



Scottish Heritage Symposium At St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, NC set for March 2K9

The annual Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium will be the weekend of March 20-22 on the St. Andrews Presbyterian College campus in Laurinburg, N.C. This event, now in its 19th year, will feature scholars from Scotland and the United States.

Dr. Philip D. Smith, Jr., will receive the Scottish Heritage Center Service Award. Dr. Smith is a retired professor emeritus of Languages and Linguistics at West Chester University in Pennsylvania where he received several awards for service to the University. He has devoted much of his personal research and educational efforts toward Scottish topics, including the Gaelic language and the history, culture and lore of Scottish tartans. His works *Tartan for Me!* and *Tartans for the Irish* have allowed countless numbers to proudly identify with and display their Scottish connections through identification with a tartan. He has personally designed over 120 tartans, and is a frequent attendee at Scottish games and events where he shares his knowledge with those interested in making their own personal tartan connection.

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X-Marks the Scot sweat shirts or Loch n' Roll! piping books!

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See our January contest winners, page 2

Daphne Taylor, Helen Blair win copies of "Clan" by David P. Elliot!

Hamilton, Robertson, Williams, Krause, Atkins, Powers, Ellison and Cook win National Tartan Day cards, too! Enter next time!

In a contest whose winners were decided by Narra The Wonder Cat, Sylvester Highway, Bicket and Peggie Hairy, **Helen Blair** of Mesa, Arizona and **Daphne Taylor** of Charlotte, North Carolina won the signed copies of *Clan* by David P. Elliot.

The quartet of judges also chose Margery McDonald Ellison of Goodyear, Arizona; Ginny Powers of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Annetta Cook of Lucas, Kentucky; Kent Hay Atkins of Wilmington, NC; Loey Breur Krause of Pickens, South Carolina; Maurice Robertson of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Rita Hamilton of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Sherry Morrison of Chapin, SC and Shelton F. Williams of Chesapeake, Virginia to win original National Tartan Day cards designed by artist, Tom Freeman.

Prizes have been mailed to all of the winners.

(How this worked: Your editor made little paper balls out of all of the entries to our January contest. Your editor tossed the balls into a Hula Hoop which was placed on the floor. The judges were released from the other room and all dove into the pile of paper balls on the floor. The first two balls that he cats batted out of the hoop won the books! The next balls batted out won surprise prizes! Can't think of a fairer way to choose winners! The prize selection com-

mittee enjoyed half a bag of cat treats following the exhausting exercise in pickin' winners!)

The February contest features two copies of Loch n' Roll - a wonderful music book for pipers and two "X-Marks the Scot" sweatshirts...

It's very easy to win. Simply send an email to bethscribble@aol.com with "February contest" in the subject line of the email. I need your name and mailing address so there will be a place to send prizes should you win. This month, I also need your sweatshirt size - from Small to 3 X.

The contest will be officially over next February 15 - so be sure and enter soon.


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Are you related to a President?

It seems that most families that have old roots in America have a Presidential relationship legend. When records were harder to find, these legends were accepted and passed down from generation to generation. Now many of us are doing detailed research and finding them to be closer to legend than to fact. If you have a Presidential legend in your family - it's fun to see how much of it is true!

An old joke says that the best way to get your genealogy done is to run for office. The web is full of sites that list the ancestry of our presidents. Some are:

- <http://www.dcs.hull.ac.uk/public/genealogy/presidents/presidents.html>
- <http://www.ipl.org/ref/POTUS/>
- <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/presidents/>

Thanks to *The Live Oak*, East Bay Genealogical Society, PO Box 20417, Oakland, CA 94620-0417

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Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Holmes and Mrs. Margaret (Pinny) Geffert will be jointly receiving Flora MacDonald Awards this year. Mrs. Holmes is the retired librarian for St. Andrews Presbyterian College where she first began stirring interest in the college's Scottish connections due to numerous library inquiries from individuals and societies who were interested in Scottish connections as early as the 1970s. She was a driving force behind the creation of the Scottish Heritage projects in the late 1980s which are now in place and flourishing at St. Andrews.

Mrs. Geffert is the retired archivist for St. Andrews Presbyterian College and was caretaker and custodian for the collections which were later to become the nucleus of the Scottish Heritage Center. She was also called on frequently to assist in research relative to Flora MacDonald through materials held by the college, and assisted both the late Hugh Douglas and Ruairdh Halford-MacLeod with their biographies. She has been actively involved in the Laurinburg-Oban Sister City Committee.

We are delighted to honor these two women who have contributed so much to the success of the Scottish Heritage Center over the years.

All interested are invited to attend.

"Since its inception in 1989, the symposium has provided a forum for those interested in Scottish history, culture, and genealogy to learn from top scholars in their fields," said Bill Caudill, director of the Scottish Heritage Center. "Our symposium is nationally considered a leader in the exploration of Scottish culture."

Five guest speakers headline this year's event:

Eleanor Harris, a native of St. Andrews, Fife, will present "Local Sources for Global Communities: An Overview of the Local Collections Held by Argyll and Bute Library Service Highlighting Resources Pertaining to Early Emigrants from Argyll."

