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For the first time in the  
history of the world, the  
***Pullet-zer Prize***  
***for Writing***

**is awarded to CBSI members!**

Your editor saves information to the AOL Cloud all the time for the publications she does. When it was time to begin this issue of *The Buchanan Banner*, our digital pantry shelves were absolutely bare.

A cry for help went out to our members from your editor, thanks to David Byrne, the president.

I was not expecting much. It is the holidays and everyone is more than busy even now.

Imagine how flabbergasted and delighted I was to receive almost a flood of articles, information and ideas from our members!

This issue is chock full of good information and is fun to read too! Thanks to our members.

Honorees include: The Lady Buchanan (Scotland), David Byrne, The Rev. Dr. Andrew Buchanan, Clan Colquhoun, Pastor Andy Hart, Lynn Buchanan, Shirley Manchester, Chris Conlon, Russ Buchanan, Michelle Buchanan, William "Grant" Buchanan, Patty Hopkinson, John de la Cruz (England), John S. "Jack" Gibson, plus Heather Horseman and Malcolm Buchanan from Oceania.

Nominees for new officers also responded with information for the Buchanan Banner!

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**It's election time  
at Clan Buchanan!**

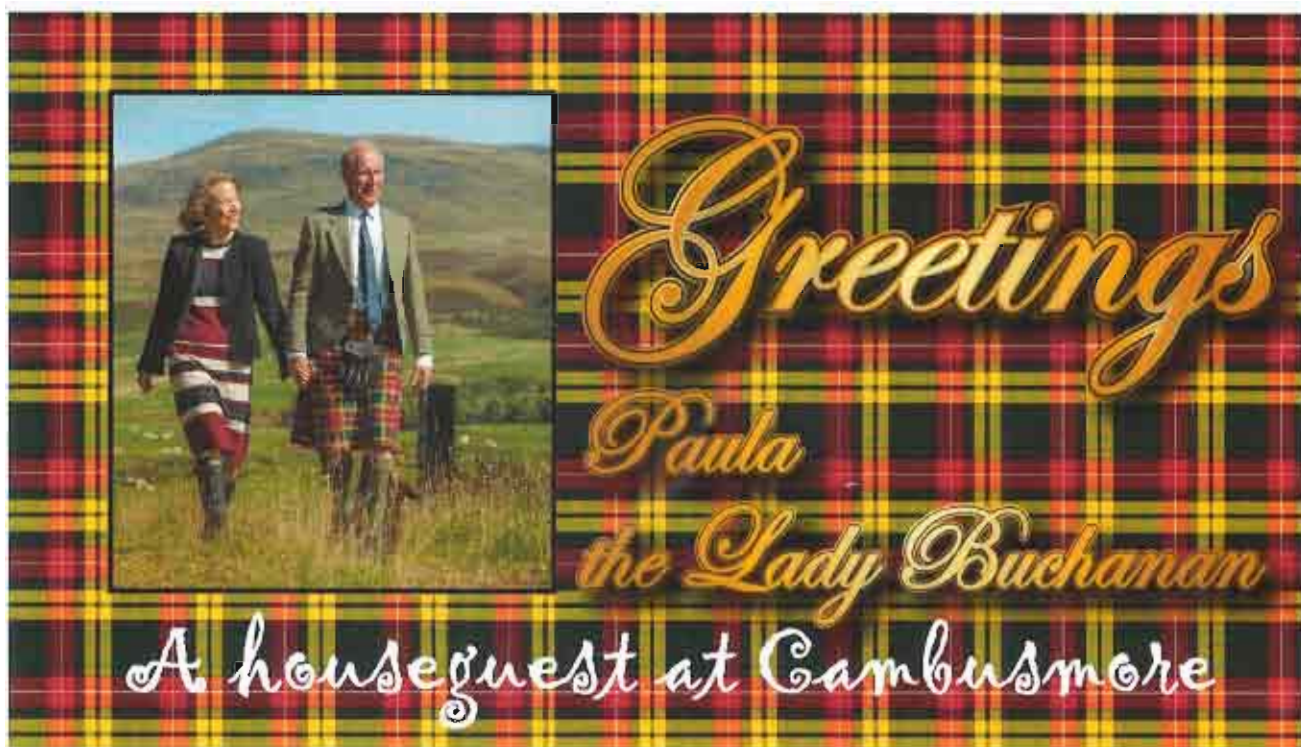
The slate of nominees for officers for The Clan Buchanan Society, International is **President**, David Byrne; **Vice President**, Kevin "Buck" Buchanan; **Deputy Vice President**, James Gibson; **Secretary**, Shelagh Colledge and **Treasurer**, John Brice. All are incumbents.

The ballot for your vote is on page 12 of this publication along with instructions for how to properly cast your ballot.

Bios of the candidates are on pages 33 and 35 of this publication.

**AUDACEO JUVO - JUSTICE FAVORS THE BOLD**  
An Ancient Chiefly Buchchan Motto





A few days ago we enjoyed fostering a lovely wee senior spaniel named Poppy. This was because her elderly owner who lives in a remote hillside cottage was ill, had no near relatives and who suddenly was admitted to hospital.



Poppy was not very active, very deaf, had poor vision, slept most the day and had difficulty walking, but we did our best to make her feel at home with lots of tasty foods and treats. She soon got

used to a routine and was soon making her way around our home better. She also loved following our dogs, as wee Poppy had just recently lost her own dog companion.

Bertie the dog easily accepted her as part of his growing harem. Young Poppy was very confused, possibly as they both shared a name. Daisy seemed initially upset, throwing her toys out of the pram because she was sad about the extra competition for affection.

However they soon realised she was really no threat and very soon wee Poppy tagged along behind them on most short trips outside.

It also did not take long before all the dogs snuggled up to wee Poppy when sleeping.



Since she could not do much, we were very surprised when she managed to sneak onto Mike's lap and go to sleep! In fact he was the only one who she  
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# from the PRESIDENT

David Byrne, President, CBSI Inc.

I guess we all know what happened in 2020 so I will not recount all the events that were cancelled ultimately ending with the Alexandria Virginia Christmas Walk that Marianne and I enjoyed so much last year. I am hopeful that some events will occur this coming year, but I will restate the Executive Council's opinion that you not convene a clan tent if you are in an at-risk group until the vaccine is widely available.

I am happy to report that the Council was able to complete several goals during 2020. We submitted a complete rewrite of the Society's Constitution and By-laws to our members which was approved unanimously. The changes brought our Society into the 21st century and adapted to the reality of a new Chief for our Clan. It also formally established international regions in Scotland, Canada, Mexico (including Central and South America) and Oceania which is comprised of New Zealand, Australia and the South Pacific. We are currently conducting our first elections under the new by-laws.

We also completed the purchase of the <Buchanan-Heraldry.com website> from Claude Buchanan, Herald Emeritus. This will allow Claude to retire from his life work on the families of our Clan while ensuring that the website will continue and be kept up to date. If you have not visited the website I encourage you to do so.

The Society has joined a collaboration of other Loch Lomond Clans, including Colquhoun and Graham, to expand the visibility of those clans whose homelands were historically on the

shores of Loch Lomond. Additional clans are being contacted to join us in this effort.

Through our active presence on the internet and social media we were actually able to maintain and slightly increase our membership. There was a great deal of concern that, lacking the exposure of our Clan at highland games and festivals, our membership would suffer. We are very grateful that our members showed their commitment to the Clan and have continued to support our work.

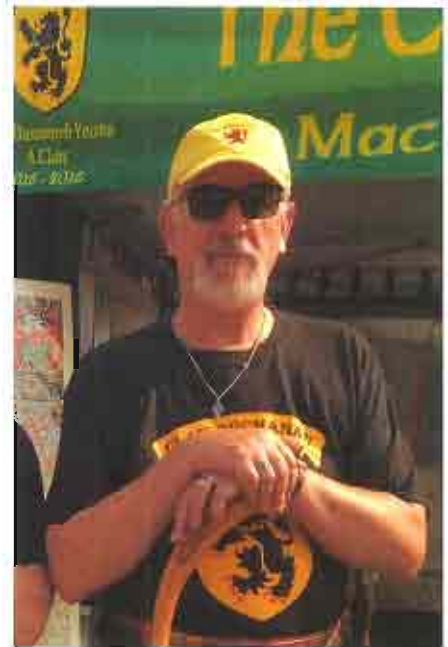
Currently there is no Annual General Meeting scheduled for 2021. The Council will continue to monitor the current situation and may consider a virtual AGM later in the year. An AGM and International Gathering of the Clan Buchanan has been rescheduled for the San Antonio Texas Highland Games in April 2022.

The inauguration of our Chief, Michael Buchanan, has been postponed once again and is currently planned for July 2022 in conjunction with the Luss, Scotland Highland Games and Gathering of the Clan Buchanan.

We will keep you updated by email and through social media of any events that get scheduled in 2021 so please look for that.

I hope we all have a happy and healthy year.

*David Byrne*





# FLOWER OF THE FOREST

**Dr. John Ruairidh Morrison, Chief of Clan Morrison**

January landscape in Perth, Scotland

Northwood New Hampshire - Dr. John Ruairidh Morrison, Chief of Clan Morrison, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at the age of 52 after surviving more than 13 months with brain cancer.

Originally from the United Kingdom, Ru lived his last seventeen years in Northwood, New Hampshire with his wife and children.

Ru had an infectious enthusiasm for life, for his family, for his clan, for friendship, for science, and for good food and good spirits.

Ru earned his doctoral degree in oceanography from the University of Wales at Bangor and worked at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and the University of New Hampshire before becoming the founding executive director of the Northeast Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems in 2009.

Quick with a smile and always with a good bottle of single malt at hand in the evenings, Ru was an expert pizza chef, skilled craftsman, and fourth degree black belt in Isshin Ryu karate.

Ru was beloved by all who knew him. Ru is survived by his wife Ann Michelle, their children Alasdair and Marin, his mother Carley, his sisters Fiona, Catriona, and Ceitidh, his brothers Matthew and Benjamin, and many other cherished relations.

**SERVICES:** Ru's ashes will be interred at the Clachan Sands Cemetery near his ancestral home on the island of North Uist in the Western Isles of Scotland at a future date and a seaside celebration of Ru's



**Dr. John Ruairidh Morrison,  
Chief of Clan Morrison**

life is planned for 2021 in New Hampshire.

Ru will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him.

