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The Dalhousie Papers

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The Dalhousie papers, a priceless collection of historical documents, has been secured for the National Archives of Scotland covering 900 years of Scotland's history and its people, and how Scots have influenced the wider world. The National Archives of Scotland will be using the latest digital technology to open this collection to the public, both at home and abroad.

This archive contains a wealth of information giving an insight into Scotland's history: The earliest Scottish charter still in Scotland, made about 1127 by King David

I, part of the monastic charters for Holyrood A manuscript of *Scotichronicon*, a 15th century history of Scotland, is unique for its illuminated initial letters and additional notes. A manuscript history of Norway, *Historia Norvegiae*, copied in Scotland in 1510, contains the earliest surviving account of the Norse settlement of Orkney and reports a myth that the Picts built towns morning and evening but hid in underground chambers at midday. Papers on the Darien expeditions of the

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1690s and the Jacobite rebellion of 1715. The papers of General John Forbes who fought in the American War (1757-63) include seven letters from George Washington. The papers of the 9th Earl of Dalhousie as Governor in Chief of Canada (1820-1828) and C-in-C in India (1829-32) and of the 10th Earl, who was Governor General of India, 1845-56. The papers of Fox Maule as Secretary for War (1855-58) covering the Crimean War, including remarkable letters from Florence Nightingale. More information, including some sample images of the documents, may be found at www.nas.gov.uk/about/070309.asp.

OPR Images

Now Online Images of Old Parish Register (OPR) records are now publicly available online for the very first time. These comprise the records of births & baptisms and banns & marriages kept by individual parishes of the Established Church of Scotland, before the introduction of civil registration in 1855. The earliest records available date from 1553. An OPR index update has been deployed with over nine million entries linked to the associated images. You can search the Old Parish Register records by county as well as parish. The session time limit has now been extended from seven days to ninety days. Further details can be found at <http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk>

Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics Online

More than one million records of interest to genealogists have recently been placed online. The records include: Nova Scotia Births 1864-1877; Nova Scotia Marriages 1864-1930; Nova Scotia Deaths 1864-1877 and 1908-1955.

Best of all, these are not just simple transcriptions with associated transcription errors. Instead, when you find a name you can then view an image of the actual document in the original handwriting, all at no charge.

It is great to be able to view crystal-clear images of original vital records in your home at your convenience, especially when the original documents are stored thousands of miles away. You can access Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics Online at: <http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk>

Record Heirloom Origins

As you are doing your “spring cleaning,” and dusting around all those family heirlooms, take a photograph and take time to record the origins and any stories associated with them. Create an album with photographs and the histories of all your precious items. That way the stories won’t become lost as time goes by.

Happy Researching !

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The origins & practices of the clan system...

Lorne Maclaine of Lochbuie, Chief of Maclaine

The Clan system is unique to Scotland, the central core of all matters Scottish, and it is this system that unites every individual who enjoys the privilege of Scottish roots.

Where did it all start?

Popular consensus puts the date at 500AD - notwithstanding archeological evidence of the 5000BC Mesolithic age on the Island of Rum, 3000BC chambered tombs in the Orkneys, 2000BC Megalithic standing stones on the Island of Lewis, and the Romans building Hadrian's Wall in 122 AD, to be ultimately over run in 367AD by the 'Barbaric Conspiracy'. So despite evidence of Scotland being inhabited for more than 8000 years it is only during the past 1500 years that the clan system was founded, nurtured and bloomed.

In 500 AD, the first significant migrations to the Western Highland took place. This migration, or less romantically, invasion, was led by the three sons of Erc, the King of Irish Dalriada, namely Fergus, Angus & Lorne. These three sons then divided up their new territory between supportive families or groups of families whom they called Tuath or Cinel (meaning kindred) or Clan (meaning children).

Fergus MacErc will, by the way, be remembered for bringing to Scotland the 'Stone of Destiny' (The biblical Jacob's pillow) – from Tara in Ireland, to the Island of Iona off the western tip of Mull. Subsequently Kenneth MacAlpine removed this holy relic some 300 years later to Scone in Perthshire.

The word Clan (or originally Clanna) simply means children – and implies the descendants of an actual or mythical ancestor from whom the greater community

claims descent. In reality the Clan was a hybrid institution, a mixture of tribal tradition clustering around an ipso facto landowner of the soil, regardless of whether he held possession by feudal charter, lease, or mere sword-right – and the chiefs, largely because of the inefficiencies and ineffectiveness of central government – fulfilled the function of tribal leader, dispensing counsel, justice, comfort and authority to his surrounding extended family or clan.

