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Dear Clan Members,

A lot of things are going on right now in the world and I feel it is important that we recognize the Scottish influences.

We have watched Hong Kong being turned over to the Chinese on the first of last month. Lets not forget that the British lost their lease, and were evicted. Every landlords dream is have tenants like the British. The last sound from the fire were the pipes. England may have had her fire, but it was the Scottish who ran it.

The United States has landed a probe on Mars. Live pictures from Mars that could pass for Arizona. But truly an historic event. One commentator said that it was comparative to Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon. I couldn't help but remember that Neil Armstrong left his Tartan on the Moon. This machine didn't.

Lastly. Northern Ireland. It doesn't make any difference which side your on, you would have to agree that marching season has brought this land to a boil. Cochrane is a name that has had long associations with the North. Be aware that something is happening there.

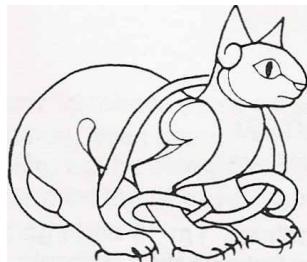
other news. Cap Badges are finally in. If you want one contact Laurie Clarkston. I'm headed to the Fredericton Games in New Brunswick on the 26th of July. My ancestors were the Loyalists that left this country during the Revolution and went to New Brunswick. My Grandfather came back in 1904. I will also be headed towards Louisburg to see the grave of the 7th Earl who died in the siege.

Have a good Summer. Come out to the Games.

Yours Aye

Michael

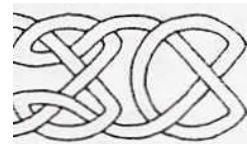
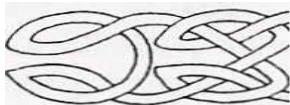




Cap Badges

by Laurie Clarkston

We have Cap Badges!! Michael Cochrane, L T to the Chief, found a source for these, and placed an order. They are made out of pewter, and the workmanship is great. These are also a little thicker than the ones you see at the games made out of a silverplate material. We have a limited supply so act quickly. The price for these is \$18.00 (USA) each. This includes postage. Make a check out to Clan Cochrane. Place in the memo section of your check, clan badge. Please send in USA dollar values. I cannot deposit foreign checks at my bank (sorry). Forward your checks to Laurie Clarkston, 503 Ronnie Court, Spotsylvania, VA 22553.



Editor's Comer by Laurie Clarkston

Michael D. Cochrane from Bakersfield, CA mentioned the upcoming Kern County Scottish Gathering in the last newsletter, and his sons, Sean, and Matthew wrote of their experiences at this game and I think you will enjoy their articles. Matthew thinks it a good idea to have a "kid's view" in every newsletter! Are you up to the challenge Matthew? If there are any other "kids" out there that would like to write something for the newsletter, please send me what you got! That goes for the grownups too!

As always, I enjoy reading the Bio's you have sent for the newsletter, and I can't wait to get them all printed in the "Contemporary Cochrane" column. I'm still collecting them, so keep sending them in. You don't have to write a lot, just send me an outline if you like, and I will write it. This column is about current members (that's you!). We want to know who you are, where do you live, married, Kids, pets, hobbies, etc... Sooner or later, they are going to get printed. I promise! We have several new members, Welcome!

E. T. (Johnny) and Faye Quinton Cochran from Ringgold, GA

Joseph q. Cochran from Princeton, IN

Marie Alkire

James F. Cochran from Tacoma. WA

Dr. Terry Fairfield

The Membership list is now in print. And as you will see, our membership is growing! I have had several requests from the members for addresses of Cochranes who were highlighted in the Contemporary, Cochrane Column. Since the membership list was printed in this issue, I did not respond to your requests. I hope you did not mind the wait. I wanted the membership list separate from the newsletter, so you now have this handy little "booklet" that you can keep with your other address books. We are also sending newsletters to several genealogy libraries for their files, and I didn't think the membership list should be included and available to the general public. Also you will notice that there are several Internet addresses attached.

The Genealogist's Comer By Cynthia Cochran Scheuer

I wish to thank all of you who sent get-well wishes to me. I am almost fully recovered from my illness and surgeries. also thank you for your patience in awaiting a reply for your letters in the last year. I have been slowly getting them answered in the last month.

