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## RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL RECIEVES MANY RAVE REVIEWS

Well, it was a balmy, wonderful weekend at Crownsville, Maryland, for the Scottish Weekend of the Renaissance Festival. COS hosted five organizations (including ourselves) for a very fulfilling and tiring two days. Included in the COS contingent was Clan Donnachaidh, Clan MacPherson, House of Gordon and, new this year, Clan Stewart Society of North America. That's one more than last year and we all fit in the same space allocated by the Festival management. Trust a Scots to be thrifty and frugal with tent space!

Jerry Vandenburg, House of Gordon, provided a new setting with a more Renaissance-like tent without the apparent modern structure. A full 30 feet long, there was plenty of room to accommodate the crowds that gathered all day long. At some points on Saturday, there were 10 people working the tables and answering questions. A large group of COS members and their guests were nearby from the opening cannon at 10:30 a.m. until the closing boom at 7:00 p.m. While the temperature was comfortable at about 80 degrees, wayward tropical storm Harriet brought humidity and rare breezes.

For the first time, the Renn Fest management organized a bonny knees and haggis race with competition between the English and the Scots. Needless to say, the

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## HERITAGE FAIR, ANNE ARUNDEL FESTIVAL CLOSE THE SEASON

The season was nearing its finish as we gathered together in Fort Ward Park in Alexandria for the annual Heritage Fair. The pleasant smells of early Fall were definitely hanging in the early morning air as we set up our tent. This festival, unlike many, was missing the thud of hammers, stones and caibers as there were no athletics. Rather, Alexandria gathered to celebrate their common Celtic and strongly Scottish Heritage for an annual day of picnics, rides, clans and vendors. Open to the public at no charge, the Heritage Fair was unusual in that everyone was invited and all could join in the events of the day.

And so we gathered under our tent. The crew was busy all day. Even though the Fair was lightly attended, the COS tent bustled from opening to closing. Many of our members showed up to work the front or visit. Six new members joined our ranks, and three members were reinstated or renewed. The new COS tartan products were very popular and generated many donations. Perhaps Connie McLaughlin's weapons display attracted the crowd, or being placed on the high ground with our colorful furnishings contributed. Regardless, it was considered to be very successful, and thanks to the weather, a great day to spend in Fort Ward Park with our fellow clans.

Rounding out the year, we attended the one-day Anne Arundel Celtic Festival in October at the County fairgrounds. Much like the first game of the seasons at Southern Maryland, Anne Arundel is always a welcome gathering of clans, vendors, dancers, pipers and athletes who contribute to the end of a summer of fun and visiting, a fit-

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### Reminders

**Member Meeting - November 12th - Old Town**  
**Christmas Walk - December 7th - Old Town**  
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**Christmas Party - December 8th - McLean**

## THE CHIEF'S CORNER

As some of you already know, I am not running for Chief for 2003 because of family and other commitments. Therefore, this is my second to last Chief's Corner.

This was quite a year for COS and for me. We have had increased attendance at the tent and more importantly increased membership. The only event which I can recall that had poor attendance was the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Old Town Alexandria. Hopefully that will not happen in 2003. All other events were well-attended. I was glad to see that members and prospective members felt at home at the tent. Seeing members having fun is one of the best recruiting tools we have. I am also glad that I, myself, was able to recruit a new chaplain for COS - Father Roger Hunter Hall who is also the chaplain for Clan Hunter. Some of you met him at the Heritage Fair.

As for me, this was a year of challenge and growth. I learned a little more about interpersonal communication and human relationships, and I learned about myself. I tried to the best of my ability to be a good Chief and to help COS grow. I know I made some mistakes along the way, but I hope that the good that I did outweighed those mistakes. I also apologize for stepping on anyone's toes, and I forgive those who stepped on mine. I would like to thank Larry Young, Vernon Gardener, and Michael Robertson who guided me and tried to help me be a good Chief.

