5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

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For membership application, email **Janet Armstrong** at <jdumeyer@hotmail.com> or download from <<http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>>. Note, "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <chrisarmys@gmail.com>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!



Bryan L. Mulcahy, *continued from page 10*

familiar with the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, but others include:

a. Allen County Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana

<https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

b. Clayton Library Genealogical Research Center in Houston, Texas <https://houstonlibrary.org/clayton>

c. Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, D.C.

<https://www.dar.org/library>

Special Note: You don't need to be a member to use their collections and access is free. They have genealogies, ephemera, manuscripts, family histories, probate and land records, and Revolutionary War records. The DAR also oversaw a lot of transcription projects, like gravestone inscriptions, and published them. Another continuing preservation project for the DAR involves recording Bible Records of members' families.

d. Godfrey Memorial Library Genealogy Center in Middletown, Connecticut

<https://www.godfrey.org/scholar/godfrey-our-collection.html>

e. Midwest Genealogy Center/Mid-Continent Public Library in Independence, Missouri

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International Clan Grant Gathering called by the Chief

Dear Clan Grant USA and friends,

I am writing to formally confirm that The Chief of Clan Grant has called for an International Gathering to take place between 3-10th August 2025. The Gathering will culminate with the Clan March at Abernethy Highland Games and the Clan Banquet in the evening on 10th August.

By way of introduction, my name is Tim Atkinson, and I was the resident Factor at Ballindalloch Castle from 2006 until 2018, before becoming resident factor on Ben Alder Estate at Dalwhinnie to re-establish a permanent Estate Office there.

I have been a member of the Clan Grant Society UK Council since 2017, and became Vice Chair earlier this year. I am also a Trustee of the Clan Grant Heritage Trust.

I have been asked to Chair the 2025 Organising Committee and to co-ordinate the planning both in terms of events, but also to keep the Clan Grant overseas Societies informed.

I retired earlier this year and have more time to commit to Clan Grant affairs, and, particularly to the organising of the 2025 International Gathering.

To this end it will be very helpful to obtain feedback on whether you feel that the draft Programme meets the needs and aspirations of your members. We welcome any feedback you may like to give us, and will seek to take on board any proposals you may have for inclusion in the programme.

I attach the draft programme, together with details of the initial Gathering planning committee. The personnel may change to meet changing requirements as we move forward.

I have copied in all Office Bearers (Bcc) listed on the web site and in 'Craigellachie'. I apologise if you have received this twice, but I have used the email addresses listed in both locations, which are different.

Clan Davidson Society USA



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

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

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The Clan Davidson Society USA is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the **US IRS** as a 501 c(3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDA-USA publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40-60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [www.elandavidsonusa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].



New members added to Clan Henderson's MacEanruig Collegues

Mark Henderson, OMcE, OCwE, CAHF,
CHS VP, Opns



I am pleased to announce the 2023 Order of MacEanruig rolls. Congratulations to all of the new MacEanruig members.

First, Fred Sanford, former Chief of Chaplains and current Counselor to our Clan Chief, Fordell is inducted into the Order by virtue of being selected as the 2023 Chief's prize winner. He is awarded badge #038

Second, in the 2023 voting 27 of 29 ballots were received by the Mar 31st deadline. One ballot was rejected for too many votes. Inducted into the Order by virtue of member voting are:

Rev Alan Kyle Henderson. Awarded badge #039

Christian Garin. Awarded badge #040

Joan Henderson. Awarded badge #041

Editor, An Canach (Lawrence):

Webmaster (Charm): please post

All--reminder:

Order of MacEanruig members, by virtue of their dedication, enthusiasm, and proven track-record, are considered "The Ambassadors" of the Society. They are charged with conveying a positive image of the Society and in helping convey our brand to others: "We are a leader in promoting Scottish and Celtic culture, and a guide to discovering your ancestry and roots".

In addition to honoring annual Chief's Prize awardees with membership into the Order, active Order members may annually nominate and vote to induct members, not to exceed an established cap limitation.

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In addition to honoring annual Chief's Prize awardees with membership into the Order, active Order members may annually nominate and vote to induct members, not to exceed an established cap limitation.

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World's oldest post office up for sale in Sanquhar - with house



BBC NEWS

The property in Sanquhar comes with outbuildings that were originally stables for the horses drawing the mail carriages

The world's oldest post office is up for sale.

The branch in Sanquhar, Dumfries and Galloway, has been in continuous service since 1712.

Its current owners Nazra Alam, 67, and her husband Dr Manzoor Alam, 77, have been running it for more than four years, but now plan to retire.

The post office pre-dates the second oldest, in Stockholm, Sweden, by eight years while the third oldest in Santiago, Chile, opened in 1772.

On the market for £275,000, it comes with a three-bedroom cottage, a courtyard and some outbuildings.

It started out as a staging post for mail carriages, with the old stables thought to have once provided a resting place for horses drawing the mail carriages.

"I hope someone will come along and buy it

and keep it going because this is Scotland's heritage and more particularly Sanquhar's," she said.

"The post office has been in operation since 1712 so it would be a shame to have to shut it down."

The couple took over the business in July 2015. She said: "I've enjoyed every moment of running it."

"The last five years has been a remarkable journey and I've enjoyed it, it's a nice area and nice people and we have visitors from all over the world."

The Post Office said it was committed to preserving the branch into the future.

A spokesman said: "Post Office will be working with the local community to try to find a new postmaster to take on the branch and ensure it remains part of the Post Office network and Sanquhar's unique place in postal history is retained."

"In the meantime, the branch remains open for business as usual."