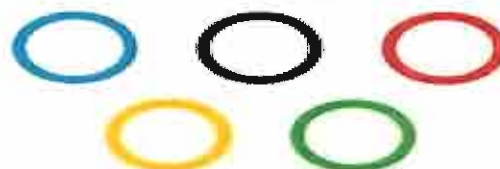
*The Lady Buchanan, Paula, wrote that this death is particularly important to the Clan Buchanan since the Perth branch of the Morrison Clan is considered a sept of the Clan Buchanan.*



## A Houseguest at Cambusmore, *continued from page 2*

spontaneously proffered her tummy to, to rub.

Fortunately for her owner she made a recovery and once stabilised at home, we returned wee Poppy to her.



**OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020**  
(SAFETY DISTANCE)

## Clan Buchanan Society of America before there was a Clan Buchanan Society, International!

- ♦ Fred H. Buchanan – the first “Convener” of the Society – 1970-1974
- ♦ Byron C. Gibson - “temporary Convener” upon the passing of Fred (1974)
- ♦ Dr. Arren C. Buchanan, Jr. - President, 1974-1976
- ♦ Louis B. McCaslin, Jr. - President, 1976-1983
- ♦ Lt. Col. (ret) George S. G. “Buck” Buchanan, President, 1983-1985 & 1994
- ♦ Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., - President, 1985-1987
- ♦ Harold T. Townend, - President, 1987-1989
- ♦ John Watson, - President, 1989-1993

If you know of more presidents of CBSI or before, please contact your editor!

## Serious Deadlines for *The Buchanan Banner*

*January issue*

December 10 deadline

*April issue*

March 10 deadline

*July issue*

June 10 deadline

*October issue*

September 10 deadline

Please just email your articles, stories, anytime, to:  
[bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)





## Patty Hopkinson retires from CBSI Genealogical post

It is with great regret that we announce Patty Hopkinson's retirement as genealogist for CBSI. She has held the position for 20+ years.

She has been enthusiastic and hard-working and a great asset to the Clan Buchanan's family histories - all septs.

She had to give up her duties due to a very serious illness. If you would like to send her a card or note, her address is 962 Belmont Terrace #2, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. She would love to hear from her Buchanan clans folk."

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

I am your Treasurer for Clan Buchanan and I know this has been a difficult year for many in the Clan.

The whole world has been effected by this virus. The Clan is sustained by membership fees and with no clan gatherings and games this year the main funds coming into the Clan's account have

been through Member Planet and a few mail-ins.

The President

asked for donations to help the Clan during this hard period, even though there are no games the Clan has monthly costs to maintain the operation of the web related costs and services.

I was so grateful when two Clan members stepped up to donate to the Clan. I would like to thank **James Reagan** and **William Watson**, both from North Carolina, for their donations to the Clan.

John J Brice, Treasurer



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## Message of Hope<sup>®</sup>

The Clan Buchanan Chaplain  
The Reverend  
Dr Andrew Buchanan



My Fellow Clan Members,

I pray this newsletter finds you well and, despite present circumstances, that you are discovering a measure of renewal, peace and joy as we approach the Christmas season.

In 1992 I spent Christmas in Dunblane, Scotland with new friends—who are now old friends—and the memories of that day stay with me. It was a crisp winter morning, with a light layer of snow on the ground. I woke early, and did something I'd never done before on Christmas morning: I went to church.

Later that day my friends and I exchanged gifts and shared a wonderful meal—but the memory that has persisted over the years is the sense of Christ's presence that I felt in Saint Mary's, Dunblane where, together with people I didn't know, we dwelt on the meaning of Jesus' birth.

Matthew's gospel (quoting Isaiah 7) explains Christmas like this: *Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel*—which means, *God with us.* (Matthew 1.23)

Mother Theresa said often that the greatest problem in the world isn't starvation, homelessness, or disease—but loneliness. And we've certainly seen that in the time of Covid-19. One can have many colleagues, many neighbours, many siblings, many friends, many Zoom meetings—and yet feel lonely or alone.

The good news is that loneliness is undone at the manger. When you see what the wise men saw, and know what they knew—that in the manger, in Jesus, God Himself appeared for you—then you begin a journey into the deepest sort of intimacy that never ends.

And that is my prayer for our Clan family—that you will know the presence of Christ this Christmas-tide—and that you will be encouraged and strengthened as we move in faith toward the New Year.

Warmly, and holding our Clan in prayer, *The Reverend Dr Andrew Buchanan*

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# IN CAHOOTS ... WITH CAHOON

This is from the Clan Colquhoun newsletter and it concerns a Scottish Clan Webinar on ZOOM. The subject of the webinar was *The Relevancy of the Scottish Clan System Today; or a Relic of the Past?*.

It featured Clan Buchanan's Angus Buchanan, Younger of that Ilk; Bruce Buchanan, Bruce Buchanan of Arnprior and Lucy Buchanan; the Miss Buchanan of Buchanan.



Participants of the recent Scottish Clan Webinar - Michael Lloyd-Stern, Thomas Calhoun, Patrick Colquhoun, The Younger of Luss; James Graham, Marquess of Graham; Van Calhoun, Angus Buchanan, Younger of that Ilk; Bruce Buchanan, Bruce Buchanan of Arnprior; Lucy Buchanan; the Miss Buchanan of Buchanan; and guest Merlin Hay, 24th Earl of Erroll, chief of Clan Hay.

Here in America, we have just completed another successful Clan Colquhoun ZOOM Presentation. A much-deserved thank you is owed to the Executive Director of Clan Colquhoun International, Mr. Michael Lloyd-Stern for successfully guiding these interesting presentations from "across the pond" and to panelists Patrick Colquhoun,

Younger of Luss; James Graham, Marquess of Graham; Angus Buchanan, Younger of that Ilk; Bruce Buchanan, Bruce Buchanan of Arnprior; Lucy Buchanan, the Miss Buchanan of Buchanan; and Lady Buchanan, Tommy Calhoun, Van William Calhoun and additional guest Merlin Erroll, the

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Only those who are current paid up members of CBSI may have entrance to the Scottish Clan Webinar on the Colquhoun Zoom program.

You have all received communications from David Byrne, CBSI president, with instructions on how to see it.

If you pay your dues now, you will be able to access this Zoom Webinar.

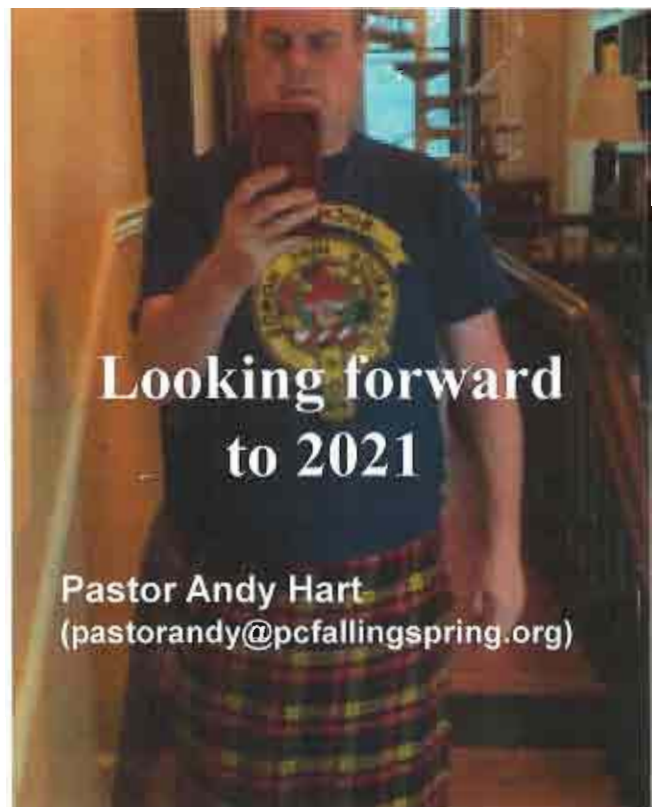
### **In Cahoots with Cahoon, *con't* from page 8**

Earl of Erroll and Chief of Clan Hay for taking part in the discussion.

Our Webinars have recently discussed Sir Malcolm's growing up at Rossdhu, the history of Luss and the Luss Parrish Church, and the Clan history in and around Luss and Loch Lomond. With a strong foundation on our past, we then moved to the present-day and discussed with Clan Graham, Clan Buchanan, and Clan Hay how we can all continue to grow our organizations. In addition to encouraging participation in the Highland Games and the celebration of our shared Scottish heritage, one main point that stood out from the presentation was the fact that we are indeed a "Family" and not just a "Clan."

One of the strong points of our US Scottish games is that they bring all the clans together in a shared space. Every tent is a different clan, but it is also an invitation to join a family, not just a single clan. Every tent represents a link to Scotland and a link to who we are. As William Calhoun mentioned, "We are all on a journey to find the value of who we are." One of the ways we find this is in our kinship with each clan.

The growth of our Scottish games will continue as we all continue to bring our clans together for one cause; that being to build our heritage and celebrate the fact that we are all grounded upon one strong foundation. As we move forward, we must use the technology we have to continue these presentations and to use our vast shared experiences and knowledge to enhance all of our groups.



## **Looking forward to 2021**

**Pastor Andy Hart**  
([pastorandy@pcfallingspring.org](mailto:pastorandy@pcfallingspring.org))

As 2020 comes to an end, and the possibility of a COVID vaccine grows, my eyes are beginning to look toward the new year. Festivals are coming back in full steam and it looks like my Buchanan Tartan still fits, although it might be a wee tight after the holidays are over.

While certainly not the frontier now, Central Pennsylvania was the edge of the settled US in the 1730s.

Here in Chambersburg, Scots and Irish pioneers came from Philadelphia and New York and settled this area. Hence, it is fitting that this area hosts *The Cumberland Valley Scottish Games*. It will be on June 12 2021, and the games will take place in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. They are planning bagpipe competitions, athletics, clan tents and many vendors. The cool thing, my cousins, is it is right off Interstate 81 so, if you are planning a trip to the beach or the mountains, feel free to stop by. The URL is <https://cvscotsgame.org>. Also, if you are interested in the Civil War, Gettysburg is only about a half an hour away and, if my cousins are interested, I would be happy to lead a tour of the battlefield.

So, cousins, let us look to 2021. Resuming Games will be so much fun! I hope to meet some of you in Shippensburg in June.