The Celto - Pictish principle emphasized the patriarchal chiefly element in which the chief was ruler, parent, landowner and proprietor on behalf of this clan or children.

Clanship as we know it today probably came to the fore in the 12th & 13th centuries. Certainly Royal Charters of the 14th century clearly refer to 'clans & communities'.

The Clan chief was also responsible for the clan's discipline.

There is a practical example of this responsibility told of Lochiel and the MacGregor on the eve of the battle at Culloden. Apparently the two chiefs were sharing a meal when they heard the bleating of a sheep, clearly being slaughtered. Lochiel said words to the effect 'should the cause of that distress be a Cameron I would shoot the man' – to which MacGregor responded—' and if he be a MacGregor, I too would shoot the man.' The two chiefs crept up the hill from where the sounds had emanated and there found a Cameron with the sheep on his back. Lochiel drew his pistol and shot the man in the shoulder – not killing him but certainly wounding him sufficiently that the unfortunate highlander took no part in the next day's battle.

Clanship embraced three core principles: Bonds of

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Clan System, *continued from page*

*R*ínship, Chieftainship, An intense love of local land.

The Celtic social system enjoyed a complete absence of class distinction or class consciousness based, as I alluded to before, on the fundamental theory that every clan member springs from a common founder and that all the clan are 'kin'.

Scotland's feudal system, above all else, sustained the Clan – not the Chief's pedigree. As a point of comparisons, consider the English pedigree – celebrated heraldic lines endowed with considerable accumulated wealth where the peasant class were essentially itinerant labourers – selling their services to the highest bidder before moving to other pastures but who were rarely resident at a single location beyond one generation. Conversely, within the Scottish feudal system, the cottars and crofters or to use my invented description 'estate residents' remained wedded to geographic regions for generations through their 'Clanship' - the clan and its soil.

Both the 'group' and the 'land' were named after their Chief and to quote Sir Walter Scott 'Pride of race with pride of soil'.

This strength of community undoubtedly sustained the hardy Scot of yesteryear, as life was fairly primitive a few hundred years ago. The weather was challenging (still is for that matter) and the soil was, quite commonly, equally daunting.

The main crops cultivated were barley and oats, and from the 1700's, also potatoes. The staple summer dish was a mixture of milk and whey, oatcakes and porridge, supplemented by fish caught locally. Geese and poultry were kept – yet the occasion of a funeral was almost keenly looked forward to, as it guaranteed a veritable feast in comparison to the daily fare. The Clan chief or local laird was virtually obligated to ensure the departed Clansman or Clanswoman's demise was appropriately honored with a wake suitably embellished with generous quantities of meat (sheep, pig and/or cattle) and needless to say – locally distilled whisky.

Cattle, of course, were 'wealth'. What has always amused me was the attitude to expanding one's cattle portfolio, as cattle raiding was considered far more leniently than that of ordinary theft. The conventional opinion was that it was up to the other side to try to prevent the raiders from succeeding – and if they did, the losers would inevitably return the compliment at some later time. In fact the phasing out of 'creach' only happened in the

late 17th century. 'Creach' was the ritualistic rite of passage whereby the young men of the clan demonstrated their virility by relocating cattle! Also the heir to the Chieftainship was expected to lead at least one cattle raid before his succession.

In peacetime – the gentlemen of the clan were expected to be found attending their chief and his household – offering advice & service. They would frequently act as the chief's negotiating vanguard and were certainly 'lobbyists' to use a modern term.

In wartime – they were the officers of the clan's fighting force.

Tenants, crofters, cottars formed the bulk of the chief's fighting force with the balance being made-up of newcomers to the clan's territory. For example when the MacGregors virtually annihilated the MacLarens, the surviving MacLarens joined the Campbell's of Glenorchy. If we were to peruse the Muster Roll of those who saw service at Culloden – you will note that the ranks were

composed of numerous different names fighting beneath a supposedly unrelated chief's banner - MacDougals & MacDonalds with Maclaines, Maclaines



& MacDonalds with Mackintoshs, Maclaines and Camerons with MacDonald.

