



# David R. Henderson appointed High Commissioner and Chieftain of the Clan Henderson Society, Inc., by the chief

Alistair D. Henderson of Fordell, Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, recently appointed David R. Henderson as Commissioner and Chieftain of the Clan.

The appointment is for life.

The position had been vacant since the death of Commander Rex A. Maddox, in December of 2017.

David R. Henderson, P.E., F.S.A. Scot, is a registered Professional Engineer residing in North Carolina, USA. He attended University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and North Carolina State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

David retired from North Carolina Department of Transportation as State Hydraulics Engineer before joining USDOT as Senior Bridge Engineer for Hydraulics and Coastal Engineering.

David is now retired and along with wife, Kari, resides in North Carolina. He has two daughters; Robin Henderson and Dr. Katelyn Henderson Lockwood, DDS.

David was born in Mecklenburg County, NC, where his family dates back eight generations to Cairns Henderson born in Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1724 and came to America. Cairns in turn traces

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 \* MacKendry \* McKendree \* Kendric and other versions of MacEanruit, which means "Son of Henry"

# BODYguard: TO serve!

David R. Henderson, P.E., F.S.A. Scot

As Deputy Head of Bodyguard over past three years, you have heard me report on numerous occasions that the Bodyguard's primary duty is to "serve Chief and Clan".

To this end, I tendered my resignation as Deputy Head of Bodyguard. I have answered the call to serve Chief Alistair of Fordell as High Commissioner for North America and Chieftain.

It has been an honor being associated with such a dedicated corps spread across the country. The ranks have grown enormously with enthusiasm and interest continuing in all Clan Henderson Society Regions.

I must share "good news & bad news". Good news; recent additions to our distinguished ranks include several areas which have historically been underserved with Bodyguard.

I wish to welcome the following new members: Nick Lawler (Iowa), Jim Stephens (Iowa), Will Henderson (NC), John Henderson (SC), Chris Story (Oklahoma), Ryan Henderson (Kansas),

Christian Henderson (California), and Todd Winstrom (Wisconsin).

Bad news; Southeast Region Head of Bodyguard and former CHS President, Larry Henderson has retired from the Bodyguard. Once a Bodyguard always a Bodyguard. Larry will join the celebrated ranks of Honorary Bodyguard and subject to reserve service when needed.

Harry Keifer, former Georgia Head of Bodyguard, former Southeast Regional Commissioner, and Past VP Operations has been named as Larry's replacement.

Another positive outcome, I am proud to report is that two of our Honorary Bodyguard have come out of retirement.

At Grandfather Mountain Games, Larry Phillips former California Bodyguard stepped up to be Hawaii Head of Bodyguard.

At the Stone Mountain Games, Dr. Ed Hendricks accepted Georgia Head of Bodyguard

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## The CHS Ladies of Ligonier







# President's Quarterly Message

**Leon Hicks**

*Clan Henderson Society  
President*

This year's AGM was a great success. Its success was due, in large measure, to the efforts of Joan and Mike Henderson of Annapolis MD. The accommodations were great and the tent at the site was superb. Many hours of planning and coordination go into the preparation for an AGM, and on behalf of the entire society, thank you Joan and Mike!

Next year's AGM will be in Chesterfield, Missouri, near the St Louis Airport. The dates have not been published yet, but as soon as they are we will be sure to inform everyone.

Key elements of the AGM included the approval of establishing a separate 501c3 (Not-for-Profit) corporation for the purpose of creating a fund to provide sustained support for our youth scholarships and gifts to other 501c3 organizations with similar goals and objectives as the Clan Henderson Society. Its primary objective is to provide scholarships to Clan Henderson Society youth.

Second, is to provide a mechanism whereby members can designate a portion of their estates to support this goal, as well as to receive gifts and donations from individuals and corporations.

Third, designate a financial vehicle whereby the funds can be managed in manner to generate returns that will be, ultimately, the resource that will fund the scholarship program.

Details on how to designate our Society as a recipient of a portion of your estate will be forthcoming. I have written the first draft of the By-Laws of the new organization. Upon formal ap-

proval they will be available for all to review.

Good news/bad news, the availability of the video teleconferencing enabled a very large number of Commissioners and Directors to attend the meeting; the bad news is that the Executive Meeting lasted much longer than was intended. To address the issue I have prepared a reporting form in order to keep all reports focused. It will be available to all Commissioners and Directors shortly.

Prior to the AGM I received a phone call from our Chief Alistair Henderson. It is always a great privilege to speak with Alistair and it was great to learn that he is enjoying retirement and is looking forward to visiting the US soon. His primary reason for calling was to announce the appointment of Dave Henderson as the new High Commissioner of North America. I was very pleased to know that Dave, who has been a



**Leon Hicks**

great contributor to our society for very many years, was chosen for this position. I was pleased to make the formal announcement at the AGM and to provide him the Pinsel.

Another great privilege and honor was to bestow the Chief's Prize upon Steve Henderson. His sustained effort on behalf of our Society has been tremendous, nothing less than stellar. It was a great honor to recognize Steve in this fashion

Finally, I want to recognize our Vice President of Members, Mark Henderson, for the tre-

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# How about a vacation in Scotland on the trail of whales?

Scotland's new Hebridean Whale Trail is the first of its kind, linking prime landward viewing spots for seeing whales and other marine animals.

Inspired by Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, the Hebridean Whale Trail connects 33 locations in the Hebrides, and puts the Western Isles on the map as a world-class whale-watching destination.

The west coast of Scotland is a pretty incredible place. Wildlife and wildlife lovers alike flock to the Hebrides; the coastlines are a haven of natural wilderness, the skies filled with the cry of sea birds and in the seas lurk enigmatic and wondrous creatures. Within the waters around these shores whales, dolphins, porpoises and basking sharks can be spotted.

Each site on The Hebridean Whale Trail is special and will offer a tantalising opportunity to spot some wondrous, yet elusive, sea creatures. The trail will take you to dramatic headlands and sea lochs, to white sandy beaches and bustling harbours.

The Hebrides are brimming with special places where land meets sea; where natural and cultural heritage are interwoven.



For more information,  
visit <https://whaletrail.org>

You might not make it to every site on the trail, but whether you spend some time exploring one of the areas or just dip-in to visit one site, this trail will take you to some truly incredible places and open your eyes to the mysterious world beneath the waves.

Winter highlights! Dramatic skies and dramatic seas, the Atlantic batters the coast in winter and the waves crash over clifftops. On clear nights you might be treated to the stunning Northern Lights and the long nights are perfect for a wee dram by the fire. Our resident creatures, such as the harbour porpoise, bottlenose dolphin or killer whale might be spotted on calm days so keep a weather eye out!

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# Congratulations to Elise Clouts on her CHS Scholarship!

Elise Clouts, daughter of Timothy Clouts, is a senior at Virginia Commonwealth University located in Richmond, Virginia.

Elise will be getting a Creative Business Writing and Education degree in Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Study program.

The Clan Henderson Society, Inc., is proud to provide Elise with Youth Scholarship funds and wish her best wishes!



**Ask me about**



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# Sweet Memories

Roger Hunt

It was Memorial Day weekend 2003. I read in our newspaper that there was a “gathering of the clans and Highland Games” in Costa Mesa, California. I asked my daughter, Heidi, if she would like to go with me to see the event. In high school she always played in the school’s marching band. This was her Senior Year.

As we entered, we could hear the pipes; we smiled. Passing the row of clans, Heidi grabbed my arm and said, “Look.” She pointed to a banner reading “Henderson.” We knew Henderson was a family name, so we went over to investigate.

It was there that we met Rex Maddox who I later learned was a great advocate for the clan. We learned about the clan, signed the guest book, and took an application to join. I’m #3232 and proud of it! Through the years I’ve had many conversations with Rex. He is remembered fondly.

In 2016 we lost our Heidi to cancer. Heaven is a better place because they are there.

**Dave Henderson**, *continued from page 1*

back five generations to Sir John Henderson of Fordell.

In retirement, David enjoys study of history, the traditions of early Scots in America, serving Clan Henderson, supporting Scottish cultural events, and meeting new kith & kin.

He is member of Founding Families of Mecklenburg and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. He and Kari are also members of the Kingdome of Raknar.



*Heidi Hunt and Rex Maddox*



## Skara Brae

Scotland has many untouched and pristine islands. Built even before Stonehenge or the Pyramids, Skara Brae, in the Orkney islands is known as “Scottish Pompeii”, for its extraordinary preservation of an entire medieval city.



# Glencoe: "Slaughter Under Trust"

With thanks to *Cairn- A Link Between the Celtic Nations*,  
published by the Celtic League

The Glencoe Massacre or in Scottish Gaelic, *Mort Ghlinne Comhann* (Murder of Glen Coe), took place early in the morning of 13<sup>th</sup> February 1692.

John Dalrymple, Master of Stair, was the Secretary of State at the time and was hoping for an excuse to make an example of one of the Highland Clans for their part in supporting the Jacobite rising.

On 27<sup>th</sup> August 1691 King William of England offered the Highland clans a pardon for their part in the rising, if they agreed to pledge allegiance to him before New Year's Day.

