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Clan Buchanan Society International 2019

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Loon Mountain, New Hampshire

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc. will be held September 20-22, 2019 at the New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival at Loon Mountain Resort in Lincoln, New Hampshire.

The highlight of the meeting will be the inaugural visit to North America of our Clan Chief John Michael Buchanan. Michael is the first Chief of the Clan in over 335 years and this will be one of the first opportunities for the Clan to meet him. Michael has expressed his support for the Society and his intention to be a regular visitor at Scottish events worldwide.

The New Hampshire Highland Games is one of the largest games in North America and the largest cultural event. It is located in the beautiful White Mountains National Forest of New Hampshire.

More than 35,000 people and 65 clans attend the games over the three days of the event. There are daytime and evening concerts, heavyweight athletic competitions including the best athletes from around the world, the clan village, seminars, living history, youth programs and Scottish vendors. Over 30 pipe bands from the United States, Canada and overseas compete in all pipe band categories. There are drum major competitions, piping, drumming, fiddling, dancing and harp competitions that attract the highest caliber competitors. Entertainment includes groups such as Albannach and the Red Hot Chili Pipers and many others. The Clan Buchanan is the largest clan in attendance at the games which makes this a special event for our members.

Logistics

The two closest airports are Manchester-Bos-

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Our Chief, The Buchanan, is coming to the 2019 AGM!



Mike's son, Bruce Buchanan, otherwise known as "The Buchanan's second son," was recently featured in a documentary by NHK, the public broadcasting company in Japan.

NHK wanted to make a documentary about Bruce as his father is newly the Clan Chief of the Buchanans, as well as due to his role in helping organize Queen Charlotte's Ball in London which has also been featured on NHK.

Bruce has been volunteering his time with Queen Charlotte's Ball, as it is a family tradition. His Granny (my husband's mother, the

Honourable Carol) was herself a debutante and attended the Queen Charlotte's Ball when she was younger.

Bruce also supports this event because it raises a significant amount of money for children's charities.

For the last three years, Bruce has been responsible for selecting and organising the escorts for the debutantes on the night of the ball.

He also teaches the debutantes and their escorts how to do Scottish Reels. (They do a reel or two on the night of the ball.)

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The dinner party, featuring haggis, neeps and tatties! Bruce is the third man from the left.

from the PRESIDENT

David Byrne, President, CBSI

As we continue to push through a typical New England winter here, I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. So, I stir, and begin to plan our Highland games season here Region 1.

The society has already seen lots of activity in Florida and Texas as the Scottish Festival Season is well under way there.

Several new conveners in Florida are signing up members and stirring up the Clan in that State.

The New York Tartan Day Parade on April 6 is just around the corner and once we get to May the season farther north really gets going.

Sadly here in New England, our perenial "first" games of the year in Rhode Island have been cancelled due to a lack of volunteers. It's unfortunate as this was not a small event. It had good attendance from the clans and spectators.

As I look back to the high point of Scottish festivals in our area, which was the late 1990s, we have lost at least four events from our calendar and we have one or two that are struggling.

In contrast our biggest event which is the New Hampshire Highland Games (site of the 2019 AGM) is going strong and just gets bigger and better every year. It is hard to say what will make an event a success.

As a Society we encourage our members to attend and help out at the games in your area. If there isn't a Buchanan tent then please consider convening one. This will help the event with attendance and provide our members a base for their enjoyment of the games.

The Executive Council has voted to renew our membership in the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA). This organization provides

support and encouragement to clans and games across the country.

I am happy to report that we have active Clan conveners at Highland games across the USA and in Australia. This year for the first time ever we will have a Buchanan clan tent at a Highland games in Scotland! We were invited by Sir Malcolm Colquhoun of Luss to participate in the Luss Highland Games on the shores of Loch Lomond.

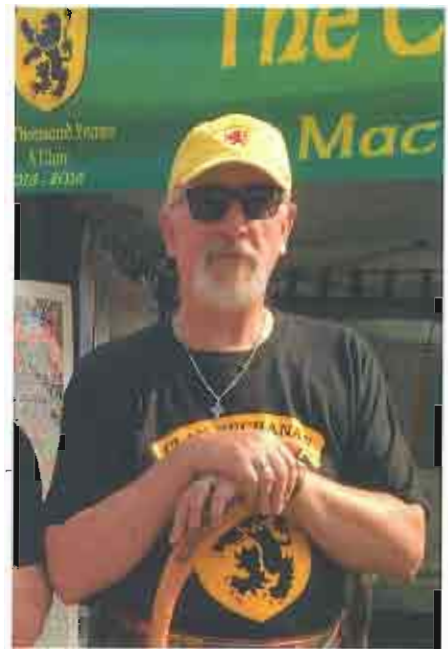
We have also successfully launched a new initiative of providing professionally rendered and produced display items to assist local conveners. They include items such as a sept list and a time line of the clan's history.

Once a portal has been set up you will be able to go in and order directly from the supplier those items you need. Our quartermaster is also getting in a new supply of Black Lion flags which will be ready soon.

So check the events calander regularly in Member Planet to find a Highland game near you. Go and support the organizers and support the Buchanan tent. And if there isn't one, contact the Society and we will tell you how you can get involved.

Aye yours,

David Byrne





Clan Buchanan's 2018 AGM at Loon Mountain, *continued from page 1*

ton Regional Airport (also known simply as Manchester Airport) in Manchester, New Hampshire, and Logan Airport in Boston, Massachusetts.

For driving directions, use 60 Loon Mountain Road, Lincoln, New Hampshire, as the site address.

Because of the large number of attendees each year we are unable to reserve a block of rooms for the AGM. But you are strongly encouraged to make your reservations early.

While this is a resort area with many lodging options this is also a major destination games for the northeast and Canada so rooms go fast. For local accommodations and area camping, please

contact: Western White Mountains Chamber of Commerce, 603-745-6621. Their website is: www.westernwhitemtns.com



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Twin Mountain Chamber of Commerce, 800-245-TWIN(8946) and website is: www.twinmountain.org

There will be a Buchanan Clan Dinner on Saturday evening September 21. More details to come on the arrangements. If you would like more information, or if you are a piper or musician and wish to participate in the AGM, please contact <david.byrne@theclanbuchanan.com>. For more information on the NHHG&F go to their website. www.nhscot.org

Don't forget, you'll get to meet Clan Buchanan's new chief!



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Queen Charlotte's Ball begins when parents and potential debutantes are invited to attend interviews at Boodles, St. James.

Girls are chosen based on their interest in helping with the charity focus for the year and whom the committee feels would benefit from the events of the year.