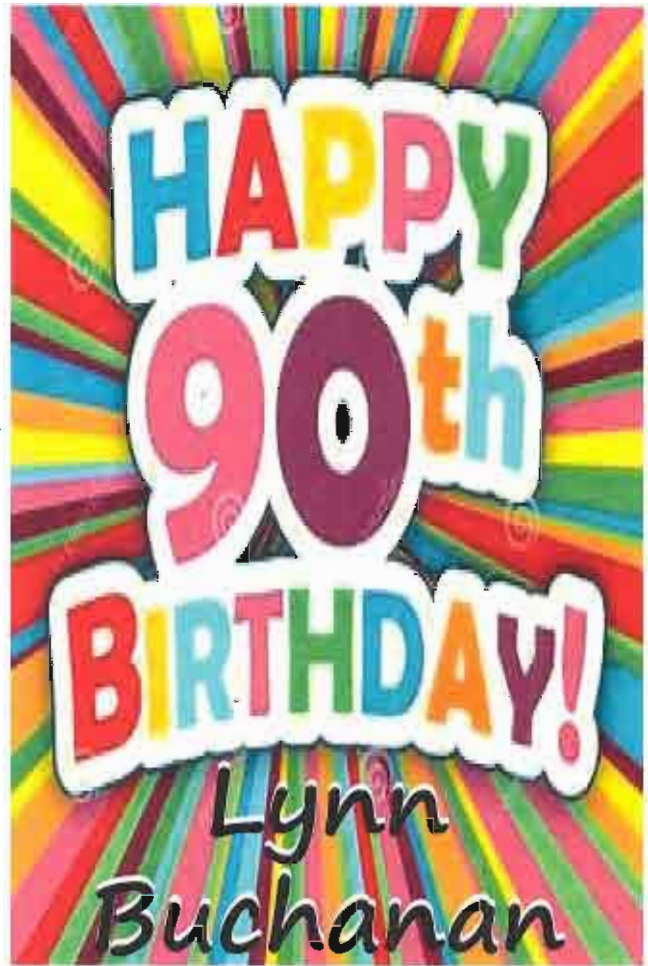
*Connie Buchanan, Lynn Buchanan and Max James, (Retired Deputy)*



*Lynn Buchanan on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in front of his house after his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday bicycle ride of 9.3 miles (a mile for each decade)*



*Connie and Lynn on their wedding day 17 years ago.*



I just had my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. My daughter and my office manager put on a surprise party for me with 155 folks sending greetings by mail, email or driving by to wish me "Happy Birthday!"

Some greetings came from France, Western Washington, Utah, Texas, Missouri, Maryland, Michigan and Yakima City Hall. We even had a 15 car drive-by with lights on by the Police Department.

Today, I made my Birthday Ride, as I have been doing for many years. I was riding my "new" Davidson Titanium Bicycle that I purchased in December of 2019.

I used to ride a mile for each year of my age, but this has become a bit difficult. Now I ride a mile for each decade!







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**Shirley Manchester** (shirley.manchesten@sbcglobal.net)

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Ok, CBSI cooks! If you have a favourite recipe, Scottish, or just yummy, send it along to bethscribble@aol.com. We'll have good things to try each issue.

Shirley says this recipe was her Dad's very favourite fruitcake! It's called.....

## **DARK FRUITCAKE**

Dark Fruitcake - make 4 weeks ahead of intended use.

### **INGREDIENTS:**

- ◆ 5 cups total of candied fruits (any kind you wish)
- ◆ 2-1/2 cups total raisins (or currants or mixed)
- ◆ 3 cups total chopped nuts - recommend walnuts or pecans or both
- ◆ Meyer's dark rum (dark has more flavour)
- ◆ 1-1/2 C. Flour
- ◆ 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- ◆ 1/2 tsp ground mace
- ◆ 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- ◆ 5 eggs
- ◆ 1Tbsp milk
- ◆ 1 tsp almond or walnut extract
- ◆ 1/2 C unsalted butter, softened
- ◆ 1C granulated sugar
- ◆ 1C packed brown sugar

**COMBINE:** In very large bowl, combine candied fruits, raisins, nuts, currents. Sprinkle w/ 1/4 C rum and mix well. Set aside.

**PREHEAT:** oven to 275 degrees F.

### **BATTER:**

\* SIFT together these ingredients: flour, baking soda, mace and cinnamon. Set aside.

\* In a small mixing bowl, beat raw eggs, milk and extract on low speed until well mixed. Set aside.

\* In a large mixing bowl, mix the softened butter and both kinds of sugar until blended.



\* Into the butter mixture, mix in the egg mixture until smooth. Gradually add flour mixture. You may use a spoon or an electric mixer at lowest speed. Pour batter over fruit mixture in the very large bowl and mix thoroughly.

### **PUT INTO BAKING PANS:**

\* Line the inside of your loaf pans with waxed paper (bottoms and sides, all the way up).

\* Spoon the mixture into the pans, press-

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**The Clan Buchanan Society International Inc.  
Election of Officers 2021  
Official Ballot**

January 2021

Dear Member,

Please detach and mail or reply by email – ballot must be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2021  
OR Email a copy to [elections@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:elections@theclanbuchanan.com)

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**CBSI OFFICIAL BALLOT**

The following individuals have been nominated for the office selected. Please place a check mark next to the individual you wish to vote for.

**FOR President (Ceann Suidhe)**

☐ **David J. Byrne, Connecticut**

**FOR Vice President (Prìomh-Iar-Cheann-Suidhe)**

☐ **Kevin “Buck” Buchanan, California**

**FOR Deputy Vice President (An Darna Iar-Cheann-Suidhe)**

☐ **James Gibson, Georgia**

**FOR Secretary (Runaire)**

☐ **Shelagh Colledge, Arizona**

**FOR Treasurer (Ionmhasair )**

☐ **John Brice, South Dakota**

Name and address must be on the outside of the envelope to confirm status as current paid member

Mail to: **Michael McInerney, Judge of Elections,  
223 Matthew Street, Prospect, CT 06712**



# Where Should I Begin to Research

## My Family Tree?

Chris Conlon, CBSI Genealogist

A family member mentions great aunt Julie, or that old family Bible, or the name of an ancestor that you've never heard of before or you might have an artifact that belonged to a Civil War ancestor. Suddenly it becomes imperative that you need to create your family tree! In our mobile world, a family tree was something we might never have thought much about, just a relatively few years ago. If we were living a couple of hundred years ago, we would have been taught to recite our ancestry verbally. Now it's a trend & everybody's interested. But how can you get started on this project, which will probably turn out to be a lifelong obsession?

It's alluring to go online & begin with one of the major websites, Ancestry, Family Search, My Heritage, etc. but it might be more instructive to sit down with paper & pencil & write down the facts that you know about yourself, then move back to your parents & their parents, etc. Write down full names, dates of birth & death, places they lived, what religious denomination they were, what their occupation was, how many children did they have, etc. Gather a paper trail: birth, marriage, death records, photos, important documents. This is the basis for your research.

Use paper & pencil or, if you're electronically inclined, fillable pdf forms. Create family group sheets, pedigree / ancestor charts, keep correspondence logs, research extracts for items that cannot be photocopied, source summaries, timelines & census worksheets. You can locate any of these

documents online or download them from the major websites. If you're inclined to help others, you can become a *BillionGraves.com* or *FindAGrave.com* volunteer, photographing headstones in local cemeteries & uploading them to the website or transcribing them from the website (*Billiongraves.com*).

Locating "official" documents, such as birth records, death records, marriage records will help validate & verify the dates that you might not remember or know. Learn how to write a source citation so that your work will be viewed as well researched & verified. Try using old fashioned sources for your search. Go to the town or city hall where your ancestor lived, check the cemetery records where they are buried (often a great source for ancillary information), contact a church where they may have worshipped. I discovered at least two additional children

that my paternal grandmother had borne by obtaining the baptismal records from the church that the family attended.

Thoroughly investigate each generation before you're tempted to move back in time. Make sure to keep a research log so that you don't return to hunting for records that you located & forgot about. Record your findings as soon as you locate them. It's easy to forget details as we follow a trail back in time.

In this digital age, you may choose to invest in genealogical software in which to keep your files.

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# CBSI Oceania appoints New South Wales Co-Regents

Malcolm Buchanan, Regional Director

The Oceania region is delighted to announce that Dr Shona Gibson, PhD, and Paul Gibson have been appointed as Co-Regents for New South Wales.

Shona says, "My story as a diaspora stated when newly married John and Marion Gibson left, Fenwick, in Scotland in 1854, as literate immigrants. They travelled to Melbourne, Australia on the US steamer, '*Lightning*' and established them-

selves in the colony as hardworking colonial citizens putting their mark on Australia's history - taking lead roles in community groups, political movements and changing the restrictions for the young free-settlers."

"Having Scottish traditions in my blood, heart and mind, caused me take on membership of Clan Buchanan and accepted the honour of being appointed as a co-Regent of the NSW (Australia) arm of the clan. I have two links to Clan Buchanan and they come through my paternal grandmother Jessie, who was in her maiden years a Gibson and the second link is my marriage to Paul Gibson."

"I have moments when I wonder if my four times great grandparents (John and Marion) who choice to leave Scotland would be proud or confused that I have strong links to their birth land. I cannot easily describe my pull to my heritage. I hear a singing when I think of or hear Scottish stories. I get a nice shiver at the sound of bagpipes and I have tartan scarves for all the elements of my ancestry but feel secure with my Modern Buchanan plaid over my shoulder."

I bring to the role of regent a commitment to tasks, a conviction to do my best and a willingness to stand up for a bright future as we move forward as a united clan. I acknowledge we are a community with a deep-seated conviction for our family heritage and this appreciation needs to be acknowledged and nurtured."

Paul describes his early Scottish connection, "Growing up as a child with parents who had Scottish

heritage and a love for Scotland was 'the norm.' My mother was a highland dancer in her youth and having her dancing sword on display in the house, tartan fabric in the form of blankets and throws scattered around and listening to records of Andy Stewart and Kenneth McKellar singing songs I could not understand, embedded an unintended imprint in me of all things Scottish."

"In the mid-eighties, I developed a passion for history and commenced research into my family and after more than 38 years of gathering information and tracing in excess of 2000 family members both past and present; I am compiling a reference book which I intend to publish in 2021."

"My genuine interest in both Scottish and Irish history, from undertaking research into my family origins and with my surname being a sept of Clan Buchanan, created a segway to the Clan Buchanan Society International."

"I am very proud of my family and those who came before me in Australia, Scotland and Ireland and with my enthusiasm to complete the documented history of my family, I hope to be able to support and assist both Clan Members and others endeavouring to follow the same path."

