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Scots of the World Unite!

In a unique initiative Trees4Scotland has teamed up with The Gathering 2009 to plant a new woodland in Scotland's central Highlands – and they need your support!

Not only will this fantastic project become a living monument to The Clan Gathering and a legacy of the Year of Homecoming but it will also help to enhance Scotland's natural landscape and help in the fight against global warming!

With trees from only £10 it could not be easier to get involved and anyone planting 5 trees or more will get their name placed up on the onsite honours board.

Angus Crabbie of Trees4Scotland says, "Our ultimate aim is for every visitor to Scotland take a positive action and plant a tree. So far we have been massively encouraged by the support that we have received – especially from the many Clan groups and societies in all parts of the world."

All of the trees planted will be native varieties such as oak, birch, ash and rowan as this project aims to restore part of Scotland's landscape back to its natural woodland state. This in turn will encourage the regeneration of wildlife habits, and have the additional benefit of combating climate change.

For further information please visit www.teaghlachwood.com or Contact: Angus Crabbie Trees4Scotland Email: gus@trees4scotland.com



Boswell new Chairman, Society of Scottish Armigers

Colonel the Hon. William Paret Boswell of Toberchurn, FSA Scot is the new Chairman, Society of Scottish Armigers

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NBC-TV will air a new celebrity genealogy series beginning Monday, 20 April 2009, at 8:00 PM *Who Do You Think You Are?* is based on a BBC documentary. Even if celebrities are not your cup of tea, you might pick up an idea or two.



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Your Letter from the Editor...

Things are looking up at Scottish Games! And, you CAN go home!

We were recently fortunate to attend the Northeast Florida Highland Games held nowadays in Green Cove Springs, Florida at the Clay County Fairgrounds. (These Games used to be the Jacksonville, FL Highland Games.)

The weather was lovely. Record crowds came from everywhere. The parking lots were full. Vendors of merchandise and food vendors were all busy...the clan tents were full of clansfolk having a good time...pipe bands were piping and drumming, fiddlers were fiddling and dancers were dancing. Great big guys were throwing big, heavy things about - including a wonderful caber toss competition!

What a great event after a couple of years of poor attendance at games everywhere!

Why did this wonderful day happen?

Gas prices are down some, so those who stayed at home because of the budget killing prices at the gas pumps felt a little more secure about driving aways to enjoy a day of Scottish fun.

The Games committee did a fine job of advertising their event in Scottish publications (including this one!) and on television and radio. They advertised in local newspapers and print media.

The competitions were varied and interesting - venues easy to find and easy to enjoy with good, comfortable seating and, praise be, indoor restrooms!

Prices were reasonable for tickets.

The Games volunteers were friendly and courteous.

Personally, we had a wonderful dinner on Friday night with an old school friend of mine who grew up in the next block or two from me in Jacksonville (My home town). He and his wife and Tom and I chatted and laughed and sang "Happy Birthday" three times during the evening...(Everyone sings to birthday cel-

ebrants at Sam's St. John's Seafood - If you've never been there - don't miss it!) There is absolutely nothing so enjoyable as a visit with an old and dear friend which happens to take place somewhere where the food is mouth-wateringly good!

The hotel was comfortable, clean and our rooms were just fine. The hotel staff couldn't have been nicer.

I think what I'm trying to say here is that these games did it right. Because they did it right, they had a wonderful and successful games.

Congratulations to them...and a reminder to others planning a Scottish event...do it right and it will work.

Just because it is such a lovely thing to be able to write to you about: My Auntie Mildred - whose 100th birthday celebration was featured a year ago February in this publication - is doing just fine. On Sunday, on the way home, we drove down to Jacksonville Beach to have a short visit. I was worried about how she would be...but was worried needlessly. There she was, wearing hose and little gold flats...with earrings and her hair all fixed and sparkeledly necklaces and a beautiful dress....looking maybe 60, but really 101.

She lectured Tom on the use of color in design. (She was a renowned flower show judge who lectured on flower arrangements using the principals of art found in fine paintings. She appeared at many universities and gave her talks all over the United States. Just before she went to live in a nursing home, she taught an adult Bible Class each week and at the last session, surprised the class with a magnificent flower arrangement of her own design and creation.)

