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## BUCHANAN CHIEF TO BE INAUGURATED 8 OCTOBER

The Buchanan Inauguration Committee is very pleased to announce that after 18 months of uncertainty and changed plans, that we have now set a definite date for the event.

John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan of that ilk will be inaugurated as Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan during a historic four-day event to take place from 7 October 2022 to 10 October 2022.

The weekend-long celebration will be centered at Cambusmore the Seat of the Clan in Callander, Stirlingshire, Scotland, and the surrounding traditional lands of the Clan.

During the four days, we will celebrate the recognition by the Lyon Court of the first Chief of our Clan in over 300 years. The format of the inauguration will follow the historic protocols of the Celtic ceremony which will maintain the traditions of former Buchanan chiefs

A website has been established with a schedule of planned events.

Reservations will also be handled on the website but are not yet fully operational. Watch this publication for notification of when the website will be live.

For more information on the history of the chiefs of the Clan Buchanan go to <https://www.theclanbuchanan.com/chiefs>

If you are interested in attending the event please send an email to [thebuchananevent@gmail.com](mailto:thebuchananevent@gmail.com)

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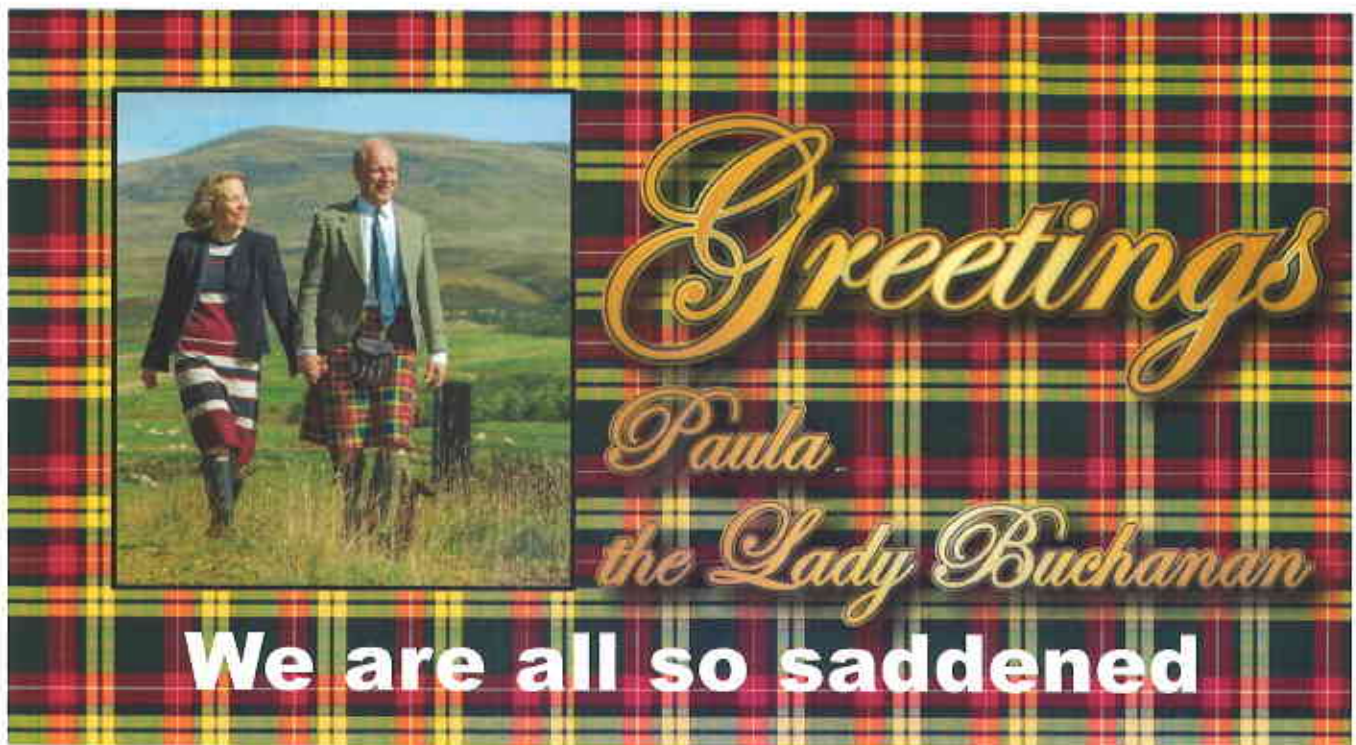
### The passing of Patty Hopkinson, Clan Buchanan Genealogist Emeritus

The Executive Council has learned of the passing recently of Patty Hopkinson who was Genealogist Emeritus to the Clan Buchanan. Patty had served as genealogist for many decades and was an important

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**Audaceo Juvo - Justice Favors the Bold**

*An Ancient Chiefly Buchanan Motto*



Our amazing friend, Patty Hopkinson, has played such an important role in all of our family's lives.

Her genealogical research into the Buchanan chiefly family brought her all the way to Callandar from America, gosh, possibly a decade or so before my husband, Mike, was made a chief.

We were completely inspired by her spirit and determination in finding us out in our small Highland town of Callander, solely in pursuit of achieving her personal goal to find the next Buchanan chief.

Since the last chief died in 1682, this was not a walk in the park and a task most thought impossible.

Her strong belief that Mike had a powerful claim to the next Buchanan chief really inspired us as it showed us how much other people's clan ties meant to them.

In this way, Patty's visit, with her sister and family prompted us to spend the following decade or so pursuing this goal, a journey in which Patty also played a major role.

We knew she would be there supporting us through the long legal validation process held by Lord Lyon at the Lyon Court in Edinburgh and as ever her passion, hope and support were freely given throughout.

She was truly one of a kind and a true inspiration not just to us, but I would imagine everyone she helped to connect to their Scottish roots with her extensive genealogical works and knowledge.

We very much mourn her passing and will always personally remember her shining light.

She was a true Buchanan in living up to the Buchanan Clan Motto of "Clarior 'Hinc Honos," meaning "Brighter Hence the Honour."

Her light shone so brightly, it not only lit up our lives in Callendar, it brightened the lives of the entire worldwide Buchanan family Clan.

My husband and I will be forever grateful to have been honored to meet Patty and be a part of her life story.

*Paula Buchanan*



# from the PRESIDENT

David Byrne, President, CBSI

## What's in a name?

My seven brothers and sisters and I learned from my mother at a very early age that we were part of the Clan Buchanan. She was a Watt born in Scotland and, while curious, we never doubted the connection. So, whenever we attended a Highland game or Scottish Festival we all wore our Buchanan tartan and became part of the clan.

The expansion of the internet has allowed more people to explore their family history and genealogy and the Society has received more and more inquiries about why a particular name is part of the clan. Our website now has a wealth of information about the sept groups and associated family names. ([www.theclanbuchanan.com/about](http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/about)) The Clan Buchanan has a larger number of names on its list than most clans. This may be a result of work done by a handful of historians centuries ago. William Buchanan of Auchmaris was probably responsible for most of them circa 1820. Without a clan chief to question the creation of the list, there was little to slow the process.

Verifying the connection of many of the larger sept groups was undertaken by members of the Clan Buchanan Society International when it was first formed fifty years ago. This work has been continued and updated by several current members with the assent of our Chief, Michael Buchanan. As mentioned earlier, much of this work is now on the website.

But many family names on the current list remain 'orphans' so to speak, unconnected to a larger sept. The Society will continue to investigate and work to connect these names to the clan, and they remain associated. If your name is one of those not contained in a



larger sept we would welcome any early history you possess; especially in Scotland prior to 1800. Feel free to send your information to Malcolm Buchanan by email at [<oceania@theclanbuchanan.com>](mailto:oceania@theclanbuchanan.com)

We have several important events scheduled for 2022. The first will be the Annual Gathering of the Clan in Wisconsin the first weekend in September. The second is the Inauguration of our Chief, long-delayed by the pandemic, which will take place at the Clan seat in Callander, Stirlingshire, Scotland. I hope you will make a point of attending either or both. It is time to bring the Clan – with all our amazing family connections – together again. More information on both is contained in this edition.