As a result of discussions in Canberra when the Chief and The Lady Buchanan visited us, Shona and Paul were invited to plan and manage the Chief's inauguration, now being considered for mid 2022. "My husband, Paul and I have taken advantage of a wonderful opportunity and are working (online for now) with The Lady Buchanan to coordinate the inauguration events for The Buchanan's seating as head of the Buchanan clan in Scotland when it's safe to travel and gather."

Paul has a professional background in operations, contract administration, programming and scheduling. He says, "The concept of managing the event was not unfamiliar and was an exciting and challenging notion, to undertake the planning from as far away as Australia."

"The planning of the inauguration had progressed successfully in the later part of 2019 and after conducting a site visit to Callander, Scotland in February

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# OKLAHOMA SCOTFEST 2019

**Russ Buchanan**  
([russ.buchanan2017@gmail.com](mailto:russ.buchanan2017@gmail.com))

The 2020 Oklahoma Scotfest was cancelled along with most all of the other Scottish Games in the USA this year.

We did get to the 2019 event and here are some photos.



**Oceania, continued from page 15**

2020, to engage suppliers and support from a range of businesses and organisations, we fell to the COVID pandemic impact, where plans were put on hold. We continue to enhance our plans whilst awaiting a green light from authorities for events and overseas travel to again take place.”



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**Chris Conlon**, *continued from page 13*

There are many good programs on the market & it is a matter of personal preference which one to use. You can also keep your files at one of the major genealogical websites, such as *Ancestry.com*, *FamilySearch.com* or *MyHeritage.com* or others. Regardless where you store your files, being methodical & thorough in your research is a key point to remember.

Also, make certain to verify any documents you may think to add to your files. Don't take another researcher's work as gospel, they could have made a mistake & you would be adding that mistake to your records. It is tempting to add online information that is found without validating it. It is amazing how much misinformation is online: birth dates that weren't verified, family members that didn't belong to the researched family, etc.

Most of all, be curious. Learn all you can about the people & their lives. Our lives are the dash that we live between our birth & death dates (<https://thedashpoem.com/>), it's easy to create & maintain a file full of data, but it doesn't tell us much about the people who lived the dash between those dates. Research the context of people's lives, what world events of significance might have influenced your ancestor, what were the social customs of their lifetime, how were they affected by the inventions or discoveries of the time period?



## Who is this!

Does anyone recognize this handsome young Highland dancer?

I found him on the Internet unidentified.

Just email  
<bethscribble@aol.com>



# How the city of Albuquerque



# was created by Scots

Michele Buchanan (mbuchs@gmail.com)

Although the Spaniards came around 1550s and settled around the Rio Grande in what was later the New Mexico territory, not much happened to the little settlement known as the "Villa de Albuquerque" by 1750.

Perhaps due to the Homestead Act and available land, many, many people of Scottish descent moved to the territory. In fact, many of the Territorial Governors were Scottish, including names like Kearny, Lea, Chisholm, and Curry.

Big changes finally came in 1880 when the Atchison Railroad came to the little barrio and a trestle engineer named Angus Grant decided to transform the settlement into a City.

Mr Grant saw potential that could only be accomplished by installing a water company and lines to bring the water uphill from the river. So he proceeded to develop the first water company, the first gas company, and, using the wood chips from

the sawmill, the first electric company.

He constructed the first opera house with seating for one thousand and the first Fire Department (horse-drawn.)

The new facilities expanded the city more than ten miles from the river and the new area was called "Highland." Sounds familiar?

New wells were drilled, they added reservoirs at the top of the hill and Albuquerque turned into a city.

The city charter was established a few years later and more Scots moved in, along with architects such as John Gow Meem.

This man designed and built many of the buildings at the new university, established in 1890, as well as many Presbyterian churches and schools. Not just normal schools but schools for the Native Americans and orphans. A man named

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## The Pullet-zer Prize, *continued from page 1*

They are David Byrne, Kevin "Buck" Buchanan, James "Jim" Gibson, Shelagh A. Colledge & John Brice.

Your publication is only as good as the members who contribute to it!

A sincere thanks from your editor for all of your wonderful work and for the very nice publication you have created! It was fun!

Thank you!

*Honoring the  
Literary Contributions to  
The Buchanan Banner*

Signed by Pullet-zer





D.K.Sellers built the first shopping centre, which still stands.

What amazes me the most about this forgotten history is that few Americans recognize Scottish surnames, at least unless they have the prefix "Mac."

Albuquerque's major streets are named Montgomery, Menaul, Harper, Gibson and Ross.

Most of our mayors, along with most of the governors, have Scottish surnames as well. Our most famous governor, Lew Wallace, wrote *Ben Hur*.

Eventually, New Mexico became a state in 1912.

There was even an office in the main bank building for the "Glasgow Trading Company."

Mr Grant is the namesake for the city of Grants, NM. but there are no other memorials to his efforts as far as I can find. He wanted to build a grand city fountain but the local city council voted him down. Not just too expensive, but "only dogs and horses would drink from it" was their reasoning.

So modern people out here in the west have little idea of the contributions made by Scottish folk. But as I drive around this city of 260K residents, I see the hospitals, schools, and country club homes that made Albuquerque into a modern city.

Scots wha hae!



## A note from Buchanans in Northern Manitoba, snowy, snowy, Canada

Hi Beth. We live in Northern Manitoba, Canada. We've been locked down under COVID -19, CODE RED for two weeks. And, it may be extended through Christmas into 2021!

Traditional family gatherings will not happen. But, we will make our annual batch of Scottish Shortbread. We may even find some Haggis for our Christmas dinner.

However, not everything is red. We have had one of the earliest and heaviest snowfalls in years. Attached is a picture off our back deck!

I hope that everyone stays safe and may they "Space well & prosper"!

William "Grant" Buchanan





## Patty Hopkinson, Clan Buchanan Genealogist Emeritus

I get my passion for genealogy from my Buchanan mother. She passed down to me the family stories of our Buchanans. The said that my great great grandfather, Andrew Buchanan, his wife Jane Long (or McNeilands) and their 8 children: Robert, Charles, James, William, Andrew, Samuel, John, and Jane, left County Tyrone, Ireland for Canada in 1847 as a result of the potato famine. The ship hit a terrible storm and was forced to turn back to Ireland. The family tried again and the journey was successful in that they arrived in Kingston, Ontario. Upon arrival at Kingston, they were quarantined for 3 weeks due to a fever that

had broken out on board ship. Andrew succumbed to the fever and was buried at the pioneer cemetery in Kingston. Further parts of the legend include that the family paid their own passage, which was atypical for the times when landlords often paid for their tenant farmers passage. The family ultimately settled in Elma, Perth County, Ontario.

That sounds like a lot of information to go on. I was able to verify that the family did indeed settle in Elma and there were records in Canada to document the family. It is when I tried to jump across the pond and verify the information in Ireland where I repeatedly struck my Buchanan brick wall. I started to verify the family legend back in the 1990's, pre-internet databases, when the best

source of information was microfilm I could order from my local Family History Center, or actually visit the locations where your ancestors lived. I ordered role after role of microfilm. The one record I was able to find was a marriage registration in Longfield Parish for William Buchanan (Andrew and Jane's son) and Anne Thompson. It shows William's residence as Binnawooda, Ardstraw parish, County Tyrone.

I thought I had found my answer. Now that I had a location in Ireland where they were from, I would be able to trace them there and find Andrew's father's name. I excitedly

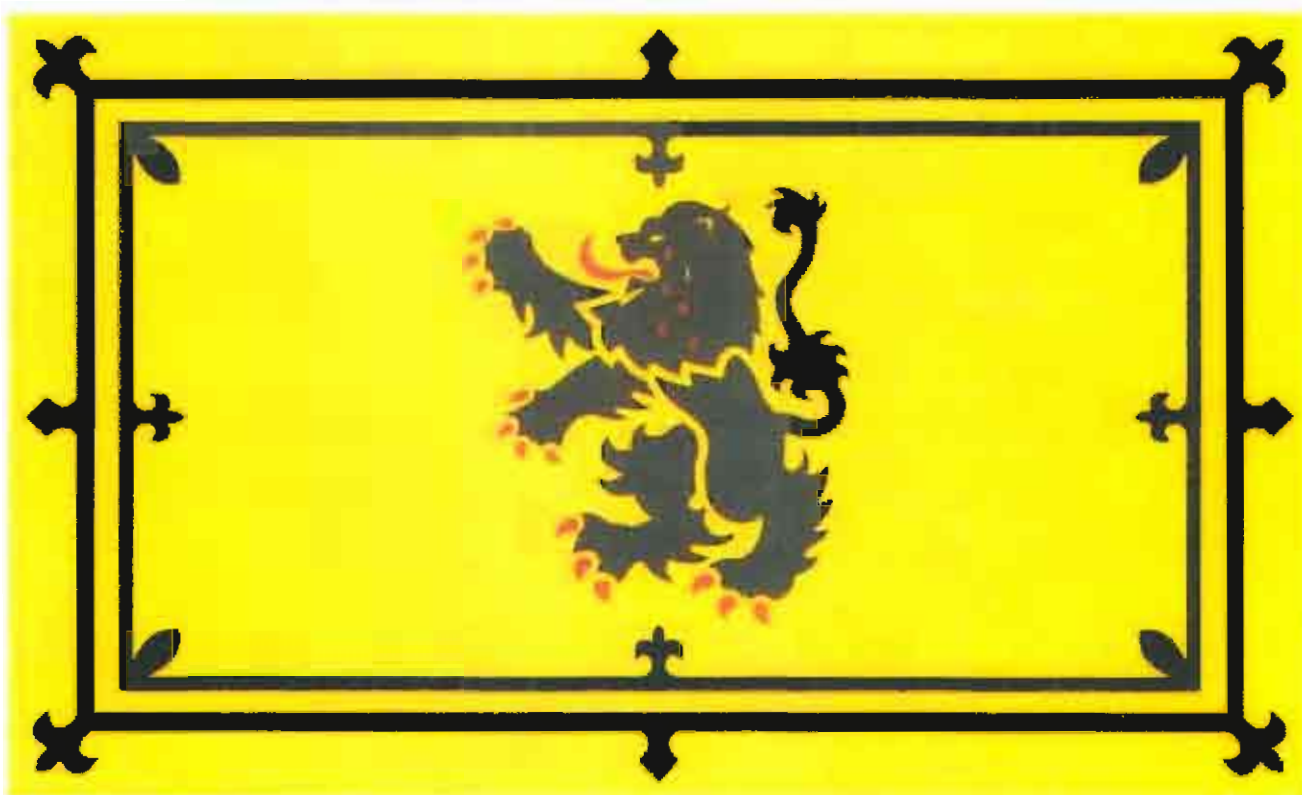
made plans for a trip to Ireland where I would view local records and planned on spending several days at the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI). On my trip, I was able to find the small townland of Binnawooda (basically just open farmland) and see the old tenant farmer's housing ruins. But after searching local cemeteries and other local resources, I was not able to find any further trace of my Buchanan family. My time in the Omagh area came to an end and, although it had been very rewarding to walk on the land my ancestors farmed, I had no further documentation to bolster the family legend and get past my brick wall.