When Dalrymple heard that Alasdair MacIain had not sworn allegiance by 31 December he was delighted. (In fact, the clan had sworn allegiance, but it had been later than intended due to a mix up. The clan was offered assurances that their alliance would be accepted.) The Clan was to be slaughtered as an example to other Highland clans.

The Massacre began simultaneously in three settlements along the glen - Invercoe, Inverrigan and Achnacon. Thirty-eight Macdonalds from the Clan Macdonald of Glencoe were murdered and another forty women and children died of exposure after their homes were burned.

The murderers were composed of a troupe of soldiers under the command of Captain Robert Campbell of Glenlyon. They had all been guests of the clan for ten days and nights, beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1692. (The soldiers had been hosted by the Clan because hospitality was a sacred value to be upheld in Scotland.)

A letter sent to Captain Robert Campbell of

Glenlyon ordering him and his men to murder the members of the Clan was received from his superior, Major Duncanson, on 12th February. The text of the letter is below:

*You are hereby ordered to fall upon the rebels, the McDonalds of Glenco, and put all to the sword under seventy. You are to have a special care that the old Fox and his sons doe upon no account escape your hands, you are to secure all avenues that no man escape. This you are to putt in execution att fyve of the clock preciselyme, or shortly after it, I'll strive to be att you with a stronger party: if I doe not come to you att fyve, you are not to tarry for me, but to fall on.*

*This is by the Kings speciall command, for the good & safety of the Country, that these miscreants be cutt off root and branch. See that this be putt in execution without feud or favor, else you may expect to be dealt with as one not true to King or Government, nor a man fitt to carry Commissione in the Kings service.*

*Expecting you will not faill in the ful-filling hereof, as you love your selfe, I subscribe these with my hand att Baliocholis Feb: 12, 1692.*

*(signed) R. Duncanson*

*For their Majesties service*

*To Capt. Robert Campbell of Glenlyon*

The massacre caused such outrage it has been remembered with horror ever since and today it is commemorated annually by different groups. Some Scottish historical commentators have described the massacre as "slaughter under trust."

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Staci Simpson







## CHS Cousin of the Month!

I am Vincent Claude Henderson II, the fourth of seven children of Vincent Claude Henderson and Fern Elizabeth Henderson. Born in Kansas City, Missouri, I grew up in Port Allen, Louisiana, and Lake Jackson, Texas.

I attended Ouachita Baptist University earning a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas at Austin.

While at college at Ouachita, I met my match, my wife, Sherry Hall Henderson.

She earned a Bachelor of Music Education while there. She too attended the University of Texas at Austin, earning a Master of Music in Opera Performance, and attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, earning a Master of Education in Counseling.

We have lived in Little Rock since 1980 where I have been employed by the State of Arkansas.

From 1984 until 2005 I was the Executive Director of the Arkansas Code Revision Commission, responsible for the creation and maintenance of the Arkansas Code of 1987.

After the commission staff merged with the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research in 2005, the service agency for the state legislature, I have lead the section responsible for the technical and le-

gal review of all drafted legislation and the codification of all legislation into the Arkansas Code of 1987.

I have been involved in several organizations over the years, including Boy Scouts of America as a volunteer adult leader, retiring last year after

30 years, and as the Arkansas State Director of Referee Instruction, United States Soccer Federation, retiring last year after 15 years in that position.

I am still an active soccer referee and instructor, licensed since 1990 and 1992, respectively.

I am the Arkansas Tartan Day Coordinator, and I am an officer and member of the Arkansas Scottish Cultural Society.

Like so many members, I showed up at a Scottish festival, in my case the Arkansas Scottish Festival put on by Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas.

That is where I met Tom and Linda Hendricks who, being very persuasive, convinced me to join the Clan Henderson Society shortly before my family and I attended the 2009 Gathering of the Clans in Edinburgh.

After several years as a member of the society, Larry Henderson, then-president of the society, appointed me to fill a vacancy in the office of Vice President and General Counsel to which position I have been elected and reelected.



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# 2019 Stone Mountain Games wet, wet, wet, Wet!



Suzanne Keiter

I think it was W.C. Fields who said, “Taint a fit night out for man or beast!” That pretty much summed up Saturday at the 47<sup>th</sup> Stone Mountain Highland Games. Rain, chilly temperatures and periodic gusty winds kept all but the more diehard Scots away.

We knew that the weather was going to be bad so with some ingenuity and lots of duct tape, we readied the tent as best we could for the expected.

Thanks ever so much to Steve Embry for his assistance! Even with those preparations, water managed to get in and at one point in the afternoon, we had a small creek developing down the center of the tent, but Ed Hendricks was able to divert some of it off to the side.

As anticipated, only the hardy (or crazy) were out on Saturday so we had very little traffic at the Henderson tent. Unfortunately, the weather also

kept away others who normally attend these games.

David R. Henderson (“Brother Dave”) received his appointment of High Commissioner from High Commissioner Emeritus David S. Henderson. This involves the privilege of wearing two feathers and dis-

playing the Pinsel (or pencil for some of us – you know who you are...)

This was followed by a toast with the Quaich, all around congratulations and well wishes. As the weather refused to cooperate, many left shortly after the ceremony (wisely) and we essentially called it a short day with hopes of improving weather for Sunday.

Sunday was a gloriously sunny day, with some breezes to help dry things out and much milder temperatures, bringing out many more folks.

Bob and Christi Heston were champions at fielding questions from the curious about potential clan affiliations.

George Henderson, Mary Lane Henderson, and others also assisted throughout the day with information regarding Clan Henderson membership, etc.

The Parade of Tartans was lengthier than usual – we had a history lesson from our Guest of Honor!

It’s always an impressive event with over 100 Clan families and several pipe bands participating.

I’m not sure exactly how many Hendersons visited the tent as I don’t think everyone signed in. On that note, if you’re attending Games, do try to remember to sign in – it’s nice to know who is making the effort to come and visit the tent. I counted 40 individual/family sign in lines and that might be accurate, given the inclement weather.

This is one of the very few times I can remember having rain during these Games.

This weekend was specifically chosen as historically the driest of the year. Oh well.

There’s next year and I’m going to make sure we have more tarps, duct tape and a waterproof hat!

Hopefully I won’t need any of that and I hope

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# Henderson's at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Sydney, Australia

Adam Henderson, Oceania Regional Commissioner

Between the 17th and 19th of October, Australia played host to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. A stunning replica of Edinburgh Castle was shipped over and set up in Sydney's ANZ Stadium and an amazing array of local and international talent was brought together for a spectacular show.

Clan Henderson had the honour of participating in the opening ceremony in the Friday evening performance on the 17th of October, marching with other Clan representatives from around Australia to greet the Salute Taker as we did in Edinburgh in 2017. Our Chief was regrettably unable to attend due to travel but our small contingent of Hendersons, who all travelled significant distances to be there, rose to the occasion.

I am proud to report that our group presented itself impeccably and marched in good order, marshalled by our regional bodyguard Jeff Henderson after a review by Georgia and Shannon Henderson (both of whom would make any Sergeant Major proud!). We were joined on the field by a large con-

tingent of Buchanans, lead by their newly appointed Clan Chief as well as representatives from clans including Davidson, Hope, Sinclair, Sutherland, Munro, MacMillan, MacLeod and Gunn.

The Salute was accepted by the Queen's representative in Australia, Governor General David Hurley, and the traditional Gaelic toast offered and whisky shared from the quaich.

From there, the clans marched back to our seats to enjoy the show. The theme was 'At All Points of the Compass' and celebrated the links Scotland and the UK shared with Australia, New Zealand and the other island nations of Oceania and the impeccable pipes and drums, marching bands

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that if you're in this area the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of October, that you'd consider attending these Games. They're awesome!! (even with rain)







*Adam Henderson (above), along with more Henderson cousins at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo - Sydney, Australia at ANZ Stadium.*



and highland dancers you would expect from the Tattoo, a particular highlight was the involvement of Indigenous Australians throughout the show who performed several traditional songs from different groups around Australia.

It was also wonderful to see traditional music and culture from New Zealand's Maori people and from Oceania's nations including Fiji, Papua New Guinea: the Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and the Cook Islands.

As Oceania's Regional Commissioner, I was proud to see our Scottish roots celebrated alongside the indigenous cultures of the region. And I was extremely proud and thankful for those Hendersons who travelled to represent us and those who supported us in spirit. A big thank you to Philip, Sarah, Jeff, Jenny, Tom, Georgia, Kyle, Shannon and Bryce, you made an amazing show truly special and memorable and I'm proud to have been a part of it with you.



# Joe & Joyce Henderson attend the 2019 Ventura, Seaside Highland Games

John & Sherrilyn McKendry

On October 12, 13, 2019, John and Sherrilyn McKendry hosted the Clan Henderson tent at the Ventura, California, Seaside Games.

The weather was beautiful.

The highlight for the games was having Joe and Joyce Henderson at the tent with us for the whole event.

Joe participated in the opening ceremonies.