"Those with research interests in Scotland and Argyll in particular will not want to miss her presentation," said Caudill.

Dr. Philip D. Smith Jr. serves as president of the Scottish Tartans Authority and he will present "Tartan Since Proscription."

Patrick King is a writer, director, and producer making documentary films for international broadcasters including PBS, The History Channel, A&E, and BBC Channel 4. He will present "Bagpipes in the Movies."

Bridget O'Brien's presentation on "Early Scottish Farmsteads in the Eastern Carolinas" will focus on the floor plans, building materials, and construction methods of several emigrant homesteads from the Highland settlements as well as the genealogical information relative to the families who built them.

Isla St. Clair will present "The Songs of Scotland". She is a native of North East of Scotland, growing up in Buckie, Findochty, and Aberdeen. She is a well-known exponent of Scottish traditional song and at age 12 was recorded by the legendary Hamish Henderson, principal of the School of Scottish Studies.

For a schedule of events and registration information, please visit <http://www.sapc.edu/shc/scottishheritagesymposium.php> or call the Scottish Heritage Center at (910) 277-5236.

Hello Scotland, Ltd., has tips for travelers!

With thanks to my friend, Fraser Gordon, for getting permission for us to use this information here.

Health

Visitors who become ill while in Scotland are eligible for free emergency treatment at National Health Service Accident and Emergency hospital departments. As with all travel it is advised to take out insurance cover before travelling. This applies for European Community and other travellers. Your travel agent can give advice. You do not need any vaccinations before you come to Scotland

Money

Bank Opening Times: Banks usually open Monday to Friday between 0900-1600/1700hrs (some open until later on Thursdays and a few open on Saturday mornings).

Currency

Scottish banks issue their own bank notes in all denominations. These differ in design from English notes, but are of the same value and are accepted elsewhere in the UK (although you are best to change £1 notes for £1 coins before you leave Scotland). English notes are accepted in Scotland. In Scotland, banks usually give the best exchange rate for foreign currency, and many offer this service. It is also possible to change money in airports, larger rail stations, travel agents and some of the larger hotels (if you are a resident); there is usually a handling fee and commission. Most towns and cities have cash machines where you can obtain British Currency using your cashcard or credit card. Some establishments may accept Euro traveller cheques.

Credit Cards

Main stores, hotels and restaurants in Scotland will accept the majority of credit cards. It is advisable to carry some £ Sterling; for example, many smaller accommodation establishments such as B&Bs are unlikely to accept credit cards; this also applies to other small businesses.

Tax Refunds

Value Added Tax (VAT) at 15% is applied to goods and services. Non-EU visitors to Scotland can reclaim it on goods only, by using the Foreign Exchange Tax Free Shopping arrangements. You can reclaim VAT at participating stores. A Tax Free Shopping form is obtained and completed at the shop where you must also show your passport. The form has to be presented to HM Customs and Excise, as you leave the UK.

Language

As in the rest of the UK, English is the official language of Scotland. There are marked regional accents but all are distinctively Scottish.

Gaelic is still spoken in parts of the western Highlands and in the Western Isles, with English as a second language.

Currency Exchange & Banking

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Missing McPersons!

Seeking information on **KAGEY, FRY, HANSBERGER, LINEWEAVER AND KIBLER**, and their descendants in the Shenandoah County, Virginia area. Please contact **Kathie Jones, 252 Jones Road, Franklin, GA 30217**.

Was **GEORGE STREIBEL** (1785-1871) a member of St. John German Church, Baltimore, MD? Burial – Old Cathedral Cemetery. Actress – “**Dorothy Phillips**.” Reverend **PRESTER BESCHTLER**? Spouse **MARY FILLINGER** (1793-1862). Have picture **SUZIE STRIBLE WEBER** (1887-1907) and her mother. Contact: **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta, Sun City, CA 92586**.

Seeking information on **ELIZABETH ANN MC DERMID**, born W. Jamestown, Scotland, circa late 1890s. Married twice: **FORD DEVAULT; NILS ERICKSON**. Contact **Susan Lassabe, 54355 Addison Road, Independence, Louisiana 70443**.

Looking for **ROBERT ROBERTSON**. **ROBERT ROBERTSON** was born ca 1833 NC., **ROBERT** and **CATHERINE GARBER** were married September 3, 1859 in Douglas County, Illinois. He had six sons whom were born in Illinois and in Indiana, before the family settled in SE Colorado, where **ROBERT** died on April 8, 1905. His burial was in the Holly Cemetery, in Holly Prowers, Colorado. The burial came from the Presbyterian Church, Holly. If you have any information write **Robinson, 2235 Juntura CT. S., Salem, or 97302-2222. Or call 503-589-9567**.

