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**By: Peter Dunlop**

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Greetings to all our members. I trust all of you had a wonderful summer and managed to enjoy some of the Highland Games and other Scottish festivals in your areas.

Our High Commissioner reports that we had clan representation at 20 events this year - that is really great!! Lets endeavor to increase our representation at these events next year, and support our Society and Commissioners by showing up and greeting them at their tents. In the next issue of Merito (due out April 2003) we will list all the events (games/festivals) at which our Commissioners will have tents next year, so we can plan our attendance accordingly.

We hope you will find this issue of Merito interesting and informative, and that you like the direction it is going. We want to inform you of everything that is going on in the Society, and thereby improve communication within our group. We intend that there be an article about each area of the Society's activities, and we want the usefulness of this newsletter to evolve as we go forward. Please let us know (myself or David) if you have any comments or suggestions about content or format.

Our Society has experienced some difficult times over the past few years and our good name has taken some smudges, but there are brighter days ahead. Since taking over as President, my primary focus has been to stabilize the Society and position it for future growth. We have already taken steps to address communication and responsiveness to members. Finances and membership are

two major issues that we are now working on. We are a small group, although we have some very good aspects to our Society - this newsletter, our web-site and genealogy database. However, we need to grow to be more successful. Increasing our membership will provide us with new friends, a larger genealogy database, more volunteers to help with Society activities, and also help our finances. We need to maintain a responsible system of governance and build an enduring organization that can be enjoyable and responsive to all members, and can routinely withstand the change-over of officers and directors. Drawing on our good Scots heritage of perseverance, we can overcome the obstacles presently facing our Society, and take it proudly ahead into the future.

In my part of the world (western New York) we now have snow on the ground as I'm writing this. The joyous holiday season will soon be upon us. When Christmas, hogmanay, and first footing activities are all behind us, and before we sit down to a Burns Dinner on January 25, please remember to send your annual dues in (see Treasurer's Report). We value all members and greatly appreciate your support.

My very best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to you all. As always, I would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have on our Society. I can be reached by e-mail at [pdunlop@adelphia.net](mailto:pdunlop@adelphia.net) or by snail mail at P.O. Box 652, East Aurora, NY 14052.

Yours Aye,  
Peter Dunlop



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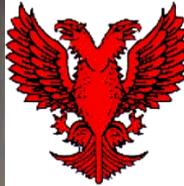
## FOOTSTEPS OF OUR CLAN

HERE BE HISTORIES OF OUR NAMESAKES  
READ AND WALK WITH THEM THROUGH TIME

*Submitted by:  
Mike Dunlap, Clan Historian*



*Brig Star*



*Frigate Penelope*

How the Dunlop Name came to be associated again with Freedom, by the capturing of Slave ships by Capt. Robert J Wallace Dunlop, RN. and Lt Andrew R Dunlap, RN

During the years 1838 through 1845, Great Britain, in treaty with France, Russia, and the Netherlands, actively suppressed Slave traders of Sierra Leone in West Africa. The Royal Navy had squadrons of many ships of the Line on what was called The West African Station . These ships were to (according to the Instructions for the Guidance of Her Majesty's Naval Officers Employed in the Suppression of the Slave Trade, 1844):

- 1 Visit any ship suspected of transporting Slaves. On all occasions of visiting suspected vessels, the Officer sent on board is to be in proper uniform, and of the rank required by the Treaty or Instructions under which the visit is made; and the boat in which he goes is always to carry a British flag and pendant; and he is to be provided with documents conferring authority to Visit and Search, and the Instructions applicable to the occasion.
- 2 If Slaves should be on board, every effort is to be made to alleviate their sufferings and improve their condition, by a careful attention to cleanliness and ventilation, by separating the sickly from those who are in good health, by encouraging the Slaves to feel confidence in Her Majesty's Officers and men, and promoting amongst them cheerfulness and exercise.

- 3 The Officer in charge of a captured Slave-ship will be warranted in landing the Slaves, or transferring them to other vessels, whenever such measures are absolutely necessary, but not otherwise; and in such cases a certificate of all the circumstances much be drawn out, and be taken with the vessel to the place of adjudication.
- 4 The Master and crew, or such part of them as may be left on board a detained Slave-vessel, are to be well treated, and not to be subjected to further restraint than may be required for ensuring the due execution of the service entrusted to the Officer in charge; but it will be necessary to guard against attempts at recapture, whether by open force, or by any other means.
- 5 In all cases of capture a full and accurate account of everything captured or destroyed and of the disposal of the same is to be sent in, together with a report of the case, by the Officer in charge to the Senior Officer on the station, and a duplicate thereof to the Secretary to the Admiralty, by the earliest opportunity.

Commanding one of these ships of Freedom was Robert J. Wallace Dunlop, Captain of the packet Brig "H.M.S. Star" (6 guns), 2nd Division West African Station, which he commanded off Sierra Leone and Gallinas in 1838-45. In these actions he seized the following ships: On Feb. 3, 1844, the Nova Christina, freeing 70 slaves. On 1 Apr 1844 the schooner Maria. On 30 Aug 1844, a brigantine; on 30 Jan 1845 the Cazuzza; on 8 Feb 1845 the schooner Diligencia; on 11 Feb 1845 the Vivo; on 6 Mar 1845 the Virginia; on 26 Mar 1845 the schooner Audaz;

on 27 Mar 1845 the Rafael; 17 Apr 1845 the Schooner Minerva; 28 Jun 1845 the schooner Mariquinha; 16 Jul 1845 the Brig Fantasma; in the next four days three more brigs with unknown names; on Dec 24 1845 another Brig; and on 17 Feb 1846 the Brig Paquete de Rio. These Brigs held over 500 slaves each. Captain Dunlop's actions freed over 5,000 slaves on their way to the West Indies!