There are a few other "Thank You"s which are due: Vernon Gardener and Deborah Wilkes for becoming active members again and working diligently at the tent at the festivals; Deborah, again, for all of the tartan decorations which she made to spruce up the tent and for making the tartan flags and other items which have raised over \$200 for COS; Aaron Kidwell for being there to help set up and breakdown the tent at the festivals and for hauling and stashing the COS tents and festival items early this year; Connie McLaughlin for bringing her medieval weaponry to add to the tent's ambience and for helping to set up and breakdown the tent; Dick & Iris Hyson for their almost constant presence and help at the tent; Bryan Ginn for all of his improvements to the COS website and his timeliness in which he did them; and Michael Robertson for doing such a fine job with COS' finances and "The Piper"; Ken Allen for spearheading the Burns Night dinner and the Tartan Banquet this year; Randy Gregory and Martha Walls for getting the COS brochures and business cards; Klaus Keckeisen for welcoming COS back to his establishment and for his work/help on our events there; and last but not least my wife, Becki, for being supportive of me this year, our first year of marriage, as I tried to fulfill my duties as Chief as well as trying to be a good husband.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Scottish Christmas Walk on Dec. 7th and at the Kirkin's of the Tartan and the CoS Christmas Party on Dec. 8th.

Yours Aye,

*Eric*



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# 2003 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

## For Chief - Vernon Gardener

Vernon has extensive experience as Chieftain (twice) and Chief (two successive terms). He has also been an officer for the past two years with the Elks (BPOE). He has worked to identify and develop new opportunities for COS to grow through diverse social activities, community service projects and overall public awareness. He seeks to instill further commitment and foster increased participation in current members, and encourage prospective members to become aware of and participate in their Scottish heritage.

Vernon has worked with the National Tartan Day committee from its inception to expand COS' presence in this growing celebration. He has several projects in mind for building awareness of COS throughout the Metropolitan Washington area which include greater participation in Scottish Games and Celtic Festivals.

## For Chief - Martha Walls

Martha has twenty years of leadership as a naval officer and experience leading several volunteer organizations that work with disadvantaged youth and wildlife rescue at the local animal shelter. Associated with COS since 1992, Martha joined in 2001 and became very active. She was elected Scribe in 2002.

Her contributions to the Scottish community include: helping to create a permanent National Tartan Day (NTD) Committee; planning an NTD Fundraising Ceilidh; promoting COS in Clan Donald, Living Legacy, Heritage Fair Committee, SAMS and Celtic Festivals. She redesigned the COS and NTD brochures and business cards; reestablished the Program/Entertainment Committee and brought Scottish related programs to COS meetings. She helped to redesign the COS Website, including a "Members Only" page and reestablished the COS Kirkin O' the Tartans.

Martha seeks to increase educational/cultural activities with more involvement in the greater Scottish community. She believes COS' pride will grow as purposes and values are addressed by encouraging family oriented activities such as the Fall Barbeque and a COS-sponsored Cup at the Virginia Scottish Games.

## For Chieftain - Aaron Kidwell

Aaron has been with COS for the full 2002 season. He has actively participated in all the games, transporting the tent and furnishings on many occasions. He is currently serving COS as the Maraschal under appointment from Chief Eric Bartock.

As Chieftain, Aaron intends to learn first hand about the history, policies and procedures that govern COS, as well

as being a conservative view to the Council. He believes that improvements can be made in current programs such as encouraging greater member participation at Games and Festivals. Aaron is concerned that frivolous planning and careless execution may harm COS's member retention. He is also concerned about financial stability and the need to create and adhere to an approved budget.

Aaron is convinced that steady and sustained membership growth is essential to the future of the organization. He advocates controlled and selected communication with all of the membership for important issues and plans.

If elected, Aaron is looking to establish a long term commitment to the membership and Council in a leadership position with fresh, sound ideas and inclusion of all in the formulation of both short-term and long range planning.

## For Keeper of the Sporan - Michael Robertson

As Keeper for at least the last four years, Michael has completely automated the financial records and provided good accounting and budgeting tools for the Council. In conjunction with managing the membership database and editing the Piper, he believes that stability has been returned to several management functions. He promises to continue to provide accountability at any time, and punctually administer COS' financial affairs. And, yes, he found the COS pins in his basement.