The ordinary highlander did not necessarily always have the same surname as their Chief although they often adopted it latterly. Then of course, many septes of greater clans preserved their surname although following the Chief of the greater clan. Indeed I should mention that fixed surnames only became common practice in the 1600s. ●

**Duncan A. Bruce presents *The Great Scot*,
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My friend from Scottish Weekend days, Duncan A. Bruce of New York City, has written a historical novel, based on known recorded events and told through the eyes of a young page, David Crawford. The meeting of Robert Bruce and young "Davie," as he came to be known, was quite by accident. It happened on the night of February 10, 1306 in the town of Dumfries in southern Scotland. Fourteen-year old Davie, from Dumfries, was returning from visiting his girlfriend, Lizzie Maxwell, when he came upon Robert Bruce and a group of knights outside the Grayfrars Church.

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Does anyone else have a picture to share?

Send a copy of your own photo to bethscribble@aol.com (jpeg format, please)

I've recently moved, so have been working through bags and boxes and crates of old pictures and "things" I haven't seen in years.

Found this of me at age about 3 standing on the sidewalk in front of my grandmother's house at 125 West Second St., Jacksonville, Florida. Berrier's Ice Cream was towards town just across the park and Walgreen's Drug Store was just beyond Berrier's. My friend, Dickie, lived next door.

At that time, Walgreen's had "take out" meals...and I would cry for "A Walgreen's dinner."

It is embarrassing to tell you that someone in the house would fix me a plate from my grandmother's stove...and walk around to the front door and pretend to have gone to Walgreen's to get "the baby" a dinner like she wanted.

This is just around the corner from the recently restored fountain in the park across from what was then the Jewish Synagogue.

When my brothers came along a few years later, we all played on the cannon that was in a bandstand kind of building in the park and in that fountain...and the firemen had to be called as I got my head stuck between the balustrades that still edge the creek that runs through the park.

I somehow managed to get my head stuck in the faucets in the bathtub - and the firemen had to make another trip to the rescue.

Our neighbor was the man who became the owner of the wonderful race horse, Secretariat...and he and my grandmother squabbled about watering flowers along the curb out front.

My hair was French braided every day by my mother and my dresses were all handmade with tating and embroidered trim. As I remember, this one had a hand-smocked yoke.

125 W. Second Street is now a very fancy B & B and still has the sunporch upstairs over the front porch...where I would look up into the snow white bedding my grandmother was putting on the bed and imagine all kinds of wondrous things in the patterns the sunshine made on those sheets. Ed.



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The Bagpipes are a-coming back to Ventura, California!



There is no sound quite like it—the pipes. The wail of the bagpipes of Scotland. The Seaside Highland Games and their pipers are coming back to Ventura. Hundreds of pipers and drummers along with all sorts of Scottish entertainment will descend on the Ventura County Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday, October 13 & 14, 2007 and you will need to make your plans to attend a wonderfully entertaining weekend of music, dance, athletics, shopping, food and grog! Something for every taste and age. Tradition and family are all important to the Scots so the Festival will be heavy on ageless Celtic pastimes but with a big nod to today. The pipes and the tunes they play have been handed down through the ages BUT don't be surprised when you hear new and modern tunes emerging from those ancient reeds! Dancing was a way of keeping the troops in tip-top shape when not fighting—and the Scots are noted for being fearsome fighters—so the sword dance and others have a deep-rooted history. Except, when you hear and see some of the groups such as Celtic Spring perform, there is a seamless blending of the old with the new.

Changing less over time than most endeavors are the Scottish Heavy Athletic events. The lifting, throwing and virtual launch-

ing of stones, weights and cabers dates back into the mists of time. The caber—the telephone pole-shaped object—is a fan favorite and there will be scores of seasoned athletes (some compete professionally) ready to take up the challenge. Competition for men and women in several classes, including novices, will be there. Last year, the

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highly ranked pro, Ken Lowther, threw in his last competition at Seaside. Popular Ventura radio DJ, Tom Spence, threw in his very first competition! An amazingly Amazonian young woman, Summer Pierson, came within a whisper of setting a world record in the sheaf toss competition. Don't know what that is? Come to the field for an explanation of the event before each competition begins.

Music? All sorts of music that can possibly claim roots to a Scottish/Celtic origin—and that's a LOT! Traditional with popular Scottish balladeer, Alex Beaton, and one of the finest Scottish fiddlers alive today, Alasdair Fraser, will pair up on Center Stage. Traditional with a strong dose of today is the stage in San Miguel Hall

ery discipline will be mustered to go marching by.

But, we have just scratched the surface of all there is to see and do!

Hundreds of Scottish Highland Dancers will compete for trophies and scholarship money.

Scottish Country Dancers will demonstrate the beautifully intricate movements of their art.

The Children's Glen is an amazingly alive place with activities for the young folks including miniature athletics just like the big folks!

