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FROM THE PIPES OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Dear Clanspeople:

The winter is almost over here in Maryland and with the spring the season of Clan Gatherings begin. The first game in this area is The Southern Maryland Celtic Festival on April the 27th. This festival is located at the Jefferson Park in Calvert Co. MD. The Colonial Highland Gathering will be at the Fair Hill Race track on the 18th of May. Fair Hill is located at the top of the Chesapeake Bay in Cecil County. This game is near to both Pennsylvania and Delaware Scots. Clan Cochrane will be represented for the second year at Fair Hill.

Other Games in the area include the Delco Games outside Philadelphia in June and the Tidewater Scottish Festival in Norfolk, Virginia on the 22nd of June. Come join us in the festivals.

Our Society has been going thru a lot of growing pains. I'm glad to announce that things are looking up. We now have a core of dedicated and highly motivated members that reflect our growth. One of these is Don Cochrane. Don had taken over the writing and publishing of this newsletter. Don has shown great enthusiasm for this position and I know he will do a great job. Any members who wish to contribute to the newsletter, no matter how small, should contact Don.

Don has also taken on the position of Commissioner for Canada. He guarantees me that he will be able to double our membership in Canada almost immediately. (Since our membership is only three in Canada, three of his relatives will double it.)

I've received many letters requesting genealogical information. We can't at this point really do much. Please take advantage of our Genealogist Virginia Roberts, who will publish your requests in the newsletter. We can't do searches but we can help you in your search.

We are in the process of having car decals made and they should be available soon thru Linda Burchell.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at the games and discussing the history of our family. Until then.

Saus Alba

Michael

THE HAGGIS



The shy Highland Haggis can be found at the summit of most Scottish mountains. Their right legs are longer than their left, enabling them to run around the summit at great speeds in an anti-clockwise direction without falling over. However, should they attempt to run in the other direction they will roll down hill and lie helpless in the valleys below. Here they are collected by Highland Haggis gatherers and sold throughout Scotland where they are considered a great delicacy.

HAGGIS

1 Sheep's pluck (heart, lungs, liver) and bag
2 teacupsful toasted oatmeal
1 teaspoonful salt.

8 oz. Shredded suet
2 small onions
1/2 teaspoonful black pepper

Method

1. Scrape and clean bag in cold then warm water, soak in salt water overnight.
2. Wash pluck then boil for two hours with windpipe draining over the side of pot. Retain 1 pint of stock.
3. Cut off windpipe, remove surplus gristle, chop or mince heart and lungs, grate best part of liver (about half only).
4. Parboil and chop onions, mix all together with oatmeal, suet, salt, pepper and stock to moisten.
5. Pack the mixture into bag, allowing for swelling. Boil for three hours, pricking regularly all over.
6. If bag not available, steam in greasproof paper covered by greasproof paper and cloth for four to five hours.



The Haggis that is sold!

THE FIGHTING COCHRANES

By

Alexander Cochrane

The Earl of Dundonald has announced that a further 1000 copies will be printed within the next few months. Members who were unable to obtain a copy should place their order soon to avoid disappointment. The printing firm is Quiller Press Ltd., of 46 Lillie Road, London SW6 1TN UK.

CLAN COCHRANE IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Editor:

This report has been prompted by two articles which appeared in Newsletter dated March, 1990. The first concerns Lt. Col. Hugh Stewart Cochrane V.C. and the second concerning the visit to Canada of the two Cochrane sisters, Ann and Elizabeth.

Lt. Col. Cochrane's grandfather was Captain Thomas Cochrane, Captain of Invalids and Commandant of the Fort William Garrison in Scotland. Capt. Cochrane was at Fort William for 28 years (until 1808) but previous to this he was on active duty in America where he fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. While in America he was wounded seven times "by shot and the sword" and he was later awarded seven separate pensions to prove it! Documentary evidence reports (105h Jan. 1782 that Capt. Cochrane of the Northern or Gordon Fencibles, assisted by two non-commissioned officers and one drummer was to escort the pensioners to Aberdeen. (The Chelsea Out-Pensioners had to report at stated centers' to receive their pensions).

Capt. Cochrane is again mentioned in a report in the Edinburgh Gazette of Oct. 19, 1801. The report reads:

"Fort William, Oct. 19, 1801 – Upon the arrival of mail with the agreeable intelligence that the preliminaries of Peace between Great Britain and France were ratified, Capt. Cochrane, commandant hoisted the flag from the Fort, and ordered the Great Guns to be loaded, and the Lochaber Gordons-burgh Company of Volunteers – under the command of Captain Donald Cameron, with a part of Major Cameron's Company of the Invernesshire Volunteers stationed here, turned out to the esplanade under arms, when a bonfire was lighted and the Fort fired a Royal Salute between the intervals of which the Volunteers fired leude – joies to the Fort. Thereafter the two companies formed a circle round the fire, and with the other inhabitants of the Fort and Village, drank His Majesty's Health, Blessed the Peacemakers, and other Royal and appropriate toasts in the presence of Major-General Hay, commanding the Northern District, who was pleased to honour them with his company; and then concluded with illuminations, a Ball, and every demonstration of joy in which all ranks, rich and poor, heartily joined."