Debutantes then embark on a one year programme of etiquette classes and charity events crowned by the world famous Queen Charlotte's Ball - at which they all appear in white gowns and jewels lent by eminent couturiers and jewellery houses.

Our daughter, Lucy, will be amongst the 2019 Debutantes here.

For the Japanese NHK production, Bruce was asked to host a social Scottish reeling dance party at our home, Cambusmore, including a dinner and some Scottish reels, among other things.

Those in Japan will see that us Scots really do eat haggis, neeps and tatties and have a true passion for reeling.

To introduce our family to the Clan Buchanan: Our family includes, besides Bruce, our second son: Angus John Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan is our eldest son. His title is The

Buchanan of Buchanan, Ygr.; Then there's Bruce and Lucy Caroline Baillie Hamilton Buchanan is our third child and our only daughter. She has the title of The Miss Buchanan of Buchanan or Miss Lucy Buchanan, Maid of Buchanan. She favors the first one; Rory Alexander Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan is our third son and the youngest child in our family.

My name is Paula Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan. My title is The Lady Buchanan.

My husband is John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan (But, he is known as "Mike."). His title is The Buchanan. Although he is also Buchanan of Buchanan and Buchanan of that Ilk. He prefers to use "The Buchanan" title.



Bruce Buchanan, being interviewed by the NHK staff at Cambusmore.



TODAY IS THE 21ST DAY

T.E. Watson Northern California Buchanan

On November 8th, 2018 the entire town of Paradise, and our home there, was destroyed. This is that story.

Today is the twenty first day since the fire. We lost our town, our houses, our belongings. Some lost their lives. Time was when we could all escape something like this. Not this time.

We had a small chance to get out and far away. A lot of us were able. Many of us were not.

People panicked in their cars and trucks. The fear became too much and there was nothing they could do but to freeze in limbo and die right where they were. The cars just cooked with screams of fear while flames wrapped round every victim. They could not get out.

Time after time, after time, and then again. The fire came and ate the town and most everything in its path. We heard the fire was eating Paradise at the rate of 8 football fields per minute.

The intensity of the heat, and the intermittent selection of what the fire claimed was incredible. It grabbed one house and then would skip over others. Businesses were taken and then others were not. As incredible as it appeared this fire was on a mission.

There was no predicting this monster. No Saint George to slay this dragon. Not this time. It would skip over some places and then, like a child playing

hopscotch, would jump over another square or two to hit the next target. This fire had an agenda. It seemed that way at any rate.

It was as if houses were being intermittently picked out by some alternate plan. Some finger of nature pointing out what to take and what to leave. Perhaps some kind of karmic energy was to blame.

Not here, not this time. This was what it was and there was no-one to be angry at while the destruction escalated. Everyone just wanted to get out and there was nowhere to go to.

Eight thirty a.m.-

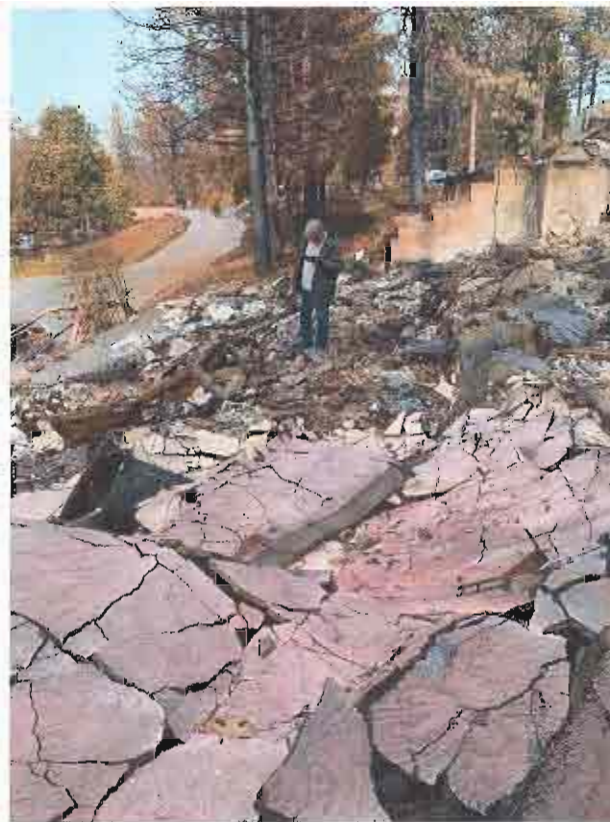
The day started normally as any other day would, at least we thought. My wife, Kim, decided to get some early morning air. She wasn't outside for more than a minute when she came back in and showed me a few pieces of ash that was falling from the sky.

Instantly, she said, "I'll get the pa-

perwork."

We both knew what was happening. We went through this before when the two big fires of 2008 occurred. I went outside and looked up and saw the monster. Never before had we seen fire clouds so dense and so dark.

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Standing in the middle of the basement /Shop. Photo Credit: Kim Victoria



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We thought maybe this one will only be a little worse than what we survived before. The house would still be there when we came back.

So, we continued to grab everything we could put into two cars. I grabbed the paperwork and few important computers that had our business files and my new stories. She was grabbing hard drives and papers, computer cords and attachments, and the printer. We had no idea where we going to end up at that time so we just hustled to get all that was important to us at that time.

It was my responsibility to gather all the cats and place them into the carriers. Some might say that it was herding cats, and yes, it was sort of like that, but this was not the case. I had the kids trained to come to me with hand signals.

I went to the shop and there they were waiting to be let out for the day just like every day. It was their routine and mine as well. Every morning we would do the same thing. This morning was different. It was as if they knew what was going on.

Previously that morning I took each of the carriers down from the shelf in the garage. I quickly cleaned them out and put some towels in each. I took them to the laundry room. I did not dare try to get them in the house, the kids were not ready for that social training yet.

After each of the kids downstairs ran outside, they all congregated at the center of the yard. All but Indiana. She was always going to be the difficult one. Today was very different for her.

I started with Button and Jet. Just as gently and easily as you please, they both walked into their carrier.

Next, I picked up Meme and the same occurred.

I went back downstairs to find Indiana, and there she was waiting to be brought to safety. She went into her box like it was an everyday event.

Now was to be the challenge, Buddy and Angel. They being the oldest had an utter dis-

taste for the carriers. The first to go in was Buddy. He walked in easy as you please, but then, it was Angel's turn.

This carrier was large and it was made for two cats and they did fine, but Angel was Angel that day and she was not so easy to place into the box. Gently I

picked her up and petted her to calm her a bit.