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**"Another in the recurring series of articles on brick walls in our Buchanan genealogical research. CBSI genealogist, Chris Conlon, is interested in YOUR brick walls. Please submit your problem ancestor research to me for publication in this space. You may email Chris at <genealogyresearcher@comcast.net to participate>."**



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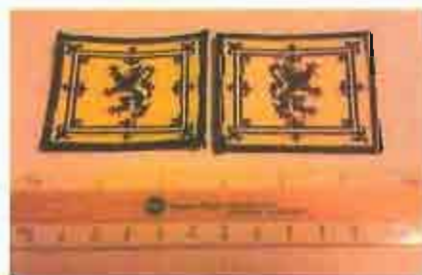
Payment can also be accepted via Paypal using my e-mail address. E-mail Danny if you are interested in purchasing and how many. Let him know if you are a convener.



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## Desk or Event flag

4 inches x 6 inches

Desk flag

**US \$10<sup>00</sup>**

plus US \$2<sup>50</sup> ship to USA

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So I headed to PRONI in Belfast to continue my search.

Anyone who has tried to research in Ireland knows that many of the records were destroyed in 1922 when the Irish Public Records Office was bombed as part of the Battle of Dublin, which destroyed hundreds of years of civil and religious records. I went through the list of available records at PRONI. I immediately became very disheartened to discover the Ardstraw Parish (where Binnawooda was located) records were destroyed. I had 3 days planned at PRONI and now had to decide what to do with my time there. I looked through the parishes to see what was available. I randomly picked parish records from Urney Parish to search if I could extract any Buchanans from any family to add to my database for the Clan Buchanan Society International archives. I had truly not expected to find any trace of my own family since Binnawooda was the only location I was aware they were associated with. I hit paydirt in Urney Parish. In this random roll of microfilm I had selected, I found christening records for 3 of Andrew and Jane's children. Their residence for these christenings showed they lived at Learmore, Urney parish. So now I had a second location associated with my family.

Upon my return from my trip to Ireland I continued my search of records. I made further trips to Ireland and did further searches at PRONI. I searched Tithe Applotment records years before and it was about this time that I determined Andrew Buchanan of Coel (Coolavanagh) in 1826 was my Andrew. So another location was added to

the list of places they lived.

I corresponded with a kind woman who I had met on one of my trips to Ireland who attended Killeter Presbyterian Church. She kindly offered to ask the pastor to review the parish records to see if any Buchanans were in there. These records were not filmed and only available locally. I was not optimistic it would be fruitful but I took her up on her kind offer. She found a marriage record for Charles Buchanan (son of Andrea and Jane) and

Fanny Porter. Their residence was Binnawooda at that time. I later found several grandchildren of Andrew and Jane's being christened at various denominations showing their residences at Binnawooda.

Over the years, through my various trips and searching of various other resources, I was able to build the following timeline for my Buchanans in Ireland:

- 1815, 1817, & 1824— Christening records showed they lived in Learmore, Urney Parish.
- 1826 – Tithe Applotment Records showed they lived in Coel, Lower Longfield Parish.
- 1839-46 – Marriage records for children, and christening records for several grandchildren showed they lived in Binnawooda.

Despite the scarcity of records in Ireland I was able to expand the information I had on my Buchanan family in Ireland. Much of the family legend is still unverified. None of the records were able to lead me beyond Andrew and Jane. The brick wall that has existed in my family for decades is still the brick wall I have today.



**Ardbarren Road  
Binnawooda, Ireland**



**Around and about in Binnawooda, Ireland**



# From Drymen to Liverpool

Bilberry, Buchanan plant badge



John de la Cruz, CBSI Regent for England and Wales



John & Viv 2017 at  
Edinburgh Castle  
for the Tattoo

This is a brief history of my Buchanan ancestors from 1695 to 1824.

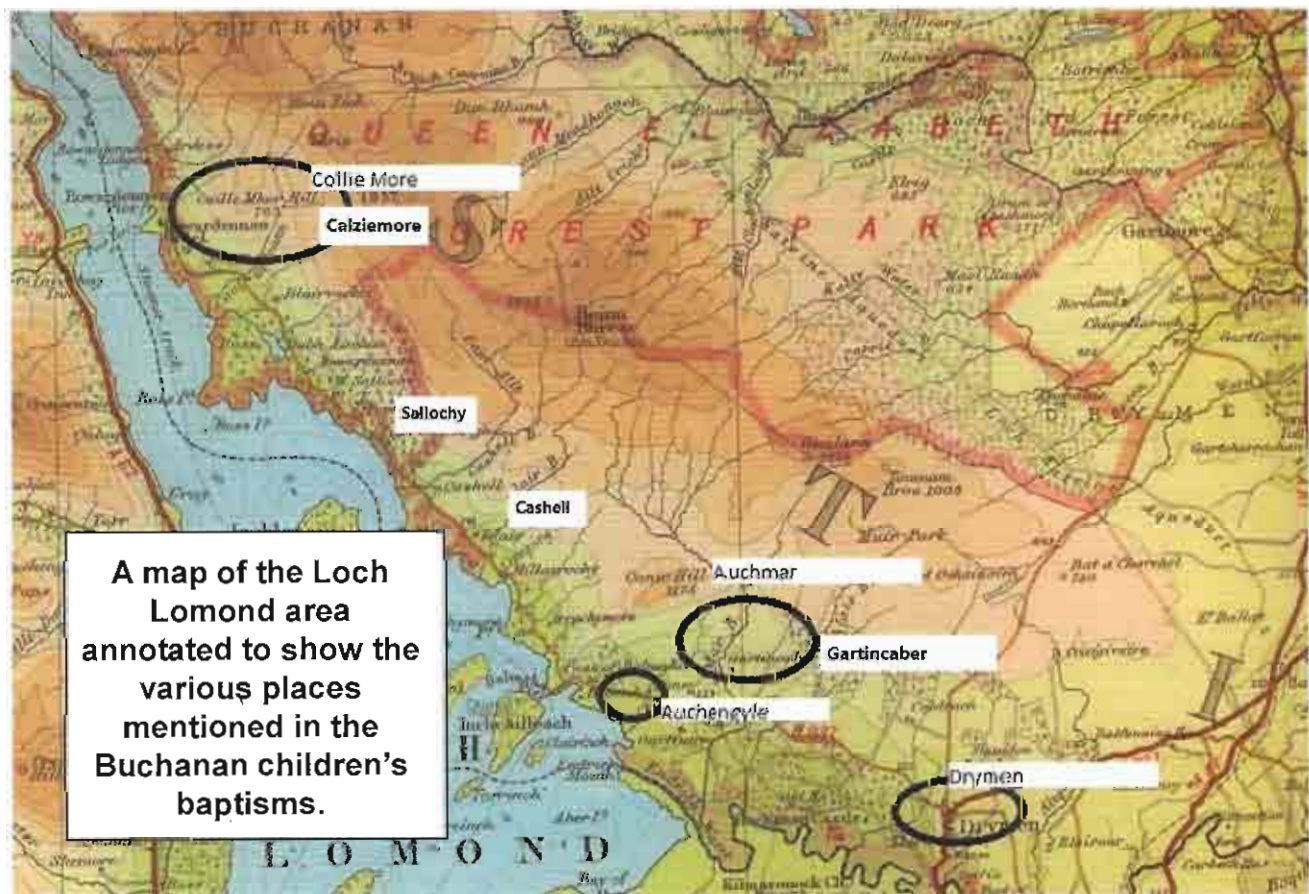
My six times great-grandfather, Coline Buchanan, was born in Killearn, Stirlingshire, Scotland in 1695. His brother, William Buchanan, 6<sup>th</sup> Laird of Auchmar, was born around 1680. William left us with a wonderful legacy as he published a book in 1723 in Edinburgh, entitled: *An Inquiry into*

*the Genealogy and Present State of Ancient Scottish Surnames: with the Origin and Descent of the Highland Clans; and Family of Buchanan.* For anyone who is interested, this book is available as a free PDF download from Google Books.

Modern DNA testing has proved that some of William's history of the origins of Clan Buchanan are incorrect. However, it is still worth a read as it leads us to a rich family and cultural heritage through the many Scottish clans and families that we are linked to because of marriages throughout history.

There are references in other documents to Coline and William Buchanan. One such is a bond of relief dated 15 May 1727 which was granted from them both to a John Gibson, writer, in Edinburgh. I am unsure what this means, but I

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would guess that John Gibson was in some financial difficulties and appealed for help. It comes as no surprise that the family name Gibson is one of the sept names associated with Clan Buchanan so some appeal to kinship is involved here.

Other historical documents discovered refer to the marriage of a daughter of William Buchanan of Auchmar to a Robert Stewart of Calziemore or Colliemore in 1710. In 1717 Robert Stewart resigns Calziemore to Coline Buchanan, brother of William of Auchmar.

Calziemore is an area on the eastern bank of Loch Lomond. The eastern shore of Loch Lomond is known as the Buchanan. This makes Clan Buchanan almost unique in Scotland as the only clan to be named after a place rather than an individual.

In 1726 Coline Buchanan resigns Calziemore to Reverend John McAlpine, eldest lawful son of Donald McAlpine of Ross. As I shall show you, Calziemore is the birthplace of some of Coline Buchanan's children.

Coline Buchanan married Anna Hamiltoun, daughter of James Hamiltoun of Aikenhead. I'm not sure of the date at this moment in time.

They had eight children as follows: Lilius, a lawful daughter, born in Auchengyle, another estate in the Buchanan, baptised 9 March 1718. Witnesses were William Buchanan of Auchmar and John Buchanan of Gartincaber.

Other children include John and Ann, lawful son and daughter, born in Auchengyle and baptised 9 March 1720. Witnesses to the baptism were William Buchanan and John Moroch.