Charles William Cochran a Sea Captain from Antrim, Ireland

Charles William Cochrane b. 22 Mar 1845, d. 8 Jul 1920 married Adelaid Harris b. 9 May 1848, d. 11 Sep 1920. 5 Children: Devona 1893-1959 mar. George Sharey; Charles William Jr. 1876-1959; George Clinton 1878-1954' Alexander 1883-?; Harriet ?-1930. Charles W. Cochrane Sr. settled in the province of New Brunswick, CN. Descendants live in Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Arthurette, Frederic CYL. and Puqwesh Nova Scotia as well as Connecticut, and Texas. Wish to locate any and all descendants of above. Doug Cochrane, 46 McGill Ave, Trenton, Ontario, Canada. KOOI62.

Wish to locate parents and siblings of Montgomery Cochrane. He married Mary Ann Crooks and they headed west in a covered wagon along the Oregon Trail to settle ~or a time around Portland. No one in the family has any idea what happened to Montgomery. He just disappeared. Mal) later married John Craven and they settled around Nanaimo on Vancouver Island British Columbia, Canada.

Montgomery and Mary had four children: William Lincoln b. 15 May 1863; Ann Eliza b. 13 Jun 1864 Daniel Webster b. 8 Oct 1865; and Melissa b. 5 Ju11867. Mary Ann had another child by John Craven and she was born in British Columbia. Linda Curtis (Cochran) Olinger, 2060 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123-4842.

Seeking to correspond with Cochran's descendants from John COCHRAN and Elizabeth SAMPLE/SEMPLE. Grace Bobrowski, 137 Prairiewood Dr., #102D; Fargo, ND 58103 701-293-3073.

Seeking parents and siblings of William Cochran b. 4 Aug 1812, d. 15 Apr 1840 Athens Co., OH. Married 2 May 1832 Athens Co., OH to Elizabeth Marin b. 25 Dee 1811 Ohio Co.. WV, d. 16 Aug 1842 Athens Co., OH. Their children: Harriet married {1. Josiah Bice {2. Fred Bitters, Sr.; Wesley married Elizabeth Hamblin; John Nelson married Hannah M. Gay; Nancy Catherine married Winfield Scott. Terry W. Cochran, MD, 408 S. Maple St., Fairfield, IA 52556.

Seeking parents and descendants of William and Harriet (Reynolds) Corcoran. Harriet Reynolds dau. of Enoch Reynolds and Sally Canfield. Pat Daniels, 70-200 Dillon Rd. #12, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241.

Remember when writing for information to include an SASE' for a quick response. Also file your charts with me so I can check my records and put you in contact others.



Scotland in California by Sean Cochrane

First off, let me say that I am very proud to be in the Cochrane clan. I mean, it's not every 15 year old boy that has his own Earl (By the way, if you are reading this, sir, may I please have an autographed picture? I'll put my address at the end of this letter. Thanks). Over the years I have fallen in love with our fascinating heritage.

It's always been kind of a dream of mine to go to Scotland. (Actually, to go anywhere out of the State of California). Scotland always seemed to be so beautiful to me, and those accents! When I was at the Gathering and Games, surrounded by the music and love for the rich culture, I felt like I was close to the old country.

We were blessed with fine weather and the dancers were wonderfully performing to the talented pipers' music. One highlight was the Royal Stewarts. (I am not sure this is the correct spelling). They were actors putting on some Scottish folk stories and in a few scenes mocked the English!

Clan tents filled the area along with food and craft vendors. In fact the only off-theme factor was the "Hawaiian Shaved Ice" booth though it proved helpful in the afternoon heat. The meat pies were exceptional along with the bangers.

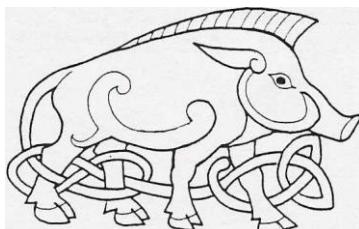
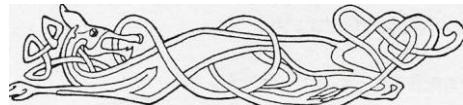
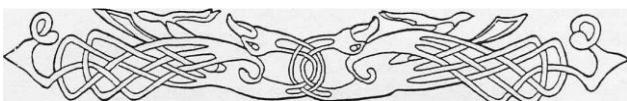
Attending the event were a few local celebrities. I had the privilege to bow to our town's mayor and to follow a local weather man through some tents. There were many reporters there also. My father was even interviewed and he told about how he really believed it was fun to research our family heritage. He did have a Cochran Clan tent there though we didn't get many visitors.