Kim helped with Buddy to stay put, but as soon as I let go of Angel, Buddy bolted and headed straight for the bedroom.

He made sure he was not going to be put back into the carrier and situated himself right in the middle of the underside of the bed, moving just out of reach.

With every reach and attempt to grab him again he moved. It took about 5 minutes to get him to come out.

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What's left of our house the front yard area. The silly mailbox is still standing. Photo Credit: Kim Victoria

In an instant I picked him up and went to the living room where his box was.

Kim opened the door and we placed Buddy into it. But as quick as a wink Angel was out like a shot.

However, she was found staring out the bedroom window looking at the back yard.

I gently picked her up and placed her into the carrier. Now we had them all safe and sound. Their journey in all this was a story in itself.

I loaded them all into the car I was to drive. They were safe. I was stressed and I am sure they were too, but they were safe.

The Phone Call-

9:30 a.m. the phone call came over the land line. We did not have cell phones then, and at that time we were happy not to have them.

It said there was a weather warning about the massive hostile high-speed winds that were in the area and the electricity would be shut off.

It was. That was when it all went to hell.

When the electricity was shut off, that intensified the lack of communication for the entire ridge. Anyone who had a cell phone was without a way to call the outside world.

The cell towers were burnt to the ground. Then it all came down.

10:30 a.m. - The Sheriffs had arrived. Bang! Bang! Bang! The doors were feeling every hit on the front door. Luckily, we had a large oak door.

This time they meant business. They were going through the neighborhoods to alert every-

one and tell they needed to get each resident out and away from the firestorm. It was a mandatory evacuation.

When something like this event happens, you would often see the faces of the first responders and a calmness would be on them. Not this time. They were worried and it showed. The urgency on these deputy's faces was of such a desperate nature, you felt what they were going through.

One More thing-

I went back to make sure all was good and secure for the house. I told Kim to go I would close up.

I told her I would find her on the evac route. Just looking for one more thing, but what? I told myself in all steps of faith, the house would be there when we were allowed to come back. I looked briefly anyway.

The Sheriffs were at the top of the driveway about to come down the way to get me out. I went around the house closing doors and securing what I could. After all that I went out to close the garage door, but I forgot that the power had been shut off and realized I had to pull it down manually. It would not budge. The deputies ran down my drive to help me close it. The car

was already out and waiting. I thanked them and I turned said thank you to the house and got in my car and drove out of there. There was something this time that told me we would not be living there anymore.

Evacuation Route-

Driving out we were directed to our main road going downhill, and so was everyone else who lived



The melted steel racks with what's left of burnt cases of books,. Roof tiles are shown in the foreground. Photo Credit: Kim Victoria

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Erin Pantelis from Dunedin, Florida, sent along this photo of "Thistle," Clan Graham's resident Scottie.

He who rode around during the Dunedin Mardi Gras parade in his own remote controlled car, of sorts.

Erin invites everyone to come to Dunedin on April 6th for the Dunedin Scottish Games.

It will be the first time EVER that CBSI has a tent there!

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in the area. Pentz Rd. was a major thoroughfare and there were hundreds if not thousands of cars going downhill via this route. There were three other escape routes on the ridge. One to the north. It was constructed after the fires of 2008. It was an old logging road that was rebuilt and it was dangerous but it worked if you needed to get out. The Skyway as it is called was the main road. It went through downtown Paradise all the way to the town of Magalia and then continued all the way to Lake Almanor and the town of Chester.

The second way out and this time and early on, was Clark Road. The town of Paradise has roads based on a triangle. An a-frame with little roads and streets threading their way in and out of the town. They were both dirt and asphalt. All filled with pot holes and tire ruts. Some with uphill drive-

ways, some with fences that need to be locked and unlocked. But this time many of the roads were blocked with downed and burning trees. No way out.



Speaking to the Alamo Women's Club Authors Event in Danville, California, February 2019. Photo

Credit: Kim Victoria

Some 56 thousand residents, all who lived in several different towns and hamlets on the ridge were running and scared.

The unknown is a deadly thing. Waiting is a mind-blowing thing when you cannot see what is happening. The feeling of the unknown, yet, everyone viewed the dark ominous black cloud that hovered over all of Butte County for weeks kept hopeful, but we all knew it was not happening.

There is nothing but a few houses left where a beautiful town once stood. Paradise, California, was

pretty much a quiet place.

It is for real now.

T.E. Watson



Introducing The Buchanan and his family to The Clan Buchanan Society. International



The Chief's family: (from l-r) Angus John Baillie - Hamilton Buchanan (Buchanan of Buchanan, Ygr.); Lucy Caroline Baillie - Hamilton Buchanan (The Miss Buchanan of Buchanan); John Michael Baillie - Hamilton Buchanan (The Buchanan); Paula Baillie - Hamilton Buchanan (The Lady Buchanan); Rory Alexander Baillie - Hamilton Buchanan; and Bruce Baillie - Hamilton Buchanan.

It's lovely to meet you all!

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Tom Gibson

Tom Gibson is an Engineer, with a BSc. from London University, and an MSc from Birmingham University, and initially designed power stations, large and small, for countries all over the world, as an employee of large International Companies, both British and American.

Eventually, in 1979, he started his own company in the UK, to design and supply small power stations, which was very successful, with installations, again, all over the world.

This company (which became Gibson Group Ltd.), in 1980, secured a contract to design and supply a small power station to a distillery in Scotland, in 1980.

It was during the period of designing and construction of this power station that he learnt the basics of the process of producing Scotch Whisky.

Jumping to around 1990, I had been going to China for several years to negotiate a major power station contract (just after President Nixon opened up China to the West), I was in Beijing to sign the contract, which was worth about 50 million USD (in 1993 terms). This was very big for Gibson Group. The date of signing was June 1992.

As is the custom in China, an official banquet was to take place in THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE in Tiananmen Square. The contract was to be signed (again in The Great Hall of The People), on the following day. It is very unusual

for Westerners to be allowed to enter The Great Hall of The People. The banquet and the signing was to

be covered live by Chinese National TV.

On the night of the banquet, there were over 10 round tables (as is the custom). Each table had about 10 diners.

Present were the Chinese Trade Minister, The Provincial Government, Senior members of the British Government, etc.

The banquet duly took place, and then the many official speeches, which went on for ever, as usual. Many toasts were proposed, and many drinks were consumed.

After the speeches, the atmosphere became more relaxed, and people round the tables started chatting to each other, as usual.

The Trade Minister turned to me and asked me a few questions, About Britain and Scotland (he knew I was Scottish).

He then asked me if I liked Scotch Whisky. I said, "Yes." A few more questions about Scotch Whisky, quite casual.

