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Must see...

Braidwood Castle, also known as Hallbar Tower, is a 16th-century tower house. The castle is owned by the Lockharts of Lee. When traveling to Scotland, a stay is a must!

"It is gratifying to realize that this ancient Lockhart stronghold has been carefully preserved for future generations to enjoy."

Ranald Lockhart, Chief of Clan Lockhart

Any members wanting to stay in the castle should contact Ranald directly to arrange a discount.

Contact: dawn@leeandcarnwathestates.co.uk

A Scotsman's Congratulations

Jeff Lockhart [A#194]

The following is a journal entry found among some old family possessions. Or maybe it isn't but could have been. This is only my idea of their impressions based on a Scottish farmer in Lanarkshire. I took what I wrote and ran it through AI to try and get a flavor for the Scottish tongue in the late 1700s.

20th November, 1795 – Lanarkshire

The morning brake cauld and misty, wi' a sharp wind oot o' the west and a steady drizzle upon the rigs. Blessed be Providence, for though the weather be ill, the harvest is safely gathered and the beasts are in tolerable condition. We spent the better part of the day bringing the yowes doon frae the higher braes unto the winter pasture, the grass there being nearly spent. Young Shep was set to the work again. He is eager beyond measure, though wanting in judgment, and chased the flock more than guided them. Auld Lucy, faithful as ever, corrected his every mistake wi' little more than a glance. I trust that, should the Lord spare her another season, she shall make him into a worthy sheep dog.

Mary busied herself within doors preparing broth and oat bannocks, whilst the bairns gathered peats for the fire against the evening's damp. There is comfort in such ordinary labours, and I often think a man's greatest blessing is a quiet home and honest work.

This evening brought an uncommon event. Mary met me at the byre door holding a letter newly come by the carrier, having crossed the great ocean frae America. The superscription bore my cousin's own hand, and there was great excitement amongst the bairns, who begged that I shouldna delay until the Sabbath but read it aloud after supper. Word soon spread amongst the neighbours, and before long our kitchen was filled wi' friends and kin, every soul eager to hear tidings frae the new republic.

The contents of the letter gave us much to ponder.

My cousin writes that America hath now firmly established her independence from Great Britain, and though several years have passed since the peace, he writes as one still full of gratitude for the liberty they have obtained. Reading his words, I could not but marvel that they accomplished in scarce eight years what we Scots have, at divers seasons, endeavoured after through many centuries. Ever since the ancient struggles of our kingdom against its southern neighbour, our nation hath known victories mingled wi' disappointments. Though the crowns have long been united, many amongst us still remember the freedom of Scotland with quiet affection.

Yet I found myself smiling, for if ever my cousin should grow overly proud of America's achievement, I would remind him, in good humour, that his country oweth no small debt unto Scotland. He might well answer, "How could ye help us whilst ye remained at hame?" Aye, it is a fair question.

Though we ourselves crossed neither sword nor musket, many of Scotland's sons and daughters did. It remains a curious thing that our countrymen were found upon baith sides of the quarrel.

Many Lowland Scots, men learned in commerce, law, medicine, education, and the ministry of the Kirk, cast their support with the Congress. Likewise the Scots who had first settled in Ulster before removing again to America—driven by dear rents, poor harvests, and hard usage—became stout defenders of the frontier and zealous friends of liberty.

Yet many Highlanders remained loyal unto King George. Some among our neighbours wonder how this could be, considering the cruel memory of Culloden and the hardships thereafter. But those who ken the Highland character understand that they prize honour and faithfulness beyond worldly gain. Their first loyalty had belonged unto their chiefs and clans; when that ancient order was broken, many transferred the same steadfast allegiance unto

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the Crown, believing thereby to secure peace, land, and a fresh beginning across the sea. Once having pledged their word, they would not lightly break it.

Still, no honest man can say the matter was simple. Not every Lowlander favoured the Congress, nor every Highlander the King. Men followed the dictates of conscience, family, religion, and necessity, and the Almighty alone knoweth every heart.

I was pleased to read of the many services rendered by our countrymen unto the American cause. Doctor John Witherspoon, James Wilson, and Robert Morris are all held in high esteem there. Though Morris be Welsh by birth, my cousin says his long association wi' Scottish merchants almost entitles him to be counted amongst our own folk. I could not help but laugh at that.