Also, include James, a lawful son, born in Auchengyle and baptised 2 February 1722. Witnesses to the baptism were William Buchanan and his son John.

And, William, a lawful son, born in Calziemore and baptised 17 May 1724. Witnesses to the baptism were William Buchanan and George Moir, schoolmaster at Sallochy.

Grissal, a lawful daughter, was born in Calziemore and baptised 8 September 1725. Witnesses to the baptism were John Lang of

Strathcashel, George Moir, schoolmaster at Sallochy and John Buchanan of Critreoch in Cashel.

I suspect that John Buchanan, the twin born in 1720, had died at a young age as another John Buchanan is baptised in Drymen on 10 January 1728. It was customary in those days to name a newborn of the same sex after a recently deceased child.

Last, but definitely not least, is our direct ancestor, five times great-grandfather, Matthew Buchanan, born Drymen and baptised on 24 January 1731.

Nothing is known about Matthew's early life in Scotland or why and how he got to Chester but he is married to Mary Gregory on 12 May 1751 at the Parish Church of St Mary's in Eccleston, Chester. Matthew's occupation is shown as a barber-surgeon. In the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, barber surgeons administered medical aid and surgery and it wasn't until later in the 1700s that the barber title was dropped and the title surgeon was applied. It isn't known how or where Matthew received his medical training but one theory is: Mary was the



**The ruins of St. Mary's Parish Church, Eccleston, Chester, where Matthew Buchanan and Mary Gregory were married. The graveyard here is now used to bury family members of the Dukes of Westminster.**

daughter of Thomas Gregory. There was a Tho-

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mas Gregory who was a surgeon based in Tarporley, Cheshire, not far from Chester, at the time of their marriage. It is possible that this Thomas was the father of Matthew's wife Mary. I haven't been able to prove this yet but the name Gregory does strengthen the argument. Gregory is a sept name of the Clan MacGregor, a clan which is related to the Clan Buchanan both by marriage ties and lately DNA results. They were also neighbours on the eastern banks of Loch Lomond. A number of Gregorys were medical professionals in 18th century Scotland. The search continues to fill this gap in our knowledge of Matthew.

Mary and Matthew had eight children as follows. Elizabeth, my direct ancestor and four times great grandmother. Baptised 27 December 1751 at the church of St Mary on the Hill, Chester.

John, baptised 7 June 1754 at St Mary on the Hill, Chester.

Mary, baptised 16 March 1757 at St. Mary on the Hill, Chester. Died 1758 and buried at St. Mary on the Hill.

William, baptised 24 June 1759 at St Mary on the Hill. On this baptism record Matthew is shown on the baptism record as "Invaleed" instead of the usual "Barber Surgeon" as his occupation. I wish I knew what happened there.

Thomas, baptised 18 April 1762. Died 1762 and buried 10 Feb 1764 at St Mary on the Hill.

James, baptised 30 June 1764 at St Mary on the Hill.

George, baptised 17 September 1766 at St Mary on the Hill.

In all these baptism records Matthew and Mary were said to live at Handbridge, Chester.

By the year 1769, the family had moved to Liverpool where Matthew was practising as a sur-

geon-man midwife. His first born daughter, Elizabeth, married Benjamin Winn, a shipwright/carpenter on 24 July 1769 at St Peter's Church, Liverpool. Elizabeth and Benjamin had their first child, Mary, on 14 April 1770. They lived in Garden Street, Liverpool. I would guess that at that time Benjamin and Elizabeth were living with Elizabeth's parents, Matthew and Mary Buchanan

because their address was also Garden Street.

Mary and Matthew also had a daughter called Mary shortly afterwards on 26 April 1770. Sadly, Mary Buchanan nee Gregory, died on 27 April 1770. One can only imagine what was going through Elizabeth's mind at the time. Only days before she had given birth to her first child and called her Mary after her mother. Then her mother died shortly after giving birth to Elizabeth's baby sister, also Mary. Such a tragedy. Matthew would have been devastated as he was probably looking forward to

celebrating the birth of his granddaughter with his wife. Happily, both babies survived and were baptised together on 30 April 1770 at the Parish Church of St Peter's in Liverpool.

Matthew Buchanan, surgeon, remarried on 6 March 1773 to Catherine Roberts, Widow, at the Parish Church of Our Lady and St Nicholas in Liverpool.

In 1774 Matthew was in debtor's prison in Liverpool. It was reported in the *London Gazette* that he had surrendered himself to the keeper of the gaol in Liverpool. I quote from the newspaper: "The following persons being fugitives for debt, and beyond the seas, on the Twenty-Eighth Day of



**St. Mary on the Hill Church, Chester, where Matthew's children were baptised and sadly, some were buried here.**

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April, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy Four, and having surrendered themselves to the Goalers or Keepers of the respective Prisons or Goals hereafter-mentioned, do hereby give Notice that they intend to Take Benefit of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors; and for the Relief of Bankrupts in certain cases; at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the County, Riding, Division, City, Town, Liberty or Place, or any Adjournment thereof, which shall happen next after Thirty Days from the First publication of the under-mentioned names, viz.”

The article then goes on to list all the fugitives and the prisons to which they had surrendered themselves. There were three persons in the Borough Goal of Liverpool in the County of Lancaster. One of these was our 5 x great grandfather who was described as: “Matthew Buchanan, formerly of the City of Chester, late of Liverpool in the County of Lancaster, surgeon.”

Well, Matthew must have been pardoned by the King because he seems to have carried on practising as a surgeon until at least 1792.

In 1776 Matthew and Catherine, who were now living in Charlotte Street, Liverpool, had a son, Matthew, baptised 19 June 1776 at St Nicholas. He died on 5 Feb 1778 and was buried at St Nicholas on 5 Feb 1778.

Catherine must have been pregnant when her son died as she gave birth to another son who was also baptised as Matthew on 20 July 1778. Sadly, he too died young, at the age of 12 in 1792 and was buried in St Peter's on 22 April 1792. Matthew's address was given as Cable Street, Liverpool.

Strange to think that for a few years in the 1970s I had worked in a building on the corner of Cable Street, Liverpool, unaware that my five times great grandfather had lived there.

I have done further re-

**A close-up of the rolling moon dial on John Buchanan's eight day clock.**



**The eight day clock with rolling moon dial made about 1800 by John Buchanan of Ashton-under-Lyne near Manchester. The original mahogany case is lavishly inlaid with flowers.**

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search on both Matthew Buchanan and his wife Catherine after 1792 and have been unable to find any trace of them in the UK. One theory is that they had emigrated to the United States, which was still in it's infancy then, but I'm not so sure.

Maybe one day I will find out.

In 1803 my 4 x great grandmother's husband, Benjamin Winn, died in Liverpool. With the assets he left to her, Elizabeth Winn nee Buchanan was involved in various businesses, including being a coal merchant, a tea dealer and a grocer. She died in 1824 at 73 years of age.

A footnote to this story is that one of Matthew's sons, John, born in Chester in 1754, moved to Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire, and became a well known clock maker (*See one of his clocks on page 26 and a photo of the rolling moon dial.* ).

One of his descendants, Daniel Buchanan, of Hertfordshire, who now lives in Cornwall, has helped me immensely in my research into the Buchanan ancestors:

Daniel has his Buchanan name passed down through the male line so he undertook a Y-DNA test a few years ago which showed that he is a descendant of the Buchanan chiefly line.

We do match on autosomal DNA testing but only by a small amount, which can be expected as our common ancestor existed over 200 years ago. Nevertheless, we do have that connection.



I was born in Liverpool, England, 1947.

I now live in Warrington, Cheshire, about 15 miles from Liverpool city centre.

Currently, I am the CBSI regent for England and Wales.

I hope you enjoy my *From Drymen to Liverpool* article. Genealogy is a hobby of mine.

I'm sure you wonder about the origins of my Spanish sounding surname.

In 1869, Matthew Buchanan's great great granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Winn, married a Filipino sailor, Juan De la Cruz, in Liverpool.

Between 1870 and 1896 they had eight children.

So, besides my 32% Scottish DNA, lots of English, Welsh and Irish, I have 13% Filipino.

Juan perished in a shipwreck on the coast of Islay, Scotland, in 1911.

That was a tragic incident but also one of great heroism. But that's another story.

Kind regards  
John de la Cruz





### Dark Fruitcake, *continued from page 11*

ing down with the back of the spoon until loaf pan about 2/3 full.

\* Bake loaves at 275 F for 1-3/4 - 2 hours (until toothpick inserted in center comes out of the cake out clean.)

\* Cool in pans set on racks for 30 minutes. Remove cakes from pans. Peel off waxed paper and discard.

\* Cool cakes on racks until completely cool.

\* Wash and dry the pans.

\* Re-line clean pans with fresh waxed paper (bottom and sides) and put cakes back into pans.

\* Today and once/week for the next 4 weeks, spoon Meyer's Dark Rum over the top of the cake.

\* Today I put 5 Tablespoons of rum on each cake (one Tbsp. in the center of cake and one Tbsp. in each of the four corners of each cake). Keep the cakes in their pans.

\* Keep cakes in an airtight container or plastic bag in the refrigerator for one week.

\*-A: After one week, take all the cakes out of the refrigerator. Turn the cakes over in their pans (down-side up).



\*-B: Spoon 3 Tbsp. of rum over each cake. Spread the rum out over what is now the "top" of the cake. The rum will eventually soak through. Keep the cakes in their pans.

\*-C: Put the cakes back into their airtight containers and store in the refrigerator for one week.

\* For the next three weeks, REPEAT STEPS \*-A, \*-B, \*-C.

#### FINISH:

Take the cakes out of the refrigerator and out of their pans. Remove the waxed paper and discard. Wrap the cakes in new waxed paper (avoid aluminum foil.). If you want, you can cut these large loaves into "mini" loaves and wrap each "mini" loaf individually. Keep all the finished cakes in their airtight containers in the refrigerator until use. (They also store well in the freezer if you're saving them for a while).

Makes 3 medium-sized loaf cakes.



# A BLAST FROM THE PAST



## *Armadale Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run 2016*

Heather Horseman, CBSI Regent Western Australia

The Clan Buchanan's first foray into a highland gathering in Western Australia.