She chastised me for wearing denim. I was also out in public with no hat nor gloves and my hair was windblown.

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New Chairman, SSA *Continued from page 1*

Mr. Boswell succeeded Glen Cook as chairman and Mr. Cook succeeded Randal Massey in 2005.

William Paret Boswell of Toberchurn was born in Washington, DC in 1946. His family came from Fife to Maryland in the 1650s. Balmuto Castle on Burntisland, Fife, has been the seat of the Boswells of Balmuto for over 500 years and is still owned by his cousins; however, his own Territorial Designation, Toberchurn (pronounced Toe-burr-hoon'), comes from his property on the Isle of Sanday in the Orkneys.

Mr. Boswell is a lawyer with a specialized practice in non-profit corporate governance and energy law, and he was for 22 years an executive with Consolidated Natural Gas Company until its merger with Dominion in 2000, after which he became a partner with McGuireWoods LLP until retiring from the firm to open a limited practice. He is past Chairman of the North American Energy Standards Board, past Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gas Association, and served as Chairman of both the American Bar Association's Infrastructure Security Committee and its Gas Committee.

Following graduation from the University of Virginia School of Law, he served on active duty with the USAF in the United States and Europe from 1971 to 1978, and retired from the USAF Reserve as a full colonel in 1998, his final position being the Senior Reserve Judge Advocate to HQ United States Air Forces in Europe. He holds the Legion of Merit and eight other personal decorations. In 2008 he was awarded the Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal, the Commonwealth's highest civil decoration, for outstanding public service including 25 years as an elected official, the last 10 of which are as Mayor of Glen Osborne, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Boswell's wife, Barbara, is an internationally-known writer of romance novels. They have three children and six grandchildren.

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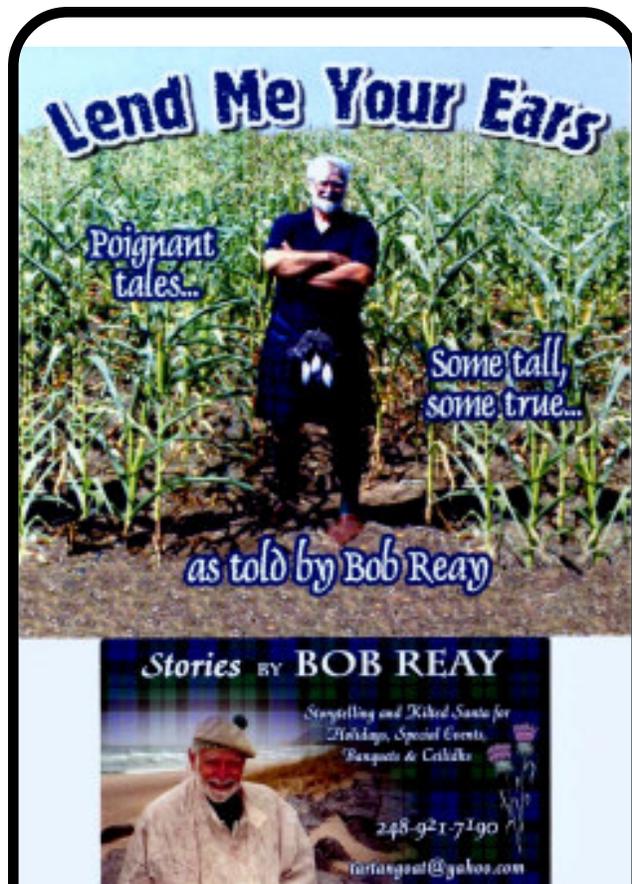
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Looking for kinfolks in all the right places!