I'm a multi-year volunteer at the annual Celtic Classic in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, always the last full weekend of September.

This year I was fortunate to have my friend, Chuck, fly in from Dallas to join me.

We were pleasantly surprised to find some fellow clan members in attendance, joining them in the opening parade, and stood with two GIANTS (I'm 5'10") that were competing in the US National Highland Games Championship. A signature event of the festival.

Look for me there next year, along with 700 other volunteers. Slainte' Mhah!

(richardsonma2@verizon.net)

## Celtic Classic

### HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL

Michael Richardson



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## Are you interested in researching your ancestry?

Let a Boston University trained genealogy researcher help you find out who you are.

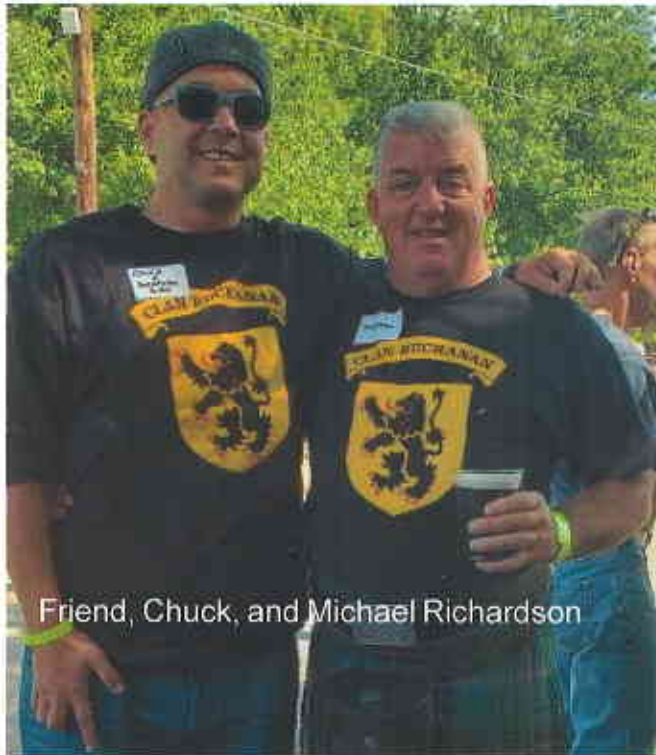
Reasonable fees,  
reasonably exhaustive search.

Preliminary research or follow up work,  
with research plan and documentation.

Contact

<genealogyresearcher@comcast.net>





Friend, Chuck, and Michael Richardson



Patrick Buchanan writes that the Clan Buchanan Society International is registered for the Central Florida Highland Games, January 15, 16, 2022!

This is the first time CBSI has attended this event since Covid -19 hit us. If you would like ticket and other games information, please visit [<https://flascot.com>](https://flascot.com)

*To the family of Patty Hopkinson*

What a meaningful and joyous life Patty lived. She will always be missed. Our sympathy is with you all.

*The members of the Clan Buchanan Society International*



**Patty Hopkinson**, continued from page 1

part of the application for recognition of our new Chief Michael Buchanan.

Patty accumulated a priceless collection of records and family trees which are now part of the Clan's genealogy website. She was recognized with the Levon Watson Lifetime of Service Award by the Clan Buchanan Society International in 2021.

The Council sends its condolences to Patty's family and friends as we mourn the loss of legend within our Clan.



# Buchanan Flower of the Forest

Patty Hopkins

Patricia (Patty) L Hopkins, Clan Buchanan genealogist, passed away on November 12, 2021, at home in Sunnyvale, California at the age of 59. Patty discovered her passion for genealogy as a teenager. Her brother Jim tells a story of how she once found a license plate that had their last name on it but did not belong to the family; Patty was so intrigued she left a note on the windshield asking for the owner's family tree. A few weeks later, Patty received a letter with a family tree going back three generations. Patty traced the lineage back even further and eventually discovered a distant common ancestor.

Patty's favorite travel destination was Scotland, where in addition to visiting tourist destinations, she explored cemeteries and old churches in search of records that would further her research. It was during one of these many trips that she discovered the Buchanan Society. Patty and her brother later visited a young couple by the name of Michael and Paula. Patty was convinced they had a strong claim to the Chiefship and was thrilled many years later to hear they are now Lord and Lady Buchanan.

The youngest of five children, Patty was



born and raised in Baldwin Park, California to Horace and Dorothy Hopkinson. Before her death, Patty worked as a paralegal for sixteen years specializing in trust and estate planning. She is survived by her sister, two brothers, three nephews, one niece, two grandnieces, and beloved cat Casey



# Laurel & Hardy in Buchanan kilts? YES!

With thanks to Buck Buchanan

Anyone with the most basic knowledge of Stan Laurel's early years will know that he was born in England but then, in his mid- to late-teens, spent time in and around Glasgow, Scotland. These were Stan's formative years; not only in that he matured from a callow youth to a mature adult, but also in the learning of his stagecraft. At his father's theatre, the *Metropole*, he witnessed the stage productions of others; acted on stage himself; and had one of his own first comedy scripts made into a stage sketch, namely: "*The Fire Fighters of Frizzlington*."

At a nearby theatre, the *Britannia*, he made his



first entry into the world of stand-up comedy, which, although he didn't pursue a career as a patter comedian, was the point at which the stage bug bit. And then, over at the *Grand Theatre*, was where Fred Karno himself took him on as one of Fred Karno's Comedians - a real life-changing step.

Consequently, Stan held a great fondness for Glasgow, and for the Scots themselves, for the opportunities and encouragement he was given to develop his comedy skills. He never forgot the debt he felt he owed them and was determined, one day, he would demonstrate his gratitude. However, his first appearance in Scottish garb, in a Laurel and Hardy



did not exactly convey the respect he held for the national costume. "*Putting Pants On Philip*" was based on the comedy premise that maximum embarrassment can be caused to both wearer and on-looker by the kilt blowing upwards, or the underwear falling downwards.

Some years later, in the film "*Bonnie Scotland*," Stan had the opportunity to repeat these gags, plus add others, but ignored the easy target and maintained complete reverence to the tartan throughout the film. If one doesn't wish to treat this as a tribute by Stan, then one can't help but accept Stan's next appearance in kilt and full regalia as anything but a tribute.

One of the working titles for the film "*Bonnie Scotland*" had been "*Kilts*," but it was in the "*real*" Scotland that Stan chose next to use the kilt to demonstrate his affection for the Scots. In 1947, Laurel and Hardy's film career was all but over and so, finding himself in Glasgow on a stage tour of British theatres, Stan decided that he and Hardy would appear on stage - IN KILTS.

There was a newspaper cutting from the *Evening Citizen*, 30 May 1947, revealing Laurel & Hardy's intent to wear kilts on stage at the *Glasgow*

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## Laurel & Hardy in Buchanan kilts? Continued from page 7

*Empire*. There was also a newspaper cutting from the *Evening Citizen*, 20 June 1947, explaining the difficulty they had had in obtaining the kilts. It must be added that restrictions on clothing, caused by post-war rationing, further complicated the procurement of the kilts.

He must have planned this in advance, as he had brought over with him the two sporrans he had worn in the film "*Bonnie Scotland*" - which necessitates, here, a further explanation: In "*Bonnie Scotland*" Laurel wore TWO different costumes: one as a member of the Highland Regiment, and one as his own ancestor, 'Angus McLaurel' - the latter seen only in picture form. The kilt Stan wore as Angus was one given to him by Harry Lauder; of which there are earlier photos of Lauder wearing it. This was the kilt Laurel brought over to Britain along with the two sporrans they had worn in the film *Bonnie Scotland*.