The day started early, leaving home at 6 am, being the first time at an event I didn't want to be late and not set up in time. Arriving in Armadale the sun was starting to rise, even though it was still chilly and rain had been forecast for later in the day. As the City of Armadale supplied the tent (a communal one for the Clans and Associations), 2 trestle tables, four chairs and a notice board I didn't have too much gear to transport, so I parked the car in the car park and carried my stuff (with a bit of help from a lady with the medieval reenactors) to the site we had been allotted. I had figured it out in my head how I would arrange the area but changed things a little after seeing how things were set out. It took about an hour to set the table displays, attach the clan banner to the area and sort ourselves out, so we were all set to go by about 8:30 am, the event was due to start at 9 am. By now the sun was shining but it was still too cold to take our jackets off.

The parade was due to start at 9:45 am and we were assembling outside the City offices, this is only a small gathering and there were only a few pipers, seven clans, a couple of associations and dogs (West Highland Whites and 1 Scotty), my husband stated we were outnumbered by the dogs 2 to 1. The Mayor of the City of Perth came and had her photo taken with us. I think she thought the girls, who were holding the 1000 year clan banner, looked cute. Clan Buchanan was the only clan with more than one person marching in the parade, there were four of us and I thought we were looking good with our tartan skirts and tam o'shanters

and t-shirts with the crest and name on.

After the parade came the opening speeches and the start of the Perth Kilt Run. By then the clouds were starting to gather and the temperature started going down. By the time we arrived back at the tent area the jackets came out and were put back on.

We had a few visitors, mainly querying what



clan their name was associated with and then looking at the clan map to see where their particular clan had lands. Some also enquired about the Buchanan's as well and I gave information on their history together with links to websites and email to them. Some just stopped by to say how they liked our tartan.

By 1:30 the first shower of rain was starting and the temperature was going down further. We had the stage to one side of us with the band playing folk songs, down the other end of us we had the food stalls and just beyond that the pipe bands were holding a competition, so we had some nice smells and music.

Clan Buchanan had a couple of people that seemed interested in the clan and these will have follow-up contact, but as the day wore on with the wind rising and the temperature dropping the crowd

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# Archeo-Astronomy of Henges in Scotland

John S. "Jack" Gibson  
Hideaway, Texas USA

In Europe, there are many ancient (2,000-3,000 BC) stone structures and artifacts, from early civilizations, that are related to the stars, planets, heavens, and their spiritual meanings.

Archeo-Astronomy is the study of all that as most of it is primarily based of stone structures of rings and circles, such aswell known "Stonehenge" of southern England (which I have visited).

The word "henge" means sacred circle of stones. There are a number of smaller stone rings in Scotland, usually in a line of three...representing the three stars that make up the "Belt of Orion" in the bright star constellation of Orion which is prevalent in winter skies.

Orion is the brightest and most visible constellation and, in European mythology, he is depicted as the "great hunter" or the "god of the hunt."

In Scotland, the most accessible and complete henge is the "Loanhead at Daviot Stone Circle." It represents one star in Orion's Belt.

The other two henges in this group have been

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became less and less. By about 3 pm we were all rugged up in scarves and jackets and by 4:30 pm as we were all packed up and leaving this was when the rain really began to set in. Definitely not the weather for a spring day.

I packed the car up and drove home where my husband had cooked my dinner, run a spa bath for me and had a nice hot cup of tea waiting. What a fitting end to my first foray into this exciting realm of clan participation.

Heather Horseman  
Clan Buchanan  
Regent, Western Australia

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largely obliterated as later folks used many of the stones for other purposes such as stone fences.

This circle is on a ridge just above the village of Daviot, northwest of the city of Aberdeen.

The Loanhead circle is about 70 ft in diameter. The outer ring is made up of eight large vertical stones (orthostats) and a large vertical rectangular stone leaning at a slight angle (recumbent stone) with a slender flanking stone on each side.

These various granite stones range in height above ground typically 5 to 7 feet. The area inside the vertical stone ring is a slightly raised mound (carin) made of dirt with a wide flat ring of smaller rocks and a cleared circle in the center. The recumbent stone is on the south side of the circle.

The exact spiritual meanings of this Orion related henge is still a subject of debate and ongoing academic study. Archeological excavations around the henge have also turned up many ancient pottery sherds and a burial site for cremated human remains and some bones. This is an unusual and interesting ancient place that can be visited now...and it is related in some way to the stars in Orion's Belt, that can be seen tonight in the winter sky!

Stick a Turkey leg in a sneaker and let your dog patrol your yard.





# St Andrew's Day Tales and Traditions

John Gibson,

Webmaster CBSI and President of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida

There are many tales and traditions from across the world that exist around St Andrews Day. Here are some of the most famous.?

**Romania:** In Romania, it is a time for magic rituals to ward off evil spirits and purify the land and the people. The secret weapon is garlic, eaten on the night before St Andrew's Day at a communal meal either as whole cloves or in a sauce. Cloves of garlic are placed strategically beside doors, windows and chimneys.

**Poland:** Many people believe that St Andrew is the patron saint of Poland. In fact, it is Saint Casimir Jagiellon (1458-84). However, the last day of November in Poland is a night for charming and light-hearted games where girls can search for husbands and have their fortunes told.

**Bulgaria:** In Bulgaria, St Andrew's Day is known as Edrei (Bear's Day). The story goes that St Andrew complained to God that he had no feast day, so God told him that any man who did not celebrate St Andrew's Day would have to carry his own horse! In olden times housewives would throw boiled corn onto the fire to stop the bears ruining their crops. One legend records that an evil stepmother was punished by having her daughter turned into a bear.

**Ukraine:** In Ukraine, St Andrew's Day is celebrated on 13 December with fortune-telling and parties where pancakes and pastries were used for games which were supposed to help girls find a husband. It was also a time for mischievous pranks such as putting a plough on a house roof or taking a gate off its hinges - all pre-Christian traditions connected with courtship and marriage.

**Germany:** German folklore advises single

women who wish to marry to ask for St Andrew's help. The night before the 30th, if they sleep naked, they will see their future husbands in their dreams. Young women should also note the location of barking dogs on St Andrew's Eve, as their future husbands will come from that direction.

**Religious Celebrations:** In churches all over Europe, the last day of November is a day to remember the Apostle who gave his life for spreading the

Good News. In Patras (built on the shores of the Ionian Sea and the third-largest city in Greece), the Cathedral of St Andrew close to the sea, is packed with worshippers, who then spill out into the streets for the dramatic and colourful procession where the relics (housed in a silver shrine) and the icon (holy painting) of Saint Andrew are carried, accompanied by chants and prayers.

Further west in the Mediterranean, on the southwest coast of Italy, facing the Gulf of Salerno is the picturesque port of Amalfi. There, the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, sitting at the summit of steep and wide steps, glitters with gold mosaic. Inside are the relics of the saint and his magnificent silver statue which is then carried out around the streets and squares of Amalfi to celebrate the Saint's day.

Today, the magnificent 18<sup>th</sup> century St Andrew's Cathedral in Kiev, with its white and pale blue walls, its green onion domes fringed with gold, stands where many earlier churches were built to commemorate the hilltop where St Andrew is believed to have put up the first Christian cross. Many wooden churches were built there, destroyed by marauding armies or simply pulled down. Here the feast of St Andrew is still celebrated every year.



*A letter from  
your editor...*

## New Year's Resolutions from 1852 by my <sup>maybe</sup> several times great grandfather...



If you work with genealogy, it doesn't take long for you to realize that your ancestors were just like us. They were not perfect. They were human beings, mostly doing the best they could.

In my own papers, my three-great grandfather Cone wrote to one of his cousins, "Why in the world won't you take time to take pen in hand and write to me about your family?" He grumpily writes for several paragraphs about how his Cone relations just won't help him with the genealogy he is trying to create.

I really howled with laughter when I first received my copy of his letter. I had - not thirty minutes before - written a letter pretty much like the one that was written long ago. My letter was grumpy, too.

So in addition to my own Resolutions to "get skinny," "be more mindful of keeping good records," "dust more often," will be the ones I found from a fella back in 1852. I don't know for sure if we are kin. I hope we are as he must have had a vision of the frustrations all of his New Year's Resolutions would cause down through the years. I think that he had a marvellous and wicked sense of humour.

He is surely laughing at me as I try to wade through my own family who did about all he suggested for folks to do.

**Resolution Number One:** No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name in at least three different ways within the same docu-

ment. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year. I will write my own name in as many different ways as I can think of.

**Resolution Number Two:** I resolve to see to it that all my children will be named the same names that my ancestors have used for more than six generations in a row. I will rely heavily on John, James and William for the boys and Mary, Ann and Elizabeth for the girls.

**Resolution Number Three:** My age is nobody's business but my own. I hereby resolve never to list the same age or birth year twice on any document. I resolve to get younger as time passes.

**Resolution Number Four:** I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church - either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.

**Resolution Number Five:** I resolve to move to a new town, new county or new state at least once in every ten years - just before those pesky enumerators from the Census come around asking silly questions.

**Resolution Number Six.** I will make every attempt to reside in counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.

**Resolution Number Seven:** I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in

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# Bios of our Officer Nominees

## David Byrne – Candidate for President

David has been an active member of the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc. for several decades. His mother, Phyllis Byrne, was born in Glasgow, Scotland and is a member of the Clan through her family name of Watt.

David is seeking a second term as President of CBSI. He is also the Region 1 (New England) Commissioner and former Regent for Connecticut. He previously served as Deputy Vice President of the CBSI. He has been a convener at many highland games and festivals including the New Hampshire Highland Games, one of the largest games in North America.

David lives in Prospect, Connecticut with his wife and he has two daughters who both live in the Boston area.

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### A letter from your editor,

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record-keeping or in participating in military service.

**Resolution Number Eight:** When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in ink that fades away in a few weeks.

**Resolution Number Nine:** I resolve that if my beloved wife, Mary, should die, I will marry another lady called "Mary." If she should die, I will continue with "Mary" so long as I live.

**Resolution Number Ten:** I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer?

Now that you've read this, ask yourself if your own ancestors did the same as this? I'll bet that some of them did!

I dreamed of this fellow last night and he was laughing very hard!

## Kevin "Buck" Buchanan - Candidate for First Vice President

I am an Eagle Scout and a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

I have been a Clan Buchanan Society International (CBSI) member since the 1980s; ultimately, in 2005, I began representing the Clan at events.

My CBSI involvement started as a Convener, helping to host our tents at Northern California events.

Eventually, I worked my way up to Regent and then Regional Co-Commissioner with my brother

Michael "Buck" Buchanan, culminating in being elected as your CBSI Vice President in 2017.

I could not have done this without the support of my lovely wife, Danielle, and our daughter Brooke helping me at many events along the way.