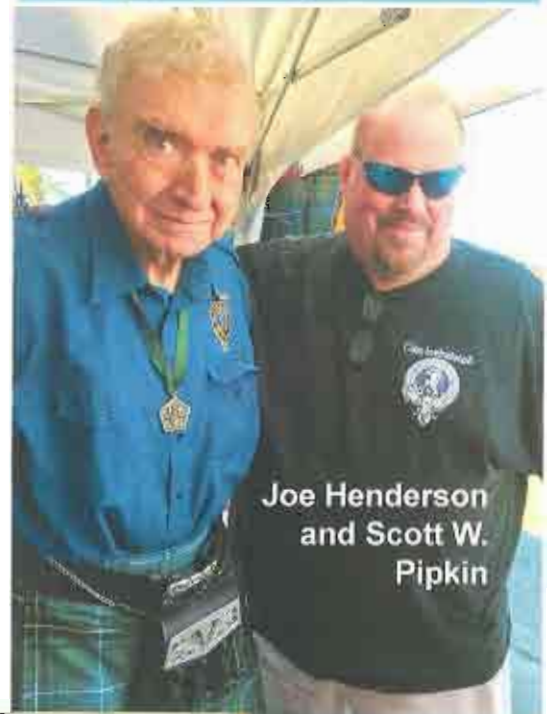
Many people stood and applauded as Joe passed by!

Our new Bodyguard, Christian Henderson, and his family attended the games as well.

The event was low on visitors, but the Henderson tent was very busy.

We wish they all would have signed the Guest Book, but we were too busy having fun and fellowship.

Signing the Guest Book were Glenn and Debbie Henderson of Thousand Oaks, California; Daniel, Aiden and Alex Christian from Murrietta, California; Robert McKendry of Upland, California; Nancy Reid of Rancho Cucamonga, California; Beret Denbach of San Diego, California; Joe and Joyce Henderson of Long Beach, California; Shannon Huskey and Tony Huskey from Ventura, California; and Stephanie Goodwyn of Long Beach, California.



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(Left) John  
McKendry,  
Joe  
Henderson,  
Joyce  
Henderson,  
Sherrilyn  
McKendry  
and  
Stephanie  
Goodwyn



**Vincent Henderson**, *continued from page 9*

My father was the third of four sons of Cornelius Albert Henderson and Martha Paula Erken Henderson.

I was more fortunate than my cousins, because after my grandmother died, C.A., as my grandfather was known, came to live with us for several years. He was a character. His stories and one-liners are legend in our family. But he rarely spoke of his experiences in the Great War.

My mother did the genealogical research for the Henderson side of our family, much derived from others work.

She determined that our Henderson branch, working back, went from Pottawatomie, Kansas to St. Joseph, Missouri to Morgan County, Illinois to Ohio to what is now West Virginia to Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Edward Henderson born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in 1730, claimed to be an Ulster Scot, according to one of his sons.

Online records seem to indicate he was the son of James Henderson born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in 1709. Right now that is as far as we can go in tracing our Henderson roots.

However, as with so many families, our family has a long-standing story about our ancestry.

The story goes that two Henderson brothers, Scottish Highlanders, came to the Colonies to seek their fortune. They did not come from poverty, their family owned land.

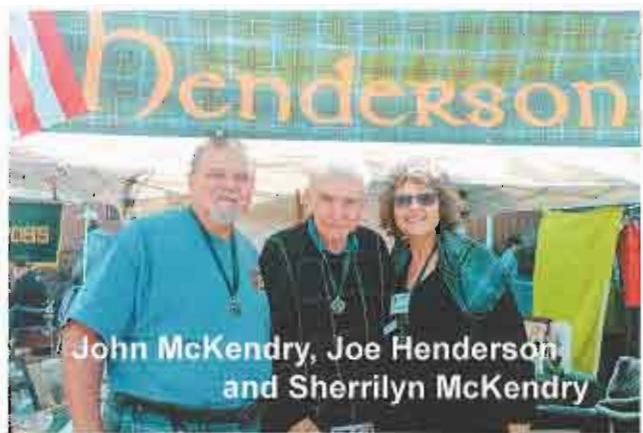
We assume that neither was the oldest son as he would have inherited the land and remained in Scotland.

It is this sort of conundrum that makes genealogical research so interesting.

Is this story true?

If it is, how does what we think we know fit in with the family story. If it is not true, what is the truth and where did this family story come from, and why?

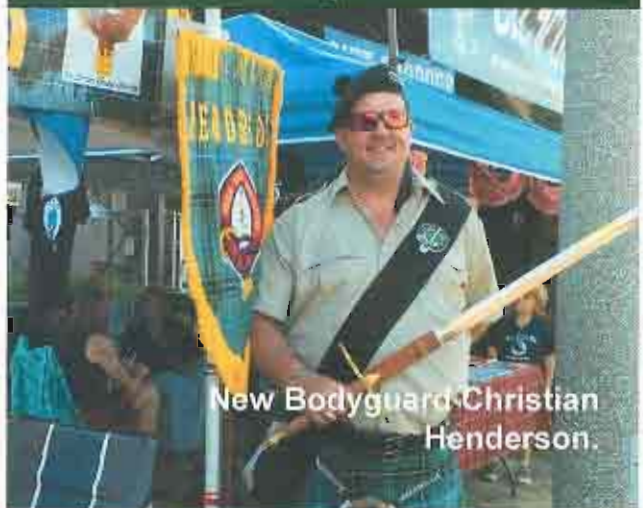
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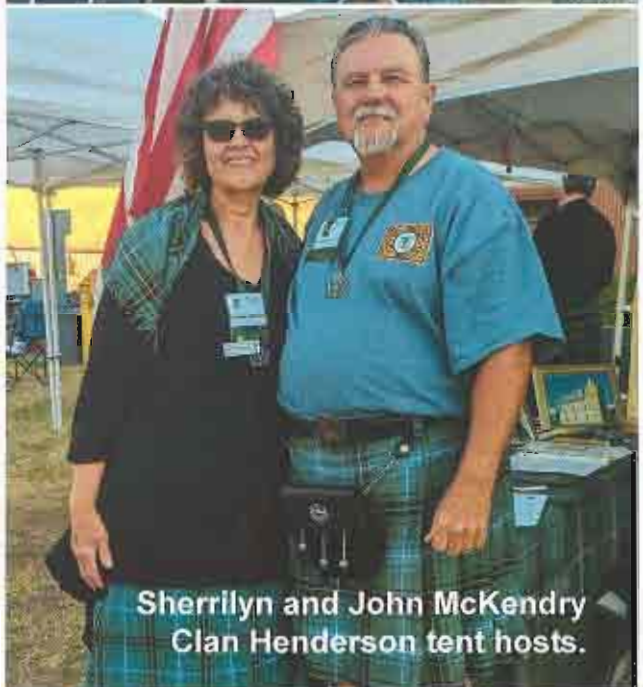
John McKendry, Joe Henderson  
and Sherrilyn McKendry

## Seaside Highland Games 2019

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New Bodyguard Christian  
Henderson.



Sherrilyn and John McKendry  
Clan Henderson tent hosts.



## ...and yet more Seaside Highland Games 2019 pictures



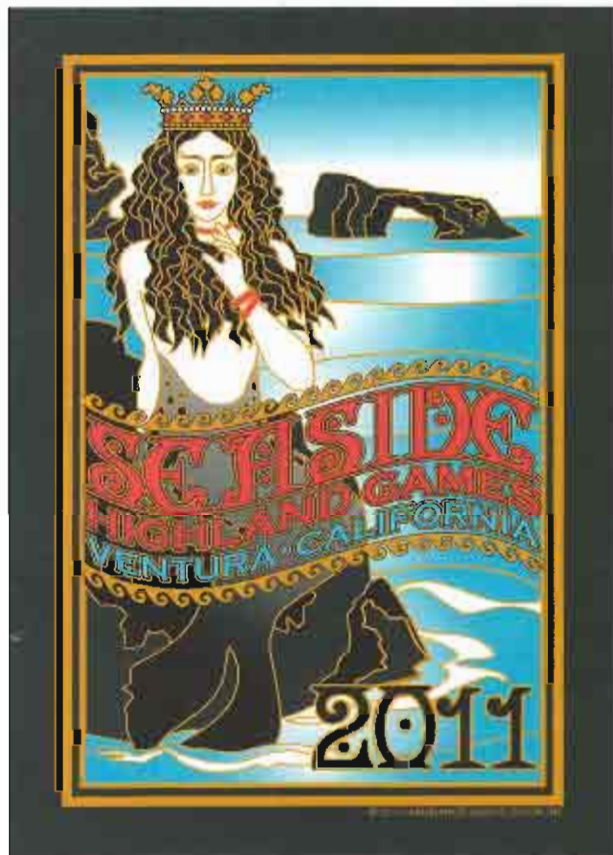
*Henderson Dance Scholarship winner, Beret Dernbach, at the Seaside Henderson tent.*



*L to R, Robert McKendry, Sherrilyn McKendry, John McKendry, Joe Henderson, Danielle Henderson, Christian Henderson, Aiden and Alex Henderson (kneeling)*



*John and Sherrilyn McKendry*





## A letter from Beret Dernbach. She won **FOUR** championships!

Dear Clan Henderson,

I hope that this email finds you all well! I want to share some very exciting news with you...