He then became more serious, and said that China did not import much Scotch Whisky, but



Prince Charles and Tom Gibson

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NORTH TEXAS IRISH FESTIVAL



Great for Clan Buchanan!

Gibson Whisky Ltd., *continued from page 11*
would like to.

He then suddenly asked "Would Mr. Gibson like to export Scotch Whisky into China?"

I said that I had no experience of doing this, so I could not help him.

He kept asking me this same question, and I gave the same answer.

He then got quite angry and said to my interpreter:

"Tell Mr. Gibson that if he does not export his Scotch Whisky into China, I will not sign his contract tomorrow!"

I thought he was joking, and smiled. (Don't forget this being covered by live National Chinese TV).

My interpreter looked at me in a serious way, and said "DO NOT SMILE, TOM, HE HAS THE POWER TO DO THAT"

Thinking quickly, I said to the Trade Minister: "WHEN DO WANT THE FIRST CONTAINER OF SCOTCH WHISKY?"

Readers, That is how I got into The Scotch Whisky Business.

18 month's later, I had built a Scotch Whisky Bottling Plant in the centre of Beijing.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Bill & Gina McQuatters, Texas Commissioners

We convened the Clan Buchanan tent for the 7th year at the North Texas Irish Festival held at Fair Park in Dallas. The festival kicks off the season for us here in Texas and is usually held the first weekend in March. However, due to a scheduling conflict we were moved, this year only, to the 2nd weekend in March.

This is by far, the most interesting festival we work throughout the year. It is an Irish Festival with a Scottish Village occupying a section of the grounds. It is really awesome, as we have the opportunity to meet new people every year who are attending the event for the first time and came with the intent to party, but also found out a little of their history. We had many, many visitors and cousins stop by to introduce themselves and/or visit.

This festival is a rollicking affair with a large selection of wonderful Celtic music including such bands as The Piper Jones Band, Eileen Ivers, Skelton McKee and many others performing on the many stages located throughout the event. Our Scottish Village is located next to the Urchin Stage,

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Clan Buchanan at the Grandfather Mountain 2018 Highland Games



This was last year at the Grandfather Mountain Highland games. The photo is of me and my wife - Brandon & Daphne Buchanan.

North Texas Irish Festival, *continued from page 12*



ucts, and many others. As usual we have a whisky tasting area where one can sample different types of Irish whiskys and Ryes. There was even an Irish Cream tasting that was extremely popular this year. House of Douglas Bakers always has a large booth selling many different types of tasty treats such as Irish Soda bread, shortbread, scones and cookies. If you have seen the show "Vikings" on the History channel, you may have noticed the beautiful jewelry worn by the actors. The jewelry is hand made by the folks at Crafty Celts and they have been coming to the fair for the past few years, and their booth is one of the most popular.

Saturday, as always was the busiest day of the fair, and Gina and I had very little time to take a break as we had the honor of visiting with many Clan members and soon to be members. We filled them in on all the happenings occurring in our Clan, including the upcoming Chief's visit to New Hampshire in September. We also talked about using Member Planet to manage their membership, utilizing our Facebook page and the new and improved web page.

We arrived home tired, but satisfied that the first festival of the season was in the books. Next up the third weekend in March is the Sherman Celtic Festival in Sherman, Tx. As always we are honored to represent Clan Buchanan here in the great state of Texas and look forward to the next event.

so we are entertained throughout the weekend with storytelling and music aimed at young people.

There are also many vendors selling everything from the whimsical to authentic attire. Vendors represent a myriad of art forms from wood working, iron casting, clay molding, pewter prod-

Our Chris Conlon found interesting things!



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1. Scotland is home to the tallest waterfall in Britain, named Eas a' Chual Aluinn. It is 658 feet, which is 3 times the height of Niagara Falls.

2. The official animal of Scotland is the Unicorn.

3. Scotland has approximately 790 islands.

4. Scotland is home to the oldest tree in Europe. It is a twisted yew, and it has been around for 3,000 years.

5. Edinburgh was the first city in the world to have its own fire brigade.

6. There are over 600 square miles of fresh water lakes.

7. The highest proportion of redheads are in Scotland.

8. St. Andrew's Links is known as the 'home of golf.'

9. Even though Edinburgh is the capital, it is not the largest city; Glasgow is the largest.

10. The raincoat was invented in Scotland by a man named Charles Macintosh, who was born in Glasgow.

11. The Scottish national animal is the unicorn because it was the enemy of the lion, the symbol of England.

12. Volunteers once found a piano on Ben Nevis.

13. There's a mountain called The Demon's Penis.

14. People lived in caves as recently as 100 years ago.

15. In 1896 a group of boys discovered a bunch of miniature coffins in an Edinburgh cave.

16. One of the gargoyles on Paisley Abbey is an alien. It's

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Beth's Newfangled Family Tree

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A Loch Lomond Scottish wedding *Alex and Lucy*

The wedding of Neil Alexander Gibson to Lucy Elizabeth Wilson on 9th June 2017 was at Cameron House Hotel on the banks of Loch Lomond in Scotland.

Lucy's sister, Sarah was the bridesmaid.

Lucy's parents, Alan and Julie, and Alex's Mum Sandra and her partner Ronnie looked on with pride.

Alex's Dad, Neil, passed away a few years ago but was with us in spirit.

Alex and Lucy were married by the Reverend Andrew Bradley, a minister of the Church of Scotland, in The Library at Cameron house.

In 2015 Alex and Lucy graduated from Strathclyde and Caledonian Universities in Glasgow Scotland.

Alex's first post was with Dyson Ltd., and he had to relocate to Bath in Somerset, England. Lucy moved with him.

In 2016 they again had to relocate to San Francisco with Alex's work. They settled in San Francisco and on 31st December 2016 Alex asked Lucy's Dad for permission to propose to her.

On 1st January 2017 he proposed to Lucy on Golden Gate Bridge and the wedding followed in June.

It was a very happy day with family and friends in attendance. They have since relocated again with Dyson and are now living in Singapore.





I'll bet that everyone remembers the first photo we saw of our new Clan Buchanan Chief, The Buchanan.

I'll also bet that everyone remembers the beautiful chocolate brown Cocker Spaniel who was at his

entire Buchanan family..

Paula, The Lady Buchanan, wrote, "Daisy was with her mother, Candy, all of her life. They had never been really separated and were so happy together. Candy was a brilliant mum and looked after Daisy so well.

"When Candy died, we gave Daisy the chance to sniff her properly and be with her as long as she wanted.