However, when it came to kitting out Hardy in a kilt, all efforts to find him one off-the-peg failed. This necessitated them having one made-to-measure for Hardy, during the process of which it was decided that Stan would have a matching one made. Several days, and several clothing coupons later, Laurel and Hardy's kilts were ready to be displayed to the theatre audiences. The Boys' stay in Glasgow was for two weeks, which turned out to be quite fortuitous, as the kilts had taken over a week to make. Consequently it was Tuesday of the second week before Stan and Ollie paraded them on stage. From at least one local newspaper report, it would appear that the gesture was very much appreciated, and applauded, by the patriots.

The kilts and sporrans in the colour photographs, above, are not just ANY kilts and sporrans, but are the actual kilts and sporrans worn by Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy.



So what happened to the kilts after that? Well they were put in storage, and brought out only for a New Year's Eve party, for which the Boys wore the "Glasgow" kilts, and Lucille wore the Lauder/McLaurel kilt. After that they were put back in a travelling trunk and never used or viewed again - not by Stan or Babe anyway.

On their British tours, Laurel and Hardy travelled with FORTY pieces of luggage. When they effected their enforced return to the U.S., in May 1954, a lot of the luggage containing stage wear and props was left with Stan's sister, Olga. The luggage went with Olga when she moved from the *Red Lion*, in Barkston, to the *Bull Inn* at Bottesford, but when, finally, she quit the pub trade to retire, she had no desire to take all the baggage with her.

At this stage enter Olga's friend, Ethel. One day Ethel saw Olga sorting through the trunks, with the intent of disposing of the contents, as by this time the possibility of Laurel and Hardy returning to England had vanished.

Ethel said to Olga: "Do you mind if I take some of these costumes for our local amateur dramatic society?"

I would advise anyone of a nervous disposition not to read Olga's reply. Look away now.

OLGA: "Not at all. I wish you'd told me sooner - I've been taking them out the back and BURNING them."

Thankfully, Ethel saved and kept some of the items, among which were the kilts in our story. Sadly, Ethel has since passed on but, thanks to her, those kilts are now in very good hands. One day soon it is hoped they will be used to dress some life-size mannequins of Laurel and Hardy, and be placed on display as a tribute to Stan's Scottish influences.



# Executive Council

After a long and detailed discussion regarding the issue of the Drummakill family line and its place in Buchanan history, the Council has reaffirmed our position regarding the matter:

The Buchanan of Drummakill line has a long and distinguished history with the Clan Buchanan and at one time was considered a cadet branch of the chiefly line. However, during the application and affirmation process of John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan as Chief of the Name and Arms of Buchanan, the only known historical document that confirmed the link of the Drummakill line to the chiefly line was determined to be invalid. It was the decision of the Court of Lord Lyon, therefore, that the Drummakill claim was invalidated.

The CBSI has long affirmed that the pronouncements of the Court of Lord Lyon govern all questions of this sort. The CBSI continues to abide by those decisions. We acknowledge that there is YDNA evidence that supports the Drummakill position that the line was indeed connected to the chiefly line, but DNA evidence does not provide the circumstances of that connection and specifically does not confirm the legality of the connection which only documentation can provide. Furthermore, the Court of Lord Lyon does not consider DNA evidence in its decision-making.

The CBSI continues to recognize and acknowledge the long history of the Buchanans of Drummakill and their place within the Clan.

I have attached the reports by Helen Cressy BA DipCon ACR and Dr. Athol Murray which were provided to the Court of Lord Lyon regarding the document in question.

Regards,  
David

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*(The reports are a total of nine pages long. If you would like a copy emailed to you, just let <bethscribble@aol.com> know and the list will arrive shortly in your own email inbox.)*



James F. Gibson

After such a long time between Stone Mountain Scottish Highland Games, it was good to be back.

The crowds were big and our Buchanans were excited to be there.

Please join us next year!



Jody Harper also wrote, "We had a great time at Stone Mountain this year and had tons of folks who were ready, literally, for the "games to begin".

To be with our Buchanan and Scots family again was such a pleasure.

# 2022 Buchanan AGM to be Hosted at the Wisconsin Highland Games September 2-4th, 2022

## Erin Buchanan-Darnick

Clan Buchanan Society International  
Region 6 Great Lakes  
Regional Director & Wisconsin Regent

The CBSI Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the Wisconsin Highland Games in Waukesha, Wisconsin over Labor Day weekend 2022.

The Games begin Friday night with opening ceremonies to begin at 6:00 where Clan Buchanan will be recognized as the Honored Clan.

It's a great tradition of the Wisconsin Highland Games – every Friday night, the clans gather for a display of pageantry outside as the sun begins to go down. Before the Games are declared open, the pipers play, the color guard presents the flag, and anthems are sung.

There are great speeches that Scots are known for, and the dedication of our Chieftain of the Games, Honored Clan, and Honored Celt.

And then the clans are called; a fire is lit, and clansmen light their torches and form a procession to the ceremonies, where the Chieftain of the Games calls the clans!

One by one each clan's representative steps forth and cries out their clan's motto, and perhaps news of their clan, or a tribute to those who've passed, or just a cheer, and heaves his or her torch into the fire!

A Ceilidh (party) will follow inside the Expo Center with live music, fish fry, and other food, and drinks (cash bar). All events begin on Saturday at 9 AM and run throughout the day until 6 pm, with live entertainment and the pub tent open until 10 PM.

The games reopen on Sunday at 9 AM and run until 5 PM, with the pub and entertainment continuing until 9 PM. The clan parade takes place on both Satur-



day and Sunday at 12:00, so come out with your colors and represent the clan.

The AGM Dinner will be hosted Saturday evening, with the location to yet be determined.

In addition, hotel and RV site information will be provided as we get closer to the games.

Come out and join the clan Friday evening for opening ceremonies and throughout the games to enjoy a weekend of festivities, activities, celebration, and culture.

Whether it is the Queen's Court, the Celtic Weaponry demonstrations, heavy athletic events, or enjoying the Stock Yard Kilty Pipe and Drum Band, there is something for everyone to enjoy at the Wisconsin Highland Games!

### Wisconsin Highland Games

September 2-4, 2022

Friday 5-10 PM (opening ceremonies & ceilidh only)

- Saturday 9-10 PM (events end at 6)
- Sunday 9-9 PM (events end at 5)
- AGM Dinner: Saturday night, location TBD



## Buchanan Chief's Inauguration, continued from page 1

Note: If the last few years have shown us anything, it is that we all live in uncertain times. However, barring any significant issues, we will do our very best to keep to this date.

Whilst the clan societies regularly host large and impressive events, the Buchanan Clan are now hosting a significant historic event recognizing The Buchanan as the Clan Chief. 'Buchanans' or any of the Clan sept names recognized by the Clan are invited to attend. (Link to Sept names. <<https://www.theclanbuchanan.com/about>>)

The Inauguration is a significant historic event that, after more than 300 years, Lord Lyon has identified J. Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan as the new Hereditary Clan Chief following on from the last Buchanan Clan Chief who died in 1682.

Due to the symbolic importance of the inauguration activities, the format will follow the historic protocols of the Celtic ceremony which will maintain the traditions of former Buchanan chiefs.

Events for the inauguration will commence on the 7th of October and continue to the 10th of October 2022.

Please note: The event activities are ticketed events and will require pre-registration and payment in advance. Ticket sales will be available through [www.trybooking.com.au](http://www.trybooking.com.au) when the costs are finalized.