I am searching for information about the parents of my great-grandfather, **CYRUS LYON**. He was born in New York State in 1821, graduated from Union College in 1840, and came to Cedar County IA in that year as a teacher at the Sugar Creek School. In 1862, he enlisted in the 37th Iowa Infantry, Company B, and was mustered out after the Civil War in 1865. He

returned to teaching at Sugar Creek until about 1870, when he became ticket master and freight clerk for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad at the Moscow (Cedar County) IA station. In 1871 he married **MARIA (HOCHSTETLER) ADAMS**, and they had a son, **CYRUS FIELD LYON**, my grandfather, in 1872. From 1871 until his death, the elder **CYRUS LYON** was co-proprietor of the Lyon Brick and Tile Company in Moscow. He died in Moscow in 1889 and is buried in the local cemetery. The only record my great-grandfather left about his forebears is that his mother was a native of New York and his father of New Jersey. I know that many of the descendents of **HENRY LYON** moved from New Jersey to central New York in the late 1700s and early 1800s, and I believe that my great-great-grandfather was among them. I have a possible descendency of **HENRY** (b. 1632) to **EBENEZER** (b. 1670) to **EBENEZER** (b. 1706) to Peter (b. 1722) to **BENJAMIN** (b. 1741) to **BENJAMIN** (b. 1778) to **CYRUS** (b. 1821). However, I am not certain about this, and I am looking for any information that will confirm or correct my data. Any assistance in this effort will be very much appreciated. Thanks in advance. **R. T. Lyon**, <rtl4@yahoo.com>



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What if your ancestors came to the United States via Canada?

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers - Lee County, Florida, Library

Many European, English, and Irish immigrants traveled to Canada prior to their arrival in the United States. Some went to great lengths to hide this fact from family members born after their arrival. Their decision to enter through Canada was due to a variety of factors.

During some time periods, 1891 for example, restrictions were placed on the number of immigrants who could arrive from another country. For the English and Irish, there were few formal restrictions on travel to Canada since it was part of the British Empire. In modern terms, it was the same difference between a person flying from Florida to New York versus flying from Florida to a foreign country.

The fares at any given time also prompted many immigrants to purchase a less expensive passage and then travel overland to their final destination in the United States. Many Canadian steamship and railway companies offered lower fares than those for passage directly to New York or Boston, thereby increasing the number of arrivals into Canada of those immigrants who would eventually settle in the United States. Depending on the source, estimates say that between 40-60% of all passengers to Canada were intent on eventual settlement in the United States using whatever means were necessary.

If an immigrant felt that he would face exclusion upon arrival in the United States due to illness, mental health, improper documentation, or other factors, Canada was the perfect first alternative since they had fewer rules and regulations concerning immigration. Canada was more interested in attracting settlers. This

attraction to Canada was especially true when an entire family emigrated from home together and any family members had serious health problems. If the family arrived at a port of entry in the United States such as Ellis Island, some family members would have been detained and sent back while others would have been admitted. This was an unacceptable situation for many immigrants. Hence the decision to travel to Canada where restrictions were not as stringent.

The records of entry into the United States from Canada from 1895-1952 are known as the Canadian Border Entries through the St. Albans, Vermont District. The title can be misleading because these records included crossings from Vermont westward to Washington state. From 1895-1924 the entire border between the United States and Canada was included. In 1924 the border was divided into the Canadian Pacific and Atlantic ports with the records maintaining the St. Albans District title, as that was the official record locations for these entries.

There are no official records for immigrants who entered the United States from Canada prior to 1895. There was no official policy to monitor the border areas. This was another reason why Canada was a very popular alternative for those immigrants who chose to avoid coming directly into United States ports of entry. Bryan L. Mulcahy, bryanmulcahy@hotmail.com, Reference Librarian Fort Myers-Lee County Library, 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901-3917. Tel: (239)- 479-4651 or Fax: (239)- 479-4634.

Can you help Mr. Bell make some pipes?

My name is Ryan Bell and I am a machinist student at Tennessee Technology Center in Murfreesboro. I am very interested in learning how to play the bagpipes yet, even more interested on how to make them. I have a diagram of a highland set. However, I do not have dimensions, parts list, nor a bill of materials. if you could please help me locate where I can get the previous mentioned I would be very grateful. I can assure you that it is for my personal use and will NEVER be sold. here is my schools address and phone number 1303 Old Fort Parkway Murfreesboro, TN 37129 (615)898-8010. My instructors name is Mike Schoen. if you would like to speak to me personally my home phoe is (615)274-2012 or my cell (615)427-8332. Thank you for your time, concern, and hopefully your help.