Story-telling, music, an important Children's ID booth sponsored by the Masonic Lodge will be there and, something new this year is an organization called "Soldier's Angels" where the children get to write actual



shared by Celtic Spring and the wonderfully alive band called Highland Way. Not to be ignored but well down Clan Row is the Celtic Rock Stage with everyone's favorite Wicked Ones, The Wicked Tinkers, and a fine and versatile band from Oakland called Tempest.

The bagpipe bands? They will be everywhere! In parades, in competitions, in concert and playing informally in the salt-sea air of Seaside Park! You will not need a guidebook to find them!

A Grand Parade at NOON on Saturday marks the official Opening Ceremonies of the Games. State and local dignitaries, Scottish Clan Chiefs and Military guests will greet you as clans, bands and participants from ev-

messages to our troops overseas.

The Games gives out over 4,000 free tickets to Ventura County school children in the hope that they can come and catch a bit of culture and have a lot of fun!

The Clan booths are a wealth of knowledge if you are seeking some connection to your past—your family tree. Most will have a historian who will either claim you or point you toward someone who will! Scots, when not armed, are a most hospitable lot!

The Ventura British Brass Band will return this year and the Scottish Fiddlers of LA will be on hand to entertain.

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Seaside Highland Games



**October 12th,
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GAMES EVENTS:

Scottish Heavy Athletics, Pipe Band Competition, Solo Piping Competition, Highland & Irish Step Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Gathering of the Clans, Vendors, Children's Glen, British Classic Cars, Genealogy, Drummond Ranch Dogs, Arts and Crafts...And Haggis!

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday	5:00pm	Whisky Tasting
	6:30pm	"A Scottish Evening"
Saturday	9:00am	Gates Open
	Noon	Grand Parade & Opening Ceremonies
	8:00pm	Alasdair Fraser and Alex Beaton
Sunday	9:30am	Kirkin' o' the Tartans
	4:30pm	Closing Ceremonies

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Harpists and a Celtic choir are a-coming and the Ventura Dart Association will be putting on dart-throwing demos.

Herding dogs will show off their skill at rounding up the sheep and Bydand Forever, the Gordon Highlanders reenactors will troop and shoot their black powder rifles, cannons and Gatlin guns!

The Highlander Warriors will show you life in the Middle Ages, complete with sword and battle-ax demonstrations.

All of that is happening on the Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday.

Games events actually begin on Friday evening, October 12 at the Four Points Sheraton with a premium Single Malt Whisky Tasting sponsored by William Grant and Sons and the “A Scottish Evening” event consisting of a fine buffet supper, Scottish Fashion Show and live music from Alex and Highland Way.

Then, Alex and Alasdair will appear in concert on Saturday evening at The Pierpont Inn.

A full weekend? How about some great food and fine ales and stouts?

Classes in genealogy and Gaelic speaking?

Seminars on Scotch—with samples, no less?? Will it never end? We hope not!

Please be there to enjoy it all.

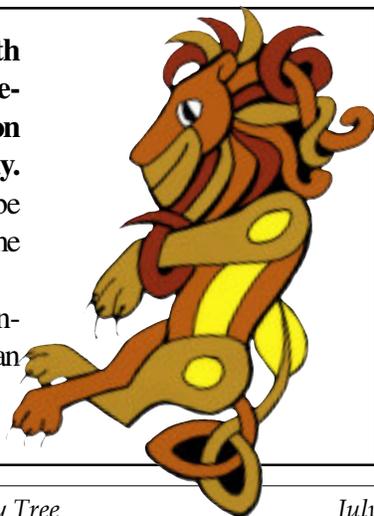
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Grand Parade at noon on Saturday.

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Your editor, Beth Gay, will present genealogical programs on Saturday and Sunday. Times and place will be listed in the program at the games.

Beth’s travel sponsored by The Caledonian Kitchen.



Graves, cemeteries in Britain to be re-used

Old cemeteries could be re-used. Graves filled at least 100 years ago can be re-used under government plans to ease pressure on cemeteries.

Ministers say all designated burial space in England and Wales will be full in 30 years, unless changes are made.

In a technique called “lift and deepen” old graves will be deepened with room for up to six new coffins to be placed on top of the older remains.

Families could refuse permission for their ancestors’ graves to be re-used for “at least another generation”.

But once the deeper graves have been used once there will be no time constraints on when subsequent bodies are buried in them.

Justice minister Harriet Harman said measures would be brought in under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, to allow re-use of graves, which is generally only permitted in family plots.