Last month I spent three weeks in Scotland to compete in four championships, culminating in the World Highland Dancing Championships at the Cowal Highland Gathering.

I won all four of these internationally attended competitions, and claimed my second consecutive World Champion title!!

I am very honored to be only the third American ever to win multiple World titles!

I am attaching some pictures of myself with the World Junior Championship trophy. This historic award has names on it dating back to 1961. There is also an action shot taken at Cowal.

In addition to the very exciting dancing part of our trip, I also had an amazing time just being in Scotland.

We stayed in Dunblane, (a small town just north of Stirling) for the first two weeks.

This gave us easy access to everywhere in Scotland, using the amazing train service.

We visited Edinburgh and Glasgow, as we do every year, but I also got to see some new things that I haven't seen before, like the Kelpies in Falkirk!

We stayed in Dunoon for the final week to prepare for the World Championships.

Dunoon, where the Cowal Gathering is held, is easily my favorite place in the world. It's a very quiet, small town and with gorgeous views of Holy Loch and beautiful mountains. Our time there is a very



relaxing experience before such an important event.

All in all, it was a great three weeks. Finishing it off with another World Championship title was simply amazing!!



I can't wait for next year's trip; I am already counting down the days!

This trip truly wouldn't have been possible without your scholarship support! Spending three weeks overseas

on top of all of the trips we do around the US and Canada to compete costs quite a lot, so we greatly

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# CHS AGM at Ligonier Highland Games

Sue Hoffman, CHS Recording Secretary



**Beret Dernbach**, *continued from page 16*

appreciate the financial support Clan Henderson has provided.

The scholarship funds take care of my dancing lessons throughout the year, which frees up family funds to pay for international competition expenses.

And of course, it always helps to have a great fan base back home in the USA cheering me on!! It is a great boost to know that I have you all rooting for me!

I have a couple of more trips planned for the rest of this year, including Alexandria, Virginia, at the end of September, where I have been invited to perform at the BATD North American Scholarships as the current World Champion.

I will also be able to take classes and workshops at this event from international Highland Dancing professionals to prepare for next year's competitions.

In October, I will be traveling to Ventura, California, for the Seaside Highland Games—I hope that I will see your clan tent there so I can stop by to say hello!

All the best, and thank you sincerely for your scholarship this year!!

*Beret Dernbach*

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Henderson's gathered from near and far at the Ligonier, Pennsylvania, Highland Games to hold the 2019 Annual Meeting. The Executive Board met in the meeting room at the Ramada by Wyndham (the host hotel), Friday afternoon.

President Leon Hicks introduced and announced David R. Henderson as the newly named Chieftain and High Commissioner for North America. As his initial official act David swore in the new Regional Commissioners.

The AGM took place in the Henderson Tent at the Games Saturday afternoon. Present at the meeting were the following officers and members, Leon & Ann Hicks, David R. and Kari Henderson, Jan Henderson Burdette, Mark & Sandi Henderson, Mary Lane Henderson, Vince & Sherry Henderson, Doug & Kathleen Henderson, Steve Henderson, McKinley Fraser, Lee & Dottie Henderson, Mike & Joan Henderson, Barbara Cass Pamboukes, Ron & Mary Henderson, Eric Henderson, Lyle Henderson, Betsy Bond, Dick & Sue Hoffman.

President Leon Hicks, expressed appreciation to Steve Henderson, Mike & Joan Henderson for their hard work and effort preparing for the event, arranging for the lodging, meeting room and Ceilidh at the Ramada.

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## Silent Auction a great success!

Kari Henderson

THANK YOU, to all who participated in the 2019 AGM Silent Auction in Ligonier, PA.

Much fun and sportsmanship were had, all for a good cause.

We were able to raise and donate to the Henderson Scholarship Fund from the proceeds of \$158.00. A generous and unique handmade Hairy Coo Appliqued pillow was generously donation by Joyce Henderson, North Pacific Region Commissioner, from Montana. It was a big hit along with several other items left and confiscated from the highland game Henderson tent that day.

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 mendous work he has done to promote the growth of our Society. We have had over 5000 persons "gathered unto the Clan" since its inception. This is a terrific achievement. The "yeomen" of this effort are the Regional Commissioners and Convenors. Your efforts are paying great dividends, and on behalf of our Chief, Alistair, and Dave his High Commissioner, thank you.

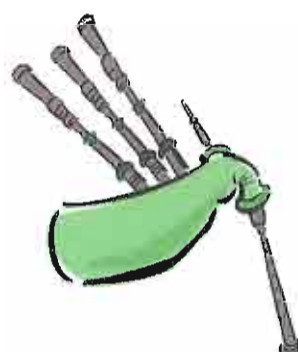
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President Leon reiterated the accomplishments of the past year by the board and membership and presented goals for the Society in the coming year.

General Counsel, Vincent Henderson reported the Executive Board had approved the presentation of the Resolution to Authorize the Creation and Operation of the Clan Henderson Society Foundation to the membership. After the reading of this resolution, a motion was made by Steve Henderson to approve the resolution as read, Sandi Henderson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

It was announced the 2020 AGM will be in St. Louis, MO, in October. Locations for the 2021 and 2022 meeting will be finalized in St. Louis.

As whenever Hendersons gather, it was a great time to renew friendships and make new ones. THE HENDERSONS WERE THERE!!



Dear  
Clan  
Henderson  
Society,

I am so  
grateful for the  
scholarship that

you gave me.

I am eleven years old and will be turning twelve this year. I have been playing the pipes for two years now and plan to keep playing the pipes forever.

The scholarship you gave me will be going towards The Rob McLintock Piping School in California.

Summer School for piping and drumming in Carlsbad, California, next summer means a lot to me.

I can't wait until I go to camp next year because I will learn so much on how to be a better piper and a better bandmate.

Sincerely,  
Aiden Henderson



# Announcing the Inaugural Spring Midwest Gathering of Hendersons

*All Clan Henderson folks are invited!*

Hosted by the Central Region Clan Henderson Society,  
**May 1 - 3, 2020**

Event Website: <https://www.centralregionclanhendersonsociety.com/>

**Where:** We will be located at Big Cedar Lodge, (<https://vimeo.com/292748549>) sitting on Tablerock Lake in Ridgedale Missouri, just south of Branson. This provides the seclusion of the resort with its services while also being accessible to the large variety of attractions in Branson.

**Schedule:** We will gather informally Friday evening.

Saturday morning, we will convene to share stories about Henderson history, family experiences and traditions. Currently on the program: Leon Hicks, CHS President, will describe Henderson journeys to the Americas and onwards. Vince Henderson, CHS VP General Counsel, will rally us to 'The Hendersons are Here'. Members like YOU will exchange stories on Family History Displays.

Watch for more details as the program continues to take shape!

Saturday afternoon we will take time for individual pursuits around the resort or in Branson.

We'll then rejoin each other for dinner and a Cèilidh in the evening.

Sunday is again an informal gathering for Kirk and brunch.



Contact for more information:

**Charm Russell**, Central Region Commissioner

([Russell.Charm@gmail.com](mailto:Russell.Charm@gmail.com); 515-473-1661),

**Louis Russell** ([louis.russell@functionalproteins.com](mailto:louis.russell@functionalproteins.com)),

or **LaRhee Henderson**

([LaRhee.henderson@drake.edu](mailto:LaRhee.henderson@drake.edu); 515-557-0646)

Register here:

<https://www.centralregionclanhendersonsociety.com/register>

# Steve Henderson Awarded Chief's Prize at the 2019 AGM

Leon Hicks, CHS president

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Steve Henderson is this year's recipient of Clan Henderson Society's highest honor, the Chief's Prize.

This award is in recognition of his many years of excellent service to the Clan Henderson Society, its members, and its leadership.

Steve has served in many capacities since becoming a member of CHS to include Regional Convenor, "Roving Convenor," Regional Commissioner, Head and Financial Sponsor of the Clan Henderson Archive Effort, Member of the Corporate Outreach Committee, Contributor to the Scholarship Fund, and Vice President of Operations.

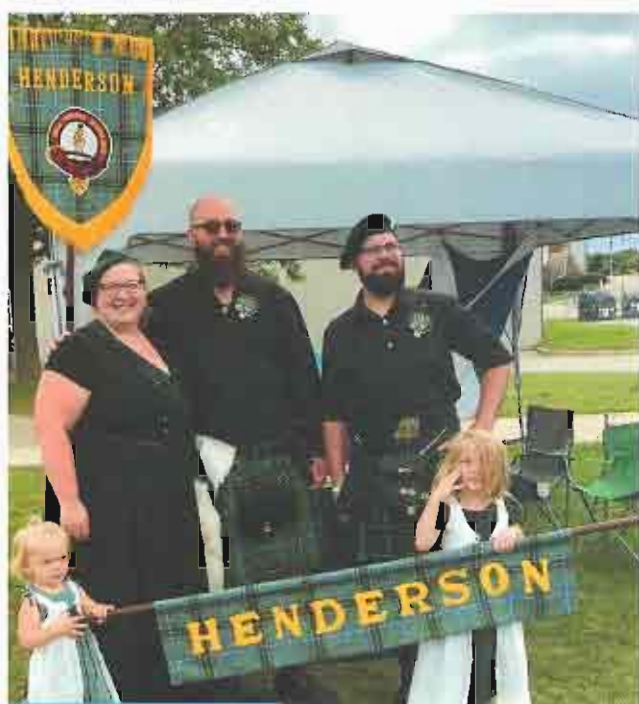
His services have been exceptionally valuable to the Society and have contributed greatly to its growth and success. I doubt even Steve can account for the number of events he has convened, but suffice to say it is over a hundred. It would be interesting to find out how many thousands of miles Steve has logged supporting our Society.