I invited a friend who knew that he was in some way Scottish but he wasn't exactly sure of his heritage. He later told me stories and information that he had learned throughout the day from some of the information booths. His mother also bought some cups and some other things that included his family's tartan. They had really gained a lot of interest in the subject.

Now, I'm not quite sure what styles of music is loved by teenagers there in Scotland but here in USA rock and roll has always been the favorite. I was lucky enough to find a booth selling all styles of Celtic music. There I found and purchased some Celtic Rock music which I have really grown to like. It has bagpipes going at speeds I didn't know possible!

We did have a very good turnout (about 1,500 not including vendors). I believe Mr. Robert Bruce would be proud of us! I am really looking forward to next year's games.

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Kid's Eye View by Matthew Cochran

I'm Matthew Cochran. I'm 11 and I go to Stockdale Christian School. (live in Bakersfield, California. I'm writing to tell you about the Scottish Gathering and Games we had here June 10 & 11. I think it's important to give you a kid's eye view of our 2nd Annual Scottish Gathering and Games. In fact, it's probably a good idea if we had a kid's view in every newsletter! We're a big part of the clan too, you know!

First of all, the kids liked the shaved ice and the toys at the venders. I think almost every kid likes the wooden swords, shields and the root beer shaved ice. The children's games weren't very exciting. The poles were too short. There was some men on little electric carts driving around. One guy was a friend of my family and I got to ride with him and help out. One thing I got to do was get ice for the soda booth. It was fun!

They had lots of food, too! They had meat pies which are like a pot pie only there's no vegetables or potatoes. They had fish and chips, bangers (hot dog-like sausages on a bun) and pasties (meat in a pastry). You might have seen me and my dad on TV channel 23 on the local news. The reporter asked if the Scottish Gathering and Games is important to learn about your Scottish heritage. My dad's answer was, "Yes, it's very important because it's all about where we came from, who we are, and besides, it's a lot of fun!!" I think he's right.

Editor's note: You can reach Matthew on his Email address: matthran@aol.com

"No people so few in number have scored so deep a mark in the world's history as the Scots have done."

--J. A. Froude (1818-1894), English Historian

Fredericksburg, VA International Scottish Highland Games and Irish Festival 13-15 June

by Laurie Clarkston

These Games were unique in that Fredericksburg got to host the World Championship Games. The last world championship Games held in the United States was in Los Angeles, CA in 1980. In the past, most of these games have been held in Scotland. If you enjoy watching the Hammer Throw, the Sheaf Toss, Caber Toss, and the Stone Put, then this was the place you wanted to be. New World Records were

set I think in every event. I saw telephone poles go end over end all afternoon. Fredericksburg even has its own local Hero, Carl Braun. He didn't win, but he did fairly well. If you get a chance to see him perform on the field, you won't be disappointed!

Well, the Games got off to a soggy start. We had a thunderstorm Friday night, and then it rained most of the day Saturday. Clan Campbell (located next to our tent) was nice enough to come over and help me set up the tent. Pat and Rex Mattox, lent me some tent stakes to keep my newly set up tent from blowing away. It was a good thing they had these to lend. Less than an hour later, that thunderstorm hit. My tent stood firm!! The rain cleared up mid-afternoon Saturday, and by Sunday, the weather was perfect.

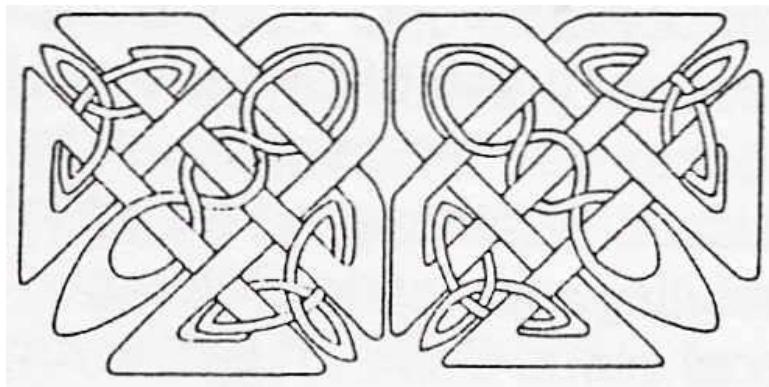
I meet three Cochrane families this weekend. Lee Cochrane and his family from King George County, VA stopped by before the big rain Friday night, and then I met Joseph C. Cochran and his wife. They traveled from Princeton, IN. I was impressed that they traveled so far to attend these games just to visit our tent! Well, actually, they are friends of Carl Braun and they came to visit his family and see him perform. Joseph also became a new member right there on the spot!! Then I met Bessie Cochran Schad who lives in downtown Fredericksburg. Then Lee Cochrane's son stopped by Sunday afternoon, but I didn't get his name. And our very own Jim Cochrane from Rockville, VA, and his fiancée stopped by Sunday afternoon for a visit.