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Dunedin Scottish Games this Saturday

D'Ann Lawrence White, 7 Patch Staff

DUNEDIN, FL — For those of Scottish heritage, it's time to dig out your tartan clan kilts and head to Highlander Park in Dunedin for the 55th annual Dunedin Highland Games

And for those without a drop of Scottish blood in their DNA, the games are the next best thing to exploring the quaint Scottish baile mórs of Elgin or Airdrie, minus the ruins and runes.

This year's Highland Games will take place Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and

will feature Scottish bagpipers, drummers, Highland games of strength and skill, watch Ceilidh and Highland dancers, explore the wares and crafts of Celtic vendors, sample some haggis or cranachan and lift a mug of Irish brew.

Hosted by the Dunedin Scottish Arts Foundation, the festival is one of the largest Scottish Highland Games held in the U.S.

In Scotland, the games date back to the 4th and 5th centuries and are intended to celebrate the country's culture and traditions.

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That is, content of what Grandpa or Grandma wants to write about. (Some of these epistles are



not meant to be read as the recipient hasn't learned to read yet. They are the "read to me" issues.)

You may choose to send them monthly or quarterly or even weekly. Your choice.

Some have circulations that extend to teenagers and a few just keep on coming.

Some are just typed on typewriter paper and some are done using professional programs.

It doesn't matter. What matters is that a child's near and dear folks want to share family stories and tales with the youngsters.

Some grandparents have a special prize for any child who sends THEM something to write about.

No matter what or how the publication is done there is one thing they all have in common?

What is that? Love, of course.

You can write about family history, stories, pictures/photographs. If it's just one "customer"

In Salt Lake City, Utah, everyone is into "researching their family." Even the big department stores sell genealogical supplies.

A newcomer to Salt Lake City and a non-researcher, got a job as a salesclerk at one of the big department stores.

She received her introduction to genealogy when a customer came into the store and asked, "Where do I find the Family Group Sheets?"

The new sales clerk, with a puzzled look on her face, answered, "Family Group 'Sheets?'"

"All we carry are king, queen, double and twin size sheet sets."

or if it is a circulation of all of the grandchildren in the family, it's wonderful.

As an editor, I just naturally think just be sure you use archival paper, so those publications will last a very long time.

What fun to read them years and years later.

Gee, that's just another reason I wish I had grandchildren!

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Are you kin to George S. Patton?

In the Hite Foundation Newsletter some time ago there was an article on the lineage of the famous World War II General George S. Patton.

Robert H. Patton, grandson of the general wrote a book in 1994 entitled *The Pattons*.

The introduction to the book had a chart tracing the general's family. The chart traced Patton's ancestor's back to his three-great grandparents, Eleanor Hite and John Williams.


Eleanor Hite was the granddaughter of Josh Hite, making the general fifth grandson of Josh Hite.

The lineage on Robert H. Patton's chart is : Eleanor Hite (1750-1781) married John Williams.

Their son, Isaac Hite Williams married Lucy Slaughter. Their daughter, Peggy French Williams (1804 - 1873) married John Mercer Patton (1797-1858). Their son, George Smith Patton (1833 - 1864) married Sue Glassell (1835 - 1883). Their son, George Smith Patton (formerly George William Patton) (1856 - 1927) married Ruth Wilson (1826 - 1928). Their son, (Nick-name) Georgie Smith Patton (1885 - 1945) married Beatrice Ayer (1886 - 1953).

If you are kin to the Hite family, you might wish to write to HFA, Belle Grove, PO Box 137, Middletown, VA 22645.



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FOR ALL YOUR CARDS,
CALLS, THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.
HOPE TO SEE YOU SOONER
RATHER THAN LATER.
GOD BLESS YOU ALL, ESPECIALLY
YOU, BETH,


Hi Everybody...

Just a wee note. I had a call from Adobe just about an hour ago. They are permanently killing my PageMaker program in about an hour.

They did give me time to finish this. They are giving me an *In Design* program which I dislike as much as I love PageMaker.

I hope to do more publications.

I've loved working with you all.

I've made, I think, lots of friends whom I greatly value and truly love.

I hope this isn't good -bye.

Tom and I are on a very great adventure for him to get better and that comes first.

Our phone: 706-839-3881

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Tom will have both of his surgeries at Piedmont Hospital in Buckhead. (Atlanta) The first one will be May 2 and as soon as that one is healed, he will have his flap surgery.

We should be in Shepherd's Center in Buckhead beginning in June and for from 28 days to 6 weeks. Shepherd's Center is allowing me to stay in the room with him the entire time.

Please keep us in your prayers.





It all started with a Scot

Many years ago, a young Scot captained the Elgin and Inverness football teams. At one of those early matches he startled everyone by going over to the opposing captain and shaking his hand before the game began.

In those days it was something completely new.

Alex MacKenzie made a habit of it and now it has become part and parcel of the game.

Nowadays, all over the world before the coin is tossed, captains of football teams shake hands.



There's Mc, Mac, M' and Mhic!

Morris Monroe Stewart

In addition to the usual Mc, Mac and M'in the old days of Gaeldom, there is "Mhic."

Mr. Stewart sent along an article from *Fesse Chequy*, the newsletter of the Clan Stewart Society, which shows the "Mhic" usage and also the "Mhc"...as in "Mhc Sheumais"...or, "Mhic Sheumas."

If I might add (your editor) there is much confusion among many people on what is correct and what is right. For example, my own Macdonald's used the *Mc* some of the time. I learned years ago that the M^c with the two little lines under the "C" simply is the ab-

breviation of the "a" in MacDonald or any other Mac name.

All of these things mean the same thing. They all mean, "Son of."

There is nothing that denotes Irish instead of Scottish.

My own great grandfather used almost all of these in a letter which exists. He used what he wanted to use and didn't care which came when.

All we know is that we don't know anything

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