As is true with many awards, there are many in our society who may be deserving of an award, but none more so than Steve. As President of the Society it is both a privilege and a honor to bestow upon Steve this award:

*Chiefs Prize 2019 is to the right.*







# Lookie who won the “Best Clan Parade of Tartans!”

David & Jessica Derry

Our family has had the opportunity to assist the Elder family with convening in Alma, Michigan, for many years and it has always been the highlight of our summer.

Our daughters, Ava and Evelyn, have been attending that event since they were born and David has enjoyed serving as a member of the bodyguard for some time now.

We recently relocated to the Milwaukee area of Wisconsin and realized that there was an opportunity to step into the role of convener and represent our Clan at the Wisconsin Highland Games in Waukesha, Wisconsin. It was last minute, but with the help of the Central Regional Commissioner and the Elder family back in Michigan, we were able to pull together the necessary resources to host the tent in time.

We even won “Best Clan Parade of Tartans!”

The games were a wonderful experience. Our fellow clans were very welcoming and happy to see our Henderson banner amongst them once again.

Matthew Henderson Elder IV was able to come from Michigan and help us convene.

David and Matthew participated in a single stick fencing tournament. They represented the Hendersons well despite having no experience. David was even able to make it to the semifinals, where he fell to a professional.

He plans to practice with the local Historical Fencing Association to bring us home the win next year.

We marched with the clans in the opening ceremonies on Friday, as well as the parades that took place on Saturday and Sunday. We were present for the kirking on Sunday, and enjoyed sharing drink and scones with our visitors throughout the event.

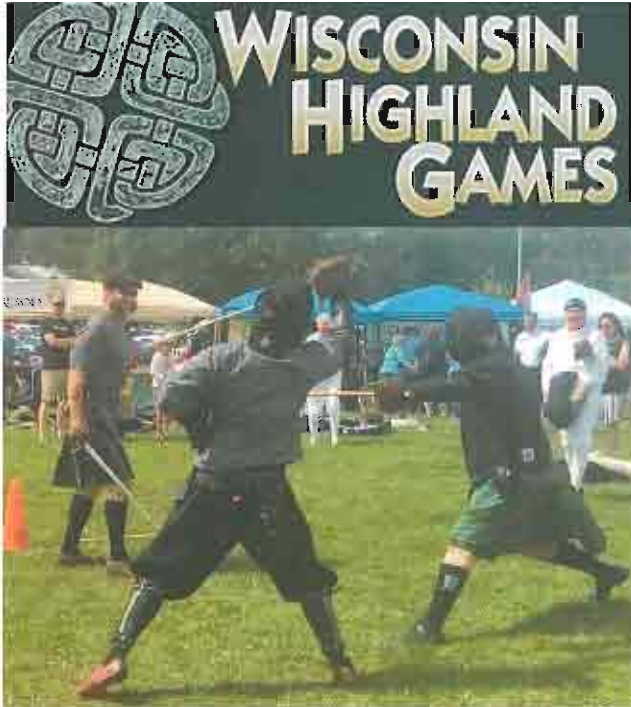
We had a wonderful time speaking with the public; it was a very busy event and we had a lot of traffic in the clan tent square. We even discovered a few Hendersons among the crowd who were very interested in not only learning about their heritage, but in our current clan activities. During the closing cer-



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## Wisconsin Highland Games,

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emonies, we were honored with the award for Best Clan, Parade of Tartans, no doubt in part to the wee ones who greatly enjoyed waving to the crowd.

The event was well attended, and we enjoyed perfect, mild weather. Hundreds of visitors from the greater Milwaukee area and beyond were able to enjoy a wide range of entertainment including the Celtic Canines, Heavy Games, live bands, Pipe and Drum competition, Highland dancers, live blacksmith demonstrations, archery and axe throwing (open to the public), delicious Scottish fare, and a plethora of kids activities including the ever-popular Clan Passports. We must have stamped well over a hundred of those! It is a very busy event with more activities than we can name here.

Overall, it was a very successful first year and we look forward to convening this event again next year. Hopefully, with more notice we will be able to muster even more of our clansmen in the future!

We would like to extend our gratitude to all of Clan Henderson for making it possible for us to convene; the ability to represent our heritage, and to raise our children in a community of such good natured people is a blessing for which we are most grateful.

Yours Aye,

David and Jessica Derry



## Topeka, Kansas Highland Games 10 Aug 2019 "The Hendersons are here!"

Laura Henderson Petry

Michael and Laura (Henderson) Petry, with Laura's mom, Marian Henderson, drove from Bellevue, Nebraska on August 10<sup>th</sup> to represent Clan Henderson at the Topeka Highland Games.

While it was very well attended by talented athletes, the visitors were sparse. The event organizer apologized for not advertising properly. BUT, WE had a great time!

Well, the Henderson and Cameron Clans had the only tents there. So, we made friends and got to know each other, of course!

In addition, we got visited by all of the athletes, which was great fun.

The day was brilliantly clear and very warm. It is Kansas in August, after all.

Laura Petry got to meet Kevin Henderson, who is a Society member and previously very active champion athlete.

In addition, Laura and Marian's Henderson cousins who live in Topeka hosted them for a mini-clan reunion!

All in all, the day was a success for Hendersons. Gathering, celebrating, story telling and passing on family heritage to young cousins made it great. The group photo includes five gen-

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# Arlington National Cemetery: Colonel Russell L. Henderson, U.S. Army (ret.)

David R. Henderson, P.E., FSA Scot

Our Clan family lost a long-time servant, valued resource, and honorable man among men who embodied the high standards and character which our Scot forefathers held sacred.

Russell Lawrence Henderson, Col. U.S. Army (retired) passed away unexpectedly 26 August 2018 at his home in Alexandria, Va. age 75. Russ' inurnment service in Arlington National Military Cemetery was held 9 August 2019 with Full Military Honors.

A beautiful clear day welcomed family, friends, military associates, and Clan Henderson members for memorial service in the Fort Meyers Old Post Chapel.

A procession of Flag draped caisson, riderless horse, U.S. Army Band, Company strength HonorGuard, and Rifle Squad marched to the inurnment site more than a mile from the Chapel.

Graveside, as Chaplain and Burial Detail performed duties four Blackhawk helicopters passed low, almost eye level to our hillside position toward the southeast and the Pentagon.

Many of Clan Henderson knew of Russ' military career but most are familiar with his creating our newsletter, *An Canach*, serving as Editor for decades, and appointment as Counsellor to the Chief, Alistair of Fordell.

As events of the day unfolded many perspectives of our compatriot were revealed.

Russ was born 2 December 1942 in Leavenworth, Kansas where his father was Colonel in the Army - often joking his dad was NOT serving time there.

He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1964 and earned a M.A. In Business from Boston University in Mannheim, Germany.

His 27 years of military service included tours

in Viet Nam, Korea, Italy, and Germany.

Russ was an Eagle Scout and remained active in Scouting his entire life.

A special interest was participating as drummer in the Troop 996 band. He also played stand-up bass guitar in a popular dance band.

Most surprising of all was the fact Russ, wife Judy, and three children hosted fifteen international high school exchange students who consider themselves as part of the family.

Several were present for the service.

A gentleman from Germany spoke of how they referred to Russ as daddy and when questioned by fellow students why, the response was "because he is a father."

There were humorous recollections of how Russ had to intercede with a jealous boyfriend and having to go to the police station when one of the girls was caught driving without a valid US license.

On behalf of Clan Henderson, our best wishes



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## Topeka, Kansas Games,

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erations of descendants of Alexander and Janet (Doctor) Henderson and their son, David Henderson, who emigrated from Dundee, Scotland, to America in 1869. They settled near Concordia, Kansas.

Perhaps I will share their story another time!