Our merchants, too, deserve remembrance, for they furnished credit, clothing, powder, arms, and many other necessities when they were sorely needed. The physicians trained at Edinburgh improved the care of wounded soldiers, and our craftsmen supplied iron, wagons, muskets, cloth, and countless articles without which no army can long continue in the field.

It pleased me most to reflect that, though Scotland entered not that contest as a kingdom, Scots were found in every station thereof. Some fought beneath the King's colours; others beneath the standard of Congress; each believing himself to act according to his duty before God.

When I had finished reading, there was silence in the room for a time. Then each man offered his own opinion, as Scots are wont to do. Some judged the Americans wise; others thought rebellion never ends well. Yet all agreed upon one thing—that wherever Scots travel in this world, they leave their mark.

The fire burned low before the neighbours departed. Mary gathered the bairns to their beds, and I folded my cousin's letter with care before placing it within my Bible for safekeeping. It is no small comfort to receive news from kin so far removed, and I pray the Lord grant that peace may long continue amongst them, and that those of our own blood beyond the Atlantic may prosper in both liberty and wisdom.



Celebrating Our Lockhart Patriots

I sent out a request to our members asking if anyone in their ancestral line participated in our war of Independence. Here are some of the responses:

Debra Monsive [A#193]:



My 4th Great Grandfather, Aaron Lockert/Lockhart, I have found the spelling both ways. I included a photo of the roster of Revolutionary War Veterans in the Bullock's Creek Presbyterian Cemetery, at Sharon outside of Lockhart, South Carolina where Aaron is buried. All three of his headstones survive, the writing is no longer visible though. I thought it was cool when I visited in October of 2019 that over the years when his headstone was replaced they left the original one in front, then the 2nd one, then in the 1960s the flat stone was placed.



Joy Martin [A#247]:

Joy's ancestor, Robert Volney Lockhart fought in the American Revolution for Pennsylvania achieving the rank of Sergeant. Eventually, Robert Lockhart became a Major.

Joe Lockerd [A#214]:

I am quite confident in the ancestry of my sixth great grandfather, Alexander Lockard (1725 – 1812), who did fight in the revolutionary war! This is the first of my paternal ancestors to live in America. Our branch of Lockharts split from the Lockharts of Lee with my 13th Great-grandfather, Allan Lockhart, 1st Baron of Cleghorn, 4th of Lee (1373 and 1433 - 1467). Subsequent paternal grandfathers were lords of Cleghorn, Wicketshaw, and Kirkton.

The Pennsylvania U.S. Direct Tax Lists for 1798 show that Alexander owned 140 acres in Lower Mount Bethel, which was valued at \$391 (Almost \$17,000 today). He was also listed as a Second Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania, U.S., Revolutionary War Battalions and Militia Index, 1775-1783, and later became a Captain. He may have died in Baltimore, Maryland on 2 February 1812 and is buried at Martins Creek, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, USA.

Alexander's father, David Alexander Lockard (1673–1753) was the first I found to spell the name as Lockard, instead of Lockhart. This branch of the Lockharts were Presbyterian Covenanters, who defied the English in refusing to join the Anglican Church. This is likely why the name changed and the move to the American Colony, whether by choice or by deportation as a criminal of the English law!!

My 2nd Great-grandfather, Frances Lockerd (1809–1887) of Georgia was the first of my lineage to spell his name as Lockerd. In his generation, some brothers spell the name as Lockard, and some as Lockerd!

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Shirley Greenwood [A#168]:

Her fourth great grandfather, William Lockhart came to America prior to the Revolution and served as a recruiting officer for the Continental Army. Service: Virginia 1st Dragoons, Rank, Soldier. Born around 1756 in Virginia, he moved to Allegheny Co, PA following Independence where he received land from the government for his service. William died 18 Sep 1834 in Hopewell Twp, Beaver Co, PA.