## For Scribe - Lorri Robertson

Having been the Piper editor for over eight years, Lorri is very familiar with COS goals and COS history. She brings experience and awareness of COS' corporate history. As Scribe, she promises to faithfully keep our records organized and keep our members informed of COS activities. She believes that the importance of this office is the contributions she can make as a member of the Council. To this end, Lorri pledges to support all of the membership.

### **Election Note for Members**

This is the first posting of a slate of candidates for office as Officers for 2003. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on January 7, 2003, Bistro Europa, Alexandria, VA.

Per the bylaws, the dues category in which members joined or renewed in 2002 will determine the number of votes per household. Family memberships receive two votes, single memberships receive one vote. Check your *Piper* mailing label to determine your category.

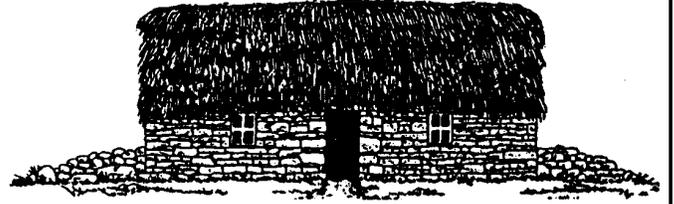
## BUSY WEEKEND PLANNER

This year, we have three functions on the same weekend. On Saturday, December 7th, the **Annual Scottish Christmas Walk** in Old Town Alexandria will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Wilkes and S. Pitt Street. Our position in the lineup will be sent to all members when we receive it from the Campagna Center. If we don't have the information in time, go to the check-in table near the Schumann's Bakery parking lot, corner of Wilkes and S. Washington Streets.

On Sunday, December 8th, the **Kirkin O' the Tartan** will be held at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean at 3 p.m., followed by the **Christmas Party** at Vinson Hall in McLean at 5 p.m. There will be plenty of time to get from the church to Vinson Hall. Since the Christmas Party is always a potluck event, those bringing a cold dish will be able to store it in a refrigerator at the church during the Kirkin. For hot dishes, arrangements will be made for either early delivery to Vinson Hall or temporary storage at the church.

The Party committee will be providing a main entree. As in the past, though, all other entrees and side dishes are provided by members and participants. *Please contact* Paul Peak (703-237-0084) or Marilyn Ross (703-533-0767) as soon as possible to help with coordination and menu planning.

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## Membership News

*Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 Welcomes)*

The *Clans of Scotland* offers a rousing welcome to all our new and returning members. We hope to see you at many of the events we have scheduled for this year.

Jamiela Al-Hujazi	Harvin McFaddin
Theresa Burns	Marguerite Metzler
Curtis Clegg	Carl Moffett
Roberta Hamilton	John & Laura Simonson
Bill & Debera Howard	Julieta Stack
Peter Josendale	Michael Thompson
Newton & Nancy Love	Jerry Vandenberg
Mary Anne Love	

### Membership Boxscore

Counts	Memberships
Paid through 2001	98
Renewed to date	68
New in 2002	28
Total current	96
Life members	7
Total active memberships	103

## FROM OUR RECIPE COLLECTION



### BREAD PUDDING *by Ruth SLAGLE*

1 Loaf Soft French Bread	2 c. Milk
2 c. Heavy Cream	3 Eggs
2 c. Gran. Wh. Sugar	2 Tbsp. Vanilla
1 c. Raisins	2 tsp. Cinnamon
3 Tbsp. Butter, Softened	

Cube bread and soak in milk and cream, mixing gently with hands in a mixing bowl. In another mixing bowl add vanilla, raisins, eggs, sugar, butter and cinnamon mixing together thoroughly. Add contents of both mixing bowls together and stir well. Pour mixture into a greased baking dish and place in a water bath and bake for 45-55 minutes at 350° or until firm. Serve with Bourbon Sauce:

1 c. Brown Sugar	½ c. Butter
1 c. Heavy Cream	½ c. Bourbon

In a saucepan, add cream and brown sugar to melted butter and bourbon. Bring to a boil, simmer. Pour over bread pudding and serve immediately.