"We hoped she would understand that she had died so she would not go looking for her and wonder where she had gone. I had read this was a sensible thing to do, as many dogs get very distressed and think that their companion dog has gone

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side when the photo was taken.

That was Candy, beloved member of their family. Sadly, she died very shortly after the above photo was taken at age 14.



Candy and her babies! See Daisy, the wee black pup.

About seven years ago, she had a litter of five puppies - four brown and one black handful of fluff and love, who became Daisy and a member of the



A good while later, Daisy and Candy enjoy a nap together!

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missing or left...and keep searching for them for months, with some getting very anxious about this...and never properly settle afterwards.

"Then, later that day, Daisy was there with us and watched Candy being buried when we had a little family gathering to say goodbye to her as a faithful family pet.

"As Candy was being lowered into her grave, Daisy tried to jump in with her.

"Anyway, after everyone left, she went back and started digging in the spot where Candy had been buried. She deeply inhaled/sniffed the air over

the soil as she dug and dug, working very hard. As the grave was very deep, we knew she would never get to Candy's body, but she was very persistent and kept on digging for half an hour or so, something she had never done before.

"We called her away to do other things after it was clear she was not going to stop.

"The soil was put back.

"The next day, when going out, she made a beeline for Candy's grave again. She started continually digging again. We let her do this for awhile, then we called her away for a walk.

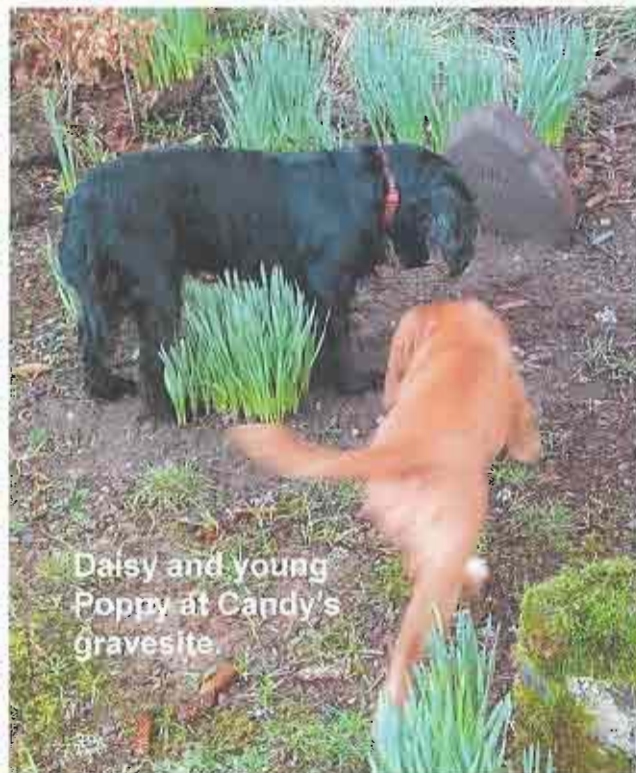
"The soil was put back.

"There are other gravestones of previous dogs, but Daisy always ignores those. She only visits the grave of her mother.

"Every day for about a week, this happened. After awhile, she went out and looked at the ground where her mother was, for awhile...had a few deep sniffs of the ground and then moved on without digging.

"Because Daisy, was so strongly affected by the loss of her mother and spent several days trying to dig up her grave, we now have an-

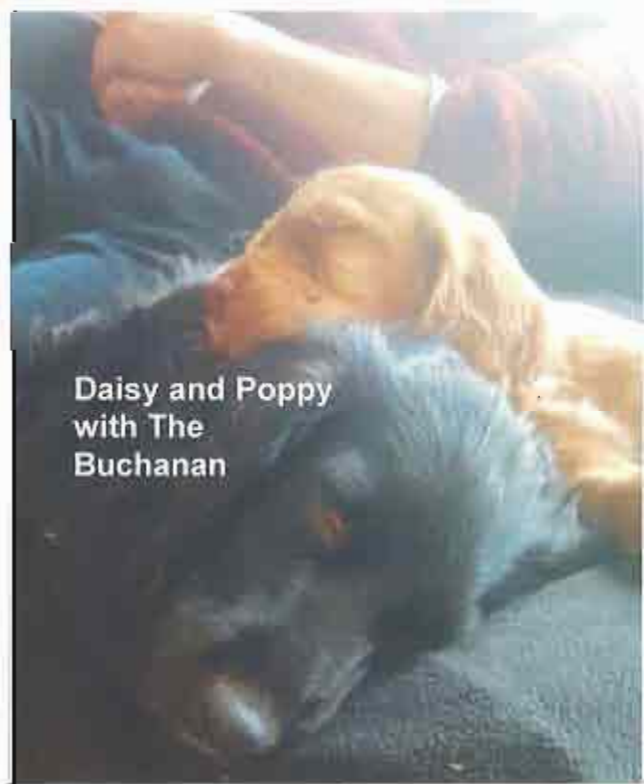
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Daisy and young Poppy at Candy's gravesite.



Daisy visiting her mother...



Daisy and Poppy with The Buchanan

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not an original feature, though. It dates back to the 1990s when the abbey was undergoing renovations and replaced 12 of its gargoyles.



17. The Perthshire town of Dull is paired with the town of Boring in Oregon, USA.

18. Chicken Tikka Masala was invented in Glasgow.

19. A Scottish penguin called Sir Nils Olav is officially a Colonel-In-Chief of the Norwegian army.

20. Ygritte in Game of Thrones grew up in Aberdeen's Lickleyhead Castle, and is a descendant of Charles II.



Brigadier Sir Nils Olav is a king penguin who resides in the Edinburgh Zoo, Scotland. He is the mascot and colonel-in-chief of the Norwegian King's Guard.