**7th October**, Buchanan Castle Estates in Drymen will host a 'Buchanan Clan' social golf tournament at Buchanan Castle Golf Course in the morning. Lunch in the Buchanan Castle Golf Course clubhouse will be available for those who have booked in for the event.

**8th October**, The Clan Chief Inauguration ceremony will be conducted in the walled garden nestled in the shadows of Cambusmore Manor on the Cambusmore Estate.

There will be a procession leading the official party from the manor house to the walled garden followed by the ceremony. A light lunch will be provided followed by

talks and tours of the estate.

Later in the evening, you are invited to a traditional ceilidh at Cambusmore, where a local band and Buchanan Family callers will help you reel the night away.

This is a time to flick up your kilt, kick up your heels and enjoy the Scottish traditions of ceilidh dancing. The function will be a "bring your own" drink evening with a light supper provided as the evening draws on.

**9th October**, There will be a solemn spiritual service with a procession from Cambusmore Chapel to the walled garden for the first Buchanan Clan Parliament for

more than 300 years. This will be followed by a light lunch, talks, guided house tours, and possibly some tours of historical sites around Cambusmore estate itself.

In the evening we conclude the formal proceedings of the weekend with a dinner in the walled garden of Cambusmore. The dinner provides another opportunity to get to know other Clan members and to celebrate the inauguration. There will be presentations made by The Buchanan to members of the Buchanan Clan and some light entertainment.

**10th October** will be a day for people to have either guided tours or self-guided tours of Buchanan Clan lands which are less known but historically related to The Buchanan and his ancestors.

It will also be an opportunity to have lunch or afternoon tea at the Buchanan Castle Golf Course clubhouse and to see the ruins of the Auld House, the former home of the Buchanan Chiefs. There may be information provided during the weekend for those who wish to visit Balmaha, which has the closest vantage point to Clair Innes the Buchanan Clan's Historic Island.

Booking for these events will be available soon at <<https://www.trybooking.com>>



## Historical variations of Buchanan names available

I was requested by the Council to provide a document prepared during the 1980s which attempted to list the many historical variations of the names associated with the Clan Buchanan.

I have attached the document but caution you all to know that it is not considered a definitive list and it should NOT be used as a list of the associated family names of the Clan.

Regards,

David

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## Bullet-zer Prizes

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed information, articles and photos to this issue of *The Buchanan Banner*.

*They include Paula, The Lady Buchanan, David Byrne, Michael Richardson, Chris Conlon, Patrick Buchanan, Buck Buchanan, James F. Gibson, Goatherd, Erin Buchanan-Damick, Jim Ling, The Buchanan Scholarship Committee, Bill & Gina McQuatters, Lori Gibson, Danny McMurphy,*

If you contributed to this publication and your name got eaten by the cat, Harry, please let your editor know.



## Lookie what Jim Ling found in LL Bean!

Blue Buchanan



Dress Buchanan



*These are in a recent L.L. Bean catalog. Your editor has written the Chief to find out if they are really a Buchanan tartan. In the meantime, the catalog says they are, so, if you are interested, you should be able to find them easily. They were espied by our eagle-eyed member, Jim Ling. <lingkal2@outlook.com>*



# Debutantes at the 2021 Queen-Charlottes Ball



*These lovely young women shown above include Lucy, the daughter of Lady Buchanan and Mike Buchanan, The Buchanan of that Ilk.*

Debutantes attending this weekend's event continued the over 200-year tradition and celebrated their year of charity fund raising - this year for the Honeypot Children's

Charity - etiquette classes and debut at the ball, wearing white dresses from the bridal boutique Mignonette.

Below, Lucy and her family!





## Buchanan Scholarship Committee Report, Scholarship details

- Maximum amount allocated in this initial scholarship round is US \$1,000\* however, this may be allocated across several small applications or one single application based on the merit of the proposed activities or projects.

- Closing date for the first scholarship round – February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022.

- Submission of applications: Applicants to fill out the scholarship application online and submit electronically through the CBSI website or links to that

online application. Once submitted online, we would like the application automatically sent to each committee member for review. As this is an international opportunity using one central application site this may require a currency conversion tool on the application form for the applicant to enter their expenditure in their own currency and convert to US \$ prior to submitting their application.

- Assessment of applications: scholarship committee considers each application, as it is received then, makes the final deci-

sion on successful application/s and advises applicants as soon as possible after closing date of the current round.

- Timing of the rounds: Round 1 Applications open January 1 – February 28, 2022; No applications in March – use this month for administration (liaising with successful applicants, advertising next round, etc.) Round 2 Applications open April 1 – May 31, 2022;

same process as Round 1, perhaps some tweaks if required.

- Distribution of scholarship monies: Whenever possible, the scholarship monies will be electronically distributed directly to the financial institution (bank) of the payee.

- Project summary: When an applicant's project/activity is complete the committee may require an expenditure report. This may be as simple as a PDF form on the scholarship portion of the CBSI website that can be downloaded. The completed form can be filled out online (a statement that money has been spent as agreed) and signed (pen and paper or electronically?) and sent back digitally

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## Great new resource

### *PressReader* - Wikipedia

*PressReader* is a digital newspaper distribution and technology company with headquarters in Vancouver, Canada and offices in Dublin, Ireland and Manila, Philippines. *PressReader* distributes digital versions of over 7,000 newspapers and magazines in more than 60 languages through its applications for iOS, Android, Windows, Mac and various e-readers as well as its website, and operates digital ... en.wikipedia.org

I have just been shown this 'new app' at my local public library -- it is FREE through my library system -- but can also be downloaded as an 'app' for a fee -- [albiet] I am using it for free today at the library.

*Thanks to Lori Gibson.*



## Buchanan Auld House

Historic seat of the Clan Buchanan, the house was the property of the Chiefs of Clan Buchanan who controlled the surrounding lands from at least 1231 until 1682.

The property burned down in 1852.

The ruins of Buchanan Auld House exist today as part of a courtyard attached to the clubhouse of the Buchanan Castle Golf Club, which occupies the surrounding lands.

## *The Buchanan Banner* is on Electric Scotland!

Thanks to our friend, Alastair McIntyre.

**<<https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/buchanan>>**

Visit at any time, as much as you wish. There is no charge in any direction.

# Christmas & New Year's holiday Season and Genealogical Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

The Christmas and New Year's holiday season is a time when many families get together for a few days or correspond with each other in the form of Christmas/Genealogy Newsletter Articles.

Nostalgia combined with the holiday season often presents opportunities for motivating elderly family members to talk about the past. Many genealogists use this time period to encourage parents and grandparents to write down information pertaining to family holiday traditions. Later, they will discreetly expand this nostalgia to include filling out family group sheets and pedigree charts about the family. This opportunity may provide a perfect way to fill in some of the blanks in your family history database.

Take time to ask family members some of those questions you have been putting off. Bring or mail photocopies of pictures to the family get-together for relatives to identify. Photocopies of originals work well for this purpose, as relatives can make notes on the copies. Try to interest a parent or grandparent in completing one of the "Grandparent Memory" books. Suggest that you would be willing to sit down with them and record the information, take any pictures, make any photocopies, or assist with any activities or expenses necessary to facilitate the project.

Holidays are the occasions for bringing out special decorations and family keepsakes. Treasured ornaments, special family china and holiday serving pieces, handmade linens, and other items provide opportunities to share family history information. A handmade ornament may be a

family heirloom, and telling the story of its origin reinforces and perpetuates its history from one generation to another.

Photograph albums have proven track records for getting conversations started. Consider placing a single photograph or family album in a prominent place for people to peruse. You will be surprised at the memories and conversations photographs can evoke. Meals are excellent times for telling stories. You pretty much have a captive audience. If you are staying with relatives, the quiet time at the end of the day, just before bedtime, can be great for reminiscing. This is often a time of reflection when family members may talk about all the nice things that happened that day and recall past holidays and family members who are gone. These times strengthen our family relationships and reinforce the memories we share.