Another liberator during these actions was Lt. Andrew R. Dunlap, who served on the H. M.S. Penelope, a 5<sup>th</sup> rate 46-gun Frigate and also later commanding his own ship, the H.M.S. Albert, a small troopship with three guns. While serving as an officer on the Penelope, he helped capture the schooner Maria Luisa on 3 Apr 1844 and two schooners on 20 Oct 1844. While captaining the small troopship H.M.S. Albert, he captured the schooner Sua Majestade on 3 Feb 1845; the Brig Triumfo on 11 Feb 1845, and the Schooner Venus on 13 Feb 1845. Lt. Dunlop's actions were responsible for the freeing of over 2,000 slaves!

Our two representatives in this glorious humane adventure again reiterate the Family Dunlop's fine motto: Merito!

*from the Irish University Press reprints of the British "Parliamentary Papers" .*



# Dunlops in Service

## A Tribute to our Clan's Men and Women in Uniform



Pfc. Adam B. Powers, son of Randy Goodwill and Pamela Dunlop-Goodwill is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Adam entered the Army after high school graduation in January of 2001. He completed Basic

Training at Fort Benning in GA and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg. While at Ft. Bragg he completed 17 jumps and received his foreign jump wings when he jumped with a group of soldiers from Ecuador's army. While at Ft. Bragg this past summer, Adam had the chance to travel to Norfolk, VA and attend the 82nd Airborne Division's annual reunion. He met many veterans who had seen a lot of combat duty and had a lot of stories to tell. Adam came away feeling more patriotic than he had ever felt in his whole life.

We're lucky enough to have our son, Adam home on leave at the time of this writing. He received orders for Germany and will be leaving for Frankfurt on November 16. He's very excited for the chance to go to Europe and it will be his first time out of the United States. After arriving there he will be assigned his new unit and base.

Adam's hobbies are golf and softball, both of which he played on the battalion teams at Ft. Bragg. The army packed up all his belongings to ship to Germany but he's taking the golf clubs over himself.

Submitted by: Pamela Dunlop-Goodwill, Commissioner Nevada

### In Flanders Fields

By: John McCrea

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

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"We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

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"Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields."

*If you have a serviceman or servicewoman that you would like to see featured here in future issues, please submit his/her story and photograph to the editor.*

# Where Have We Been?

## Reports on the Games & Gatherings of the Clans

*By: Regional Commissioners*

### South Carolina

Each September, you will find members of the Dunlop/Dunlap Family Society heading for Charleston, South Carolina and the Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering. Just like at Grandfather Mountain, one never knows just what the weather has in store. Last year, the weather was cold and dreary. Needless to say, it was very unusual weather for the south for that time of year. This year, however, the weather was absolutely beautiful and slightly on the warm side.

Boone Hall Plantation, just over the Cooper River Bridge, in Mount Pleasant provided the backdrop for the gathering of the clans on September 20-21, 2002. The weekend began with the patron reception. This year, the reception was held at the Ion Club, which is situated on the banks of the inland waterway. Members of our clan decided catch up on news while sitting at one of the tables on the veranda. With a gorgeous view, a setting sun, and a gentle breeze, we had the opportunity to chat and visit with our many friends from across the years.

The next day, Ron Dunlap prepared our tent for the games. Ron, along with Libba Girard, Perry Cathcart, Perry Anne Renwick, and Penny Renwick, manned the tent during the day. This year, visitors who stopped by our tent not only found the warm hospitality of the Dunlops, but a little something extra, a sampling of Dunlop

Cheese. That was a treat for the members and visitors who had never had the opportunity to taste a part of our family's heritage.

The weekend gave us many highlights. The Marine Corps Band from Parris Island was in attendance and provided us with a spectacular mini-concert. The procession of clans included special recognition of those having served in the armed forces as well as a remembrance of those who lost their lives during 9-11. Of course, the athletic competitions are always a hit, but this time, we witnessed an athlete becoming ranked second in the world in the weight throw competition. We concluded our weekend by attending the Kirkin of the Tartan at the First Scots Presbyterian Church before making our way northward to our homes.

We encourage more of you to join us next year. Spending the weekend attending a historic event in a historic city is a special treat.

*Submitted by: Penny Renwick*

### Colorado

The Dunlop/Dunlap tent was on display five times this year in Colorado.

11 May in Kiowa, Colorado.

01 June in Sterling, Colorado. This was a new game and only about 10 clans were represented.

22 June in Evans, Colorado, my home town. About 25 clans were present and the Dunlop/Dunlap display took first place. We had a pleasant visit from Mike Dunlap.

10-11 August in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

06-07-08 September in Longs Peak Scottish/Irsh Festival. This the largest Games in Colorado. Last year we Got 6 to 8 inches of snow, but this did not stop the games. This year was much better with no snow and little wind.

There is one more highland game in Colorado in Grand Junction, Colorado on the western Slope. I do not go to this one because of the chance of snow and ice over the divide.

The clan was represented by Paul Dunlap, Pauletta (Dunlap) Gain, Apryll Gain, Gary Gain (Son-in-law).

*Paul Dunlap - Colorado Commissioner*



Paul Dunlap's award winning tent in Evans, Colorado attracted praise from Dunlops and games organizers alike!



A large group of Dunlops standing proudly outside their tent at the West Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival in Beckley, West Virginia.