Ryan Bell Address, 9353 Link Road, Christiana, TN 37037. United States Phone Number (615) 274-2012 Email Address ryanbell600@live.com Message

Flowers of the Forest

Molly (Wray) Lyons, age 81, of Creskill NJ, formerly of Closter, passed away on January 24, 2009. Mrs. Lyons and her husband ran the family business, John J. Demarest Lumber, Inc. (originally known as Demarest & Wray). She spent many years traveling with her family.

Mrs. Lyons was the daughter of Inez Taveniere and Kenneth Wray. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Charles H. Lyon; son Charles S. Lyon and his wife Susan, of Closter; a sister, and several grandchildren and great-children.

Arthur George Lyon, Sr., age 82, of Blue Ridge GA died on Sunday, January 11, 2009 in Chattanooga TN from complications after heart surgery. He was born in Plymouth (Litchfield Co.) CT on May 10, 1926 to Milton

G. Lyon and Sophie Ozahowski. He was raised in East Concord VT, was graduated from Plainville High School in 1944, and was decorated three times during World War II for his service aboard the USS Cogswell. He married Marion Anne Treadwell of New York, NY in October 1946 in Plainville.

Mr. Lyon is survived by two sons, John KJ. Lyon and his wife Mary of Daytona FL, and Arthur G. Lyon Jr. of Fort Worth TX; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; an aunt, Marion Lyon; a sister, Geraldine Cohen of Vermont; and a sister-in-law, Rose Lyon of Colorado. He was preceded in death by

his brother, Milton Lyon Jr., and his sister, Helen Lyon O'Connor.



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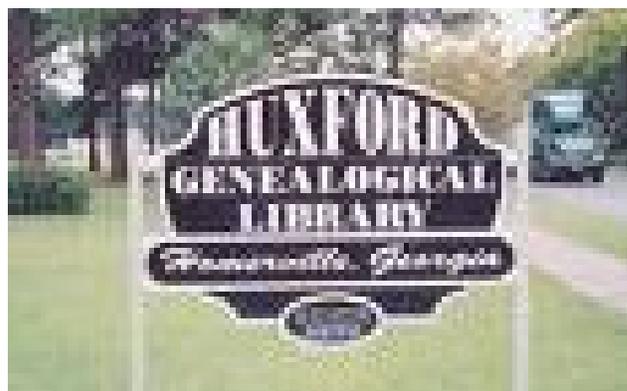


Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society invites you to travel, meet and even do some research with them!

FIELD TRIP TO HUXFORD - CGGS field trips are returning from vacation, and this time we are going to Homerville! The Huxford Genealogical Society Library collection will be available to us on Thursday, 14 May 2009, with volunteers to help us. We plan to leave at 8:00 that morning. You may recall that the library is the home of Huxford's Wiregrass Pioneers collection. Sign up at the March meeting or by phoning 912-265-5916.

Plans for future trips include a one-day outings to nearby libraries and an over-night trip to the Atlanta area.

MAY MEETING OF THE CGGS - Meredith Trawick will present "DNA and Genealogy" at our meeting on Sunday, 17 May 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room at the Saint Simons Island Fire Station 2 at McKinnon Airport. Enter the parking area from



Airport Road at the sign with blue background for "Meeting Room." Please note that this is a **NEW MEETING LOCATION** and that the meeting is on the third Sunday of the month due to the celebration of Mother's Day. Come and learn about a rapidly growing avenue of family research from our member Meredith Trawick. Visitors are welcome. For information, phone 912-265-5916.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE FOR ALL - Society members will provide assistance on your research at the Brunswick- Glynn County Public Library on Saturday mornings this spring. It is for beginners and experienced researchers alike. Maybe you have a "brick wall" with which you could use help. Members will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following Saturdays: 7 and 28 March, 18 April, and 9 May.