Sincerely,

Laura (Henderson) Petry

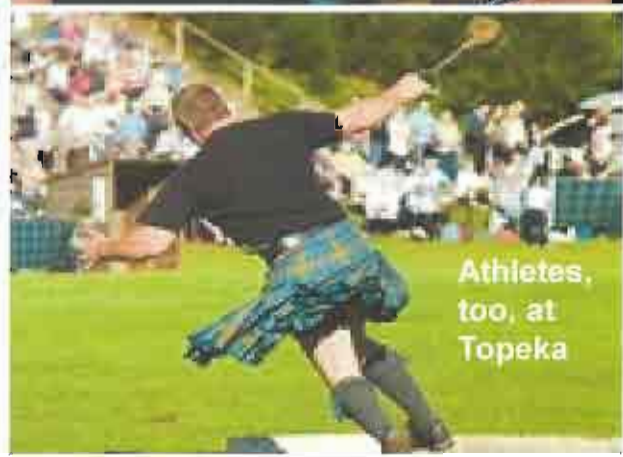
Lauralinn62@gmail.com



Marian, Corrinne & Laura



Corrinne, Kevin Henderson



Athletes,  
too, at  
Topeka

## Colonel Russell L. Henderson, continued from page 23

go to wife Judy, daughter Janine Kovack, sons Richard Russell & Ross Elliot Henderson and families.

It is truly an honor to have known Russ and a huge thank you for sharing him with Clan Henderson.



Dave Henderson and Christian Garrin of the Clan Henderson Society Bodyguard at Arlington Cemetery with Russ.

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Photographs by Kari Henderson



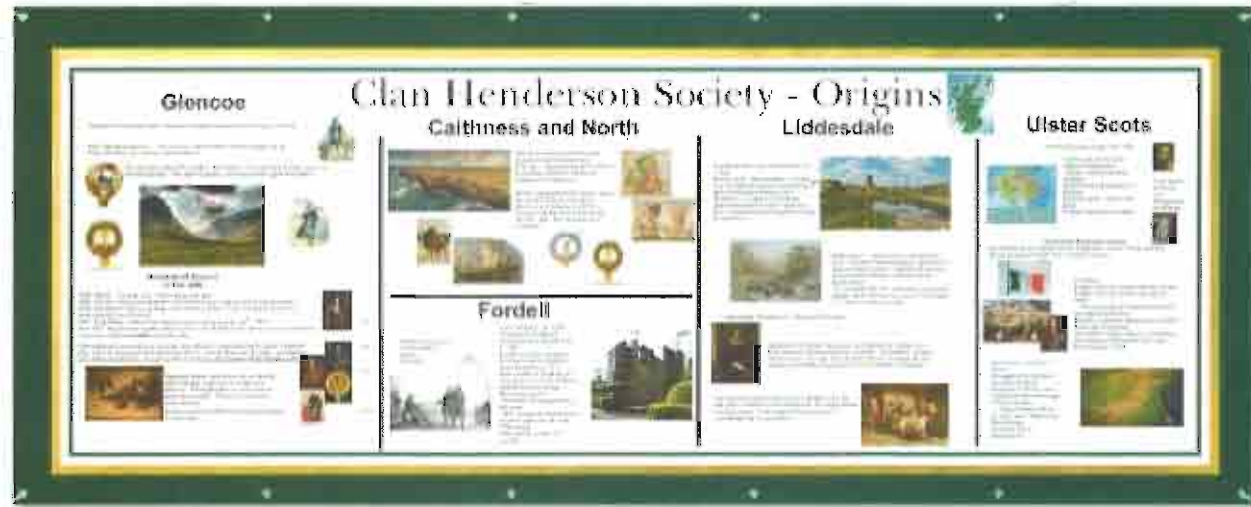
At the very top: The Blackhawk flyover. Center: Dave Henderson, Judy Henderson and Christian Garrin.



Above: The presentation of the American flag to Judy Henderson.



# Attention CHS Regional Commissioners



Dear Regional Commissioners:

The attached show a banner that was used at the 2019 AGM to help decorate the tent. YOU can have one of these made for your region-at a very reasonable cost.

If you want one, here is what you do:

1) Confirm you want a similar banner to use in YOUR region. Contact LaRhee Henderson (LaRhee.Henderson@drake.edu) and copy Charm Russell (russell.charm@gmail.com). You will be notified of the cost.

2) The existing banner has some pictures that are "specific to a Region", in this case, Central Region. You can retain any of the other photos already on the banner OR provide copies of photos to be substituted--to give your photos a more "personalized Region Focus". The photo of the Clan and Chief at Edinburgh Castle, the Henderson Crest and the map of Scotland will remain, plus any already there that you want to keep. Submit any copies of "change" photos (i.e. specific to your region) to be used in your banner.

3) Provide an address where you want banner to be mailed.

Note: the banner will be eight feet in length (unless you ask for a different length). It will have grommets to help hang it in your tent.

Direct any questions concerning construction, cost or mailing to LaRhee or to Charm.

Your kinsman, aye, Mark Henderson



# OPEN MIC NIGHT



Mark Henderson, Veep Members

At the 2019 AGM it was decided to have an open meeting, hosted by VP Members. This meeting will be on a recurring basis--4 PM Eastern, on the last Monday of each month.

The subject will be whatever anyone wants to talk about. Our basic ZOOM plan allows for 45 minutes time limit. I am calling this meeting CHS Open Mic Night

Anyone is welcome to "attend" or NOT. Attendance is NOT being taken. If you have an issue, or a question or just want to listen in, feel free to join me.

## Open Mic Night

Monthly on the last Monday, until Mar 30, 2020 Go to: <<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/617499861>>

Description: Mark Henderson is inviting you

to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/617499861> Meeting ID: 617 499 861 One tap mobile +16465588656,,617499861# US (New York) +14086380968,,617499861# US (San Jose) Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 617 499 861 Find your local number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/617499861>

Organizer: Mark Henderson

Yours aye, Mark

## Bodyguard: To Serve, continued from page 2

following his resignation as Southeast Region Commissioner.

I know of no other Clan/Society which can demonstrate such a large, disciplined, and well-organized Bodyguard.

In closing my final article as Deputy Head of Bodyguard, I wish to thank Head of Bodyguard, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Jeremy Lussi (active duty in Alaska) and long-time Honorary Bodyguard George Henderson for all the support in rejuvenating the Bodyguard.

I offer a personal congratulations to all Bodyguard members for stepping up to answer the call to "Serve our Chief and our Clan".

I look forward to seeing you "On the Field" in my new capacity "To Serve" Chief and Clan!

Custos Vitae . . . Brother Dave

# CHS AGM concludes at Ligonier 2019 Games

Mike and Joan Henderson, Convenors

**Clan Henderson AGM concludes at Ligonier** - The 2019 Ligonier Highland Games was the scene of the Clan Henderson Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) and by all accounts it was a very successful event. The Ligonier Ramada Hotel was the host hotel where most of the visiting members stayed and where the Executive Board meeting and ceilidh were held. The hotel staff did an excellent job accommodating all of our needs and their service was warm and friendly.

Richard Wonderly, Executive Director of the Ligonier Highland Games, worked closely with me to ensure that Clan Henderson as Honored Clan for the games, had all of our needs met or exceeded. The program for the games featured a 2-page article on Clan Henderson to include Clan History, Places of Interest, Clan Tartans and our Clan Motto. They had set up a large tent for us and provided extra parking passes for our visiting leadership.

We had members from all over the country gather for the AGM including: newly appointed High Commissioner for North America and Chieftain David R. Henderson, President Leon Hicks, VP-Ops. Steve Henderson, VP-Members Mark Henderson, VP-General Counsel Vincent Henderson, Treasurer Carol Martin, Recording Secretary Sue Hoffman and Regional Commissioners Douglas Henderson, Lee Henderson, Barbara Pamboukes and Mary Lane Henderson. It was a delight to get to know our fellow Clan members and put faces with names.

Weather for the weekend was a mixed bag with cool mornings, a heavy shower Saturday morning followed by a warm, muggy afternoon. The rain stopped before the Parade of Clans where we lead off the procession around the main field with about 20-25 members participating. It was a busy day at the tent on Saturday with numerous visitors, lots

of children stopping to get their passports stamped, lots of snacks and beverages being enjoyed and the member meeting being conducted in the afternoon.

In the process four new members were signed up: Eric Henderson of Carinbrook, PA, David Lyons of Silver Spring, MD, Donald Grove of Monongahela, PA and McKinley Fraser of Bedford, PA.

Welcome to our newest members!

A wonderful time was had by all who came to the AGM and games.

We missed those who were unable to attend due to medical and various other reasons and we look forward to seeing them at the Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk on December 7<sup>th</sup> or next year at Ligonier on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.





# Clan Henderson Members meet for a BBQ Throw Down



CHS Members and friends meet for a Pre-Cook-Off strategy session at a local cidery.



CHS members Scott Walker and Dwight Henderson, "The Chefs"



## Mark Henderson, Veep Members

Nothing excites an American southerner more than good BBQ.

Throw in some Scottish blood and add some Clan Henderson members and you have the makings of a real feast.

That is exactly what happened when Mid East Commissioner, Dwight Henderson and Professional Chef and member Scott Walker, met and treated a crowd to some "BBQ Throw-Down".

It happened on Aug 23 at a remote cabin in the mountains of North Carolina—Lansing, NC to be exact.

It all started when Dwight mentioned to "Chef" that his smoked BBQ pulled pork was really good. "Is that so?" said Chef.

"Put your meat where your smoker is".

Well, that began months of trash talk—back and forth.

Listening to our two Clan Cousins, you'd think someone's BBQ Pork was going to bring the other to his knees.

Finally, a date was set.