One of the children of Capt. Thomas's first marriage to Frances Hay of the Tweeddale family was Isabella Cochrane who married Captain Donald Cameron (mentioned above) and from whom the writer of this account descended. Frances died in 1802. Thomas married again in 1813 and his second wife was Susan Brownbill of London. There was one child only to this marriage, a son named John Charles Thomas Cochrane. "J.C.G.C." emigrated to Canada in 1836 where in due course he married Katherine Sharpe. From these two, many distinguished Cochranes descended. One of these was Augustus Southby-Cochrane an explorer and surveyor who mapped a large area of north-western Canada.

A son of A. S. Cochrane was Walter Gordon Cochrane (1896-1982) whose spouse was Margaret Seville Storey (1894-1985). There were four children to this marriage and my story is now concerned with two of the three sisters: Marjorie (Mrs. F.G Wright of Lethbridge, Alberta) and Pauline (widow of Robert N. Sandilands of Calgary, Alberta). Some two years ago they learned from a Cochrane cousin, Major Alfred Chaplin of Ottawa that he was in touch with one of their distant Cameron relatives, St. John Kitley of Wamberal, N.S.W. They learned also of another Cameron relative in New Zealand, Denis Cameron, Hon. Secretary of Clan Cameron in N.Z. and as they had often thought of a visit "Down Under" their mere talk now took action and they booked a tour of Fiji, New Zealand, and a few days in Australia were added for good measure.

It was difficult for them to meet Denis and his amiable wife, Joy, but Denis and Joy managed to meet the two girls at Rotorua where they spent a day and an evening together. It was a delightful encounter for all four! At the conclusion of the N.Z. part of the tour Marjorie and Pauline duly arrived at Wamberal and the rain stopped for a delightful two days on the Central Coast. A couple of days before their arrival your "Newsletter" had arrived and just weren't those two Canadians excited to read the two articles mentioned earlier!

As you may imagine the topics of conversation were about Cochranes, Cochranes, and more Cochranes! Then there were comparisons about life in Canada and Australia. The things which impressed them most were our magnificent un-polluted golden beaches on the Central Coast and the feeding of the pelicans at The Entrance.

Two of the V.C. Winners' brothers emigrated to Australia. Thomas was born in 1823 and Duncan in 1841. Should any of these two brothers' descendants chance to read this article I would welcome their contacting me as I have a great deal of information about their early ancestors.

I have information about the Hay families dating back to King of the Scots, Robert Bruce. For this information I am indebted to "Sandy" Cochrane, author of "The Fighting Cochranes".

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to be able to carry on the tradition of the Heritage newsletter. It has always been my main link with the Clan and I hope to strengthen that link to you with an interesting, informative and expanding communication between all members.

In this issue you will not see too many innovations as Michael and I were simply trying to make the physical transition from down there to up here. We had set an ideal publication date as March 15th but this will be a bit later due to some medical problems on my part. Nonetheless the link is maintained and a promise of new and innovative ideas and a continuation of some of the tried and true.

Every editor begs readers for articles, comments, letters, and interesting clips. I am no different and I assure you I would appreciate anything you wish to share with the rest of the Clan. Our box number is 1321, Port Alberni, B. C.V9Y 7M2 Canada.

In the past we have had such regular features as:

1. From the Pipes of the High Commissioner.
2. Clan Cochrane in Australia
3. The Genealogists Report
4. Membership Report

We have also had articles by individuals and newsy bits by the editor, etc. In a burst of new enthusiasm may I suggest just a few of the articles that will be forthcoming in the next two issues:

1. Cochran(e)'s in the news (example t. v. commentator, John Cochrane; Golfer, Russ Cochran; and rock singer, Tom Cochrane).
2. Reports from the Commissioners.
3. Scottish contributions to North America: Explorers: Mackenzie, Faser; Record Setters: Jacqueline Cochran (Aviators)
4. Names and Places: (a) Cochrane – Town in Ontario and Alberta
(b) Cochrane – a street in Victoria, B.C.
5. Reports

I would deeply appreciate any information members would like to add to these articles. I will give full credit and encouragement.

Finally, a friendly warning: Your editor is Canadian so my knowledge base is mostly northern although I have traveled and still do in the U.S. I will make mistakes based on non-knowledge, please don't hesitate to correct me. I even spell Canadian (humour vs humor) but luckily my computer spells in American (check vs cheque) so we should be able to contain that. I will

undoubtedly ramble a bit on northern doings for a while but with good input from the U.S. we will soon have an excellent blend that truly represents the Northern American branch.

So as we say in Canada, "Let's hear from ya, eh!!!"

Don