Learning about holiday practices and traditions also plays a role in the study and enjoyment of family history. This opportunity often motivates even those family members with no real interest in genealogy or historical appreciation. This helps people from multiple generations connect with those family members who are long gone. Research has shown that many genealogy mailing lists have their highest volume of traffic, especially relating to holiday traditions, this time of year.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference/Genealogy Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library, <bmulcahy@leegov.com>

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# Autumn in Texas

Bill and Gina McQuatters

It's been a rather busy autumn here in Texas. We started off in September with the Sherman Celtic festival held the weekend of September 25th & 26th.

This event is usually held in the spring, however, due to Covid it was canceled last year and delayed this year from Spring to Autumn.

The organizers did not want to let two years pass before the next gathering, so they found a great location at Pecan Grove Park.

As usual in Texas, it was hot, with temperatures in the mid-90s and very little breeze. Additionally, crowds were light possibly due to several high-profile events occurring in North Texas the same weekend.

Many towns were celebrating Oktoberfest and it was the opening weekend for our Great State Fair.

However, those that came out were treated to awesome music, food, and a chance to visit their Scottish Clans. By 2022 this event will move back to its normal springtime.

Next up, we convened the Clan Buchanan tent in Kerrville at the Kerr County Celtic Festival.

This was a one-day event held on October 9th in the town of Ingram on the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River.

This event is unique in that the fairgrounds are home to a scaled-down version of Stonehenge.

Temperatures were better but still warm and the crowds were moderate.

Most folks we visited with were happy things are opening back up and some sense of normalcy is returning.

We look forward to spring when several events held in the Texas Hill Country return in 2022.

Lastly, we convened the Clan Buchanan tent in Salado at the Salado Celtic Festival and Highland Games.

Always one of our favorite events of the year, this year we moved to a new location.

Johnny's Steakhouse, one of the main restaurants in the area, is not only a great restaurant and cantina, but it also has a large outdoor event area behind the main building.

This event was held in and around the outdoor event center the weekend of November 13th & 14th.

Salado is a popular destination and the Salado Games always attract a decent crowd. We had a busy weekend visiting with Clan folk and enjoying the great small-town atmosphere of Salado.

Special thanks to Gaylyn and Todd McGlauchlin for hanging with us Sunday afternoon and helping us break everything down.

We look forward to seeing y'all at the next event.

Salado holds a special place for Gina and me as this is



where we started convening the Clan Buchanan tent and where this journey began.

Ten years ago I was assisting our then Regent Don Watt in planning for a trip to Salado. I had met Don a few years earlier and being in poor health he was not able to manage easily. I offered to help and Don asked if I would help him go to Salado as he had not been there in several years and really wanted to go back.

We worked on the plans for several months through the summer but unfortunately, Don's health failed and he suddenly passed before the event.

Don's wife, Sarah Lynn, called with the news and asked me to come to gather all his Buchanan items and move forward.

Not having any idea what to do as we had just lost our leader I tried reaching out to other Clan leaders.

Fortunately, we met David Byrne in New Hampshire. At the time David was a Vice President in the Clan.

He provided invaluable instruction and especially friendship to this "dumb southerner" and taught us what to do. I personally think it was because my wife is from New England that he took the time to teach us what to do.

Anyway, it's been 10 years of convening tents, working with this awesome Clan, and learning all we can about my side of the family.



## The Wallabies of Loch Lomond

### Goat Herd

<goatherd@email.com>

Many Buchanans make a trip out to Loch Lomond and the uninhabited clan island, Clairinch of our Clan Cry fame.

Clairinch is easily recognized by it's "goldfish" shape on any map.

But what those same visitors were probably not aware of was their proximity to a wild colony of Wallabies!

The neighboring island, Inchconnachan, has recently gone for sale (£500,000 for the 103 acre island and a delapidated colonial-era timberframe house).

For more information: <<https://external-content.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=https%3A%2F%2Ftse1.mm.bf.net%2Fth>>

The colony of Australian marsupials were transported to the island, or so legend has it, when either a



local animal zoo failed, or from the marital estate of Hemel Hempstead of Hertfordshire back in the 1920s.

The island has been owned by the Colquhoun (Clan Colquhoun) family since the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

On my visit, I for one would have taken the extra ride from Clairinch down the lake a bit to have seen a wild colony of wallabies right in the heart of Scotland for the last 100 years. Pretty cool tidbit.



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# The Inaugural Inauguration

Paula The Lady Buchanan

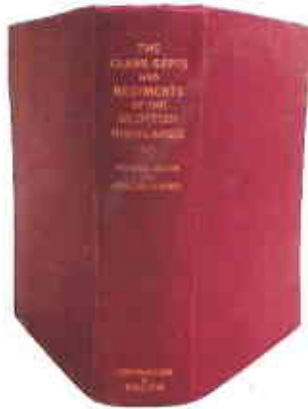
*The first of three articles leading up the Inauguration  
of J. Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan: "The Buchanan",*

1. **Why?** (reasons behind the ceremony and the history),
2. **How ?** (the processes and tools) and
3. **What?** (roles of those in the Court).

The idea to have an inauguration celebration arose over the previous two decades, spent researching into my husband's Chiefship claim. During this time, I came across a special book by the historian Frank Adams (amended by a former Lord Lyon, Sir Thomas Innes of Learney) called the *Clans, Septs, and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands*. Not only was it a major source of information about Scottish Clans, but it also had detailed descriptions of an ancient Scottish ceremony; The Inauguration of a new Clan Chief. It came as a big surprise as, despite living in Scotland, I had never even heard of this event in Scottish Clan life. Indeed, it was deemed so important to a Clan, that if its lands were particularly extensive, the ceremony would be repeated in several areas. Enabling all those without transport to have a chance to see and meet their new chief!

## The role of Chief

Early Scottish Chiefs had many responsibilities as they themselves ruled as district kings. As such, they needed a support network to protect the lands their clan lived on, for the benefit and safety of their clan's folk from attack by outsiders. This took the form of a Clan court, made up of those with the skills sets needed to support the wider clan. This early Chief's court included a wide range of people such as military advisers, swordsmen, musicians, artists, bards, poets, senior advisers, heralds, healers, genealogists, elders, and the chieftains of the different clan branches and Septs. In addition to their roles, supporting all aspects of everyday life, those



in the Clan court also played a key role in the organizing of and in enabling the actual Inauguration event.

This key Inauguration event was designed to facilitate the safe passing of leadership from one generation to the next. It was in everyone's interests to do this swiftly and efficiently since the clan always needed a legitimate and strong chief to protect them from hostile outsiders. They needed a new leader from the get-go who would put the clan's safety, its traditions, and its way of life first. As such in these ancient and often violent times, the Inauguration ceremony was possibly the most important event for ensuring the safe future of the entire clan.

## Succession symbolism

This Clan Chief Inauguration ceremony itself appears to have developed over many millennia. It was based on Clan symbolism, relating to family connections, family, family traditions such as special stones where the clan traditionally gathered) and included key items used for defense. These core symbolic elements acted as a visible way to show the heir's new approved status to both the wider clan and, importantly, its potential enemies. It also introduced the new Chief to their future responsibilities.

Whilst the symbolism was similar for all clans, different clans evolved their own unique stories, many of which have been preserved in their heraldic arms; heraldry being an early tribal way of documenting family clan connections as well as a way of remembering key events in the life of the clan and its members.

This Clan Chief Inauguration ceremony was seemingly copied thousands of years later by the first 'Scottish' Kings. Kenneth MacAlpine, considered by many

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to be the first king, was himself a Clan Chief. This seems to explain the Coronation ceremony of Scottish kings, and the English Monarchy are very similar to Clan Chief's Inauguration ceremony.