## ***West Virginia***

Games attended this last year:

20 April in North Carolina. Loch Norman Games. David B. Dunlap, North Carolina Commissioner, had a tent here.

4 May in Bridgeport, West Virginia. Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering.

1 June in Rio Grande, Ohio. 11th Annual Celtic Festival.

12-14 July in Boone, North Carolina. Grandfather Mountain Highlan Games. Ron, South Carolina Commissioner, had a tent here.

16-18 August in Beckley, West Virginia. West Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival. I sponsored a tent here and renewed a membership for 2003.

*Carroll R. Dunlap - West Virginia Commissioner*

## Texas

Celtic Heritage Festival - 12-13 October - Bedford, Texas *The reivers are coming, the reivers are coming!* Clan Young of Texas has issued a warning to Clan Dunlop of Texas that the Great Dunedin Trial of 02 did not settle the case of the missing flag (see the August 2002 *Merito* for the story).

It was a cold and cloudy Sunday afternoon in North Texas. The Scottish fiddles and Irish dancers were making merry, while the skirl of the bagpipes could be heard over the laughter of children in the distance. A lone Dunlap sat among the displays of our proud and noble heritage, smiling in the warmth of his wool Dunlop Ancient tartan. A voice cried out above the previously serene ambiance, The Dastardly Dunlops!

It was an envoy of three Youngs, who proceeded to recount their tale of the events that took place in Dunedin in the summer of 02. They claim that three burly guards were out-witted by a Dunlop conspiracy that resulted in the theft of a Clan Young banner from the hotel where they were holding their A.G.M. Our esteemed Vice-President was tried and convicted by a magistrate at what the Youngs refer to as a fair trial. Their flag was returned with great ceremony and sincere apologies for the embarrassment caused to the Border reivers by a single Dunlop. The claim of the Youngs from that day forward has been that there was a second flag missing, for which they blame the Dunlops.

While I tried to assert the innocence of my clansman, they would hear none of it. They did not want to hear the tale of our noble clansman, but instead issued the

warning that Clan Young would be holding their A.G.M. in Arlington, Texas in 2003. As our Texas contingent is very small (usually 3-5 people), I must put out a call for reinforcements. Any and all Dunlops who can are encouraged to travel to Texas for the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games June 6-8, 2003. (<http://www.texasscottishfestival.com>) As this bloody feud has spread over a thousand miles in only few short months, there is no way to determine what level of furor the Youngs will have reached by June. I can only pray for the defense of my Clansmen in this time of need.

Okay, so no actual blood has been shed, and the envoy of Youngs was made up of a young lady and her two children. It was all in good fun, and I hope that the fun will continue as we grow our membership in Texas this next season.

Aside from the escalating feud with Clan Young, the weekend at the Bedford Celtic Heritage Festival was a great deal of fun. We had several Dunlops stop by the tent for a warm hello and a recruiting pitch by the Commissioner. I even had the chance to let one visitor know that Delappe is not



French, but in fact Scottish. Despite the drastic swings in temperature (between 50 and 90 degrees) it was a weekend to remember, and I will be sure to return next season.

41st Annual Salado Gathering of the Clans - 8-10 November, 2002 - Salado, Texas - The temperature was balmy and the wind just strong enough to keep us cool. This being my hometown games, I was able to drive the exhausting mile and a half from my house to get set up on Friday evening. The games were held at Robertson Ranch, the ancestral home of Elijah Sterling Clack Robertson, one of Texas premier patriots and pioneers.

Saturday morning arrived, and I made my way over to the clan tent area and set out my display. I must be on someone's good list, because I had a prime location, allowing me to see the vendors, the clan stage, and the main entrance (which means everyone coming in could see the Dunlops).

Before I knew it, it was time for the Bonniest Knees contest. The judge was none other than Liz Carpenter, who spent 35 years in Washington D.C. as a White House Correspondent. During the Johnson Administration, she served as the Press Secretary and Staff Director for Lady Bird Johnson. Apparently my knees were unprepared for the challenge, as I only came in second place. (I've begun a rigorous workout plan to get ready for next year.)

Other events that kept us busy for the rest of Saturday and most of Sunday included the massed pipe bands, the Ceilidh on College Hill, the Tattoo, and the Annual Tartan Gala.

Saturday afternoon brought one of the highlights, and a new event to Salado. The Battle of the Clans, between Clan Gunn and Clan McKay. Each clan had recruited members of other clans to assist them,



***This must be what they mean by shade-tree piping.***

making it a truly universal event. Due to a distant blood kinship, I found myself fighting alongside Clan Gunn. What was the weapon of war, you may ask? It was none other than a great length of heavy gauge rope, and the rules of battle included four pulls. The first men's pull was won by Clan McKay (1 point), followed by a win for the Ladies of Clan Gunn (2 points). The men of Clan McKay won a second time, bringing the score to 2 points to each side going into the final co-ed pull. Tensions ran high in both the pits of our stomachs, and the rope between our fingers. The teams pulled first one direction, then the other as the crowds cheered us on. The ghillies were dug into the hard earth struggling to gain a foothold. Finally, the rope began to move more and more in one direction. It progressed first one foot then two three four five and finally six feet! The Gunns had won, and the Bishop's Cup was theirs to claim! Thankfully the McKays were graceful in their defeat, and all parties joined in the celebration!

I had a fabulous time, and will make sure that this is one of the games that I attend in the upcoming season.