ELISHA HALL was born in North Carolina on April 30, 1799, his parents/ family are unknown. **ELISHA HALL** was married March 22, 1822 in Nashville, Tennessee to **ANNE ANDERSON GULLIFORD** and they had 8 children, 4 boys,

and 4 girls. **ELISHA** and his family were Presbyterian. **ELISHA HALL** served in the war of 1812 with Cpt. Daniel Bradford's Co. Vol. Inf. He started serving on Nov. 14, 1814. He is shown on all census records as his birthplace being North Carolina. His oldest son was **JAMES GULLIFORD HALL**, born July 7, 1825. My Great Grandfather, **MARION PROCTOR HALL** was born March 7, 1831 in Nashville. **ELISHA** and **ANNE** and their children immigrated to Texas in an ox cart in 1854. His four sons served in the Civil War from Tennessee. **ELISHA** died on March 25, 1879 in Austin, Travis County, Texas and he is buried in Oakwood Cemetery with his wife, **ANNE**. If you have any information contact **Nancy Hall NeSmith at: email Sam-N2@dcci.com or call 210-828-1618**.

Want information on **CHIEF HEROD**. The town of HEROD, Terrell County, GA was named for. **Barbara Helwick, PO Box 50345, Casper, WY 82605-0345**.

Seeking ancestors: **CHRISTOPHER OSBORNE** born ca. 1732 England, VA, MD or NC. Died 1789, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Married **SARAH MAGRUDER**, 1760, possible daughter, of **DR. ARCHIBALD MAGRUDER** born 1708 MD, died 1763 (at sea). **George Osborne, 24211 Plantation Dr. NE #211, Atlanta, GA 30324**.

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Looking for **JAMES MORRISON** born in New York about 1814, married a **RHOBA PECK** about 1840 or earlier in New York, or Pennsylvania. Lived in Wisconsin in 1870. Last time I found him he was in 1875 in Horicon, Dodge, Wisconsin. Oldest son was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania. Write **Charlotte Clark, 2082 S. Sidewinder, Yuma, AZ 85364**.

Missing McPersons!

G. MARION McCOY born June 8, 1833 died Nov. 15, 1904. **G. Marion** first appeared in the census in Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N.C. He died in Lincolnton and is buried there next to his wife **JANE** at the Laboratory Methodist Church graveyard. His first name was most likely **GEORGE**. There is a record of a **GEORGE M. McCOY** marrying a **JANE REDDING** on August 13, 1861 in Wilkes County. I would like to know more about both **G. MARION** and his wife **JANE**, particularly who their parents were. Please contact **Linda M. Burnett, 25619 Cielo Ct, Valencia, CA 91355, call 661-255-3546, or email daveburnett@earthlink.net if you have any information.**

CARRIE McCOY born around 1907 to **JAMES CLINTON McCOY** (son of **G. MARION McCOY**) and **MARY E. HENDERSON McCOY**. She disappeared as a young woman and was never heard from again even though an advertisement for her was placed in the newspaper upon her father's death on May 1, 1925. It is thought that she was married briefly to someone with the last name of **LAW** before she left home. Please contact **Linda M. Burnett, 25619 Cielo Ct., Valencia, CA 91355, call 661-255-3546, or email daveburnett@earthlink.net if you have any information.**

Does anyone know of a tie between the **McCORD** and the **GLECKLER** families? I have just learned of a **SARAH McCORD GECKLER** (**McCORD** is the middle name and **GLECKLER** is the surname), born 22 September 1847 and died 18 September 1908. She was the daughter of German parents, **JOHN GOTTLIEB GLECKLER** and **MARY MAGDALENE DILLYARD/DILLARD/**

DILGER. The families were between Germany and Illinois. If you have any information, please contact **Scott & Roxanne Munns at rmunns@uwalumni.com**

Desire pedigree charts! **DAVID BOYLE** (1842-1911). Scotland, also **JOHN BOYLE** (1707-1762), County Cork, Ireland. **MORRISSEY** marriages sought! **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta, Sun City, Ca 92586.**

Searching for information about **ALPHONSO MACDONALD**. Please contact **Robert W. Macdonald, 2026 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.**

ROBERTSON, ROBERT: Where in North Carolina might the **ROBERTSON** Families coming early from Scotland, I believe from Argyll, have settled? I believe our **ROBERTSON** Families came early to North Carolina, settling on the eastern coast area. I believe as early as 1715 or 1745. Might this be the area the Families settled? My grandfather **ROBERT ROBERTSON**, one of the youngest, if not the youngest, was born c.1833. No other member of this large family is known. Apparently **ROBERT**, one of a large family of boys, was orphaned at an early age. According to census records **ROBERT**'s parents too were born in North Carolina. **ROBERT** and **CATHERINE A. GARBER** married September 3, 1859, Douglas County, Illinois. One son was born in Illinois, five more sons were born in Indiana before the family settled in southeastern Colorado where **ROBERT** died April 8, 1905. Any help would be very much appreciated. **Mabel I Robison, 2235 Juntura Ct. S., Salem, OR 97302-2222.**

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Orcadian Romance

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To mark St Valentine's Day, here are some stories of Orcadian romance or, it must be admitted, the general lack of it.