## EVENTS AT OUR WEB SITE WWW.CLANSOFSCOTLAND.ORG

Past and current issues of the Piper are now hosted at our ebsite. With our Scribe's persistence, Webmaster Bryan Ginn and Communications Chair Deborah Wilkes have activated the Members Only page. Members can use this forum for posting notices and messages not promulgated through the COS Admin List.

To access the Members Only page, you will need a member ID and password. These will be emailed to all COS members who are listed at COS Admin. To submit articles or notes of interest, use the Webmaster link to reach Bryan by email and enclose your item as either an attachment, or in the body of the email. If you have not received the ID and password information, email Deborah Wilkes at [dwilkes@cox.net](mailto:dwilkes@cox.net).

This web page will also be used to publish our financial and membership reports that we would not want to be passed out to the general public. So check it out - the entire website has been under major renovation.

There are great links to many Scottish sites. These include games information, history and shopping websites. Future pages will include a web store and (hopefully) on-line renewal. See you on the web.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Christmas Party at Vinson Hall is planned to be an anniversary event marking the end of COS' 40th year. In addition to a wonderful buffet, cash bar, raffles and selected Scottish entertainment, the program will include a commemoration to the founders and early members of the Clans of Scotland. All COS members are strongly encouraged to bring photos and memorabilia from past events. Of special interest would be items from the 60's, 70's and 80's. It is possible that a written history of COS may be ready in time for the party.

Plan to join us from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., after the Kirkin, in the top-floor party room at Vinson Hall, 6251 Old Dominion Road, McLean.

COS does not purchase raffle items. Contributions of single malts, crafts, sugared sweets or whatever, are greatly appreciated. For planning, please contact Martha at xxx-xx-xxx with your raffle item.

### MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Clans of Scotland will take place at Bistro Europa in Old Town Alexandria on November 12th at 7:30 p.m. The nomination of officers for 2003, the Scottish Walk, the Kirkin, Christmas Party and Burns Night will be discussed. Please mark your calendars for this important event.

## MINUTES OF THE JULY 9TH

### MEETING *submitted by Martha Walls, Scribe*

#### I. Report from the Council Officers

A) The minutes of the May 14, 2002 were approved by the membership.

B) The Keeper of the Sporrán discussed the budget report. Income is down because the membership numbers are at their lowest level in 8 years. Since the largest Expense is publication and distribution of "The Piper," only 100 copies of "The Piper" were published this month and "The Piper" will only be published four times vice six times a year.

C) The Keeper of the Sporrán reported the sad news that one of COS' long-time member, Harry de Buys, passed away.

D) In remembrance of the victims of September 11, 2002, the Chief asked for a moment of silence, which was followed by the Scribe giving a short presentation and reading of a poem,

E) John Wallace gave a report on the "Heritage Fair" to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2002 at Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, Virginia. Pat Ganson and Larry Young were thanked for their work on the Heritage Fair.

#### II. Report from the Committee Chairs

A) The Membership Chairman, Randy Gregory, announced that the COS brochure has been distributed since the Potomac Games and copies have been left at the Scottish Merchant. Additional COS business cards were handed out and visitors that signed the COS Guest Book at the Alexandria, Potomac and Southern Maryland were mailed a follow-up postcard.

B) The Chief announced that Edward Yates has resigned as the Communications Chairman and COS is looking for a replacement. Additional information regarding communications that was discussed included the inclusion of "The Piper" into the COS webpage and it was decided to put past copies of "The Piper" on the webpage. Also, the Keeper of the Sporrán suggested looking into options of putting "PayPal" on the COS webpage at a 2% cost, on the COS webpage so that people can both sign-up and pay for membership online.