Smokers arrived at the mountain cabin and the cooking began.

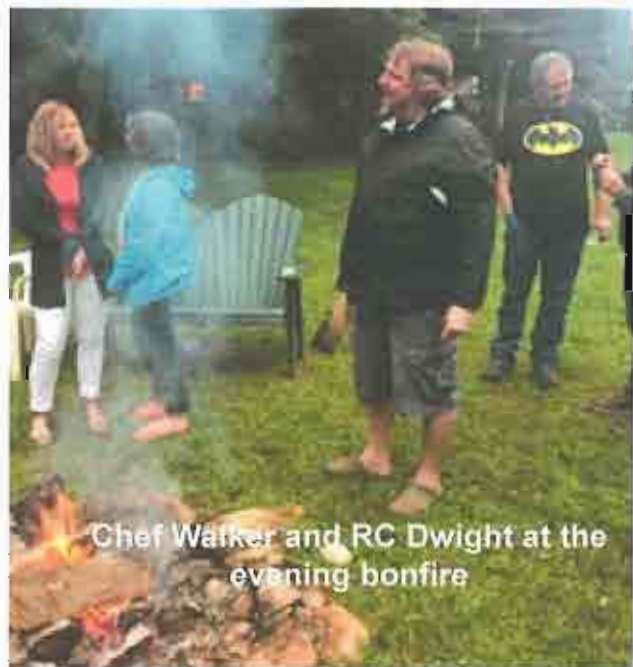
Of course, a healthy contingent of friends family members and curious on-lookers was on hand to judge.

Forty plus pounds of smoked, BBQ pulled pork, with all the fixins, was placed on the table and the obligatory toast was made:

"Crisply braised, a paragon of fat and lean drips juicily upon the pit. Sustainer of the South, the pig doth yearn to sacrifice and serve! Let us eat! .... LUSTILY, sauce stained and smiling."

When the "Smoke" cleared, and the judges voting was in, CHS VP Mark Henderson announced the results....A TIE!!! Naturally, this led to more

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trash talk around the bonfire that evening, while many a kinsman enjoyed "not-so-wee" drams of Uisge Breatha. The unanimous result to the week-end feasting: AGAIN!

If you are interested in competing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Clan Henderson BBQ throw down (probably in Aug 2020), let VP members, Mark Henderson know [kernal372@gmail.com](mailto:kernal372@gmail.com)

**WARNING:** It may be held in a field in North Carolina. Accommodations may be primitive or miles away at the nearest motel. Amature chefs, as well as serious eaters are encouraged to attend.



### **Slaughter Under Trust**, *continued from page 7*

On 10 February 2019, Alan Stewart, from Scottish Republican Scottish Movement, made the following speech at Glencoe, to commemorate the massacre.

"Comrades, it is important to be clear about the real story behind what happened here at Glencoe. All too often we have been told that it was about clan wars.

But the excellent Scots historian, Christopher Harvie points out pockets of Jacobite support in the Highlands.

The chiefs of all Highland clans were given a deadline of January 1<sup>st</sup> 1692 by which to register an oath of loyalty.

The chief of the Glencoe Macdonalds presented himself on time to Governor John Hill at Inverlochy. But, he was told he had come to the wrong place. The oath had to be administered by a civil not a military officer. In this case it was the sheriff-deputy at Argyll.

So, he set off through snow drifts. Not surprisingly, given the distance and the weather, he was late.

He had shown willingness but this was not enough.

The Secretary of State for Scotland, John Dalrymple - Master of Stair - wanted political union between England and Scotland.

He saw the Highlanders as a hindrance in this respect. And he had a particular dislike for the Macdonalds of Glencoe.

So Dalrymple saw it as an opportunity to make an example of the smaller clan. And through this to terrorize the rest.

The Macdonalds were butchered, quite simply for the cause of the Union.

So for ten days 130 Government soldiers, captained by Robert Campbell, stayed with and were hospitality entertained by the Macdonalds.

Then at dawn on 13 February 1692 they turned on their hosts. Thirty-eight were killed. More died in the snow.

Some Campbell soldiers were disgusted by their orders. They alerted some Macdonalds.

There was an Inquiry after into the Massacre. Dalrymple had to resign, but it was a whitewash.

**To be concluded next *An Canach*.**



# Henderson tent is very busy at the Virginia Scottish Games & Festival's 46<sup>th</sup> annual event

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Mark & Sandi Henderson,  
conveners  
Steve Henderson, co-convenor

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The 46<sup>th</sup> annual Virginia Scottish Games and Festival was held at The Great Meadow near The Plains, Virginia, on Labor Day Weekend, 31 Aug/1 Sep 19.

Mark and Sandi Henderson convened and Steve Henderson joined them as co-convenor for both days.

We were blessed with fine weather conditions - some heat and no wind the first day and overcast and cool on the second day.

Crowds were large at the athletic venue both days, at the piping competition on Saturday, and at the dancing festivities and demonstrations both days.

Around all this activity at various parts of the Great Meadow venue we were pleased to visit with many attendees - not only with the Henderson surname but also with other last names who we talked with all about regarding their Scot-Irish ancestry.

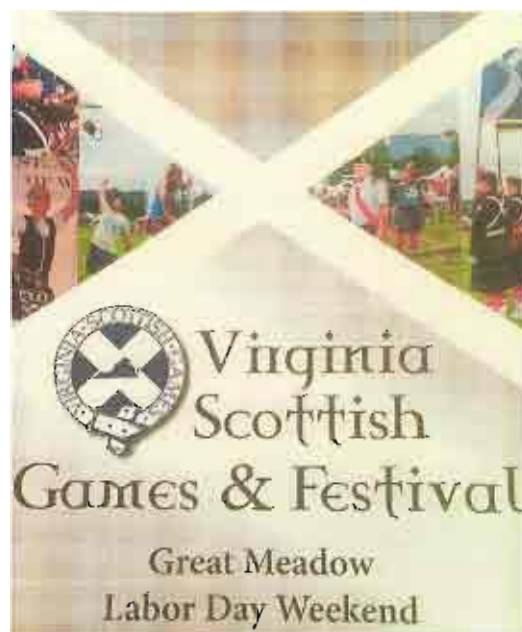
We were especially pleased to visit with members of the Timothy A. Henderson, Sr. family from Manassas Park, Virginia, and Arlington, Virginia; Norfolk, Virginia and Severn, Maryland.

All these Hendersons marched in the Saturday parade and the young people (as seen in the attached photo that also includes CHS Member Tim Clonts from Warrenton, VA) proudly carried the Henderson banner.

Tim Henderson is a long-time member who paid his yearly dues; most of the adults in his family took membership forms and could be in touch with VP-Members Mark Henderson.

Another major event was the arrival on Saturday of three young persons - one whose maternal line has a Henderson and two married people with a Gunn connection on the wife's side.

They took such an interest in our CHS membership pitch that they came back on Sunday and both of the women



joined CHS (see the attached photos of Mark Henderson with Rachel Self - maternal Henderson connection) and Leslie Truax (maternal Gunn connection) and Josiah Scott Talbert-Truax (Leslie's husband).

These three young people were super-enthusiastic about joining CHS; they listened to the "Romeo and Juliet" story in its original tale of Scottish lore and history as presented by Mark Henderson.

The women said they will send information about their lineage - as they know it - to both David Henderson in NH and LaRhee Henderson in IA to discover more about their genealogy and to get their DNA established.

Two CHS members paid their dues (Tim Henderson and Rebecca Collin) and Rebecca asked about our Scholarships for Youth program. When we explained some basics, she said she would make inquiries

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**Virginia Scottish Games,**  
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Getting ready for the Parade of Tartans at the Virginia Games!

of her employer - BAE Systems - and would do what she can to get that large corporation to contribute to this program.

One other person - Marlis McCollum of Reston, Virginia, whose maternal grandmother was a Henderson, joined CHS late in the day on Sunday. She also indicated she would send information about her lineage to both David and LaRhee.

So, Mark and Sandi from Waynesboro, VA and Steve from Waynesboro, PA convened a very successful two day event at Great Meadow at The Plains, VA.

Our presence is well-known at this venue and we will do our best to get more than three new members and have two current members re-up their membership in future years.

Steve Henderson, VP-Ops of CHS  
 717-404-8014



Ready for the Parade of the Clans: Jay Henderson, Jeff & Jessica Emerson, Pat Henderson and Suzanne Emerson



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# It was “only” 97 degrees at the Pleasanton, California, Games!

Suzanne Henderson Emerson, South Pacific Regional Commissioner

The Highland Games in Pleasanton, California, August 31 - September 19 were hot and fun!

With heat peaking at a mere 97 degrees, only a few people were driven off by the weather.

Art and Pat Henderson came down from Lake Oswego, Oregon, to answer questions in the tent,

as they have for many years.

Jay Henderson from Portland, Oregon, joined us as well and took several of the accompanying photos you see on these pages.

Jeff and Suzanne spent much of their time watching *Albanach*.

Dennis, Mary, Betty, Lily, Eamon, Wally, Kathi, Shirley, Jessica, Katherine, and Nisha all hung out in the tent at various times.