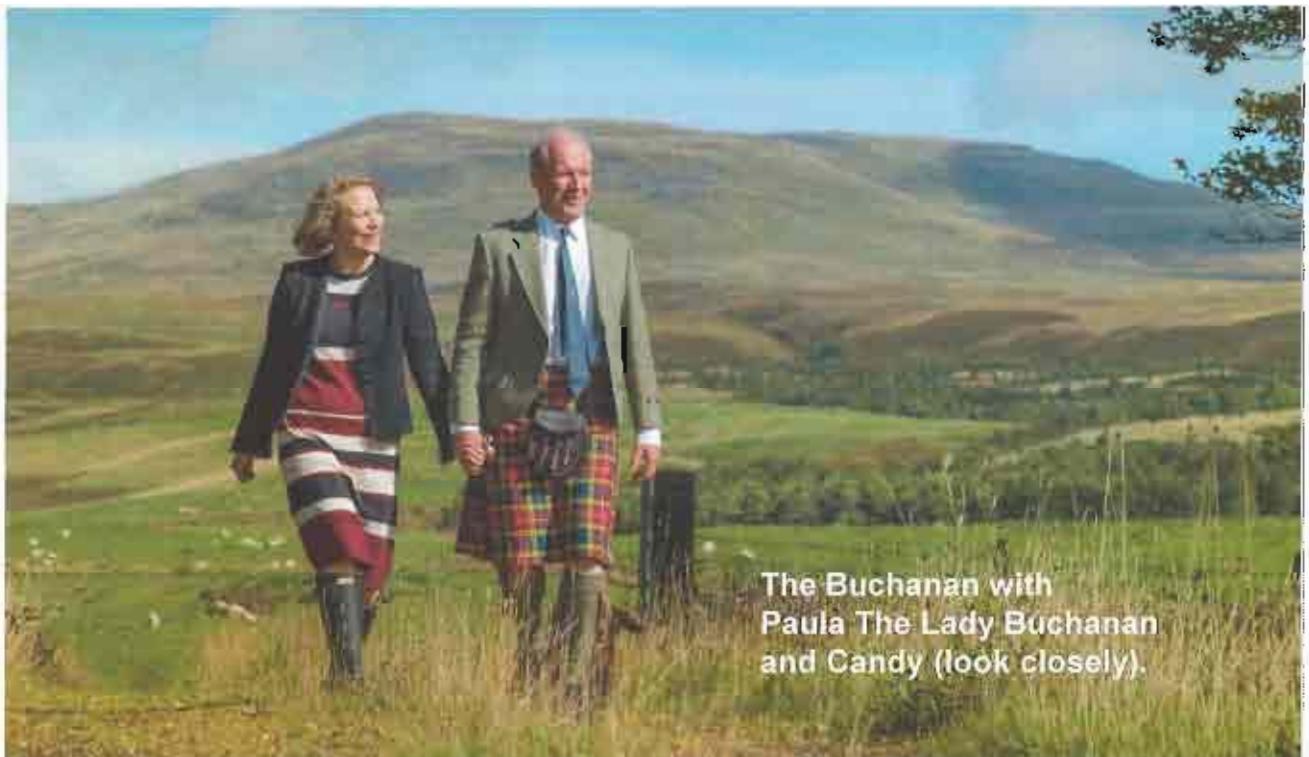
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other dog. She is Poppy, a golden/ginger coloured dog, to keep her company. Poppy is a lovely natured dog, but as a puppy, is full of mischief and keeps Daisy on her toes. She is only five months old. Daisy and Poppy get along well together and are now inseperable.

“Daisy has finally stopped her digging, but she does visit Candy.”

“Daisy is really the best and most faithful dog we could have and is tolerant and protective of Poppy, the puppy. She seems very happy now, and is back to herself and is very settled.

“We do love our dogs.”



The Buchanan with Paula The Lady Buchanan and Candy (look closely).

Clan Buchanan Flowers of the Forest

Leslie June Todd

Leslie June Todd was born 10 February 1984 and died 6 December 2018.

She leaves behind a husband and three children: Charles Gerber, III of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Chyenne Michelle Todd, age 14, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Charles Eli Gerber, IV, age 11, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Destiny Rose Gerber, age 8, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Her mother, Catherine Michelle Buchanan Bradfield, of Tulsa, Oklahoma and father, Ralph Carl Todd, of Southwest Missouri; and two sisters: Joy King of

Tulsa, and Amee Todd, of Decater, Arkansas; one brother, Joshua Todd, Southwest City, Missouri, survive her, as well as many other family members and friends.

She was a loving wife, mother, daughter and sister.

She loved animals and she loved doing things with her family. She was mostly a stay at home mom.

If you notice all the purple out there, it was her favorite color.

She lost her fight with cancer and entered into Jesus' arms surrounded by family and friends. She will be missed by all.

If Clan Buchanan would like to

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Leslie June Todd (in the center) with her daughters.



■ April 6-7, 2019 **San Antonio Highland Games**, San Antonio, Texas <<https://www.sahga.org/>>

■ April 6, 2019 **Dunedin Highland Games**, Dunedin, Florida <<http://dunedinhighlandgames.com/>>

■ The Clan Buchanan will also be marching in the **New York Tartan Day Parade** April 6, 2019 45th Street and 6th Ave, New York City <www.nyctartanweek.org>



Flowers of the Forest,

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send sympathy cards, you may send them to her mother, Catherine Buchanan Bradfield, 8140 South 77th East Avenue, #1011, Tulsa, OK 74133.

Leslie June Todd was a member of the Clan Buchanan Society, International.



Clan Buchanan at the Seaside Games!

See story next page, please.



Seaside Highland Games 16th Games, 2018 a great success for Clan Buchanan!



Craig R. Mathias

We again convened a booth at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California. We've been at this venue for sixteen years (every year since inception).

Although a rare rainy start to Saturday, most of the weekend was warm and very pleasant. The Seaside Games are held at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. From the parking lot, one can see the waves breaking on the sand. In fact, the logo of the Games includes a surfboard.

The booth was great fun. There were eight family groups of visitors with lines to septs of Buchanan. There was great interest in our new Chief. We ran copies of the first page of *The Buchanan Banner* announcing the Chief. There was great inter-

est there among visitors and long-time members alike. The question was raised, "Will the tears now be removed from the rampant lion on the crest?" [ie, looking forward rather than back] Nearly all of those inquiring took membership applications with them and will mail in or join online (preferred by them).

We had a special visit from our long-time past Commissioner, Gil Sawyer. Gil always brings perspective (and lots of stories) from his decades of work with CBSI.

One of the attached photos is of our two grandsons and two young lasses from Manhattan Beach. They looked awesome walking in the parade of clans. (*See previous page, please.*)

An important note from your Buchanan Banner editor

When you submit something to be used in the *Buchanan Banner*, please think about it before you send it in to the editor. (Yes, that is the proper thing to do...send anything you wish to your editor at <bethscribble@aol.com> at any time.)

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Please send photos that are in focus. Please send them as jpeg/jpg files.

Please send along a paragraph or two describing what you did with Clan Buchanan. There are any number of such stories in this publication.

If you are worried about doing that, just send me notes on what you did...and I'm glad to fix it for you...and use your name.

I have a beautiful wedding photo about which I do not know anything - the names of the bride and groom or even who sent it to me - although I did email them back months ago asking for information.

It's easy to have something printed in the *Banner*. If you have questions, call 706-839-3881 or email. I'm always glad to speak or email with you and help best I can. Aye and thank you.