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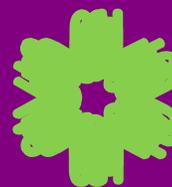
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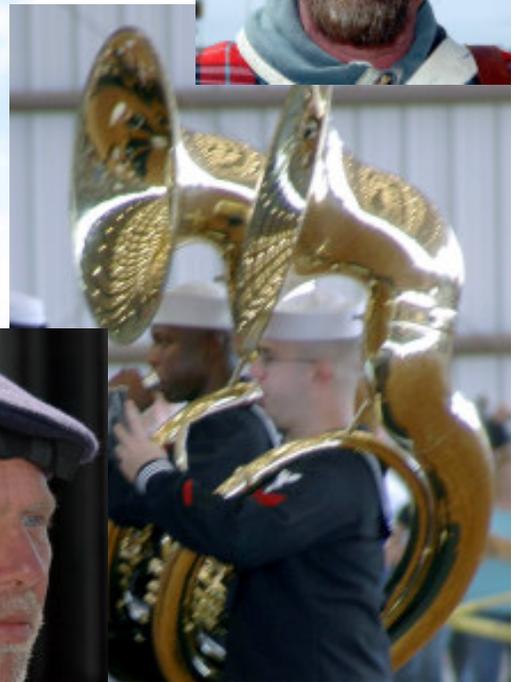
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A wedding dress is white...

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The color white for a wedding dress was introduced by Queen Victoria. Before that, any color was fine except green (which was associated with the fairies) and black (which was for mourning).

The tradition of the bride wearing “something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue” is still often followed. Traditionally, there were never any knots in ribbons or wedding clothing. If there were, they were re-tied after the wedding. Have you ever referred to a wedding as “tying the knot?”



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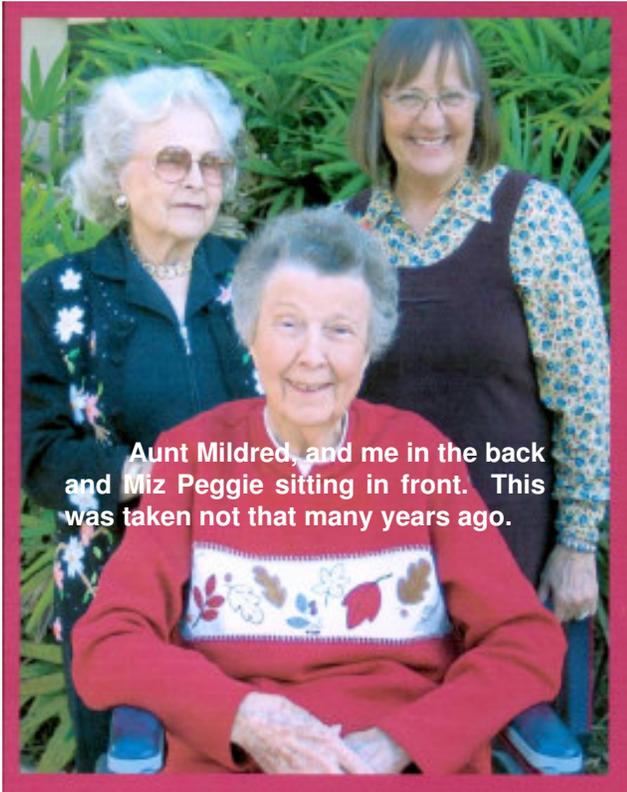
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Letter from your editor, *continued from page 3*

She told us that each day about 4 PM she takes her basket of pretzels (for the diabetics) and candy (for everyone else) and visits “the old people” who don’t have as many visitors as she does.

She is my mother’s only sister. She has been my friend and my beloved Aunt Mildred forever. She and my grandmother - Annie Roberta McDonald Tompkins



Aunt Mildred, and me in the back and Miz Peggie sitting in front. This was taken not that many years ago.

- and my amazing and loving 5th and 6th grade teacher - Miz Peggie McCubbin - are responsible for anything good I have ever done. Between the three of them, they taught me in varying degrees of success how to be a lady, how to have integrity...and that it was ok to be creative and to do things “differently.”

Neither of these women, who lived most of their lives in another kind of world than we have today, were ever afraid to be themselves and to create beauty everywhere they were.

My grandmother sewed quilts and made everything the three of us - two brothers and me - wore. I remember all three of us crying when our mother bought an entire bolt of RED tiger skin material. “Please, oh, please, Grandmother, don’t make us anything that will show!” She didn’t. We all had pajamas and underclothes of that awful pattern. We had tablecloths and

even pillow cases...and somewhere there were some red tiger skin cloth curtains...but nothing that we had to wear ever showed!