It is a solution which can offer sustainable land use for the future, and the prospects of keeping burial facilities in good order and near to the communities they serve

It will be left to the local authorities who look after graveyards to contact relatives of those who are buried - a job which may be thwarted by illegible weathered gravestones from more than 100 years ago.

It would also be up to them as to what they did with the old gravestones, a Ministry of Justice spokeswoman said.

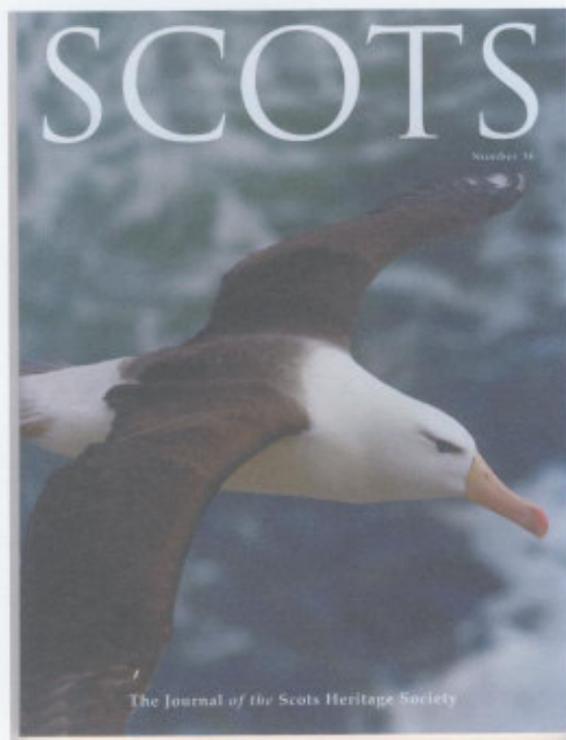
The ministry said there will be “increasing pressure” on burial space in England and Wales over the next 10 to 20 years, but urban spaces are particularly squeezed - London’s burial space is predicted to be full in 12 years.

A minimum of 100 years should have passed before the grave was considered for re-use, but 75 years could be acceptable if there was a particular shortage of space.

The changes follow a consultation in 2004 which the government says found that most respondents felt re-using graves would not undermine respect for the dead, provided it was done in an appropriate way.

The government said it was in discussion with the

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SCOTS is a stunning publication. Congratulations. Jack McConnell, First Minister for Scotland.

The photography in SCOTS is breathtaking. Duncan MacRae, San Diego, California.

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Six generations from **MARGARET COLEMAN, 1864 - 1934** in Indiana through **JOSEPH V. COLEMAN. CONRAD** was in Barren Co., KY in 1809. **JOSEPH PAGE MANN, 1749** in Virginia. He died 1815 Indiana? to **JOSEPH 1708 - ca 1776, Amelia Co., VA.** Contact **Burt Crecelius, 6815 State Road 60 E, #464, Bartow, FL 33830 - 8435.**

Looking for parents and siblings of **HEATHER MAIRI MacDONALD** born 3 Dec. 1962 in Scotland, maybe Inverness Region. At age 9 months, she was adopted and was sent to America and grew up in Southern California. Her adoptive mother was **ANNA-LOUISE KEATING - SIDES** who died ca 1975. **ANNA-LOUISE'S** father was **GEORGE T. KEATING.** All replies confidential **Jas. A. McDonald, 9131 Brighton Place, Savannah, GA 31406.** You may, if you wish, use email and also contact hrcdonald@worldnet.att.net.

Looking for parents, birthplace and siblings of **COLIN DOUGLAS**, born 1731 and died 1801. He married **CATHERINE McLEAN** in 1763. **COLIN** was one of the first settlers who came to Pictou, Nova Scotia in 1773 on the ship *Hector*. Their child was **JOHN "DEACON" DOUGLAS**, born in 1810, Middle River, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. One of his great grandsons was US Chief Justice **WILLIAM ORVILLE DOUGLAS**. If you have any information, please contact **Harriet Nihart, Clan Douglas Society North America Genealogist, at ClanDouglasGene@aol.com**

We need the parents, birthplace and siblings of **ROBERT BELL**, born 1785 in Fogo, Berwickshire. He married **ELIZABETH LANDELS**, born 1791 in Eccles, Berwickshire. They had eleven children: **MARGARET, WILLIAM, NIRIAN, DAVID, JAMES L., MARY, ELIZA, HANNAH, ALICE, ALEX** and two more daughters, names unknown. If you have any informa-

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tion, please contact **Harriet Nihart, Clan Douglas Society North America Genealogist, at ClanDouglasGene@aol.com**

If you have information on the parents, birthplace and siblings of **DONALD DOUGLAS** born 1773 and died 1818, we would appreciate your

help. He married **MARGARET GRANT** and they had a son, **JAMES**, born 1807 and died 26 December 1893 in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. If you have any information, please contact **Harriet Nihart, Clan Douglas Society North America Genealogist, at ClanDouglasGene@aol.com**

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Grandfather Mountain site of MacDuffee Clan Society AGM

Please make plans for July 12 -15 to attend the 51st Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (www.gmhg.org) and out MacDuffee Clan Society Annual Meeting!