In the Pub Tent, "Seven Nations," a new Scottish "Rock n Reel" group was performing. They have a unique sound, and if you like bagpipes, rock and roll, and traditional Celtic music, then you will enjoy this group. They even have their own Website if you're interested: www.sevennations.com. I definitely became a fan this weekend.

Garden Folklore by Laurie Clarkston

The dog days of Summer is upon us, and it is getting hot here in Central Virginia! We had a wonderful Spring and I am sorry to see it go. I have had great gardening weather, and my gardens have really thrived so far. We are going thru a slight drought right now, but that should change by the end of the month. It always rains the end of July!

Well, I promised you a great folklore article and it is eala bhuidhe (sometimes eala bhi) HYPERICUM Androsaemum - Tutsan more commonly known as St John's Wort. This is a great perennial for the garden. It is a low-growing, partly woody perennial reaching heights between 18 to 24" for dwarf varieties and 40 to 60" for regular varieties. It produces bright yellow flowers early summer until frost. The flowers are 2" long and bloom in groups of five to seven. Both varieties have green leaves with a silver lining, and does well in shady, wet places. St. John's Wort will grow in Zones 6-10. All parts of the plant are aromatic. (Hypericum Calycinum does well here.)



I will caution you that St. John's Wort is a very powerful plant. Summertime is when St. John's Wort comes into its own. It will turn on you if picked after sunset. A fairy-horse will snatch you up and carry you on its back til daybreak, then set you down wherever it happens to be (and this horse can run!). It is burnt on Midsummer Eve to obtain magical protection. It was also used as a charm against witchcraft and enchantment.

It has been an elf-chaser long before; long associate with its dangerous season (summertime), which excited the fairies and the sprits of the dead, and in which it was necessary to be alert and armed. One way to protect oneself was to wear St. John's Wort under the left armpit, and it was thought to be effective only if it was found by accident.

Alexander Carmichael, poet, wrote that it was "one of the few plants still cherished by the people to ward away second sight, enchantment, witchcraft, evil eye, death, to ensure peace and plenty in the house, increase and prosperity in the fold, and growth and fruition in the field."

In 1584, Reginald Scot wrote "The Discoveries of Witchcraft" and gave instruction's on how to raise the ghost of a hanged man, with the aid of ~ hazel wand tipped with an owl's head and a bundle 01 ->t. John's Wort. (He didn't say if it worked or not!)

St. John's Wort became a chief herb of St. John the Baptist. The vigil of St. John comes on 23 June-his day is 24 June. On the evening of the 23rd, fires are lit, more for their smoke than for flames. It strengthened the magic of plants already magical, it strengthened against the powers of evil all those who jumped across the fire. The herbs are picked on the morning of the 23rd before sunrise. Still, wet with dew-itself a magical and strengthening substance. When the fires were lit and sanctified in the evening, the flowers were smoked. These are now better for medicine, or for immediate use in protecting stables, sow-stall. horses, animals, or men, against elves, devils and demons, witchcraft and all evils. (Notice how Christianity and a Pagan celebration have just mingled?)

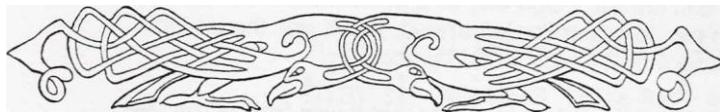
Christianity also adopted the festival, with St. John's Day at the beginning and St. Peters' Day, 29 June. This flower fitted St. John above other midsummer herbs, because of its yellow sunflower and a red juice which could be likened to the blood of St John at his beheading.