# A Visit to the Homeland

Submitted By: Lib Girard

Greetings, I just heard from Peggy Wilson and she asked that I let all the members know that our beloved Scotland Commissioner and Honorary Life Member Bobby Wilson passed away on August 20<sup>th</sup>. So many of our members have stayed with Peggy and Bobby at their Struthers Farmhouse Bed and Breakfast there in Dunlop. They have been a wonderful host and hostess and meant so much to our Clan. Their daughter is now running the B & B and will always welcome Clan members. In June my daughters, Florence and Irene, my niece, Wendy Blanchard, and my two cousins, Penny and Perry Anne Renwick took a trip to London for three days and then on to Scotland. Our first stop was to see the Royal Yacht Britannia, which is anchored at a new shopping center in Edinburgh and has become one of the favorite attractions. For over 40 years the Royal Yacht transported the Queen and the Royal family around the globe.

The next day we toured the Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood House, Wiskey Heritage Center and last the St. Giles Cathedral. The following day we drove down High Street by John Knox house and Grayfriar's Kirk and

Kirk yard where Bobby is buried. There is a monument for Bobby, the famous dog who went to his master's grave every day for 12 years. From there we went to the Hopetown House which is Scotland's finest stately home situated on 100 acres of magnificent parkland just 12 miles west of Edinburgh. Unfortunately we did not have time to shop on Princess Street, one of the most famous shopping Streets in Europe.

We hated to leave Edinburgh as you could stay there for months and still not be able to see everything.

We departed the next day for St. Andrews to see the oldest golf course in the world, dating to the 1400 and the Home of golf Mary Queen of Scots played golf there soon after her husband, Lord Darnley was murdered. We next went to the House of Tartan shop in

Comrie to check on our tartans. After spending the night in Perth we headed to Stirling Castle which is a Royal Castle. One of the interesting parts of Stirling Castle is the fully restored Great Hall, where Queen Elizabeth holds Court once a year.

Next we went to the David Livingstone Center to learn about his life and his



**Front Row: Perry Anne Renwick, Penny Renwick, Lib Girard, Irene Hathaway - Back Row: Wendy Blanchard, Florence Sparks.**

missionary service in Africa. We spent the night in Ayr and the next day we saw the Robert Burns Cottage, Brig O Doon and the Burns Memorial. Our next stop was at the Culzean Castle where General Eisenhower was given an apartment to use during World War II.

One of the highlights of our trip was to go to Dunlop, and see the Dunlop Kirk, House of Dunlop that is being restored, and also the park where our Clan had a tree planted in our honor. We also visited with Peggy and her daughter Roberta who now runs Struthers Farmhouse B & B. Peggy was a wonderful hostess and served us high tea. Her husband, our Scotland Commissioner was in the hospital at the time and has since passed away.

We also went to the Clerkland Farm where Dunlop cheese is made. I even brought back some Dunlop cheese and served it at the Charleston and Waxhaw Highland Games. From there we went to Paisley to see the Paisley Abbey and on to Glasgow. There we saw the St. Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and the Glasgow Cathedral, the only cathedral in Scotland to survive the Reformation intact. Then our sight seeing was over and we headed to the airport.

My wish is that as many members as possible can go to Scotland and our ancestral Dunlop home. If you go one time you will want to go again. I would love to hear from any of you. My E-mail is Libgirard@aol.com.

Lib Girard Past President

## **Clerkland Farm Cheeses**

Clerkland is a small family run farm producing cows', sheep's, and goats' milk. From this milk we make a range of hard, soft and fresh cheeses.

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# A Tribute to Robert Wilson

*Submitted By: Lib Girard*

As Anne read in the Book of Ecclesiastes this morning, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." So there is a time for mourning, and there is a time for joy. Today, these two emotions will surely find a place together in our hearts.

We have lost a dear friend. Someone who touched so many others with his life, although he probably wouldn't have seen it that way. Even though his death was expected, there is still a sense of loss. A feeling that there is unfinished business yet to be completed.

But thankfully, alongside that, there is a deep gratitude to God for all that Bobby has meant to us. Bobby spent his whole life in and around Dunlop, and had a great love for the history of this place, and like nothing better than sharing that interest with others.

He and his twin brother James were born at Brockwellmuir into a family of ten children. Like most identical twins, he and Jimmy could fool people by swapping identities and this I'm told even worked when they were young adults.

Farming being a reserved occupation, Bobby remained at home during the war, while Jimmy worked with the Forestry. Being at home meant that Bobby could at least have some time off, but it was a different matter for his brother. And so one day when Jimmy wanted to come home and wasn't allowed, the two of them swapped places, and no one was any the wiser! That is at least until now!

Bobby attended the local school here in Dunlop until the age of fourteen. It seems that the inquiring mind that we all know was present even at that age, for he became the Dux of the school.

Peggy was working for the Ministry of Agriculture as a Poultry Inspector at Broadleigh when she met Bobby. He had bought tickets for a show in the Grand Hall, Kilmarnock, featuring a hypnotist, and he wanted her to go with him. But she didn't want to go, and so he went on his own. His interest, I may add, wasn't in the sensational; but in how hypnotism could be used to help people. However, Peggy's refusal obviously didn't put him off, and they were married on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1953 and moved into the cottage at Brockwellmuir, eventually moving into the farm itself. They had four children, William, Janie, Mhari, and Robertha.

Life on the farm wasn't always easy and they were hit hard by poultry disease. But both Bobby and Peggy have always been hard workers and so took on work outwith the farm as a manager of the Co-op Egg Packing Department in Kilmarnock, eventually going on to train as a metal turner. Peggy, in the meantime, started doing Bed and Breakfast at the farm, and as the business expanded, they moved to Struther to do it on a full-time basis.