As some of these tales illustrate, we are a down-to-earth race.

James of Teeveth, a little house in the parish of Harray, was walking home from burying his second wife. He met a spinster of the parish and fell into conversation. After some time, he remarked that it maybe wasn't the time to be saying anything, but not to throw herself away, as he might be needing. They did both get married, but not to each other.

A couple who lived at either end of the small island of Graemsay were engaged for so long that fellow islanders claimed that she wore out her engagement ring and he wore out his bike.

Long engagements weren't at all uncommon in Orkney, often out of financial necessity, as the small farms couldn't support anyone else. There are many examples of couples marrying after the man's mother had died, including my grandfather's parents. He was nearly sixty and she was in her late forties, so it is a medical miracle my grandfather was born at all, a year later. We don't know whether the bride-to-be had been refusing to share a house with her mother-in-law or the husband-to-be realised he needed someone to keep house.

As an old Orkney poem, *The Laird's Proposal*, says, "Ye needna fear I've asked anither; It's jist last week I lost me mither."

Many couples didn't wait quite so long.

A cousin came into my grandfather's draper's shop and remarked that his daughter Liza had, "the warst kind o' indigestion; her stomach's swalled like a drum."



My grandfather suggested it might not be indigestion and asked if she had a boyfriend.

"Oh, dinna say hid's that!" but of course it was.

When her father asked her what she'd been up to, Liza replied that Jimmac said it was a cure for the toothache. As was the custom, Liza's father went to buy malt to brew for the wedding. He had such a long face that the shop-keeper asked if it was for a funeral.

"Ah", he replied, "Hid's warse than daith".

Some young men took a very practical approach to looking for a wife.

For several years, beginning in 1887, *The Orkney and Shetland American* was published in Chicago. It provided news from home for the Orcadians and Shetlanders in Canada and America. The publishers estimated that there were at least 5,000 families who should be subscribing; they counted 105 Orkneymen in Illinois alone in 1888.

An Orcadian in Aspen, Colorado advertised for a wife in the paper. He wanted to "marry a young woman from Sandwick Parish, if possible, of a respectable character," and said "the first applicant will receive my prompt attention"


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You live as long as you are remembered.
Russian Proverb

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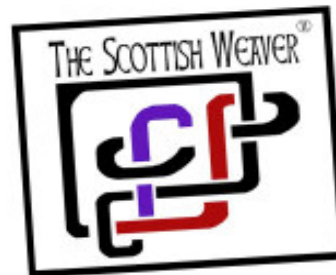
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Flowers of the Forest

Karl Lavaughn Ferguson, died December 26, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. He was the son of Jane A. Snipes and Ralph Lavaughn Ferguson, brother to Michael and Dennis (deceased), husband to Ellen, father to five children, and granddaddy to ten grandchildren. Karl had numerous relatives who are members of the Snipes Family Association. He was the son of Jane A. Snipes and Ralph Lavaughn Ferguson, brother to Michael and Dennis (deceased), husband to Ellen, father to five children, and granddaddy to ten grandchildren.

Karl was raised in Sheridan, Indiana, and transplanted to Orlando in his teen years. Of the 24 different jobs he had, the first nine Opel-Saturn 5 shots had his hand prints all over them. He also had been involved in making lasers. He participated in softball for years and umpired the game. He enjoyed cooking, travel and participation in NASCAR racing and watching. And he totally enjoyed his grandchildren and

great-grandchildren. His funeral service was held at the funeral home December 31 with interment at Highland Memory Gardens.

Harold Evans Snipes, Jr., 88, widower of the late Frances Prater Snipes, died December 9, 2008 at his home. Born in Townville, SC, he was the son of the late Hal E. and Kate Todd Snipes. Survivors include his wife Ann, seven children and their spouses, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII.

Harold was a retired employee of



WABCO in Toccoa, Georgia and also worked with Darby Metal works in Anderson. He played textile league baseball and was an avid Atlanta Braves Fan. He was a Life Member of Townville Masonic Lodge #209, and was an active member of Dickson Memorial United Methodist Church. Funeral services were held at Dickson Memorial United Methodist Church.

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Once he had found his bride-to-be, the bashful young man had to ask permission from her father. This was a trial for any young man and Orcadians can be particularly “backward at coming forward” so a tradition arose that made the ordeal slightly less terrifying. The young man would take a bottle of whisky along to his intended’s home and sit down to conversation with her father. Drawing up his courage, he would offer a drink from his whisky bottle. If it was accepted, that was understood to be approval for the marriage but if it was refused, the would-be groom took his departure and looked around for another bride.

However, Orcadians can be romantic and impulsive and here is a last story to prove it. A boy and girl went to school together in South Ronaldsay. The boy left Orkney, “went Sooth” as it’s known here,

after he left school, and the girl married a farmer. Many years later, her husband died and she heard that her old school-friend, now a widower, had returned to the island. She sent him a note, asking him to come and be her bailiff, to help run the farm. A small boy arrived with his reply, “I won’t come as your bailiff, but I will come as your husband.”