Beth

Burns Night

25th January 2019

Schaffy's Tap Room, St. Louis, Missouri

Michael Morris



The lovely lady by my side on this celebratory evening is my wife, Susan, of 35 years. We celebrated Burns Night at Schaffy's Tap Room in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a memorable evening.

It was a real treat to represent Clan Buchanan at this semi-formal event.

In my military career, I was assigned on my overseas tour to go through Terrorist Training with the Scots Guard. I was assigned to the 3rd Battalion - Blackwatch.

There were five Americans who started, and three of us who completed the course. I made my "Passout" - completion ceremony and was awarded my red sash as a Training NCO. Lastly, I completed a 30 day training deployment to Belfast in 1977.

I also wanted to share with CBSI this last photo with my father.

My dad was a 12 year sailor, in the US Navy who served in both WWII and the Korean War aboard a Destroyer Escort. His name was James Morris. He passed away this past October. He was a Petty Officer 1st Class.

The picture was taken on his last Veteran's Day in 2017. *Photo at right.*



They do it for the second year! St. Andrew's Day in Philadelphia



Michael Richardson writes, "My kilted friends and I had so much fun celebrating National Tartan Day with a progressive lunch in Philadelphia that we gathered again and did it again for St Andrew's Day. Another great day of clan culture supporting a charitable cause, raising several hundred dollars for the Navy Seal Foundation. That's me, second from the right, in my Buchanan Hunting Tartan!"

CBSI to be at Dunedin Games for the very first time in 2019!

Erin (Dow) Hill-Pantelis
Regent for SW Florida

With pride, I have secured a spot for the Buchanan Clan in the 53rd Annual Dunedin Highland Games, taking place Saturday, April 6th, 2019!

Our Clan has never been represented here and I was just given confirmation of our reserved placement yesterday.

I have teamed up with Patrick Dearman, Regent in Florida to convene.

We're finding new members in the SW region of Florida and marching. A huge thank you to: Emily Darraj, David Byrne, Danny McMurphy & Kevin Buchanan for their last minute help.



**New Hampshire Highland
Games names
The Buchanan
Honoury Chieftain
of the 2019 Games!**

My face IS RED!



In the January 2019 issue of *The Buchanan Banner*, John Gibson, our CBSI Webmaster, sent along a photo of him with a very nice looking lady...which I assumed was his wife. Hence, the headline, **Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson at the St. Andrew's Day Dinner in Tallahassee, Florida.**

Wrong! Wrong! Wrong!

I wonder if I will ever give up my habit of



assuming anything? Hope so, but most likely not.

Correctly, John wrote that, "The girl pictured with me is my cousin, Darlene Hall Bunting, who drove up from Naples, Florida to participate in the evening in Tallahassee."

Please accept my apologies.

Ms. Bunting, I am sorry. John, I apologize to you again.

Old, but still good, Laws of Migration!

A 19th Century cartographer in England's War Office – Ernest George Raverstein – formulated the following "laws of migration" on his retirement, which laws should help in tracking elusive ancestors.

1 The majority of migrants go only a short distance.

2 Migration proceeds step by step.

3 Each current of migration produces a counter current.

4 Females are more migratory than males within the county of their birth, but males more

frequently ventured beyond that county boundary.

5 Most migrants are adults; families rarely migrate out of the county of their birth.

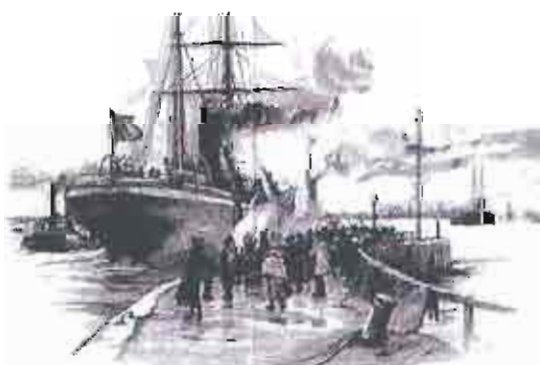
6 Migrants going long distances generally go by preference to one of the large centers of commerce or industry.

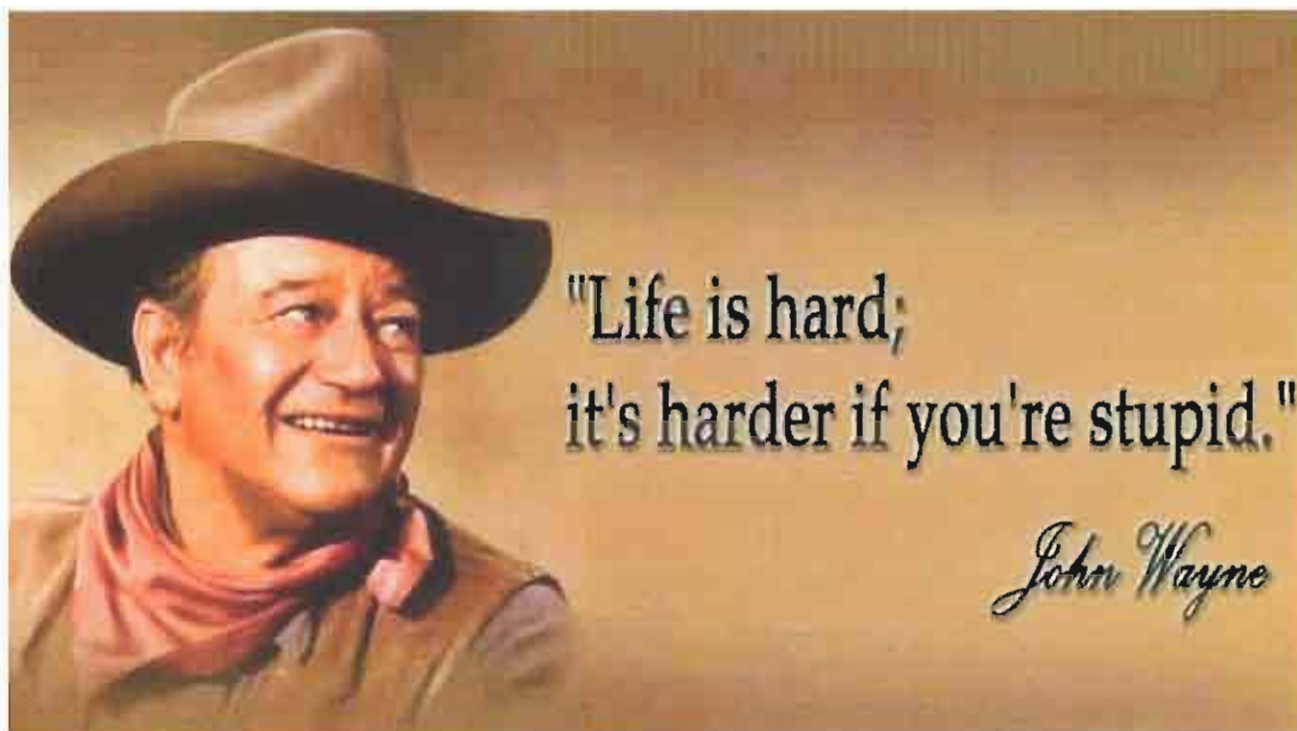
7 The natives of town are less migratory than those of rural areas.