I’d go downtown to Furchgott’s, Purcell’s or Cohen’s and look in the windows and draw clothes I saw there...Grandmother and I would go to Phelps Fabrics and choose nice material...and before long, I’d have a beautiful outfit just like the fancy stores...only mine was better, because it was made by those loving hands.

My Grandmother is the one who taught me that my word was my bond. She taught me about integrity and promises and honor. I’m told that she is my Guardian Angel nowadays...and I surely do hope that is true.

Miz Peggie was my teacher in the 5th and 6th grades. She taught me it was OK to be creative and to think for myself. She taught me the joy of art and in making paintings and drawings and murals and anything else that came into my head. (I’ve made my living my entire life being creative in one way or another.)

She was like my mother always until Alzheimer’s took that beautiful spirit and hid it away somewhere. We saw her too on this visit...and it was so hard. I told her, although I don’t know if she understood, that I love her so always.

My Aunt Mildred tried so hard for me to be a “ruffled-dy” person. However, she taught me the social graces and the manners that another generation grew up with. She taught me so many wonderful things. I’ve always known that she loved me.

I have thanked these three many times - but never more than right now. Thank you, Grandmother, Miz Peggie and Auntie Mildred - for loving me.

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Seeking first wife of **CYRUS FOSTER** of Nunda, New York, who was mother of **AMANDA FOSTER**, born September 29, 1814, and par-

ents of **CYRUS FOSTER**. Seeking parents of **ANNA ADAMS** who wed **RUFUS FISH** in Royalton, Vermont, c.1799 before they moved to Great Bend, Pennsylvania. Seeking parents of **REBECCA BROOKS** who wed **OBADIAH JOHNSON** in Canterbury, Connecticut in 1696. Seeking parents of **SARAH JENKINS** who wed **HENRY TAYLOR** in Ponfret, Connecticut on August 27, 1730. Seeking parents of **CAROLINE NASH** of Boston (b.1891) who wed **THEODORE REESE** of New York City c.1903. If you have any information, please contact **Bud Reese, 7813 Farrell Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79121**.



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Today, over eleven million Americans claim Scottish and Ulster Scot (Scots-Irish) roots - making them the eighth largest ethnic group in the United States. These are the people and accomplishments that are honored on National Tartan Day, April 6th.