She sent the boy straight back with her note, “Come. Bring the minister,” . . . and he did.

Happy Valentine’s Day.



Raccoon + Cream Sherry = “Hic!”

Rita Hamilton

I had three bottles of cream sherry (Yuck!) that my mother had bought 15 years ago. So I thought to get rid of them. I opened them and they hadn’t turned to vinegar but were not fit to drink. So I poured them into a container that I set out for “critters” so they can have fresh water.

We’re on brackish water and if no rain, the God’s critters have to do with the brackish water.

I mixed in an equal amount of water, to cut the odor and potency.

Later, that evening, I turned on the outside lights and what do I see but a raccoon standing there, lapping away. It looked up and me, and kept lapping. Curious, I opened the door and the raccoon decided that discretion was the better part of valour. So she turned away from me and promptly fell over on her side. Yes, I had a drunken raccoon. She staggered to her

feet and tried to walk. About two steps and then she fell on her other side. She struggled to her feet and managed to weave her way to the bushes.

I thought about placing two Tylenol outside, but not knowing if they would be lethal, decided a plain hangover was the best course of action for her. She did not show up the next evening.



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Using Census Records to Establish an Ancestors Place of Residence



Bryan L. Mulcahy

Census records are considered one of the best research tools for pinpointing the location of ancestors in a specific place and time period. Census records can also provide the building blocks of your research in a number of ways. They may be used to confirm or dispute data that you've uncovered in previous research. The information may open up possible avenues or clues to solve dead-ends or contradictions.

Census returns often provide the most detailed basic information about ancestors and their families. Indexes are available for almost every census year from 1790-1920. Beginning with the 1850 census, each decade saw a wider variety of questions asked about not only the present place of residence, but also for all family and household members.

Census Records often serve as links to other important potential record types, many of which usually contain information pertaining to current and previous places of residence: Birth records, Marriage records, Death records, Divorce records, Land/Prop-

erty records, Immigration/Naturalization records, Court records, and Military records.

In the best circumstances, from 1850-1930, the following details are provided for every individual in each household, including boarders:

1. Names of every person enumerated in the specific household
2. Street name
3. County, city of residence, enumeration district number
4. Ages at the time of the specific census
5. State or Country of birth
6. Place of birth for parents
7. Year of immigration
8. Marriage status and year of marriage
9. Occupation
10. Value of their home and personal belongings

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9 AM Festival Gates open and registration at Fiddling location.

10 AM Scottish Fiddling Workshop

1:00 PM Scottish Fiddling Competition (Sanctioned by SFIRE)

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Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.

SGES invites you to Mandarin, Florida meeting on Valentine's Day

On Saturday, Feb. 14th, The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society, Inc. hosts guest speaker Mrs. Shannon Palmer at 10:15 a.m. at the Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road, Jacksonville, Florida.


Mrs. Palmer is a retired mortician from Louisiana.

Prior to her work in the funeral industry, Shannon spent many years in education and nonprofit work.

In 2007, she founded CRPT (Cemetery Recovery and Preservation Trust of Jacksonville, Inc.). Shannon has been able to turn her passion for all-things-funeral into an invaluable community resource directly impacting the Old City Cemetery. Shannon's topic is "Tales of Working with the Silent."

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An Oldie but a Goodie...

IF CARS WERE LIKE COMPUTERS...

If a big auto industry had developed technology like a big computer company, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

* For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.

* Every time they repainted the lines on the road, you would have to buy a new car.

* Occasionally, your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close the windows, then shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue.

* Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, was five times as fast and twice as easy to drive, but would run on only five percent of the roads.

* The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would be replaced by a single “this car has performed an Illegal Operation” warning light.

* The airbag system would ask, “Are you sure?” before deploying.

* Occasionally, for no reason, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

* Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would learn how to drive all over again, because none of



the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

* And, finally, you’d have to press the “Start” button to turn the engine off.

Thanks to the *Thistle and the Bee*, 8232 Kay Court, Annadale, VA 22003-2201.

Can you help me find my family?

I have the following lines: **BARNWELL, BYRD, STRICKLAND, RUSSELL, WHITE, WATKINS** and **WEAVER**. I believe that **RUSSELL** and **STRICKLAND** might possibly be Scottish. Am I correct? I am quite interested in the **RUSSELL** Family, since my great-grandfather married in Hall County, Georgia, in 1824 to **MARTHA RUSSELL** and his brother married a **MARY RUSSELL**. I think they came to Georgia from South Carolina. I would love to hear from anyone who could help me with information about them. **Ms. Marion E. Watkins, 1434 Hawthorne Way, East Point, GA 30344-1749.**

Clan Sutherland Society of North America plans 2009 AGM at Loon Mountain Games, New Hampshire

The host hotel for the Sept 19th Clan Sutherland Society of North America (CSSNA) 2009 AGM is the Rivergreen Resort in Lincoln, New Hampshire. Their address is 48 Cooper Memorial Dr. Lincoln New Hampshire, 03251 Phone 603-745-2450. Website: rivergreenresort.com

The Loon Mountain Highland games is a 3 day event (9-18/9-20). The plan is to keep Friday informal and casual as folks will be arriving at all different

times. thing stronger, there is a liquor store nearby.