They were scarcely on their feet, when Bobby announced one day that he was giving up his job to help Peggy. He knew it would be a struggle financially, but he also realised the work load Peggy had, and he couldn't stand back and watch her work herself into the ground.



***Peggy Wilson and daughter Robertha***

Over the years, they continued to work together and the number of visitors who return year after year is testimony to their hard work. They have always been a good team.

Bobby was someone who had many interests. Local history, as I've already mentioned, but he was particularly interested in the history of the Dunlop family, and over the years he has kept up a correspondence with members of the clan from all over the world. And many of them, of course, come over here to Struther.

Another interest was photography, both cine and still. What does a young lad of 12, without much money in his pocket do if he wants to buy a camera? Well, if you are Bobby or Jimmy Wilson, you work for it. What they did was hatch duck eggs for a Mrs. Cummings, and with the proceeds, bought their first cine camera and began by filming what they knew most about life on the farm.

Bobby also kept bees, and I'm sure that many of you here this morning have sat down to breakfast with a jar of his honey on the table. The very day I moved into

Dunlop, he was one of the first to call at the Manse and handed in a jar of honey to welcome us to the Village.

Both Bobby and Peggy have worked hard all their days, and when they finally decided to retire they planned to travel round the world. They began by visiting his sister Elizabeth in Australia, moved on to Fiji, and eventually arriving in Canada, where they met up with a friend from Bobby's schooldays here in Dunlop.

You have only to visit both Struther and Newmill Road to see that both Peggy and Bobby have a real interest in gardening. He loved trees and plants. In fact, he liked nature of all kinds and enthusiastically shared his knowledge with anyone who showed an interest.

One day a ring came to the bell at the Manse and the last person I expected to see was Bobby as he had already been over that morning with some cuttings for us. But there he was on the doorstep. "Come out here," he said. "Come out and look up. Coming from the town I wanted you to see the geese flying!" He had such an enthusiasm you couldn't help getting caught up in it.

Being brought up and working on a farm, he had a great interest in animals, and when they came to Struther not to farm, but to do Bed and Breakfast, they brought with them Highland Cattle, cows that had come from Commonraig, not forgetting of course Garry, Janie's horse, and an assortment of geese, hens, and guineafowl! I wonder what they would have brought if they had been going to farm!

A man if many parts, Bobby had a deep, and he would say a simple, faith. And he lived that faith out in his everyday life. He was honest. He was hardworking. He had integrity. His church, this church, meant a great deal to him. He was ordained as an Elder in 1974, and was a much-respected member of the Kirk Session. It was in fact only fairly recently that he gave up the active duties of the eldership.

A few years ago, when it was put to the Kirk Session, that along with the Scouts, I would be abseiling down the Bell Tower of the Church to raise funds, he was a bit perturbed and he came to see me. And I'll never forget what he said. "I'm probably old fashioned," he said, "and I can't say I'm happy with the Minister coming down the Church tower. I may not agree with everything you are likely to do, but I will always support you in the best way I can." What Minister could ask for more?

However, and he would be the first to say it, he wasn't a plaster saint! There were times when he could be, in the family's words, "A Stirrer." And he loved nothing better than producing a red herring to get a good discussion going.

Bobby was very proud of Struther. Rightly proud of the work that he and Peggy had put into it. But he was even more proud of his family, Peggy, his children, and his grandchildren. They meant the world to him, and he meant the world to them. The best Dad they could possibly have had.

He always had a story to tell you, and when the children were young, and for his grandchildren as well, he used to make up bedtime stories mostly about farm animals. The only problem was the youngsters didn't always hear the end, because Dad had fallen asleep before them!

The illness he had about a year ago really began to show, and even the runs in the car he so enjoyed had to stop as he wasn't able to get in and out of the seats. But this didn't stop him from still having a lively interest in all that was going on in the Village, and he very much appreciated the visits he had from family, friends, and neighbors.

Sadly, his recovery wasn't to be, and all he wanted was to be back home with Peggy and the family. It's been hard for them these last months, but I know they wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

He is at peace now, and our prayer this morning is that he now enjoys that peace and happiness which only God can give, now that He has taken him into His safe keeping.



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## Field of Dreams

*Over 120 years ago, the splendidly named Henry Wallace Doveton Dunlop created, in Lansdowne Road, what became the world's oldest international rugby ground. EDMUND VAN ESBECK outlines its history.*

For well over 100 years it has re-echoed to the tumult and the shouting that are an integral part of the big sporting occasion. A relic of the middle of the Victorian era in which it was created, in the suburb of Dublin Four, its concessions to the demands of over a century have been such that it has changed in some aspects, as was in inevitable and necessary. Yet, while it embraces modern facilities, there has not been a sacrifice to its essential character. Lansdowne Road is not alone the grand aristocrat of Irish sporting stadia -- it stands apart as the oldest international rugby ground in the world.

All the great sports arenas have their own specific and defined characteristics and atmosphere. And so it has been with Lansdowne Road since the first rugby international was played there on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1878. It has long been the favourite venue for visiting teams and supporters. The support and enthusiasm for Ireland to win is no less ardent than it is for other countries. But it is good humoured and, invariably, the visiting supporters feel comfortable. That is an enviable reputation.

What the man who first fashioned it into a sporting theatre, Henry Wallace Doveton Dunlop, would make of his creation now we can but imagine, but his initiative over 120

years ago is a lasting monument to his foresight.

He took a lease on the ground from the Pembroke Estate in the early 1870s. An athlete of consequence in his day, he laid out a sporting complex long before such a term or such a concept were in vogue. He founded the Irish Champion Athletic Club and the ground embraced a cinder track, cricket square, tennis courts and a rugby pitch and became the home ground of both Lansdowne and Wanderers.