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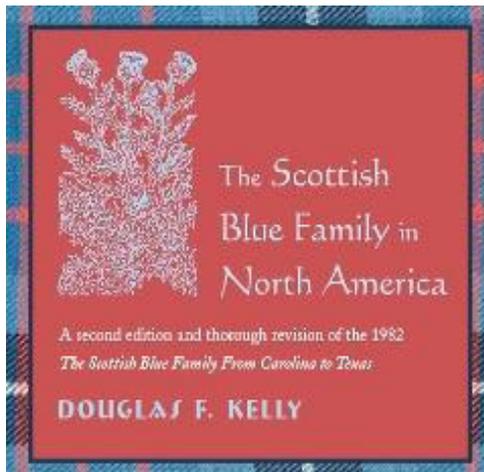
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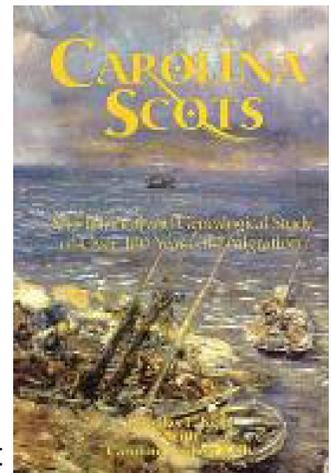
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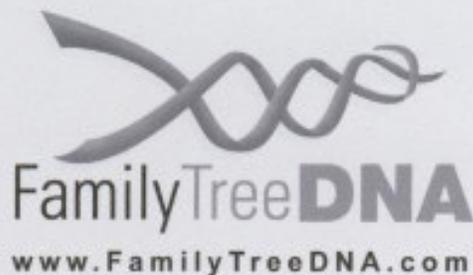
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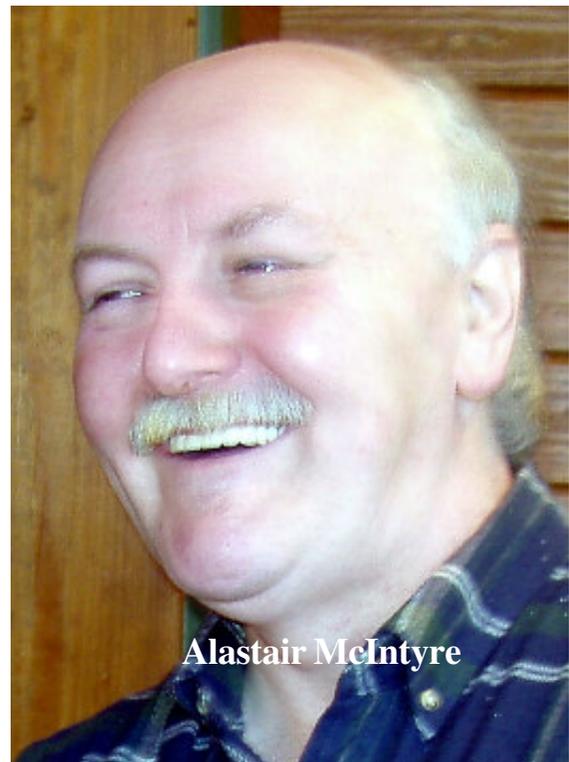
“LONGEST is the life that contains the largest amount of time-effacing enjoyment — of work that is a steady delight. Such a life may really comprise an eternity upon earth.” These words of John Muir I noted down after one of our last conversations. To few men was it given to realize so completely the element of eternity — of time-effacing enjoyment in work — as it was to John Muir. The secret of it all was in his soul, the soul of a child, of a poet, and of a strong man, all blended into one. Only such a one would have mounted the top of a pine tree in a gale-swept forest in order to enjoy the better the passionate music of the storm, and then tell how “we all travel the milky way together, trees and men; but it never occurred to me until this storm-day,” he wrote, “that trees are travelers in the ordinary sense. They make many journeys, not extensive ones it is true; but our own little journeys, away and back again, are only little more than tree-wavings — many of them not so much.”

But the play of his rich imagination did not pause with the adventure in the tree-top. “When the storm began to abate,” he continues, “I dismounted and sauntered down through the calming woods. The storm-tones died away, and turning toward the east, I beheld the countless hosts of the forests hushed and tranquil, towering above one another on the slopes of the hills like a devout audience. The setting sun filled them with amber light, and seemed to say, while they listened, ‘My peace I give unto you.’”

These quotations illustrate the irresistible charm of simplicity, the directness of poetical feeling and perception, that were a part of everything Mr. Muir wrote, said, and did. When he struck out upon the long trail he was not only foremost among the nature writers of

America, but in many respects the most distinguished figure among contemporary men of letters. It will take more than this hasty, fretful generation to take the measure of his greatness, and to explore the sources of his power.

Before me lies a letter written to Mr. Muir by a friend fifty years ago. He was then twenty-nine years old and had just received a serious injury to one of his



Alastair McIntyre

eyes. “Dear John,” the writer says, “I have often wondered what God was training you for. He gave you the eye within the eye, to see in all natural objects the realized ideas of His mind. He gave you pure tastes, and the steady preference of whatsoever is most lovely and excellent. He has made you a more individualized

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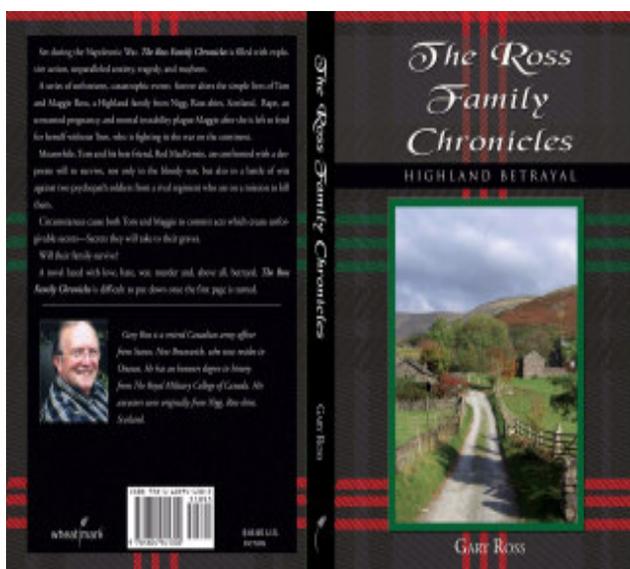
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existence than is common, and by your very nature and organization removed you from common temptations.... Do not be anxious about your calling. God will surely place you where your work is.”