St. John's Worts is a nuisance in the western part of the USA. It is also known as the Klamath Weed from the Cometh Indians or the Cometh River-in California and Oregon. The Indians though this plant contained an extra dose of the sun. It has a fluorescent substances in Hypericum perforatum that can make the nerve endings in 'White skinned cattle or sheep sensitive to strong sunlight, causing severe inflammation and blistering.

Now for a more practical side of St. John's Wort! St. John's Wort or corn silk tea given to children throughout the day can help if you have a child who is a bed wetter. The tea is calming and strengthening to the nervous system. It is also a tonic for the kidneys and bladder.

St. John's Worts can be used as a disinfect and will hasten healing of small cuts, grazes or scratches when applied

externally in the form of infused oil. To make this oil, take a good handful of the fresh herb, put in a clean wide-mouthed jar-about one third full-and fill up with a good bland vegetable oil: almond, grape seed, sunflower or olive oil. Close up tightly, stand on a sunny windowsill during a good spell of sunshine, and leave for 2 weeks. Shake it from time to time. Strain through a piece of muslin into a clean jar. As a preservative, squeeze in 2-3 capsules of vitamin E, or a little tincture of benzoin. Close up and store in a cool dark place.



Contemporary Cochranes By Laurie Clarkston

Can you imagine all of us at a Clan Gathering? With each Bio I receive, it feels like a family connection aside from the name of Cochrane. You are going to love the next set of Bios! The first one is by Beverly Cail and she is sent in a write-up about her oldest daughter Shirley "Jodie" Cail. Won't Jodie be surprised?! And the second Bio is from Kenneth Cochran in Portland, Oregon.

Shirley "Jodie" Cail by Beverly Cail

Thanks for the invitation to send you a bio. My husband's mother, Helen Jane Cochran (1896-1969), gave our family an interest in the Cochran(e) Clan. As my husband died September 4, 1994, I think you'd be interested in not me but a "real" Cochran, my eldest daughter, Shirley "Jodie" Cail. Jodie, as you can see from the above, is a granddaughter of Helen Jane Cochran. Jodie and I make a household to two nowadays.

First of all, let me say that my husband with his siblings and his first cousins in 1991 formed a group they named the Cochran cousins Reunion and have been meeting regularly every two years since. Our next reunion will be this August in Pueblo, Colorado.

The "root" of our group is the couple Hamlin Alva and Nancy Jane Harrison Cochran who married 7 Sept 1886 in Birmingham, Van Buren County, Iowa. Of their nine children, seven had offspring. It is the offspring of these seven who are my husband, his siblings, and his first cousin. Anyone who is related by blood or marriage to this first couple can be a "cousin" in this group.

Our group is socially attached by loosely organized. My husband initiated a Cochran cousin Family History book and we print "Additions" for distribution at each reunion. So far our genealogy is based mostly on memories of the living Cochran posterity with a few copies of vital records here and there. We do have a fine portrayal of the first Cochran Family and other Cochran portraits and pictures, copies of which are in the family history book. Our search to find the marriage record of Hamlin and Nancy Cochran is fruitless so far. Family lore states that a Cochran fought in the Revolutionary War.

Hamlin's father is John Strange Cochran (Abt 1826 - Abt 1900) and his mother is Adelaine Southworth (Abt 1828 - Bef 1887). So far we have been unable to trace the ancestral lines further back or even adequately document the existing, scanty data. Currently, there is far too little documented ancestral data to warrant public distribution. Now for the bio on Jodie:

Shirley "Jodie" Cail was born in Nampa, Canyon County, Idaho, on 20 July 1951. Her dad, John Francis Cail, was a decorated veteran of World War II recently discharged from a 3~ year hitch in the US Army Engineers, and her mom, Beverly Jean Sequist, was an Idaho transplant uprooted from a secretarial position on a high rise in Portland, Oregon. The young family lived on a 90-acre farm alongside the Snake River near Marsing, Idaho, when Jodie was born. Jodie's grandmother Helen Jane Cochran Cail gave Jodie her first bath and her nickname and was ever her adoring and adored Gramma. Grandpa Cail taught her how to whistle, whittle, and almost how to spit through the side of her mouth before her mother found out and made him quit.

Shortly after she was two years old, Jodie's parents took her to Sacramento, CA, to live. The Golden State has been her home ever since.