Linda Thumm [A#59]:

1777 Lockhart, Thomas US Rev War Rolls, VA, 9th Reg, 31 May, 1777 image 552:

Thomas Lockhart Virginia 9th Regiment May 1777. 3rd on list of privates

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VIRGINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION

Lock, Alexander, Drum Major and Sgt., 14 CL.	Lockett, Gideon, Ensign, Powhatan Mil., apptd. Nov. 19, 1778.
Lock, Charles, Tenn. pens.	Lockett, Henry, 10 CL.
Lock, James, Ill. pens.	Lockett, Jacob, Sgt., 2 Va. Brigade, 3 and 7 CL, 5 CL, 5 and 11 CL, 7 CL.
Lock, Jesse, Corp., WD.	Lockett, James, 7 CL.
Lock, John, 3 and 4 CL, 8 CL, 4, 8 and 12 CL as Corp.	Lockett, John, Captain Va. Militia in 1779.
Lock, John, Gist's Reg.	Lockett, John, Pvt., WD.
Lock, Joseph, 8 CL.	Lockett, Pleasant, 7 CL.
Lock, Joseph, Gunner, 1st Artillery.	Lockett, Royal, 7 CL.
Lock, Joseph, Pitts. Rom.	Lockett, Royal, Mecklenburg pens.
Lock, Patrick, 3 and 4 CL, 4 CL.	Lockett, Thomas (Lockhart) 9 CL.
Lock, Peter, Capt. Daniel Morgan's Co.; prisoner at Quebec Dec. 31, 1775. Rom.	Lockett, William, E.
Lock, William, Marine in 1783.	Lockard, Archibald, Clark's Ill. Reg.
Lock, William, 2 Va. State Reg.	Lockard, John, Capt. Heth's Ind. Co.
Lockado, Isaac (Lookado) 7 CL.	Lockard, Philip, Va. Battalion.
Lockard, Archibald, recruited in 1780; served at Fort Jefferson.	Lockard, Thomas (Lockhart) 9 CL.
Lockard, Philip, Bedford pens.	Lockhart, —, Major; serving in Northwest Territory in 1782; may have been Patrick Lockhart.
Lockard, William, Amherst pens.	Lockhart, Archibald, Clark's Ill. Reg.
Lockart, Archibald, E.	Lockhart, Benjamin, Sgt., Art., nbll.
Lockart, Benjamin, Pvt., WD.	Lockhart, Charles, IP.
Lockart, Charles, 12 CL. Rom.	Lockhart, James, Charlotte pens.
Lockart, James, Gist's Reg.	Lockhart, John, Ensign, Frederick Mil.; rec. Apr. 1, 1783.
Lockart, John, Pvt., WD.	Lockhart, John, 7 CL.
Lockart, Philip, of Amherst, E.	Lockhart, Patrick, Major, Botetourt Mil., apptd. July 12, 1781.
Lockart, Pleasant, IP.	Lockhart, Samuel, Ky, Mil, C.
Lockart, Thomas (Lockhart) 9 CL.	Lockhart, Thomas, 9 CL, also Lockheart.
Lockart, William, Pvt., WD.	Lockhart, Thomas, Morgan's Riflemen.
Locke, Alexander (Lock) Drum Major and Sgt., 14 CL.	Lockhart, Walter, E.
Locke, Jesse, Sgt., Cav., nbll.	Lockhart, William, 1st Light Dragoons; awarded 100 acres.
Locke, John (Lock) 3 and 4 CL, 4 CL as Corp.	Lockherd, Philip (Lockard) Va. Battalion.
Locke, Joseph (Lock) 8 CL.	Lockhart, Pleasant, E.
Locke, Joseph, Sgt., WD.	Lockley, Daniel, 2 Va. State Reg.
Locke, Joseph, Lancaster pens.	Lockmiller, George, Capt. Thomas Buck's Co., Dunmore Mil.
Locke, Patrick (Lock) 3 and 4 CL, 4, 8 and 12 CL.	Lockmiller, Voluntine, Capt. Thomas Buck's Co., Dunmore Mil.
Locke, Richard, Ensign, Amelia Mil., oath Sept. 20, 1777.	Lockner, Henry, Armand's Command.
Lockell, Jacob (Lockett) 2 Va. Brigade, 5 and 11 CL as Sgt.	Lockrey, John, Capt. Givens' Co., Augusta.
Locker, John, E.	Lockridge, Andrew, Captain, Augusta Mil. in 1776, 1777 and 1778; rec. as Major of 2nd Battalion Aug. 18, 1778; oath as Major Sept. 15, 1778; serving in Oct., 1779.
Lockett, Pleasant (or Lockett) Clark's Ill. Reg.	Lockridge, John, Montgomery Co., Ky., mpl.
Lockett, Benjamin, 1st Light Dragoons; awarded 100 acres.	
Lockett, Edmund, Chesterfield pens.	
Lockett, Jacob, E.	
Lockett, John, Inf., nbll.	
Lockett, Archibald, 1 CL.	
Lockett, Benjamin, Sgt., 10 CL.	
Lockett, Daniel, Amelia Mil., E.	