The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday evening, July 14th, at the Broyhill Inn on the campus of Appalachian State University!

We have a private dining room and outdoor patio for our Social from 6:00 to 7:30 Pm, with dinner beginning at 7:30. The menu will be steaks and chicken cooked on the BBQ grill on the Patio!

The program will be a review of the McDuffie DNA Project by a participant, and our Treasurer, David Nathan McDuffie!

The cost will be \$25. There will also be a brief business meeting. If you have nominations for officers, committees, or activities, please contact John Rosser. You may also e-mail dnmcduffie@hotmail.com

2007 Cathey Reunion to be held August 4, 2006

The 2007 Cathey Reunion will be held Sat. Aug 4, 2007 at the Best Western Biltmore West Motel in Ashville, NC. The motel is located off exit 44 on I40. They have a block of 10 rooms reserved starting Fr. Aug 3 'til Sun Aug 5, 2007. The rate is \$69.95 per night plus tax. These rooms will be held 'til July 3, 2007. If you are reserving one, mention the Cathey reunion to get this rate. Phone: 800-925-5486 for reservations. There will be an evening meal served Sat. night after the reunion, price to be determined. This location is within 30 min drive of the Cold Mountain Tour area, featured in the 2006 Kith & Kin. Other near by attractions, are the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Biltmore Estate.

Cathey Reunion Association – has a new Secretary and Editor of the *Cathey Kith & Kin of John Cathey*, 3112 Cannon Road, Greer, SC 29651-5328. Tel: 864-895-6166, email cath3112@bellsouth.net



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Gordon DNA Project - Just How Does It Work?

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testing, genealogical research is catapulted into the 21st century, enabling researchers to confirm family ties and to recreate links in family histories where they were long forgotten. Perhaps most importantly, the links are made with a scientifically sound backing that is actually kind of fun.

Even the novice with no research experience can benefit by submitting DNA. With an abundance of researchers out there, participants in the project are often more than willing to help untangle your family history, since it often means they can unravel theirs at the same time.

The Gordon DNA Project

The volunteer-run Gordon DNA Project started in 2001 and was one of the first surnames to take advantage of DNA-testing. Today, we have grown to 145 participating Gordon families and over 1000 families when we include our Gordon septs. The results of our project affect tens of thousands of Gordons, Gordon researchers and Gordon septs throughout the world.

Project Goals

The goals of the project fall into two categories. On a more personal level, we are: 1) Connecting individual Gordons to one of the many families that emigrated overseas and even to which of the 150 different Gordon branches in Scotland they descend. 2) Untangling the confusing relationships between various Gordons and their migration patterns. 3) Determining approximately when two individuals may have shared a common ancestor. 4) Discovering any genetic links with Gordon septs, such as the Adams and Todd families. 5) Providing a platform for both conventional researchers and DNA-participants to exchange information.

On a broader level, our goals include trying to answer such overwhelming questions as the origin of the

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Gordons parading at Ventura, Seaside Games, California

Most of us recall a time, when the only genealogical research means available meant sifting endlessly through mounds of books and microfiche films at your local library in hopes of finding mention of an elusive ancestor or writing a letter to some far off archive to look up information and receive a reply several weeks later.

More recently, technology has given us new tools and has progressed genealogical research to previously unimaginable levels even only a decade ago. It all started when the Internet really took off in the mid-90s to help researchers sift through digital archives and find each other in forums to compare family histories.

Then in 1999, Family Tree DNA - in cooperation with the University of Arizona - started offering DNA-testing. IBM and National Geographic took notice early on and in cooperation with Family Tree DNA invested US \$50 million this year to map human migrations.

Today, when the networking power of the Internet is combined with the genetic match-making of DNA-

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Gordon surname. For example, where did the main line of Gordons originate? Was it Macedonia or Gaul (Normandy), as suggested by 18th century historian George Chalmers? Or maybe even Spain or Flanders as suggested by other Gordon aficionados? What about the origin of boars heads on the Gordon arms? Is there a connection to other families displaying the boars on their arms?