At 7 pm we will sit down to a lovely meal catered by the Woodstock Inn and served by your hosts.

The menu is as follows:

Homemade Salad and Spent Grain Bread (also home made)

Baked salmon with garlic butter

London Broil in a pig's ear demi –glace

Butternut squash



times. Folks can gather in groups as they choose but are on their own for meals this day.

There will be a picnic buffet at the games on Saturday hosted by several New England members . Jane Sutherland is coordinating this.

Saturday evening will be the main event for CSSNA starting with wine and appetizers. Beer and soda will also be available. For those wanting some-

Homemade mashed potatoes

Coffee , tea and home desserts will follow.

The cost for this meal is \$30.00 per person and reservations are required. Deadline for reservations is September 1st. NO exceptions . Please send your checks to Barbara Sutherland,188 Simpson Rd., Marlborough, MA. 01752 . There will be no charge for children under 5.

American Presidents who are *Mayflower* descendants



Our former President, George Walker Bush, is a descendant of four Pilgrims. His father, former President George Herbert Walker Bush, is descended from John Howland and his wife Elizabeth Tilley, and her father John Tilley, through the Howland's daughter Hope; and Francis Cooke through the Howland's daughter Jane. George W's mother Barbara Pierce Bush is a descendant of Henry Samson, through his son, Stephen.



in 1903 and his son, Ulysses S. Grant III, joined the same society in 1950.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our thirty-second President, had six *Mayflower* lines. Through his father, James Roosevelt, he descended from John Howland and wife, Elizabeth and her father, John Tilley. Through his mother Sara Delano, he descended from Isaac Allerton, Degory Priest,

John Adams, our second President, and his son, John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, were descended from John Alden through John's daughter Ruth.

James Garfield, our twentieth President, was a ninth generation descendant of John Billington through his son, Francis.

Ulysses S. Grant, eighteenth President, was a descendant of Richard Warren through Warren's son, Nathaniel. President Grant's son, Frederick Dent Grant, joined the District of Columbia's *Mayflower Society*

Francis Cooke and Richard Warren (he had four Warren lines).

William Howard Taft, twenty-seventh President, line (Francis Cook), has been discredited in the third generation.

Zachary Taylor, was our twelfth President. He descended from two Pilgrims, William Brewster, through his daughter, Fear, who was also Isaac Allerton's second wife.

Thanks to *Whittier Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*, PO Box 4367, Whittier, CA 90607-4367.

Old age can kill you and doesn't take long!

I've been transcribing county death scheduled from New Brunswick and discovered that: Sarah died in 1891, she was a 67 year old housekeeper and cause of death was "worn out," length of illness "two months".

Then there's Margaret, she died in 1888, she was 92 years old and cause of death was "old age," length of illness "one week".

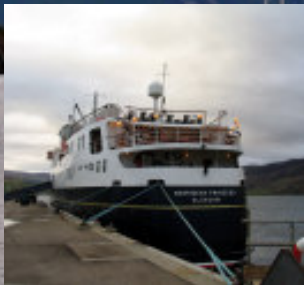
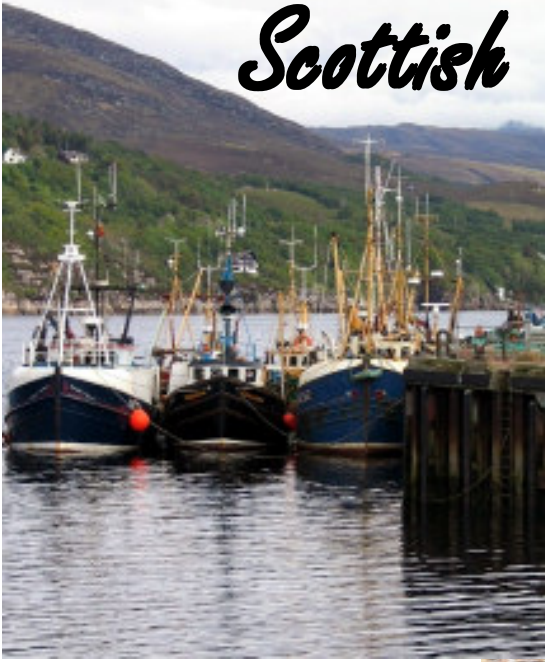
Phoebe, on the other hand, was only 88 when she died in 1888. She, too, died of "old age," but she had it "several years".

William died in 1888 at 84 of "old age," but he had it "not long".

Mrs. Seeley, age 91 in 1888, died of "old age," but she only had it "one day".

Thanks to The YVGS Family Finders, Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 32, Yucaipa, CA 92399-0032.
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Scottish boats, 2005



The American Pledge of Allegiance began when?