C) Programs/Entertainment Committee, the following was discussed:

i) The Keeper of the Sporrán gave a report on the logistics of the Renaissance Festival and confirmed events for the remainder of 2002.

ii) The Scribe gave a report on National Tartan Day activities and announced that Randy Gregory and Pat Ganson have been selected as National Capital Tartan Day board members. Next NTD board meeting is September 22nd where the following activities will be discussed for 2003: NTD event on the Mall, Sunday, April 6th with vendors, international bagpipe competition, entertainment, clan gatherings, etc.; Ceilidh on April 4th; Cherry Blossom Parade on April 5th; Scottish; and a Banquet at Bistro Europa on April 5, 2003

#### III. New Business

A) The Chief noted that he is taking suggestions for the Nominating Committee and the slate of candidates will be presented to the COS member at the membership meeting in November 2002. Also, the Chief introduced, Earl Smith, 'Nautical Option', who gave a brief summary on his travel organization.

B) The Scribe gave a report on the upcoming Kirkin O' the Tartan to be held on December 8, 2002 at 3:00PM at the Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, Virginia. The Living Legacy has been invited to participate in the ceremony.

C) The Chieftain gave a report on the upcoming COS Christmas party on December 8, 2002 at 5:00 PM at Vinson Hall, McLean, Virginia. The event will be Potluck and entertainment provided. It was voted by the membership to have COS pay for a second main course to be prepared by Paul Peak.

D) The Chieftain made several recommendations for fundraising activities, that included sewing of tartan material into banners flags, etc. for sale, selling pith helmets, and an annual COS invitational golf tournament. It was noted at this time that Deborah Wilkes has raised \$75.00 for COS with her tartan sales. The Chieftain also extended an invitation to all COS members to attend a Social at the Elks Club on October 19, 2002.

#### IV. Old Business

A) A vote was taken on the COS Bylaw changes as stated in the most recent issue of "The Piper," and the vote was unanimous to incorporate all the recommended revisions to the Bylaws.

## RENN FEST, *continued from page 1*

Scots swept all events and wore the fau-haggis (mushy cold oatmeal) home on their kilts.

Vernon Gardener raised a few eyebrows when he suggested we pay "homage" to Henry VIII and Anne Bolyn as they passed with their entourage in the afternoon - to which Jim Fargo flatly avowed, "Never!"

Sunday was a bit quieter. However, the crowds picked up in the afternoon when the threatening rain held off until after closing. With a reduced crew to staff the tables, all hands pitched in. Many young people visited with heritage questions. Overall, the Renn Fest was a great success with COS gaining two new members and many donations for Deborah Wilkes' tartan flags.

## SEASON, *continued from page 1*

ting end to another year of clan activities. The simplicity of the layout of clan row, along the main entry road, and the vendors on the knoll adjacent to the entertainment stage and overlooking the dance competitions all contributed to a feeling of closing the season on a tranquil note. Anne Arundel is always a lot of fun and a perfect bookend to the startup at Southern Maryland. Across from many of the vendors, COS was placed high on the bluff overlooking the dance competition, the clan tents and near St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore.

First to appear for the early morning ritual were Aaron Kidwell, Deborah Wilkes and Vernon Gardener with the tent and furnishings, followed closely by Chief Bartock, Becki and clan puppy, Rigby. In the cool Fall morning, everything was put in place in short order. Beltway security problems reduced the attendance, but COS was busy the entire day.

We signed up two new members and answered many questions, as is COS' m.o. The massed pipe bands and opening ceremony were impressive and the vendors (with many bargains) were plentiful. COS members visited the tent throughout the day and worked with the flowing crowd. In the end, we had two more members and many inquiries for our efforts.

O.K! It started to drizzle at the 5 p.m. closing ceremony, but then what is a Scotsman without a slightly soggy kilt? Our second time at Anne Arundel, COS was a welcome addition to the venue. We will certainly plan to participate in the next Annapolis celebration of our Celtic heritage.

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## Flowers of the Forest



### Harry Duggan de Buys, Jr.

on the eighteenth of August 2002. Harry was a long time member of COS who remained active until just before his death. A frequent visitor to the COS tent at local games, Harry contributed to genealogical discussions and provided much of his research experiences as articles for the Piper.