The Seton-Gordons may also wonder whether they descend from the Seatons in France or is it possible that theories presented by JM Bulloch that the grandfather of Alexander Seton changed his name from Swinton to Seton when he married into the Seton family. The results so far are fascinating.

The Testing Process

Actual testing takes only 10-minutes and involves a simple swab of saliva from inside your cheek in the privacy of your own home. It is as easy as brushing your teeth. The only difference is you are brushing your cheek.

Once the results of the tests are returned to you by email in about six weeks, then they are automatically included in an internet-accessible database, where our DNA is matched to others sharing a similar DNA sequence. You are identifiable only by kit number and an email address. No other private information to identify you is given, unless you elect to have others contact you.

Who Is Eligible For Testing?

Any male still using a Gordon surname can take the test (septs too). The Y-Chromosome is the only chromosome that passes unchanged father to son, and therefore indicates the line of paternal descent. All males in an unbroken patriarchal line have the same Y-Chromosome. The YChromosome is not present in females.

Which Test To Take?

Although a variety of DNA testing are available for us, it is recommended that you take either the 25-marker or 37-marker Y-DNA test, which are US \$148 and \$189, respectively, with our Gordon group discount. Gordon septs may also take advantage of our group discount.

How Do We Analyze Results?

When grouping results, since they change relatively slower, generally - it is best to think of the first twelve

markers (1-12) as the Tree; the next 13-markers (13-25) as the Branch; and the remaining markers (26-67) as the Twig. Therefore, the more markers tested, the better we can focus in on a timeframe for a shared common ancestor. Since markers rarely mutate, the more markers you match somebody on, the closer you are related.

What If I Do Not Have A Living Male Gordon In My Line To Test?

By including detailed family histories, we are building an extensive library of family histories and other resources that are intended to help the conventional researcher, as well as those who have submitted DNA. Updated almost daily, you will also find many free tools, links and a host of other researchers to help in your Gordon research quest. Therefore, you can still benefit from our project, even without submitting your DNA. Also if you can identify a distant cousin through conventional research who is a direct male line descendant, he can be tested as your representative.

The Gordon Fund

Sometimes we do receive inquiries from researchers who have a Gordon cousin that they would like to have tested, but the prospective tester might be on a fixed income or maybe needs a little incentive. It would be an unfortunate missed opportunity to advance our project, due simply to a lack of funds. Created just for such circumstances, we have established a General Fund for our Gordon surname.

Donations

If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of a test kit for others, we have provided a link on the DNA Project Website. Credit card, Pay Pal and checks are accepted. **Please note that 100%** of donated funds will go directly towards the purchase of DNA kits.

We will apply donated funds to 25-marker kits (US \$148) as they become available. Once a donation is made, please write a short note to me directly tagordon@hotmail.com so that I can follow up with our lab and insure your donation has been processed. Also, please let me know if you might have any special in-

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Church of England about re-opening closed graveyards “where desired”.

The Church of England said its lawyers were examining the possibility of re-opening entire graveyards, but it could be problematic as they are closed by order of the Privy Council - an “irreversible” step, a spokesman said.

However, the Church already re-uses graves in areas of particular shortage, such as London, with 50 years considered the minimum timeframe providing there were no living relatives, he added.

Re-use had received wide public support and offered “sustainable land use”, Ms Harman said.

In a written statement she said 150,000 people were buried in cemeteries and churchyards every year and there were millions of graves in England and Wales.

‘Appropriate safeguards’

“It is right to expect sustainable, high standard, burial facilities for our communities, yet in some areas there are difficulties in finding sufficient local space for new graves,” she said.

“One solution which the government has been urged to consider is the re-use of burial grounds after a suitable lapse of time.

“It is a solution which can offer sustainable land use for the future, and the prospects of keeping burial facilities in good order and near to the communities they serve,” she said.

“The government is now satisfied that it would be right to enable graves to be re-used in this way, subject to appropriate safeguards.

“For example no grave should normally be re-used unless the last burial took place at least 100 years before. And families should have the opportunity to defer re-use of their relatives’ graves for at least another generation.”



**2007 House of Gordon USA
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structions. Unless otherwise stated, I will add your name and the amount of your donation to the website. If you are a prospective tester that may need assistance with paying for a kit, please do not hesitate to write me.