8 Large towns grow

more by migration than by birth rate.

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In one interview in the early 1950s, John Wayne described himself as 'just a Scotch-Irish little boy.' John Wayne, or as he was known before his fame, Marion Morrison, was born in Winterset, Iowa.

His family emigrated from County Antrim, Ireland, in 1799.

The Morrison family, like many Scots-Irish families in Counties Antrim and Donegal, were of Hebridean origin.

The Morrisons were Scottish Gaels that came to Antrim from the outer Hebrides.

Scottish Highlanders and Hebrideans were called Redshanks circa 1520 through the 1600s and many of them migrated to Ulster in the 1500s and 1600s. They also emigrated to the Colonies very early and became part of the Scots-Irish society there.

John Wayne's immigrant ancestor was Robert Morrison born in 1782, son of John Morrison. The Morrison family were active in the United Irishmen movement and their decision to emigrate was brought about by a British warrant issued for the arrest of Robert Morrison.

Robert Morrison and his mother arrived in New York City, in 1799. Like so many Scots-Irish, the Morrison family had a tradition of being strong

willed, opinionated, and carried a well developed sense of right and wrong.

Following the path of other Ulster settlers, the Morrisons pulled up stakes many times and followed the frontier west. The first wave of Ulster settlers headed west and south and people the Southern Uplands and the hill country of Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

The Morrisons were part of a second wave of Scots-Irish that moved along the rivers west into Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, and Iowa. They became the Mid West Scots-Irish.

John Wayne is arguably the most famous and most successful actor in history, quite an accomplishment for a Scots-Irish boy from Winterset, Iowa.

He was a complex man, his family very Presbyterian, yet John Wayne often described himself as a 'cardiac Catholic.' He lived his life as a Christian with noticeable Presbyterian focus and drive, yet his wife, Pilar, was Roman Catholic, as were all his children. John Wayne himself converted to the Catholic Church officially just days before he passed away.

Borrowed from <https://thescotsirish.blogspot.com/> and submitted by John Gibson, CBSI Webmaster.



Old, but good migration laws,

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9 Migration increases as industries and commerce develop and transportation improves.

10 The major direction of migration is from agricultural to industrial or commercial centers.

11 The major causes of migration are economic. When researching, use Law 1 to spread out from a known parish or town to a radius of about 10 miles. About half the migrants into town come from this radius; $\frac{1}{4}$ come from between 10 to 20 miles.

If a place of birth and final destination are known (but there is a gap in the middle), draw a line on a map and research the small towns along that line.

People may migrate, but they often go home again even if only to marry or to have children.

Alternatively, they may go back only a step. Females often moved to become domestic servants in the nearest town or large house, so continue to search locally for them, but extend your search to neighboring counties for males.

Law 5 points you to a missing child, now grown up, who has fled the nest.

Of course, researchers will find exceptions to these rules, but they can be very valuable.

Indians stay in the region hunt

Stephens boys post victories over North Oconee, Madison - Page B1



'Buy me
Barrell's
The Po
Buy a tree

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ADDRESS TO A HAGGIS

By Robert Burns

(In the original Scots language)
Fair fa' your honest, sarkie face,
Great chieftain o the puddin'-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Pain, tripp, or thairin;
Weel are ye worthy o' a grace
As lang's my arm

(English translation)
Good luck to you and your honest, plump face,
Great chieftain of the sausage race!
Above them all you take your place,
Stomach, tripe, or intestines;
Well are you worthy of a grace
As long as my arm



Reading Robert Burns' Address to a Haggis at the Burns Night supper in Toccoa were (from left) Judy Harper, Terry Moore and Lane Wallis.

TOCCOA SCOTS SALUTE POET ROBERT BURNS

BY TOM LAW
THE TOCCOA RECORD

A cold, rainy day belatedly offering a special evening celebration in honor of Scotland's greatest poet, Robert Burns, was celebrated at a Burns Night supper hosted Saturday evening by Jim and Judy Harper of Toccoa.

The celebration, known as Burns Night, is held every year on the anniversary of the poet's birth on Jan. 25, 1759, in Alloway, Scotland. The supper is a traditional Scottish meal, featuring haggis, neeps, and tatties, and is often accompanied by a recitation of Burns' poetry.

The hosts of the evening were Judy Harper and her husband, Jim. They were joined by a group of friends and family members for the occasion. The supper was a wonderful celebration of the life and work of the poet.

After the supper, the guests enjoyed a game of cards and a glass of whisky. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and the guests were all in good luck.

THE TOCCOA RECORD



The life and writings of beloved Scottish poet Robert Burns were celebrated at a Burns Night supper hosted Saturday evening by Jim and Judy Harper of Toccoa.



Development authority executive director Tim Allen outlined 2019 progress in city commission.

Development authority 100 new jobs here in 2019

SAVANNAH, Ga. (The Toccoa Record) — The Savannah Development Authority announced today that it has created 100 new jobs in 2019.

The jobs were created in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, construction, and services. The authority is committed to creating jobs and improving the local economy.

The authority is also committed to providing training and support for workers. It will be working with local businesses to ensure that workers have the skills they need to succeed in the workforce.

The authority is proud of its achievements and is looking forward to continuing to create jobs and improve the local economy in the future.

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Clan Buchanan on parade in downtown Atlanta on St. Patrick's Day 2019!



Dr. Emily Darraj, Region 4 - South East Atlantic Commissioner and Florida North Regent, on the left, with CBSI members for the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade! Pictured above are: Emily Darraj, Greg Jern, Sara Shepperd, Sue Watson, Sam Watson and Tom Watts with the new Buchanan Parade Banner created by Tom Freeman.



Buchanans join MacR2D2 after the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Atlanta

Buchanans celebrated Robert Burns Night at Jody & Jim Harper's House in Toccoa!



(l-r) Bill Buchanan, Greg Jern, Him Harper and Tom Freeman in the front.

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