### Robert Wine

on the eleventh of October 2002. Robert was very active in COS' early years, serving in many positions to build the organization and was a past Chief. For his service, he was awarded life-time membership. He is survived by his wife, Doris, of Woodbridge.



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## KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN

by Martha Wall, Clan Donald

Kirk is Scottish for Church and the Tartan is the traditional plaid design that distinguishes the various Scottish Clans. Thus, the Kirkin' o' the Tartan is the traditional blessing of the tartan by the Clergy.

After the failure at Culloden of the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, the Disarming Act of 1747 forbade the Scots from wearing their tartans. Prince Charles Edward Stuart had escaped to France, but this gave very little comfort to the thousands of Highlanders whose way of life had been irrevocably altered. The Clan System, with its representative tartans, was forbidden as troops loyal to the Duke of Cumberland and the House of Hanover ravaged the Scottish Highlands, searching out Jacobite supporters.

By legend, the Highlanders hid swatches of tartan fabric among their clothing when they went to church, and at a predetermined time, secretly touched their tartan material during the worship service. This was a covert act of defiance against the King of England in much the same way that upper class Jacobites would flick their wrist over the top of their drinking glasses to symbolizes a toast for the King "over the water," Charles Edward Stuart.

With the coming of the 18th Century, many of these Scots faced the Highland Clearances. Thousands of Highland Crofters were forced to become pioneers in the New World as their former aristocratic lords drove them off their land, so that they could conduct the much more profitable business of raising sheep. The Highlander, loosing many of these traditions, became a victim of the Industrial Revolution.

The Kirkin O' the Tartan was revived during WWII by Reverend Peter Marshal, then the Chaplain of the U.S. Senate. To encourage Scottish Americans to sign up to fight on behalf of Great Britain, Peter Marshall recreated the Kirkin' o' the Tartan ceremony in 1943 to instill pride among Scottish Americans in their homeland. The Kirkin ceremony was then held in Presbyterian churches across the USA. Today, the Kirkin O' the Tartan is not limited to Presbyterian Churches, but is often observed in other Protestant and Roman Catholic services where the ceremony can be a great social occasion for people of Scottish origin to congregate and worship God.

This year, COS is having their annual Kirkin o' the Tartan at 3:00 PM on Sunday, December 8, 2002 at:

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church  
1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia  
Telephone No: 703-356-7200

Following the Kirkin will be a gathering of COS members and friends at Vinson Hall in McLean, Virginia at 5:00 PM for the annual COS Christmas party.

Jim MacGregor

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*"Ask me about Scottish stuff!"*

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B) The Chief recommended that COS buy a standard at an estimated price of \$75 - \$125. It was agreed by the membership to make further inquiries as to the making of the standard and report back at the next COS members meeting in November 2002.

C) Other announcements included: Bob Cameron and John Lumsden announced the entire COS membership is being extended an invitation to the St. Andrew's Tartan Ball on November 1, 2001 at Tyson's Corner; Jim Wallace announced that the band Wolf Stone would be playing at the Birchmere, Alexandria, Virginia on September 26, 2002; and finally, the Chieftain noted that the Battlefield Band would be playing at Wolftrap in November 2002.

### V. Post Meeting Program

Mr. Earl Smith stayed for a question and answer period on travels to Scotland. For more information, Contact Mr. Smith at:

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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

With our busy December schedule, don't forget the two most important events of the new year: The COS **Annual Meeting**, January 7th, at Bistro Europa and **Burns Night**, January 18th. We will be selecting our slate of officers at the Annual Meeting.

Plans for Burns Night are already in motion. John Wallace will again head up the committee. He asks for assistance in planning venue, menu and entertainment. Please contact John at 703-683-5849 as soon as you can.

# GENEALOGY

## SOUNDEX

by Robert McLaren  
Clan MacLaren



Last issue I wrote an article on the 1920 Federal Census. I intended to cover both the information in the census and how to locate people in this census. Unfortunately, as I wrote the article, I discovered that I needed more space than that provided by a single article. Therefore, the last article mainly covered the information in the census. This article will cover how to locate information in this census. The National Archives has an index for this census, however, as I last mentioned, you need to use a Soundex code to search this index.