But the first international event to take place at the ground was not a rugby international. It was an athletics match between England and Ireland. That was held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1876 and was, in fact, the first athletics international in history.

By that time Ireland had entered the realm of international rugby competition, but the Irish Rugby Union, or as it then was, the Irish Football Union, rejected it as totally unsuitable for the first rugby international played in Dublin on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1875. That took place at the Leinster Cricket ground in Rathmines. Dunlop took

a poor view of the decision and within a few years proved his point conclusively. And since the initial rugby international took place at Lansdowne Road in 1878, it



**Field of Glory:** Brendan Mullin makes a run with the ball in a match against Scotland at Lansdowne Road

has been the venue for every subsequent international encounter played in Dublin, and the home of the IRFU.

Originally the pitch ran from east to west and a pavilion was built on the site of the building now adjacent to the western stand at its northern end and, for many years, the Lansdowne club's headquarters. As facilities were developed, Dunlop surrendered his interest in the lease to Harry Sheppard, who was, as it happens, honorary treasurer of the IRFU. Unfortunately, Sheppard died unexpectedly and a very young age in 1906.

The IRFU then made a very shrewd move. At a meeting in January 1907, they decided to offer a sum of 200 pounds to the representatives of the late Harry Sheppard. The offer was accepted and, after negotiations with the Pembroke Estate, they negotiated a new lease of 50 years duration at an annual rent of 50 pounds per annum. Subsequently, the ground became union property when the freehold was purchased.

Now secure in their tenancy, the IRFU set about a programme of major development. The playing area was altered to a north-south alignment. A new covered stand was erected on the west side of the ground and an uncovered stand in the north west corner. The only structure on the eastern side was a Press Box.

In 1927, a new stand was erected on the eastern side. The stand was the first of its kind in Ireland, built on concrete pillars with standing accommodation underneath. The old Cusack stand at Croke Park was subsequently built on the same lines. The old east stand stood until 1983, when it was demolished and the stand that now holds 13,400 people was built at a cost of around £5 million.

However, in 1955, there had been another major development on the western side. The stand erected in 1907 was torn down and a new two-tier building straddling the railway line was erected. Now the capacity of the ground was around 50,000. However, as demand for international tickets grew, the IRFU undertook another major building programme.

Under the guidance of Ronnie Dawson, an architect by profession, the bottom tier of that stand was taken out in 1976 and a new and more spacious one put in. That was financed in part by the sale of 10-year tickets at 150 pounds per ticket and thus was launched the "IRFU Fund Club". The major part of the finance for the new east stand was subsequently raised in similar manner. The Union put 5,400 10-year tickets on sale at £500 per ticket. The fund was oversubscribed within a fortnight of its launch and it was decided to extend the number to 5,800. The uncovered stand at the north west corner was also demolished and the terracing at the northern end extended.

During last summer, floodlights were erected at a cost of over £1 million and the next phase in the ongoing development programme could be the installation of seating on the south terrace. Indeed, it is fair to say that, within a relatively short time, Lansdowne Road will be an all-seater stadium.

As well as being the headquarters of the IRFU, it is now the home ground for the Republic of Ireland soccer team. The stringent rules of FIFA for soccer internationals decree that all spectators must be seated. Indeed, when soccer is played at Lansdowne Road, temporary seating is now installed at both ends of the ground. The

IRFU has an agreement with the FAI that now runs into the next century.

So from humble beginnings, a great sporting theatre has been created, one firmly embedded in the history of Irish sport. Henry Dunlop, looking down from Elysian Fields, must be pleased with what he started. He was a man ahead of his time.



## Committee Updates

**Report of the October Board Meeting -** (Peter Dunlop) The Board accepted the resignations of Mark Yount as Director and Rae Ann DeCuio as Treasurer. Both resignations occurred shortly after Joann had resigned as President. The Board thanked both Mark and Rae Ann for their service to the Society and wished them well.

The Board also appointed Richard Dunlop (co-founder of the Society) a Director for the remaining period until the next election cycle (in 2004).

The Board reviewed reports on the present status of all aspects of the Society's activities, including financial, membership, genealogy, commissioners and our primary communication tools (Merito and our web site). Full discussions were held on all these matters, and each committee chair will report on their area in this newsletter.

The main problem areas that the Board needs to deal with are communication, finances and membership. Communication (and distribution of information) within the Society has not always worked well in the

past and is being addressed with a greatly improved Merito, and we also want to strive for better coordination between our newsletter and web site. Finances and membership are clearly now our two most pressing issues. They are closely inter-related as our members dues are our main source of revenue. In addition to good financial management, we need to strive for retention of all members (and payment of dues), and increase our membership to generate more members dues. At this point, we are a small Society and need to grow to be successful. For 2002 only 45 members dues were paid, although there are about 100 names on the Merito mailing list. Making membership in our Society an enjoyable and rewarding experience should encourage more Dunlops/Dunlaps to join with us. We also need to greatly update and improve the information in our membership rolls

Our next Board meeting will be in January 2003.

**Treasurer's Report** - (Peter Dunlop) Rae Ann DeCuio recently resigned as Society Treasurer and, as President, I have temporarily taken over responsibility for the Treasurer's function. Rae Ann's service to the Society was greatly appreciated.