The original Pledge of Allegiance was drawn up in the office of The Youth's Companion magazine in Boston and appeared in the issue for 8 September 1892. It was published to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, and was first used in the public schools to celebrate Columbus Day, 12, October 1892. The pledge was reprinted in leaflet form, and thousands were sent by the magazine to schools throughout the country to mark the anniversary.

Several years later a controversy developed among the descendants of two former staff members of the Youth's Companion, Francis Bellamy and James Upham, as to who was the author of the pledge. To resolve the question, Col. James A. Moss, U.S. Army (Retired) and the U.S. Flag Association of Washington, DC, appointed a committee of experts in 1939. The Committee consisted of two professors of American History, Charles C. Tansill and Bernard Mayo, and a professor of political science, W. Reed West. The committee weighed carefully the evidence presented by the opposing families, and decided unanimously in favor of Bellamy.

When first published, the pledge read "my flag" rather than "the flag of the United States." When representatives of various patriotic organizations came together on 14 June 1923, for the first National Flag Conference, a change in the wording was adopted. The rationale for the change was that it prevented ambiguity among foreign-born children and adults, who might have the flag of their native land in mind when reciting the pledge.

The pledge received the official recognition of Congress in an Act approved on



22 June 1942. The phrase "under God" was added to the pledge by an Act of Congress passed on 14 June 1954. At that time President Dwight D. Eisenhower said that "in this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Thanks to Sons of the America Revolution, Jacksonville Chapter, Florida Society, PO Box 40581, Jacksonville, FL 32203-0581.

Who were the Covenanters?

Judith Lloyd, President Scottish District Families Association

I don't know how many of you have been confused about who the Covenanters were and whose side they were on, but I have always wondered about it when I've read bits and pieces in literature where it would mention that so-and-so was a Covenanter or an anti-Covenanter. From what I have gleaned the conflict between these two groups (which lasted more than 50 years from the mid to late 1600s) pitted Scot against Scot, highlanders against lowlanders, and, of course, the usual English against Scot. The crux of the whole matter was the religious beliefs of these three opposing groups. The English government at that time were Anglican and then Catholic, the Highlanders were predominantly Catholic, and the Lowlanders predominantly Presbyterian.

The original Covenant was actually signed in 1638 following an attempt by Charles I to introduce the rites of the Church of England into the churches of Scotland in 1637. The best known revolt against the rites (the Book of Common Prayer) was in St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh. The covenant, known as the National Covenant, basically stated that the people refused to bow to England's religious demands and would not accept Charles as head of the Church. Signers of the covenant and their supporters were referred to as Covenanters.

Charles had dissolved Parliament in 1629 and was ruling alone. In the 1640's Oliver Cromwell with the assistance of many Scots, with whom he had signed another covenant which would allow the Scots to continue practicing their Presbyterian religion, and Charles

own subjects, the dissolved English Parliament, succeeded in defeating him. He surrendered to the Scots where he thought he would be safe. However he was handed over to the English, and was ordered by Cromwell to be executed. Some Scots crowned his son, Charles II, as King of Scotland at Scone, just before he fled the country and after he had signed the National Covenant. Two years after Cromwell's death in 1658, Charles II returned and was restored to the

throne. He immediately made himself the head of church as well as state, rescinded Cromwell's covenant with the Scots and his own signature on the National Covenant, and removed hundreds of Presbyterian ministers from their parishes, replacing them with Episcopalian ministers.

He also had his appointed ministers submit lists of parishioners who did not attend the services, and had them routed out, tortured, maimed, killed. His thoughts were obviously to cause the Scots to give up their Presbyterian religion and fall into line with the English church.

In 1678 Charles brought Highlanders from Stirling (and even as far as Caithness – the northernmost point of Scotland's mainland) to Glasgow and southwestern Scotland to assist in the crushing of the Covenanters. Lowland families (the Highland Host) were forced to house and quarter the highland army at their own expense. They were in fact feeding, clothing, and providing shelter to the men who were, under

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Pay attention to boarders

In census records, many households will have individuals enumerated as “boarders.” Don’t dismiss these people as strangers. Often they are family members and the surname may give a clue about a married woman’s maiden name or a little searching of that name may reveal another branch of the family.

In the 1930 census, in the household of my in-laws, a George Pritchard is listed as a “boarder.” In reality, he was the brother of my husband’s grandmother.

Sometimes, young men will be listed as boarders and turn out to be the brother of the wife. I have also seen circumstances where parents of the wife will be referred to as boarders.

Thanks to Kathy Dixon, Newbury, Ohio and Mesa Dwellers, Mesa County Genealogical Society, P O Box 1506, Grand Junction, CO 81502.



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the direction of the English, hunting down and killing their own countrymen.

The most prominent Covenanter leader was Archibald Campbell, the Marquis of Argyll. For the Government forces there were the Grahams, the Earl of Montrose, and at the Battle of Drumclog in 1679, James Graham, later the Viscount of Dundee, as well as the Earl of Nithsdale and the Earl of Annandale. The Battle of Drumclog was won by the Covenanters, but their victory was short lasting as they were soundly beaten at the Battle of Bothwell Bridge on the Clyde just a few weeks later.