The Soundex code is a four digit alphanumeric consisting of a letter and three numbers. The letter is the first digit and always is the first letter of the surname. This letter is followed by three numbers based on the remaining letters of the surname as follows:

### Soundex Coding Guide

The number	Represents the letters
1	B P F V
2	C S K G J Q X Z
3	D T
4	L
5	M N
6	R

Disregard the letters A, E, I, O, U, W, Y, and H

Some additional guidelines are needed before you are ready to start coding. The first deals with double letters. You only code the first double letter — ignore the second. Thus, if a name has a RR in it, ignore the second r. The second rule is an extension of the first. If a surname has two letters (or more) that code the same and are side by side, code only the first. Thus, a soundex for a name containing the adjacent letters CKS would ignore the K and S. Note, however, that if a vowel or one of the other disregarded letters separates letters, than the separated letters are coded even if they have the same code. If a surname has a prefix (e.g., Von, Van, De, Di, Le) the name could be coded either with or without the prefix. If there are insufficient letters in the surname to get three numbers, use zeros to complete the soundex. Therefore, LEE would code as L000 and BELT would code as B430.

Here are some other examples from Hayfield surnames:

ALEWINE A450	ALLISON A425
BROCKMAN B625	CORRY C600
DOPLER D146	GORMAN G655
FERRY F600	FIENUP F510
HILLS H420	HOENSCHIED H523
KAPPELMAN K145	LEAR L600
MATLOCK M342	MCKINNIS M252
MILLER M460	MILLIKEN M425
MONACO M520	STEARNS S365
THOMPSON T512	WATSON W325
WINDT W530	

Now that you are expert at Soundex coding, how do you use it? Again I refer you to *The 1920 Federal Population Census, National Archives Trust Fund Board, Washington, DC, 1991 (Second Edition 1992)*. This book lists the microfilm numbers for both the 1920 Soundex Index and the 1920 Federal Census. Copies of this book are available for reference at the National Archives in Room 400 (the microfilm room); however, I find it much more convenient to have my own copy so I can do my homework before I get to the Archives.

As I said above, this book lists all the microfilms for the 1920 Soundex. Let me illustrate how to use these by an example. My grandfather, William McLaren, should be in New York in 1920. Therefore, I go to the listing for microfilm M1578 (New York) armed with my soundex of M246. (Each state has a separate soundex index, so you need to know the state or look in a number of states.) The listing shows the following for Roll #500:

500. M-245 Usanio — M-250 Charity A.

Note that all of M246 is on this roll. If I was looking for M245, I might need to look at the previous roll — depending upon the given name I was looking for. Given names after Usanio are on Roll #500; given names before Usanio are on Roll #499.

Next, I locate microfilm M1578, Roll #500 in the microfilm cabinets in Room 400 at the Archives, load the microfilm into a reader and crank away. When I hit the M246s on the roll, I notice that they are in alphabetic order by the given name, not the surname. (You will notice different surnames since one than one name will have the same soundex.) So I will continue to crank until I hit the William's (after checking the W's in case the census taker used initials). Once I find the listing of William's, I will either note down the information for all William McLaren's listed or for my William McLaren (if I can identify him from the information given.) I will extract the information that I need to find William in the 1920 census.

This soundex listing is actually a film of index cards containing an abstract from the census record and informa-

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# Clans of Scotland, USA

## 2002 Calendar



Revised October 2002

The Clans of Scotland is pleased to bring you our calendar of events for 2002. As we receive more information during the year, the *Piper* will update this listing. We encourage your input & participation. Call Eric Bartock at (703) 218-1280 for information or to find out how you can help out.

★ November 12th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* -  
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm..

December 7th ~ *Scottish Christmas Walk*  
*Parade* - Old Town Alexandria, VA, 9:30 am.

December 8th ~ *Kirkin' o' the Tartans* -  
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean 3:00 pm

December 8th ~ *Clans of Scotland Christmas Party* -  
Vinson Hall, McLean, VA 5 - 8pm.