Jodie seemed to have been born with an avid interest in plants, animals, and the world around her. She was a student of the sciences even in her early childhood years. Often her mother would find a bug or a green leaf in her lunch box after school. When her four sisters asked Santa Claus for dolls and dresses with red lace, Jodie asked for a microscope and a chemistry set.

It was no surprise that Jodie graduated from Brigham Young University with Bachelor's degree in life sciences and a teaching credential in secondary education. It had taken several years of hard work. For instance, dissatisfied with her less-than-total grasp of Chemistry 101 (she got a "B" grade) Jodie was granted permission to repeat the course. Two years later she interrupted her studies to serve a 18month proselyting mission in Colombia, South America, for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Jodie's teaching vocation took first flight in the public schools. However, a unique business opportunity crossed her path causing a career change into the newspaper business. Jodie has worked for The Sacramento Bee for nearly twenty years.

Her teaching continued, however, by moving into the private sector. Jodie tutors students in biology, taxidermy, astronomy, and many other life science disciplines for families whose children are in home school. She also enjoys teaching in her various Church callings.

Camping and hiking is a first love for Jodie. She attended a week of Church camp at age twelve and was hooked. She hasn't missed a year since with the exception of two summers while in Colombia on her mission. Her leadership in outdoor survival and camping skills has been in constant demand and is always a joy to her. Currently she serves on a camp oversight committee and is camp director for a young women's group

Jodie has build houses, barns, and room additions with her carpenter dad and is equally at home on a rooftop as at a computer terminal. Her at-home time is devoted to tending sheep, a rabbit, chickens, dogs and cats, surfing the Net, gardening tutoring, and taking carloads of nieces and nephews to the latest Trekkie movie.

She loves to travel and is developing a passion for family history. Genealogy is proving to be a whole new adventure for her.

Kenneth Vaughn Cochran

My full name is Kenneth Vaughn Cochran, my Wife is Charlene Ann (Schmidlin) Cochran we are both in our late 40's and have two Children, Tanya Marie Cochran (23) and Denise Elaine Cochran (20), We live near downtown Portland and own our own home. I am a Registered Land Surveyor in Oregon and Washington and own my own Corporation (Cochran Surveying Inc) and have been in business for 14 years. I purchased the business from my Father Vaughn Weston Cochran and thankfully both of my parents are alive and living near us in Portland. My wife is a RN and works in the newborn nursery at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. My eldest daughter Tanya is in her last term to become a Teacher and hopes to find a job working in the school system teaching Deaf Students. My youngest daughter is going to graduate with her associates degree in Interior Design in June and plans to work and continue on to receive her Bachelors Degree in a couple of years. Our whole family is busy in the Masonic family, We all belong to the Order of Eastern Star, I belong to the Masonic lodge and AlKader Shrine. Denise is this year Grand Honorary Drill Leader in the Oregon Portion of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and all of us our officers in our chapter of the Eastern Star. We own Two horses and don't have much of a chance to ride them due to our busy schedules. Our hobbies include wood working, quilting, gardening, oil painting and traveling. I would like to see the Clan Cochran g~ow and become a well known factor in the Scottish Heritage of the United States. I have often thought of trying to see if the Cochrans in Oregon could get together and have a meeting but due to my work load that is as far as that has gotten.

My greatest drive is to some day have the time to travel to Scotland and finish the research into where I belong in the Cochran family and finally get my roots traced back to Scotland from the Gaspe area of New Richmond, Quebec. It would be grand to get to meet some of my relatives.

If anyone wants to contact me or the family, my office Fax Number is 503-280-7916. My office Phone Number is 503280-7915, and our home Number is 503-283-5007. Please feel free to call and if no one is there, please leave a message and I will return the call. Make sure to mention the Clan.

Cochrane Material

I found a local source for Cochrane Tartan. If purchased by the bolt (60 yards), the price starts at \$58.00 a yard for 13 oz of unworsted wool. This place also quoted prices if anyone who wanted a kilt made. The price starts at \$550.00 for a 28" length and up to 46" hip size of 13 oz unworsted wool. These are all hand made and the quality is very nice. They also can get items with the Cochrane Name on it, like coffee mugs with the Clan Crest on a Tartan background, starting around \$10.00. If anyone is interested, contact Laurie Clarkston. They will quote me discount prices if we purchase items in numbers.



Did you know that 21 of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish ancestry (including two native Scots?).