The present state of the Society's finances is rather weak. We currently have \$400 in the bank. By comparison, the 1998 annual meeting report showed a bank balance of approximately \$2,500. It costs us over \$100 to put out each issue of this newsletter (paper and postage - that's why we want to send it by e-mail to members with an internet connection). Advertising expenses in various Scottish related publications (Family Tree Newsletter, Scottish Banner, etc) to attract new members are in the range of \$350 per year. As such, we are not presently in a position to offer much help to our Commissioners with clan tent expenses at the various Games.

We need to generate more revenue, and our main source of revenue is our members dues. In short, we need more members paying dues. For this year to-date (2002), only 45 members have paid dues, plus 3 new members from the latter part of last year, for a total of 48 dues paying members over the past year. However, rather than increasing our membership rolls, it appears that we have actually lost many members over the past few years, and we need to encourage them to come back into the fold. Although our Society has been in existence for 22 years, we are still a small group and need to be able to attract new members and grow.

Talking about members and annual dues, members dues should be sent in January. Please send your \$25 annual dues directly to:

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We want to be able to continue producing this newsletter, and maintain our web site and our presence at many Highland Games. This will help to increase our membership and make the Society a more enjoyable experience for us all. But to do so, we need to collect annual dues from all our members.

Our membership records also need a great deal of updating. Along with your dues, please send the following information -

Name(s)  
Full Address  
Telephone  
e-mail  
When you became a member (the year - if you can remember)  
If you are a life member, please also submit the above information, along with the year you became a life member.

Thank you all very much for supporting the Dunlop/Dunlap Family Society.

Any Volunteer Treasurers?

We are looking to attract a new Treasurer, whose role is essentially to keep the Society's financial books in order, and pay bills upon approval of the President. The Treasurer must work closely with the President, and be responsive. As we are a fairly small group, the overall workload is modest, with the major portion receiving members' dues in the early part of the year and coordinating that with the Membership Chairman. An understanding of accounting would be helpful, particularly to ensure we are complying with any applicable tax regulations. Please contact me (President) if you are interested. Thanks.

# **Regular and Irregular Scottish Marriages**

## **Submitted By: Christopher Dunlop**

In Scotland, a marriage could be a simple contract no more formal than mutual consent. Boys as young as 14 and girls as young as 12 were able to marry without parental consent. Change came as recently as 1929 when the marriageable age was raised to 16 for both boys and girls. At that age, they still did not require their parents consent. It was not necessary to register a marriage to be legally married. Called Irregular Marriages they could come about in a number of ways.

- By mutual consent before two witnesses with nothing in writing. One party had to have lived in Scotland for at least three weeks. This was popular with eloping couples from other parts of the United Kingdom.
- By promise of marriage, followed by intercourse on the faith of that promise, though the promise had to be proved.
- By constantly living together as husband and wife.

Legal divorce or death could only dissolve these marriages. Such marriages could be subsequently registered with the Sheriff if the husband and wife wished to do so.

Regular Marriages took place in one of two ways.

- Before a Minister. In these cases banns were published on three consecutive weeks prior to the marriage. If the couple were from different parishes, then the banns were published in both parishes.
- By Licence with the marriage usually taking place straight away.

There are lessons to be learned from this.

- Finding the banns for a marriage in the records does not necessarily mean that they were married in that church.
- Don't discard as a mistake, a record you found indicating that your ancestor was 12 when she married.
- If you can't find an ancestor's marriage it may be that there was never a written record.

# Dunlaps Buried in the Beaver Cemetery Beaver Township, Beaver, Pa.

## **Part 1 of 2**

### **Submitted By: Carroll Dunlap**

#### **Dunlap , Fred V.**

01/04/1886 - 08/05/1969 (age 83)  
Place of Death: Rochester, Pa.  
Funeral Director: Campbell  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: 10 Lot Crypt Number: 58-A  
Grave Tier Number: 1

#### **MEMO:**

Son of William J. & Margaret (Mohler) Dunlap &  
husband of Grace ì(Bellamy) Hisson Dunlap

#### **Dunlap , Cynthia, Miss Ellen**

? - 01/05/1913 (age 70)  
Place of Death: Bridgewater, Pa.  
Funeral Director: Leroy  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: B Lot Crypt Number: 23 Grave  
Tier Number: 8

#### **Dunlap , Agnes B.**

//1877 - 08/23/1963 (age 85)  
Place of Death: Brighton Twp., Pa.  
Funeral Director: Todd  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: 9 West Lot Crypt Number: 900  
Grave Tier Number: Row 2

#### **Dunlap , Cynthia**

? - 12/11/1878 (age 52)  
Place of Death: Rochester, Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: F Lot Crypt Number: 36

#### **Dunlap , Anna Cook**

? - 12/03/1924 (age 81)  
Place of Death: Bridgewater, Pa.  
Funeral Director: J. T. Anderson  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: B Lot Crypt Number: 23 Grave  
Tier Number: 10

#### **Dunlap , Eliza Ann**

? - 09/25/1917 (age 80)  
Place of Death: Beaver Falls, Pa.  
Funeral Director: Lutton  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: Y Lot Crypt Number: 27 Grave  
Tier Number: 2

#### **Dunlap , Grace Bellamy**

//1888 - 06/11/1977 (age 88)  
Place of Death: New Brighton, Pa.  
Funeral Director: Campbell  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: 10 Lot Crypt Number: 58-A  
Grave Tier Number: 2  
**MEMO:**  
Dau. of Mr./Mrs. Henry Bellamy & widow of  
Fred W. Dunlap. ìChildren: Frederick B.