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★ January 7th ~ *Annual Clans of Scotland Meeting* -  
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm

January 18th ~ *Annual Burns Night Supper* -

March 1st ~ *St. Patricks Day Parade* - Old Town  
Alexandria

★ March 11th ~ *Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro  
Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

March 31st ~ *Deadline for Yearly Dues !!!*

March 1st ~ *St. Patricks Day Parade* - Old Town  
Alexandria

April 4th ~ *Tartan Day Ceilidh* - Lulu's  
Washington, DC, 6:00 pm.

April 5th ~ *Tartan Day Banquest* - Bistro  
Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

April 26th ~ *Southern Maryland Celtic Festival &*  
*Highland Gathering* - Jefferson Patterson Park,  
St. Leonard, MD.

May 10th ~ *Beatty-Cramer Celtic Festival* - Frederick,  
MD. Details to follow.

★ May 13th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro  
Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

June 7th-8th ~ *Potomac Celtic Festival* -  
Morven Park International Equestrian Center,  
Leesburg, VA.

★ July 8th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* - Bistro  
Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

July 25th-27th ~ *Virginia Scottish Games* -  
Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA.

★ September 9th ~ *Regular Clans of Scotland Meeting* -  
Bistro Europa, 715 King St, Alexandria, 7:30 pm.

September 13th-14th ~ *Maryland Renaissance Faire*  
*Scottish Weekend* - Crownsville, MD.

September 27th ~ *Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair* -  
Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, VA 9am-5pm

October 11th ~ *Anne Arundel Highland Games* -  
Anne Arundel Fairgrounds, Annapolis, MD



Please note: All dates for Year 2002 events are best available.  
This calendar will be updated as new information becomes available.

The above graphic is the colorful, weatherproof COS bumper  
sticker. They are available for \$5 at every festival or meeting.

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tion on where the individual is located in the census. There are two types of index cards — family cards and individual cards. The family card is listed by head of the household. While the remainder of the household (spouse, son, daughter) are listed on the card, they do not appear independently in the index. Therefore, if I wanted to locate someone who was living with his/her parents in 1920, I would have to search all possible heads of family to locate him/her. All other members of the household (grandparents, in-laws, cousins, servants, boarders, etc.) are also listed on the family card but they also are listed on an individual card. Thus, a hired hand named Sam Hardy would be listed under H630. The individual card would tell you who he is listed with (Sam Hardy enumerated with James Jones).

What information is on the index card? For the head of household the following is on the card: name, color, age, birthplace, citizenship, county, city, street, and house number. For all others on the card: name, relationship to head of household, age, birthplace, and citizenship. This is quite a lot of information, but don't stop here — go next to the census and get all the information.

How do you go from the index card to the census record? Use the information in the upper right hand corner of the card. Here you will find four items of information: Volume, enumeration district (ED), sheet, and line. Note these down (along with the county and city). Next, return to

the 1920 Federal Population Census and turn to the pages showing the microfilm rolls for the census. Locate first the state, then the county. If all the county is contained on one roll, no EDs will be listed. However, often a county is split across two or more rolls. If this is the case, the county listings will show the contained EDs. For example, Census Roll #308 contains Chicago City, Cook County, Illinois, EDs 249-285. Roll #309 contains EDs 286-333, etc. Once you determine what roll you need, locate it in the microfilm cabinets in Room 400, load the microfilm into your reader, and again crank away. The EDs are normally in numerical order, so continue turning until you find the right ED. Once in the right ED, continue looking until you find the sheet (page) number that you noted down. Look down this page for the line number. Bingo!! You located the sought after head of family or individual!

I hope this provides sufficient information to allow you to find individuals in the 1920 census. Next issue I will continue my expanded discussion of census records with the 1910 census.

Ed. Note: Most genealogy websites now convert your surname entries into soundex codes and will search databases with that coding, if you select that option. Of course, you will get a larger number of hits by using soundex - Smith and Smythe have the same code. - S530.

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