Since all these ceremonies used the same items of inherited symbolic regalia, including a rod/scepter, a carved chair, a family seal, special headwear, and traditional weapons; superficially a Coronation is just a more elaborate and ornate form of Inauguration.

However, these two events differ fundamentally. While coronations are all about providing leadership for many different family groups, Clan Chief Inaugurations are focused on the importance, well-being, and survival of their particular family clan/tribe.

### **Successor**

In ancient times, an Inauguration was triggered following the death of a previous Clan Chief. The first thing the genealogist and elders of the Clan Court then needed to do was to quickly identify the next legitimate heir from the clan. In recent times, the Court of Lord Lyon has effectively taken over this role.

In our case, this took place in the Lord Lyon court in 2018. The late Hugh Peskett, our phenomenal genealogist, needed almost two decades to find the extensive legal evidence required to bridge almost three and a half centuries since the passing of the last Buchanan Clan Chief. Hugh often told us he was driven to do this after one of his Buchanan grandmothers told him he needed to find the next Buchanan chief when he was young. He instinctively acted as a clan elder like many before him.

Going back to the historical accounts, once an heir had been recognized, the Clan gathered for the Inauguration itself, where the new Chief was introduced by the court to the whole clan. This, like all good Celtic traditions, was followed by many days of celebrating and feasting.

The Inauguration ceremony appeared to be conducted by the former Chief's court.

### **The loss of traditions**

Unfortunately, over the past millennia, it is no secret that our common Celtic tribal clan culture has been systemically attacked. Due to its powerful symbolism, most clan regalia was destroyed or stolen by those wanting a potent way to increase their own powers.

Famous examples of this include the destruction of the stone Coronation chair of the Celtic Irish O'Neill Clan in the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century, by Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>'s English army. Another was the theft of the Scottish Stone of Destiny by King Edward (Longshanks) of England in the 13<sup>th</sup> century (read more at [theclanbuchanan/stone](http://theclanbuchanan/stone)). This continual targeting and destruction of tribal clan regalia, culminated in the Jacobite uprisings. The failure of the 1745 uprising triggered a raft of new prohibitive laws designed to systemically destroy and suppress not only individuals who had taken part in the events but all aspects of clan culture under pain of death. This dealt a massive

blow for clan culture and customs.

Our family was personally affected by this, as Francis Buchanan of Arnprior and Leny, my husband's ancestor, was a leading Jacobite. As the treasurer and armourer of Bonnie Prince Charlie's army he was considered a key conspirator: he was detained and executed, being hung, drawn and quartered in England.

Following this, Francis's lands were confiscated or sold. Our Buchanan family chest, was confiscated by the English courts, put in their treasury, and then lost. This was a blow since it contained much of our personal family history – where we fitted in the clan structure, in the form of legal written charters. It also contained an ancient 10<sup>th</sup> century silver family sword, previously described as "The Small Sword of Scotland", which represented the ancient ownership of our family clan lands, before even charters were used.

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### **Down but not out**

Despite all this, the time has shown that while the general Clan System was knocked down, it is far from being out. It could be that our natural tribal origins have given us great resilience in helping clans to survive even these violations. It has seemed to help clans-people not only survive but really thrive globally.

Fortunately, there are still sources that have persevered, such as the previously mentioned book. And while ancient ceremonial traditions will remain at the very heart of next year's Buchanan Chief's Inauguration event, the lives of all Buchanan's and Septs globally will be fully reflected, cherished, and celebrated.

The Inauguration organizers, Shona and Paul Gibson, reflect this Buchanan resilience. They are Australian Buchanan's who have become a vital part of the Clan Buchanan Court. Despite living on the opposite side of the world, enduring this covid outbreak, and having to deal with fires, floods, and other major weather events, they have both already generously volunteered much time, effort, and expertise to bring this specific event to their fellow global clan folk.

Many others are also playing their own essential roles in not only helping to enable this event but to make it a once-in-a-lifetime event to attend.

For full and evolving details of the inauguration, please go to the Chiefs website: <[www.buchananchief.org.uk/inauguration](http://www.buchananchief.org.uk/inauguration)>

### **A ceremony for all time and for all Buchanans**

The Buchanan aims to honor all our shared ancestors who took part in these previous ceremonies and other historic Buchanan Clan traditions. The chief is also doing what he can, not only to help recreate them but also to update them to keep them relevant so they are never forgotten again.

The Inauguration is a shared way of offering every Buchanan around the world who hears their ancestral voices calling, to have an opportunity to join us here at Cambusmore, Scotland.

By so doing they will not only be making their own personal contribution to creating Buchanan Clan history, but, they will also, be helping to develop and enhance the Buchanan clan's future!



## **HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE CBSI GENEALOGY WEBSITE YET?**

In the spring of 2021, CBSI launched [www.buchanan-genealogy.org](http://www.buchanan-genealogy.org) for the Society's genealogical holdings. On the site you can research through the member submitted genealogical holdings which have been in CBSI's archives since its inception. When you request an account, you must use the same member name and email that you have on file with CBSI. This site is for CBSI members only and membership must be verified before an account is authorized.

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# The Inauguration of the Chief is now being finalized

## Paula, The Lady Buchanan

Well, things have been really busy here for weeks now as things start hotting up towards the arrangements for the Inauguration event in October 2022.

What has really been exciting and has made it all real for us is the arrival of the event's organizers, Shona and Paul Gibson from Australia. Mike and I first met this lovely couple when we went to Canberra for the Canberra Highland games. We got on very well and once they heard about our event, they offered to help us in creating it.

One thing lead to another resulting in Shona and Paul arriving at Cambusmore two weeks ago with a folder full of arrangements for this event. They had already put in hundreds of hours of work on this event and handed both Mike and me a thick document with all

the arrangements in it (see photo). It was amazing as they appear to have thought of everything!

They are a truly marvelous couple and have organized many events at their home organic vineyard business for years. We are all so lucky they stepped forward and volunteered their services as, without them, any event would have been a shadow of what it is transforming into now. Considering that they have just gone through with the forest fires and then flooding, I take my hat off to them both.

Fresh from a 36-hour flight, Shona and Paul immediately started working to assess the lie of the land at Cambusmore. We were just flying in from abroad so they walked around the grounds with Bruce before we

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arrived at lunchtime. The rest of the first day we went through all the different aspects of the activities to be held over the whole of the event at Cambusmore itself. Their local knowledge was incredible and we made great progress despite the lack of any sleep for a while on both sides. I think the adrenaline kept us going. No one needed rocking that night.

They came to Cambusmore as it's pretty difficult to arrange an event on the other side of the world without a site visit. So the rest of that week while they were with us, was spent working hard into exploring all the different aspects of the event itself and finalizing different arrangements.

The next day we were visited by Adam Innes, the stonemason. He has been tasked with creating the Buchanan Chair for the event. It is traditional to have a chair in which the chief will sit at an inauguration event. It has to be specially made for the event with the Chief's coat of arms engraved on its back. Since we did not have one, we went ahead and commissioned Adam Innes to do this for us. Adam is the 7th generation of a local family of stonemasons. He was super thrilled and excited to become involved in our event and to make this chair. His dad correctly guessed he would be when I originally asked him about the possibility of making such a chair. Adam and his father, Jimmy, joined us all at Cambusmore to take away a mock-up chair made in plastic which had been previously left with us to see if it was of a good size. Mike sat in it and found it was just right. So, after a further discussion about what type of stone to use and potential designs, they then took their mockup away with them so they could order the stone to make it up with.