Interestingly, the land in Virginia that he owned was granted to him by King George II in 1756.

Also provided by Linda is an index of Lockharts who fought for Virginia in the American revolution.

Jacki Riffey [A#240]:

Robert Lockhart (1744-1817) was my 5th great grandfather. Robert Lockhart was born in Scotland about 1744. In 1774, he came to Philadelphia, PA aboard the "Sally." He listed his home as Kilbarchan, in Kilb Parrish, Renfrewshire. He settled almost immediately in Lancaster County, PA. The first documented record of his

A Muster Roll of Capt. John Hays Company by Col. George Mathews

Captain	Appointed	Remarks	Lieutenant
John Hays	Jan'y 21	Recruiting	James Coffey
Privates			Corporal
1 Jacob Brown		Shal. Mutt. George Hays	1 Samuel
2 Wm Patterson			2 James Bo
3 John Brown			3 Archd. E. H.
4 John Brooks			4 Wm Port
Privates			Privates
5 Daniel Hays			29 James Bie
6 Wm Hays			30 Chas. H.
7 Thomas Lockhart			31 Thos. Chas
8 William Brown			32 James H.
9 Archibald Hays			33 Wm H.
10 Chas. Hays			34 John H.
11 Timothy Connally			35 John H.
12 Wm Hays			36 Jacob C.
13 Wm Hays			37 John D.
14 Thomas Patrick			38 John G.
15 Wm Hays			39 James E.
16 John Hays			40 Wm H.
17 Henry Hays			41 Wm H.

presence there is his Revolutionary War Recrod on file with the National Archives, in Washington D.C. Sergeant Robert Lockhart belonged to "A State of the Guards kept in the Borough of Lancaster, PA, fore preserving the peace of the borough, keeping the prisoners in order and protection of the magazine." During the Revolutionary War, Hessian prisoners taken at Trenton were kept in Lancaster. Guns for the patriots were made here.

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Chris Young [A#153]:

Per your request attached are photos of a document and a grave marker of my ancestor who served in the Revolutionary War. Aaron Lockert (formerly Lockhart) was born in Virginia and buried in South Carolina near land he was granted for his service in the war. The DAR document refers to him as lieutenant while his marker refers to him as colonel. The genealogist who did the search found a record (I don't have access to right now) that showed him fighting at the battle of Cowpens.

If you noticed, we have a couple people here who share an ancestor. Debra and Chris both tell me that Aaron Lockert is their ancestor. Joy and Jacki share Robert Volney Lockhart. I'm excited that we could put four of our members in touch with each other. That's what this society is all about.



<i>A Patriot's Legacy</i> <i>As proven in DAR records</i>	
Patriot Name: Aaron Lockhart	Patriot #A071013
Service: Patriotic Service, Lieutenant	
Residence: Camden Dist, SC	
Born:	1748 / Craven Co, SC
Died:	12/20/1798 / Chester Co, Pinckney Dist, SC
Service Source: Salley & Wates, Stub Entries of Indents, Book Y, p69, #377; Book X, part 2, p87, #2979	
Spouse #1: Sarah Miles	
Spouse #2:	
Spouse #3:	
Proven Children: Sarah, William, Janet, Charles, John	



The Legend of the Maiden Stone

Tales from Scotland

Not far outside Inverurie, in the shadow of Bennachie, stands the 3 meter tall Maiden Stone. Displaying Pictish images on one side and a Christian cross on the other, archaeologists say the Picts carved the stone around 700 AD. But our storyteller has a different explanation.

Not far from here lived a laird and his beautiful daughter, with an incredible view of Bennachie from their window. The laird's daughter had been courted by every young man for 100 miles and there was a collective disappointment when she eventually agreed to settle down with one lucky suitor.



Most had accepted their loss by her wedding day, but as the maiden baked bannocks that morning, somebody new came calling. The stranger struck up a conversation, even attempting to convince her to call off the wedding. He was charming, handsome, and witty, but she wasn't going to change her mind easily.

With a cunning smile on his face, the visitor offered the maiden a bet. If he could build a path to the top of Bennachie before she had finished baking her bannocks, would she marry him then?

It was an impossible task, so to get rid of him the maiden said, 'Aye right then' with a roll of her eyes.