1680 until 1685 was known as the Killing Times. The successor to Charles II had been his brother, James II of England, James the VII of Scotland. James was a Roman Catholic. He had the lists of parishes drawn

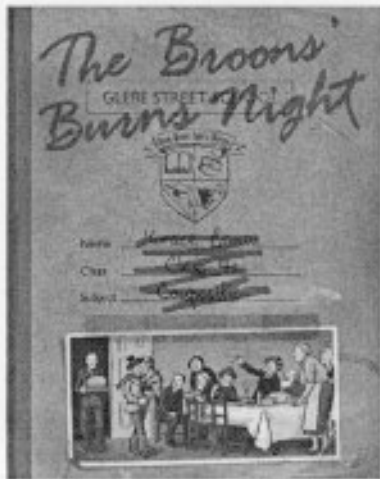
up with the names of everyone over the age of 11 on them. If anyone was even suspected of being a Covenanter he or she was killed – no matter what the age. Again this merely tightened the resolve of the Covenanters, who were now meeting in open fields with sentries watching out for not only the King’s men, but their own countrymen bent on removing all trace of them. These meetings became known as conventicles. Also it created martyrs to the cause; John Brown, who was caught, returned to his doorstep and shot in front of his wife and small children and two women known as the Wigtownshire Martyrs who were tied to poles in Wigtown Bay at low tide and drowned when the tide came in – to mention only a couple.

James brought about his own downfall in his zealous movement against the Covenanters by issuing the Declaration of Indulgence. In essence it protected Roman Catholics from prosecution for any penal law infraction. This turned the Anglican Church against him, and when his son, James Stuart (father to Charles Stuart) was baptized Catholic it was the final straw for the English. Fearing for the loss of the protestant faith in England and Scotland, James’ son-in-law William was approached by Parliament with backing for ascension to the throne for his assistance in removing James. William succeeded in this in the Glorious Revolution and ruled jointly with his wife Mary, James’ daughter. Under their reign persecution of the Covenanters and the Presbyterian religion gradually eased.

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Do you have illegitimate ancestors?

Sooner or later, most genealogists stumble across an illegitimate ancestor. Old parish registers often reveal this information, but there were various ways of expressing illegitimacy, some of them in Latin. In Latin, “ignotus” means unknown. So records sometimes say, “nomine ignoto” meaning the father’s name was unknown.

“Filius Populi” means son of the people. This reference in English records often covers cases where the father was known to be a local man, but might be one of two men. It also can mean that the father was anybody’s guess.

“Filius nullius” means son of none. This terminology was used in cases where the father was a stranger (in that parish) or the mother couldn’t or wouldn’t say who he was.

There are other tiny clues to be found in parish records, so it’s important to copy the references exactly. For example, if you find a record that reads something like “Johannes filius Mariae Jones et reputat (ur) de Johanni Smith, it translates to John. Son of Mary Jones and by repute of John Smith. What that means is that the father either admitted paternity or that paternity had been proved. But if the records read “Johannes filius Mariae Jones et innputat de Johanni Smith,” it means the mother claimed the father was John Smith, but he wouldn’t admit it or else the case hadn’t been settled. Other terms you may run into are “ut fertur” meaning as it is said (or believed it if you

like), and “dictus” or “p(rea) dictus, meaning the said, aforesaid (man). “Voctus” means called or known as.

A common way of showing illegitimate paternity in English records was to give a child his father’s full name and his mother’s surname. The idea was that if the couple married later, the mother’s surname would be dropped. Knowing about the use of double surnames for illegitimate children is very useful to genealogists, but in genealogy, there are always exceptions. In London, Lancashire, Yorkshire and among nonconformists, the use of a complimentary second surname from the mother’s family, the pastor or a rich uncle, came into vogue in the early 1800s and again in the later Victorian period.

If you discover a reference to John Jones Smith, and it occurs anywhere but in a recognized gentry family before about 1840 in England, it should alert you to the possibility of illegitimacy, but remember the exceptions. In the late 19th century the English sometimes used hyphenated surnames such as Armstrong-Jones, but for reasons of ancestral snobbery, not illegitimacy, so when researching English records, remember this popularity of double surnames in particular localities and time periods for other reasons that the marital status of a child’s parents before assuming an ancestor was illegitimate.

Thanks to *The Illuminator* Newsletter of the Zion Genealogical Society of Zion, Illinois



US President James Abram Garfield

When a US President is elected in a year ending in zero?

It’s amazing to read about what happened to our United States Presidents when they are elected in a year ending in zero:

1840 William Henry Harrison died in office.

1860 Abraham Lincoln assassinated.

1880 James A. Garfield assassinated.

1900 William McKinley assassinated.

1940 Franklin Delano Roosevelt died in office.

1960 John F. Kennedy assassinated.

1980 Ronald Reagan survived an assassination attempt.

All of this is true.

SCOTLAND!



These photos were taken on a never to be forgotten day in June of 2005. I don't remember exactly where...but do remember my delight at the seagulls flying so near...I could see their eyes!

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