#### **Dunlap , Grace Pratt**

//1915 - 03/28/1975 (age 59)  
Place of Death: Rochester, Pa.  
Funeral Director: Campbell  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: 10 Lot Crypt Number: 58-B  
Grave Tier Number: 2  
**MEMO:**  
Dau. of Frank & Grace (Jackson) Pratt & wife  
of Fred B. Dunlap. ìChildren: Marvin P. Jones

#### **Dunlap , Margaret Elizabeth**

? - 04/12/1883 (age 25)  
Place of Death: Chippewa Twp., Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: D Lot Crypt Number: 36

#### **Dunlap , James Hemphill**

? - 08/ //1866 (age 28)  
Place of Death: Bridgewater, Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: B Lot Crypt Number: 23 Grave  
Tier Number: 4

**Dunlap , Sarah Jane Hunter**

07/02/1848 - 11/28/1881 (age 33)  
Place of Death: Chippewa Twp., Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: D Lot Crypt Number: 36  
MEMO:  
1st wife of Thomas Dunlap, Jr. Married 1863

**Dunlap , Nancy Hemphill**

? - 05/21/1887 (age 81)  
Place of Death: Bridgewater, Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: B Lot Crypt Number: 23 Grave  
Tier Number: 3  
MEMO:  
Wife of Samuel R. Dunlap.

**Dunlap , Martha Isabel Baxter**

01/09/1905 - 01/10/1973 (age 68)  
Place of Death: Rochester, Pa.  
Funeral Director: Todd  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: 14 Ext. Lot Crypt Number: 67  
Grave Tier Number: Single  
MEMO:  
Dau. of William & Suzanne Baxter & wife of  
Floyd M. Dunlap.

**Dunlap , Walter Clarke**

? - 02/15/1919 (age 78)  
Place of Death: Bridgewater, Pa.  
Funeral Director: J. T. Anderson  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: B Lot Crypt Number: 23 Grave  
Tier Number: 9  
MEMO:  
D.O.D. on stone is 1920.

**Dunlap , Grace**

? - 08/11/1883 (age 4 M)  
Place of Death: Chippewa Twp., Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: D Lot Crypt Number: 36

**Dunlap , Joseph R.**

//1866 - 02/05/1922 (age 56)  
Place of Death: Aliquippa, Pa.  
Funeral Director: F. Hornstein  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: 4 Lot Crypt Number: 273 Grave  
Tier Number: 2

**Dunlap , Sarah Jane Davidson**

//1844 - 03/02/1910 (age 56)  
Place of Death: Bridgewater, Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: H Lot Crypt Number: 3 - 4  
MEMO:  
Wife of Walter G. Dunlap.

**Dunlap , Mary A.**

? - 12/10/1907 (age 84)  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: D Lot Crypt Number: 36

**Dunlap , Nelson David**

? - 01/09/1975 (age 94)  
Place of Death: Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Funeral Director: Lutton  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: Y Lot Crypt Number: 27 Grave  
Tier Number: 3  
MEMO:  
Grandson of David & Eliza Dunlap.

**Dunlap , Hannah Powell**

06/14/1805 - 09/25/1849 (age 44)  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: D Lot Crypt Number: 36  
MEMO:  
Wife of Thomas Dunlap - married 06/26/28

**Dunlap , David**

? - 10/19/1899 (age 85)  
Place of Death: Chippewa Twp., Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: Y Lot Crypt Number: 27 Grave  
Tier Number: 1

**Dunlap , John**

? - 11/28/1901 (age 76)  
Place of Death: Industry Twp., Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: 3 Lot Crypt Number: 58 Grave  
Tier Number: 1

**Dunlap , Mathilda Jane**

? - 01/15/1905 (age 78)  
Place of Death: Bridgewater, Pa.  
Veteran: No Cremated: No Cemetery  
Section: B Lot Crypt Number: 23 Grave  
Tier Number: 1

# Old Occupations Revealed!

## Part 2 of 3

*Submitted By: Christopher Dunlop*

44. **Glazier** - Window glassman
45. **Hacker** - Maker of hoes
46. **Hatcheler** - One who combed out or carded flax
47. **Haymonger** - Dealer in hay
48. **Hayward** - Keeper of fences
49. **Higgler** - Itinerant peddler
50. **Hillier** - Roof tiler
51. **Hind**- A farm labourer
52. **Holster** - A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn
53. **Hooker** - Reaper
54. **Hooper** - One who made hoops for casks and barrels
55. **Huckster** - Sells small wares
56. **Husbandman** - A farmer who cultivated the land
57. **Jagger** - Fish peddler
58. **Journeyman** - One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day.
59. **Joyner / Joiner** - A skilled carpenter
60. **Keeler** - Bargeman
61. **Kempster** - Wool comber
62. **Lardner** - Keeper of the cupboard
63. **Lather** - Installer of lath strips in old-time walls
64. **Lavender** - Washer woman
65. **Lederer** - Leather maker
66. **Leech** - Physician
67. **Longshoreman** - Stevedore
68. **Lorner** - Maker of horse gear
69. **Malender** - Farmer
70. **Maltster** - Brewer
71. **Manciple** - A steward
72. **Mason** - Bricklayer
73. **Mintmaster** - One who issued local currency
74. **Monger** - Seller of goods (ale, fish)
75. **Muleskinner** - Teamster
76. **Neatherder** - Herds cows
77. **Ordinary Keeper**- Innkeeper with fixed prices
78. **Pattern Maker** - A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end
79. **Peregrinator** - Itinerant wanderer
80. **Peruker** - A wig maker
81. **Pettifogger** - A shy-stler lawyer
82. **Pigman** - Crockery dealer
83. **Plumber** - One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows.
84. **Porter** - Door keeper
85. **Puddler** - Wrought iron worker
86. **Quarrier**- Quarry worker

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