How to order

Kits may be ordered with a Gordon Group Discount directly from the Gordon section of the Family Tree DNA web page or from The Gordon DNA Project

web page. If you have individual questions regarding your DNA results or would like to learn how you can participate, please contact one of the three administrators: Tei Gordon, Janice McGough or Tony Gordon.

Bydand,

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Scottish Family History Workshop

Call for Papers

The following announcement was written by the Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society:

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and the Canadiana Department of the North York Central Library will be co-hosting a one-day workshop on Scottish family history research in Toronto on November 10.

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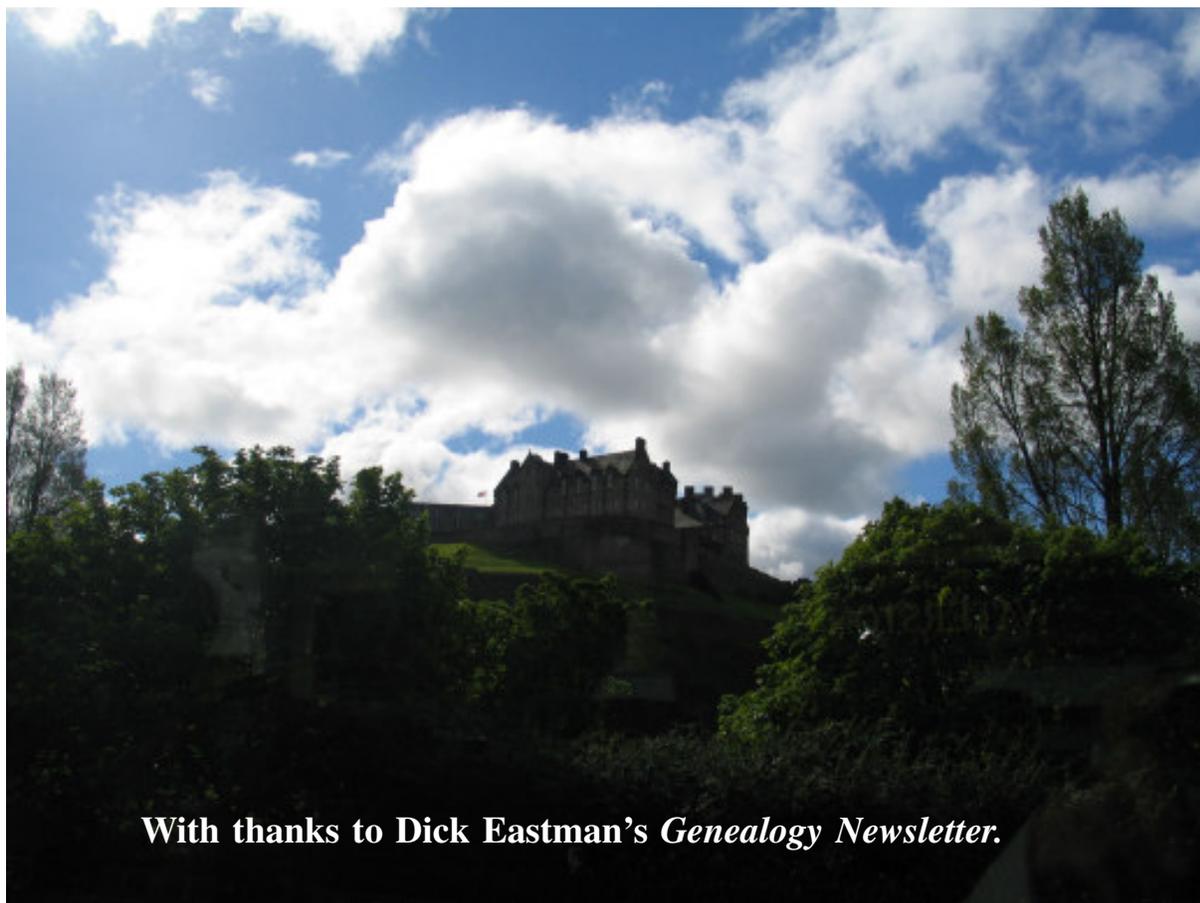
Workshop attendees will be most interested in lectures emphasizing sources and research techniques that might be useful in their own research. We need lectures at all levels of expertise. Each

lecture should be about 50 minutes plus a handout to summarize or complement their presentation, which we will copy for all registrants.

Speakers will be paid an honorarium of \$100 per lecture, plus modest expenses.

Please submit your lecture proposals by e-mail. Please keep them brief and informal, at this point. (We may ask for more details later.) Be sure to include your mailing address, phone number, and a brief bio.

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