This chair is really important and it will be used in all future major clan events. Despite being heavy, it will be created in four separate parts which can be joined together. This should make it much easier to move about, although we do not plan to do this too often. Adam is very keen and I am sure will be doing an amazing job for us all and it will do the clan proud.

We will see Adam again tomorrow in his studio as he creates the future carving designs in clay first to make sure he gets the details right before starting on the stone itself. As this is such a unique process, the creation of The Buchanan's Chair will be filmed by the documentary crew who are already following us around to dis-



*Paul and Shona Gibson, from Australia, with Paula, The Lady Buchanan with Clàr-Innis in the background when it was too wet to go there.*

cover more about how these events are created, so others will be able to see these things themselves.

After all this, the marquee company came round to finalize where the marquee would be placed in the garden for the event. We all decided on a position in the old walled garden which was flat and which allowed a great view of Cambusmore itself.

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Then in the afternoon, we all went to the Clan Island of Clairinnes to investigate more about how to access this island by boat in the hope of arranging for people to do this on the Monday of the 19th October. Unfortunately, it had rained so much over the past month or so that the level of water in Loch Lomond had risen so high that the boathouse itself had been flooded as well as most of the boatyard at Balmaha! After some asking around, we heard that it was the worst flooding anyone had ever seen there! As we could not even talk to the owner of the boatyard as he was very busy trying to rescue some of his equipment from the flooded sheds, we took some pictures of Clär-Innes from the banks and sloped into the Oaktree to enjoy a delicious lunch.

Driving back too was a challenge as the roads were really flooded. However, it was so good we made this visit as now we can better plan for really wet weather.

Before we reached home, we stopped by the Trossachs Pie Shop in Doune. This emporium was packed full of award-winning pies and pastries. In fact, you could hardly move for the awards and trophies that he had won. I was keen to bring Paul and Shona there as the food there was absolutely delicious and, as we needed to find a good caterer for one of the lunches during the event itself, it was a very good place to go.

Well, we spent an hour or so sampling a range of different pies which were all so amazing we just had to keep sampling more! Then the owner offered to create a special Scottish-themed Buchanan Inauguration Pie just for the event! This offer was readily accepted and I am very much looking forwards to tasting one of the first batches of this new creation in the following weeks.

The next day was really spent following up on many things such as a trip to Dunblane to check out a hotel there. Shona and Paul had been looking at local venues which had the potential to host a formal dinner with presentations on the evening of Sunday 18th, so, we all went to a hotel there to see what they could do for us.

Later that evening we all arranged to go to dinner at a local restaurant in Callander called the Potting Shed as it is a real favorite of mine! We discussed all things from inauguration to the bush fires and floods and Mike and I realized what exactly what people had been going through in Australia for the last few months. It made for very hard hearing.

On Thursday we all drove out again to Drymen.

The plan was to meet up with Jamie Montrose, the Marquis of Montrose. His family is now the owner of the old Buchanan estate in Loch Lomond. We had a good meeting and lunch at the Buchanan Castle Golf Course clubhouse and had a chance to discuss a great many things. Jamie suggested that he could arrange a golf competition, 'The Buchanan Challenge,' for the morning of the 16th of October followed by a lunch at the Buchanan Castle Golf course's clubhouse. We agreed as it would be a wonderful opportunity for people to meet up together before the actual Inauguration itself.

This venue is so appropriate since part of the wall of the Auld house of the last Buchanan of that Ilk Chief's makes up part of the Buchanan Castle golf course clubhouse.

Since the idea of lunch and teas at the clubhouse really quite appealed to us all, we arranged for the use of their facilities to create another lunch there as well as afternoon teas in the Buchanan golf course clubhouse on Monday the 19th of October.

Jamie Montrose was again really happy to help with this. This Monday was originally planned to be a day of touring around the estate for clan members to go to areas associated with their Buchanan ancestors. So we thought it would be good to have somewhere for people to gather for lunch and what place more appropriate than the home of the old Buchanan Chief's.

However, there are many important historic sites to be seen, many of which are far less well known than those in the traditional Buchanan and Drymen areas, as we Buchanans tended to get about quite a fair bit. As such we will create a free guide for those who want to do some exploring for themselves and drive about in their own cars at their own pace on Monday 19th. They can arrange to pop into the Buchanan Golf course clubhouse for lunch or tea, or indeed go to many of the other old Buchanan sites which will be highlighted on the maps.

There may be formal coach tours too and these will be kindly organized by David Byrne the CBSI president. It's all really early days yet but a plan appears to be formulating.

Actually, we are now honing down on the costs and prices for this all and our son, Angus, has now created a special website for this event where the tickets

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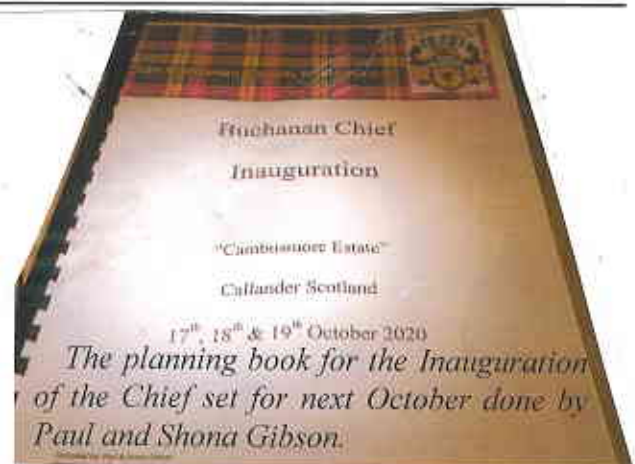
## Boy, howdy! Lori Gibson got dressed up for her DAR Holiday Reception!

She says a number of the ladies  
attending remarked about the  
"pretty plaid" I was wearing!

**The Inauguration of the Chief is now  
being finalized, *continued from page 25***



*I managed to take a photo from one of the rooms  
in the club house which shows the outside wall quite  
well, despite the occasional drops of rain on the win-  
dow.*



can be bought.

All I would suggest is that there are very limited numbers of places available due to the size of the location so early booking is strongly recommended for all those who are interested in attending. It promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Considering the sheer amount of work and planning which has already gone into it, this event will be one-off and unique in nature.

It is also a real chance to immerse yourselves for a few days into real living Scottish Buchanan culture.

You will also become a witness and participant in a historic part of our Buchanan Clan's rich story.

Clàir-Innes!



# Looking Ahead in Genealogy Research to 2022

Chris Conlon, CBSI Genealogist

As genealogists or family history keepers we look back in time for most of our research endeavors. We are looking for names, locations, dates, etc. trying to understand our (or others) families through the mark they've left historically.

We are often proud to boast that we are related to some historic figure or a king or some other notable.

The records that we use to build our family trees are most commonly "official" records, i.e., governmental, religious, etc.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> of 2022, following the 72-year rule, the US Federal Census records for the year 1950 will be released for us to peruse.

Some folks may remember the flurry of activity that the anticipation of the 1940 census brought in 2012. Those were eagerly awaited records and in the early months, it was difficult to even access them.

There were blogs, articles, instructions, etc. to get the most out of the 1940 Census records. By comparison, we aren't not seeing the same level of activity over the 1950 census release.

Although the world has endured the Covid-19 Pandemic and many government employees were able to work from home, this project is still on track for the April 1<sup>st</sup> release date. This is because the plans were actually put into operation as soon as the 1940 census was released in 2012.

The 1940 census was the first to be digitized and released online, instead of only being available as microfilm accessed in a research room.

Covid has increased the demand for digital access with the closure of research rooms and it also meant that

digital access might have been the only access for staff as well.

By the time the Pandemic closed governmental offices, most of the rolls had been scanned.

The original paper records had been microfilmed by the Census Bureau in 1952 and NARA imaging staff scanned the microfilm.