Henderson Tent visitors included Scott and Wendy, Jeanne, LaNae, Cheri, Christopher Alan, Christopher, Jana, Robert, and Neil (all last name Henderson), Laura Reed-Henderson, Jeanmarie Homen, Kaitlin Shalin, Joann Goodell, and Julie Calderwood.

We distributed stickers to the kids with passports and to kids watching the Parade of the Clans and distributed shrink-plastic Clan Henderson crest pins to tent visitors.

The Clan Henderson Shortbread cookies didn't last long, and were supported by Shirley's peanut butter cookies.

Due to enhanced security protocols, our whiskey was decanted from inconspicuous-looking reusable water bottles instead of the usual glass bottle. Scotty, the kilted plush bear, received many hugs.

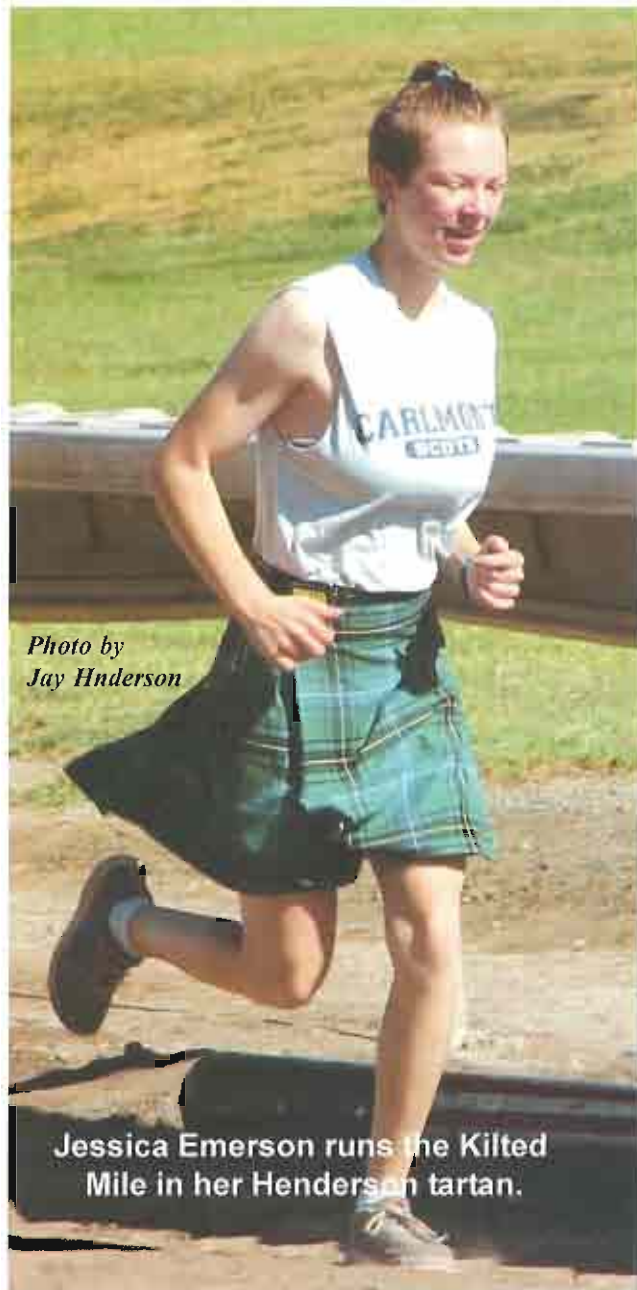


Photo by  
Jay Henderson

Jessica Emerson runs the Kilted  
Mile in her Henderson tartan.





# Interviewing Family Members

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

One of the most overlooked genealogical research techniques is the personal interview. Many of these interviews would qualify as the equivalent of an oral history. Simply defined, oral history is a method of collecting historical information from individuals with knowledge about past experiences involving family members, historical events and related topics.

Because of the intensely personal nature of the interview, the information from such a session tends to be more subjective and evaluative than details found in a written document. Oral history enables people to preserve their voices for future generations who will have the advantage of hearing a person tell their story in their own words.

The most common mistake many researchers make is jumping to the conclusion that once their parents and grand-parents are deceased; there is no reason to explore further interview options. In reality, there are many other potential sources of information.

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. Neighbors (even if they were not friendly) |                   |
| 2. Classmates                                 | 3. Co-workers     |
| 4. Business associates                        | 5. Clergy         |
| 6. Former spouses                             | 7. Teachers       |
| 8. Friends                                    | 9. Family Members |

The key to successful interviews involves planning. Interview sessions can progress beyond the basic who-begat-whoms, and delve more deeply into the rich fabric of family history, such as rela-

tionships, quality of life, motivations, migrations, and the impact of these events on the family. When beginning the planning process, following these key points will put you in the best position for success:

1. Determine what type of information you are seeking.

2. Choose candidates who can best provide information from the list of options shown above.

3. Most professionals recommend choosing older people first if you believe they have pertinent information. If they pass away before being interviewed, their knowledge and insight passes with them!

4. Conduct some pre-interview background research and compile a list of

questions.

5. Design your questions in an "open ended" manner. An open ended question is specifically designed to encourage personal commentary versus simple "yes" or "no" answers.

6. Open ended questions should be designed to try and elicit facts, as well as feelings and descriptions. While you should always try to elicit such details as names and dates, remember that facts also include finding out how, why, where and with what results.

7. Decide what format you will use to conduct the interview. Will it be recorded in some format or be a simple one-on-one interview? If your intent is to record the interview, please make

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# The Henderson Waves Bridge in Rhode Island



The Henderson Waves Bridge mimics the undulating shape of a wave, curving and twisting along its entire 274-metre length.

It is a bridge in Rhode Island which spans the Seekonk River, and connects the East Side neighborhood of Providence with the Watchemoket and Phillipsdale neighborhoods of East Providence.

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sure this is permitted by the Interviewee.

Information gleaned from an interview can lead the researcher to a variety of primary and secondary records and indexes containing genealogical information in the United States, Canada, Europe and the British Isles - depending on where the immigrant ancestor lived before coming to America.

Examples include the following: 1. Vital records. 2. Probate proceedings. 3. Census records (local, state, federal, school and em-

ployer). 4. Land/property records. 5. Tax records. 6. Church records. 8. Emigration records and any relevant details. 9. Immigration and naturalization records.

For more detailed information on this topic, I have a number of study guides that can be sent to you electronically. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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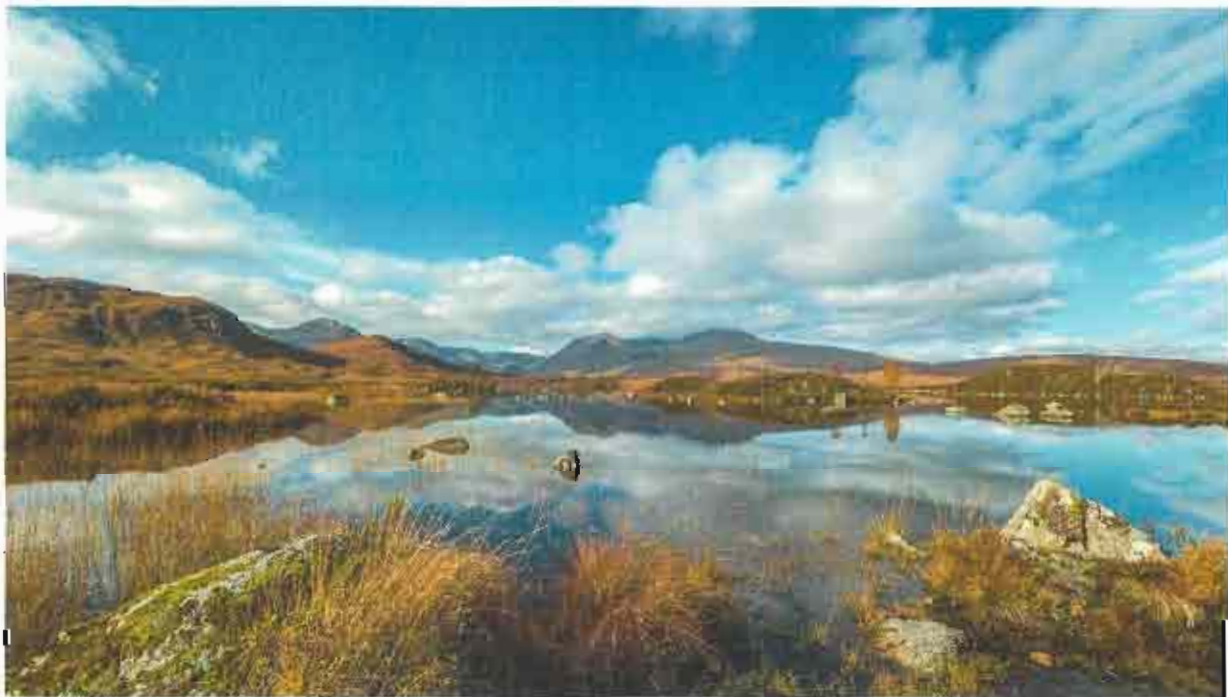
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