In 2019, I was honored to be reelected by the membership as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of CBSI. I have brought to the Executive Council during my tenure, experience gained from being an active member and leader at Clan events for 15 years.

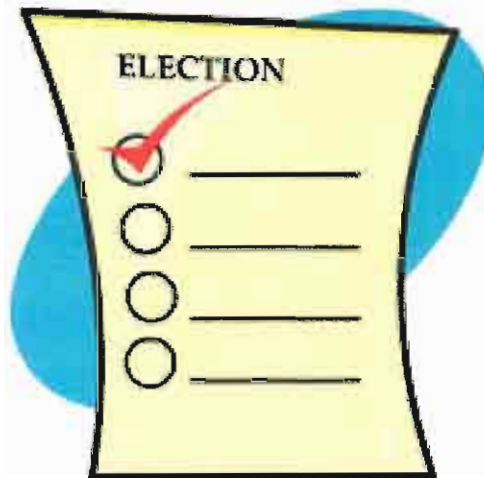
Additionally, I retired from a 32 ½ year law enforcement career in 2017, where I held leadership positions and was the president of a statewide professional association.

There remains work to be done, as I'm on the Inauguration Committee, planning the Inauguration of Clan Chief Michael Buchanan at Cambusmore, Callander, Perthshire, Scotland.

We postponed the Inauguration, the first to be held in 370 years, scheduled for October of 2020 due to the Coronavirus.

We continue to plan for the Inauguration to occur in 2022. Assuming things return to normal, we can contract for event venues, catering, and all other things to do with this historic event.

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# The Lady Buchanan finds real personal treasure in her late parents' attic

## Paula, The Lady Buchanan

I just have spent the last few weekends in London emptying my late parents home with my sister Clare. It's sad but it has been almost a year now since my father passed and so this had to be done. On the unexpected but positive side, we came across a goldmine of photographs and artefacts of the grandparents I had never seen before in the dustiest and cobweb filled part of their attic, which has been inaccessible for 60 or so years.

My father was orphaned at the age of 14 as his father died in WWII and his mother died of a broken heart. He rarely spoke much about his parents or family as he would have been so heartbroken. So it was such a treat to see these photos and medals his father and his father before had been given as his own grandfather had been killed in WWI. I had never seen photos of them either so suddenly to see these together with such beautiful medals and many letters, it was pretty emotional.

What was really lovely was the stories from the letters since the grandparents we had never known had married in Auckland over 80 years ago and I now had the photos to show this. It was really amazing to see how I was connected to New Zealand and Australia and probably had relatives there, too, somewhere. They returned to Edinburgh where my father was raised. It was clear from the letters that my fathers' parents had doted on him and he had not mentioned them as he must have missed them so greatly. We were lucky to have had him as a father as he was such a good man.





I would like your support in reelecting me to a final term as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

**James "Jim" F. Gibson, Deputy Vice President**

I ask for your consideration to represent our club as the Deputy Vice-President. I feel that I am a highly qualified candidate for this role because of my extensive experience in all aspects of the operations of our society. Finally, my professional experience has prepared me with the skill set required to function within various diverse groups while successfully expressing my own viewpoint. I am a seasoned representative with all levels of contacts within both industry and government. This illustrates my abilities and successes that I expect to utilize as our Deputy Vice President. I solicit your vote in the upcoming election.

I acted as Assistant Membership Secretary for my wife, Joyce, from 1996 thru 2003.

I was elected Treasurer in 2005 and served in that capacity until 2017.

I have acted as Second Vice President since 2018.

I have convened the Buchanan Tent at the Southeast Alabama Highland Games in Dothan AL for each of the five years of their existence.

Joyce, I, and both of our daughters have been LIFE Members of CBSI since the mid-1990s.

I am currently the Designated Convener for the State of Georgia for the Scottish District Families Association which includes the SMHG in 2018.

We have researched both lines of my family back as far as their emigration from Scotland in the late 1740s.

**National Recording Secretary - Shelagh A. Colledge**

Hello Cousins,

My name is Shelagh Colledge and I am running again as Clan Buchanan Recording Secretary.

I have fulfilled my job by taking minutes at our monthly Zoom Executive Council meetings.

As part of my role I attended last year's Annual General Meeting in New Hampshire, and if elected I will attend the next AGM in San Antonio.

I've been a member of the clan since 1995 and helped man the tent in California.

In 1999, I was elected to the role of Recording Secretary and served two terms.

Besides being the current Recording Secretary, I am also the Regional Director for UT, AZ, and NM and host the tent at the four Arizona games.

It is my hope that once Covid restrictions ease I'll be able to host a game in NM and UT as well. Please vote for me and I will serve you well.

**John J. Brice, Treasurer for the CBSI**

I have been a member of Clan Buchanan for over 40 years.

My mother was born in Scotland and she immigrated with her family when she was twelve.

I was asked to serve as Clan's Treasurer and have been the Clan's Treasurer for the last two years.

I retired from an Engineering Company in 2017 and was asked to come back to manage the construction of another 60 kV to 12 kV substation for Silicon Valley Power, City of Santa Clara, in 2019.

I am currently working on that project and should be done by July of 2021.



**Your ballot is on page 12 of this publication along with instructions as to how to cast your vote.**

## List of Septs of the Clan Buchanan

Sept; an affiliated or allied family which is part of a larger clan in Scotland. Often these were families that lived on lands owned by a clan chief, swore allegiance to a chief for protection or were relatives of the chief. The word sept is Irish in origin.

Because Buchanan was originally a place name, and only after several centuries was used as a surname, we have many allied or associated family names. Many of these names derive from the forename or even the nickname of one of our chiefs or lairds. For instance the name Gibson derives from the nickname for Gilbert (one of our chiefs) which is Gibb and his son's were called - you got it - Gibsons! Others can derive from an occupation, such as Harper or Rusk (a tanner) in service to a chief. Still other names come from towns, villages or areas within Buchanan territories such as Len(n)y.

If your name is on this list then you are very likely a member of the Clan Buchanan. If you are in doubt feel free to contact us at [info@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:info@theclanbuchanan.com)

A NOTE ON SPELLING: There are many hundreds of variations in the spelling of these names. If yours is not an exact match, don't worry we are familiar with them all.

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Colman	MacCalmont	MacKinlay	Richardson
Cormack	MacCammond	Mackinley	Risk
Cousland	MacCasland	Macmaster	Rush
Dewar	MacChruiter	Macmasters	Rusk
Donleavy	MacColma	MacMaurice	Ruskie
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Gibb	MacCommon	MacMurphy	Spittel
Gibbon	MacCormac	MacNuir	Spittle
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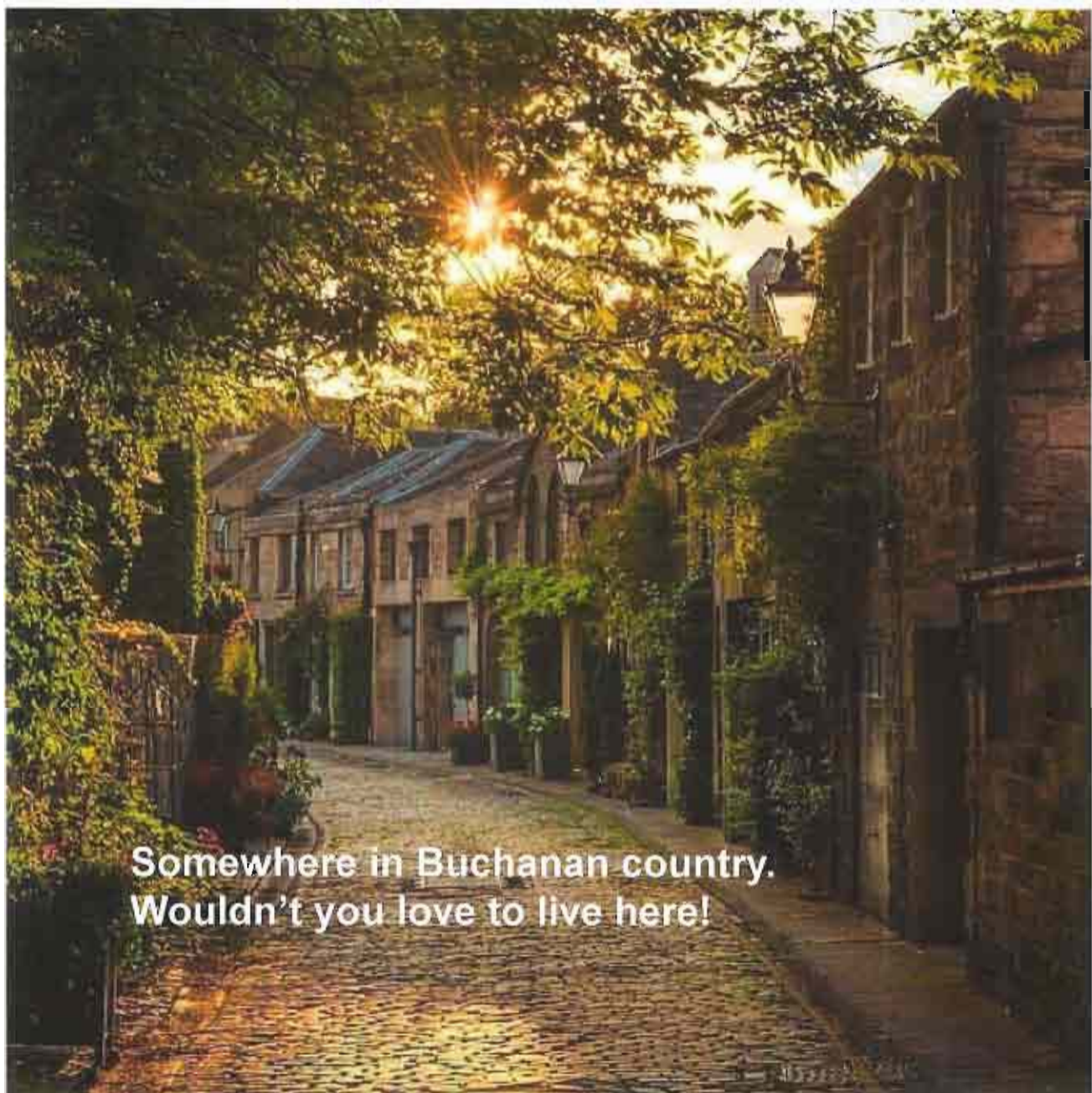
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