Within the hour her bannocks were almost ready and she peered out the window. To her shock, there was a gleaming new path leading up the hill, still known as the Maiden Causeway today. The handsome stranger was running down it towards her and she realized now that it was the Devil in disguise.



Sprinting out the door, the maiden could see her pursuer was catching up fast. Praying with all her might, she declared that it would be better to be turned to stone than married to the Devil!



Her prayer was answered, transforming her into the Maiden Stone just as the Devil caught her shoulder, which explains the large chunk missing from the monument. She's stood here quietly ever since.

From "Scotland's Stories" by Graeme Johncock

Addition to the Tartan Forest

A special thanks to Julie Deaton [A#239] for passing on information regarding a request from the St. Andrew's Society of Atlanta asking for the Lockhart crest and tartan so they may be displayed in the Tartan Forest during the Georgia [Stone Mountain Highland Games](#) in October. Our clan tartan will be proudly displayed along with over 100 clans. Thank you Julie and our President Richard Lockhart [L#75]!



Scots Celebrate USA 250 Anniversary

The word "semiquincentennial", half of a 500 year period, is being used to describe the 250th anniversary of the United States on July 4, 2026, marking the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

In Scotland, celebrations will run alongside the official US America 250 events throughout 2026. A Freedom 250 reception at the Scottish Parliament held in January kicked off a year of events celebrating Scottish-American connections marking the significant role of Scots in the founding of the United States of America.

The Heritage of Liberty tartan was designed to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the ties between Scotland and America. The design reflects continuity, resilience, and shared heritage, acknowledging the influence of Scottish people and traditions on early American settlement, civic life, and concepts of self-governance. The colors represent shared historical significance: blue for endurance; buff for the land itself and as a reference to its historical use in early American military dress; red for courage & sacrifice; white for balance and clarity and yellow, representing gold, for prosperity and the future.

Heriot-Watt University students in Edinburgh will be creating an official commemorative Scotland-American tartan, representing historical connections, which will be registered with the Scottish Tartan Authority. It will be shown in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Registered tartans and descriptions can be viewed at the [Scottish Register of Tartans](#) website.

Happy Birthday!

July	August	September
Kevin Brannen [A#216]	Linda Lockard Carter [A#229]	William Condry [A#213]
Jack Caldwell [A#230]	Sylvia Choy [L#212]	Lynnis Hornsby [A#184]
Andrea Clem [A#231]	Peggy Day [A#246]	Gregory Lockhart [L#175]
Julie Deaton [A#239]	Shirley Nason Greenwood [A#168]	Jeffrey Lockhart [A#194]
Joseph Dey [A#217]	Eloise Howell [A#190]	Lora Lockhart [L#33]
Ronald Hunter [A#200]	Viola Levon Hunter [A#200]	Robin Lockhart [L#185]
Michelle Johns [A#119]	Saranne Labay [A#189]	Rodney W. Lockhart [A#218]
Kenneth Lockhard [A#233]	Joe Lockerd [A#214]	Tyler Lockhart [A#221]
Emily Dye Lockhart [L#220]	Benton Lockhart [A#163]	Steven Mehl [A#176]
Jane Lockhart [A#78]	Micheal LeAnn Lockhart [L#11]	Kent Planck [A#242]
Paul Lockhart [L#157]	Stanford Lockhart [L#206]	James Robinson [A#253]
William Lockhart [L#104]	Susan Lockhart [H#1]	Albito Velez [A#192]
Norma Lockwood [L#96]	Marilyn A. Nixon [L#123]	Zane Walls [L#136]
Donald Lynd [L#5]	Jessica Walls [L#136]	Deborah Wilson [A#209]
David Norton [L#109]		
Maxine Tolson [C#15]		
Shannon Velez [A#192]		
Jerry Wilson [A#126]		

Membership

Annual Renewal	New Annual	New Life
Jack Caldwell A#230		
Linda Carter A#229		
Peggy Daly A#246		
Eloise Howell A#190		
Saranne Labay A#189		
Kent Planck A#242		
Diane Novak A#245		
Natasha Stagmer A#215		

Treasurer's Report

Richard J. Lockhart [L#075]

From the Treasurer – Greetings from Ohio

Submitted by: Richard J. Lockhart, ACLS Treasurer

Here is my mid-year Treasurer's Report January through June 2026:

January - June 2026	
Income	
Membership Annual (4 New Members)	\$150.00
Membership Renewal	\$150.00
Donations	\$ 0.00
Clan Store	\$ 0.00
Income Total	\$300.00
Expenses	
Website/Hosting	\$350.00
Newsletter	\$ 15.20
Incorporation Fee KY Filing	\$ 15.00
PayPal/Banking Service Fees	\$ 16.55
Total Expenses	\$396.75
Difference - Income vs Expenses	
	-\$96.75
Net Worth	
Business Complete Checking Account	\$ 8,227.91
Business Savings Scholarship Fund	\$10,300.41
Total Net Worth	
	\$18,528.32

Special thanks to all of you who made contributions to the group going above and beyond your dues by donating monetary gifts, time, and talent to make ACLS a thriving organization.

Respectfully yours, Richard J. Lockhart, ACLS Treasurer

ACLS Store

Colleen Lockhart [L#075]

Welcome Clan Members!

ACLS Store Items are pictured below. The cost of shipping will be invoiced.

013 Pewter hat badge \$24

014 Pewter kilt pin \$24

024 Polo Shirt, white \$30, special order with Crest in youth thru XXXL.

042 Red Lockhart Crest t-shirt adult small to XL \$15, adult XXL and XXXL \$18.

044 Tan Lockhart Crest t-shirt adult small to XL \$15, adult XXL and XXXL \$18.

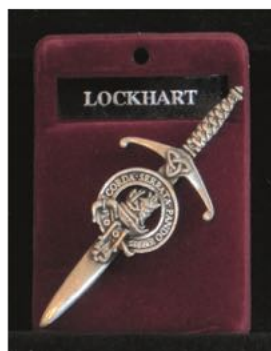
Clan-lockhart.org, the official site in Scotland, has several publications including Seven Centuries, To My Pocket, Genealogical Chart, and others.

To purchase the ACLS challenge coin, please contact William Lockhart directly at blockhart46@gmail.com.

Contact Colleen Lockhart for questions at colleenlockhart52@gmail.com



Pewter Hat
Badge \$24



Pewter Hilt Pin
\$24



Lockhart Clan Challenge Coin
(Contact Bill Lockhart)



Red or Tan T-shirts
adult small — adult XL \$15
adult XXL — adult XXXL \$18



Polo Shirt with logo - \$30. Special
order

Final Thoughts

Jeff Lockhart [A#194]



Our Chamber of Commerce thought it would be a good idea to bring back a beauty contest last seen 100 years ago as part of our celebration of the United States' 250 year anniversary. People from all around the county came to see what this was all about. Everyone had their favorite, and the beauty of this contest was that everyone had a vote in choosing the winner. The contestants lined up along the street by the courthouse as people milled around, examining them from all angles. I chose for my vote a dark-eyed beauty with long lashes, chestnut hair, and well configured hips. She was on the small size, but had great proportions. My wife chose a tall, sturdy, imperious looking model that appeared, to me, to be totally oblivious to the spectators that stopped and eyed her.



In fact, all the contestants appeared not to care, they were too busy eating their oats. Yup. This was the first Dairy Cow Beauty Pageant in the county in 100 years. As the pageant went on, and the votes began to tally, you could cut the tension with a, well, with a butter knife. There was no swimsuit or evening gown competition - although I think it would have been fun to have the farmers model them...in work boots instead of high heels. There were no questions on how to change the world; just votes based on good looks and ultimately udder development.

The county Dairy Princess and her court dished out free ice cream and milkshakes. Delicious! Other animals were displayed for the enjoyment of both the big and small kids. Questions were asked of the crowd about the dairy business in Pennsylvania. Where does Pennsylvania rank in terms of milk production in the United States? 8th. What's the average number of milk cows in PA? 461,000. How much milk does the average cow produce in a year? 2,446 gallons.



When the votes were totaled, the winner was Shakira, a Holstein, and my wife's choice. She was kind enough not to gloat, but still had a satisfied smile. Shakira munched away taking in the attention with typical bovine aloofness.

It was an interesting and fun experience, and I hope they have another pageant next year; this time with the swimsuit and evening gown competitions. Now that is something people would flock to see. It was a wonderful way to promote community, patriotic spirit, and just good ol' fun. Everyone seemed to have a good time except, perhaps, the street cleaners.

Did your town hold an unique celebration for the Fourth?