While much of the digitization had been accomplished there was still the work of matching images to the correct enumeration districts that had not yet been begun when the pandemic shut down the National Archives Building.

All Census Bureau staff who work with census data have to have special clearances because the information is restricted until the public release, plus these

staff members needed to be able to access the images on a secure server.

Due to the restrictions of the pandemic and the need for employees to work remotely, this process had to be completely reimagined.

Although researchers cannot access these records yet, they can begin to prepare for April 1<sup>st</sup> by collecting addresses or residential areas for people of interest.

School records and yearbooks, state censuses, county and city enumerations, city directories are just some of the many ways that you can pinpoint information for your ancestors.

Some information, like 1950 census enumeration district maps, is already available in the online NARA Catalog.

"Researchers can use modern maps to orient them-

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selves to where those addresses/locations are (or were), and then consult the enumeration district [ED] maps and descriptions to determine which EDs they will need to search,” said Claire Kluskens, genealogy/census subject matter expert and digital projects archivist.

Enumeration district descriptions will also be available in the *National Archives Catalog* after staff itemizes them. In the meantime, enumeration district descriptions and other tools are available on <https://stevemorser.org/>.

Once the 1950 census is released, it will take some time to index the records.

In 2012 *FamilySearch.org* indexed the 1940 census utilizing volunteers, with the hope that it could be finished in 6 months. With over 163,000 volunteers and several genealogical organizations contributing their time and efforts, the census was indexed in just 4 months except for Puerto Rico! If you’re interested in learning more about the 1950 United States census or want updates, make sure to sign up for 1950 census updates and notifications!

**Deadlines for  
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**January issue**

\* **December 10 deadline**

**April issue**

\* **March 10 deadline**

**July issue**

\* **June 10 deadline**

**October issue**

\* **September 10 deadline**



## 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)

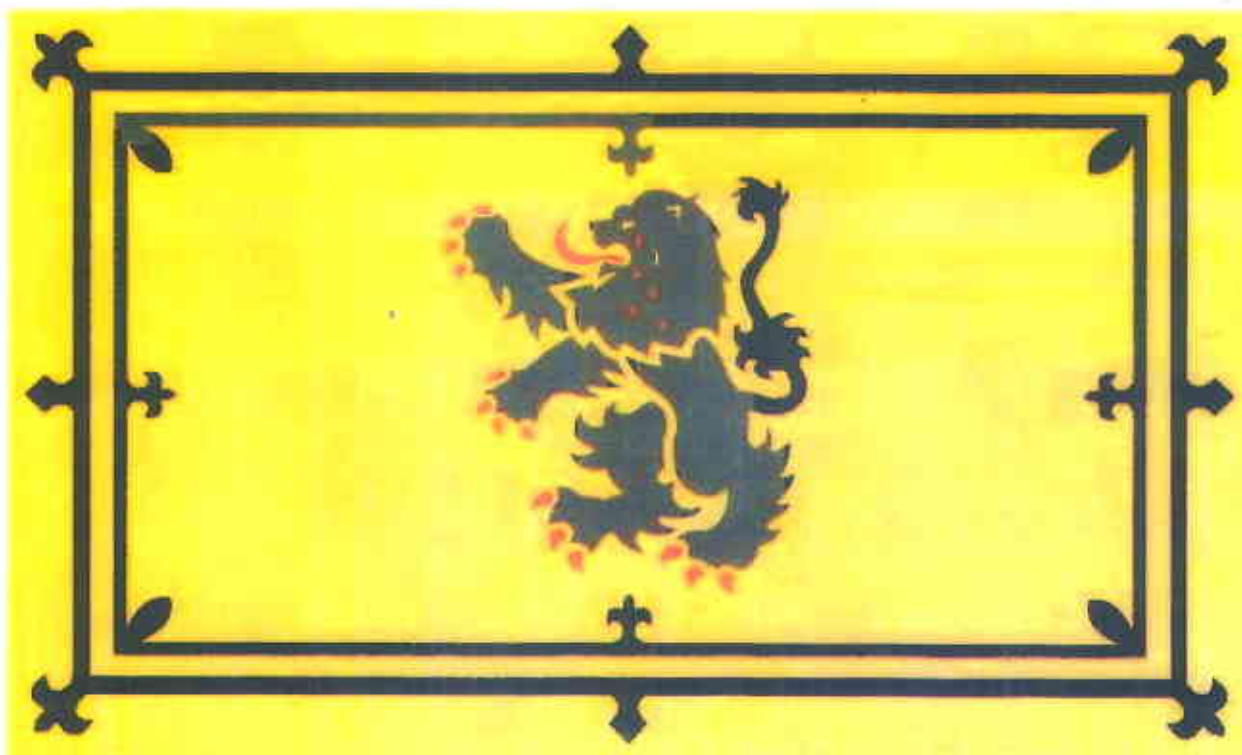
A NOTE ON SPELLING: There are many hundreds of variations in the spelling of these names. If yours is not an exact match, don't worry we are familiar with them all.

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Buchanan	Macauslane	MacKibb	Murchie
Coleman	MacCalman	MacKibbin	Murchison
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Cormack	MacCammond	Mackinley	Risk
Cousland	MacCasland	Macmaster	Rush
Dewar	MacChruiter	Macmasters	Rusk
Donleavy	MacColma	MacMaurice	Ruskie
Donlevy	MacColman	MacMorris	Ruskin
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Leavy	MacGilbert	MacWattie	Watters
Lennie	MacGreusich	MacWhirter	Weir
Lenny	MacGubbin	MacWhorter	Yool
Macaldonich	MacInally	Masters	Yuille
Macalman	MacIndeor	Masterson	Yule
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## Black Lion Flags



**BLACK LION FLAGS** are now available from the CBSI.

Our quartermaster has received a new shipment of our Black Lion Flags. The price including shipping and handling is \$85.00 in the USA.

These are custom made flags printed on 3.2 oz jet flag material - imprinting on one side with the imprint clearly visible on the reverse - size is 3 ft X 5 ft. The flag is yellow with the Black Rampant Lion and red highlights and

brass grommets.

Payment is accepted through a secure system. Invoices will be emailed to you and payment with a major credit/debit card is made directly by you. We do not receive your card # - all major cards are accepted. Inquire about our check acceptance policy.

To inquire or order flag, you might wish to contact Danny McMurphy <[quartermaster@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:quartermaster@theclanbuchanan.com)>.





**CBSI Quartermaster, Danny McMurphy, says, "Shop here!"**  
**How to order items: Order first,** using <mcmurphy1@yahoo.com>  
**You will receive an invoice via email.**

Use PayPal/Credit Card or Check.

The Black Lion Flag Patch

2 1/4 x 2 3/4 full embroidered, plain back sew on patch. Price is 2 for \$5.00 with postage TBD. Payment can also be accepted using PayPal using my email address. Email Danny if you are interested in purchasing - and, how many. Let me know if you are a convener.



## Clan Buchanan Crest

Full color embroidered, 6 inches diameter.  
 This crest may be sewn or ironed on.

US \$7<sup>00</sup> Postage TBD



## Desk or Event flag

4 inches x 6 inches

Desk flag

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

Postage TBD

A smaller Clan Crest Patch with an overall diameter of 3 inches. It has an iron-on back or can be sewn on. It is good for the left or right breast area on shirts and looks great on the pocket of a kilt jacket. Price is Two for \$10.00 with Postage TBD. You may also pay by PayPal using my email address. Email Danny if you are interested in purchasing and how many. Let me know if you are a Convener.

**Clan Buchanan Society, International flag**  
 Proudly display the CBSI flag! It's 5 feet x 3 feet with 2 grommets.

US \$56<sup>00</sup> Postage TBD



## Black Lion Sticker

4 inches x 6 inches

US \$3<sup>00</sup> Postage TBD



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