Thus early did his friends see in him those personal qualities and those powers of insight which gave a rare distinction to his person and his presence. Evil thoughts fled at the sound of his voice. An innate nobility of character, an unstudied reverence for all that is sublime in nature or in life, unconsciously called forth the best in his friends and acquaintances. In the spiritual as in the physical realm flowers blossomed in his footsteps where he went. After all, it is to such men as John Muir that we must look for the sustenance of those finer feelings that keep men in touch with the spiritual meaning and beauty of the universe, and make them capable of understanding those rare souls whose insight has invested life with imperishable hope and charm.

Not many years ago the directors of the Sierra Club arranged for a quiet little dinner in honor of James Bryce, when he returned from his visit to Australia. To all intents and purposes there were only two men at the dinner, Bryce and Muir, for the rest were intent listeners — too intent, altogether, to take more than mental notes. Both were enlarging upon the value of the civilizing influences that arise from a deep and humane understanding of nature. Lord Bryce ventured the remark that the establishment of national parks, and the fostering of a love of nature and outdoor life among children, would do more for the morals of the nation than libraries and law codes. Muir welcomed this opinion, and added that children ought to be trained to take a sympathetic interest in our wild birds and animals. “Under proper training,” he said, “even the most savage boy will rise above the bloody flesh and sport business, the wild foundational animal dying out day by day as divine, uplifting, transfiguring charity grows in.”

To all who knew John Muir intimately his gentleness and humaneness toward all creatures that shared the world with him was one of the finest attributes of his character. He was ever looking forward to the time when our wild fellow creatures would be granted their

indisputable right to a place in the sun. The shy creatures of forest and plain have lost in him an incomparable lover, biographer, and defender.

John Muir’s writings are sure to live — by the law that men, when they lift their eyes from the commonplace tasks of work-a-day life, unerringly, indefeasibly fix them on the snowy crests of human thought and achievement. Thence it is that they must derive their power to hope and to toil. As long as daisies shall continue to star the fields of Scotland men will choose to see

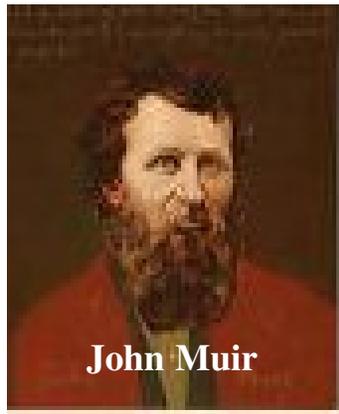
them through the eyes of Burns. Forgotten generations have heard the nightingale sing its love-song at twilight; but a finer music is in the song since Keats listened to the notes from the thicket on the hill. Nor will the name of Wordsworth ever be dissociated from the carol of the rising lark and the call of the cuckoo across the quiet of rural England.

John Muir is of their number. He had “the eye within the eye” — was a seer of rare distinction. Among the great few who have won title to re-

membrance as prophets and interpreters of nature he rises to a moral as well as poetical altitude that will command the admiring attention of men so long as human records shall endure. Thousands and thousands, hereafter, who go to the mountains, streams, and canons of California will choose to see them through the eyes of John Muir, and they will see more deeply because they see with his eyes.

But while in a high sense his wisdom has become a part of us forever, his going has left an aching void in the hearts of all lovers of the California mountains. Long accustomed to meet him where wild rivers go singing down the canons, and skyey trails are lost amid cloudy pines, they now must perforce apply to him the simple words which sixteen years ago he wrote on his visit to the grave of his friend Ralph Waldo Emerson: “He had gone to higher Sierras, and, as I fancied, was again waving his hand in friendly recognition.”

*William Frederic Bade, Berkeley, California,
April 15, 1916*

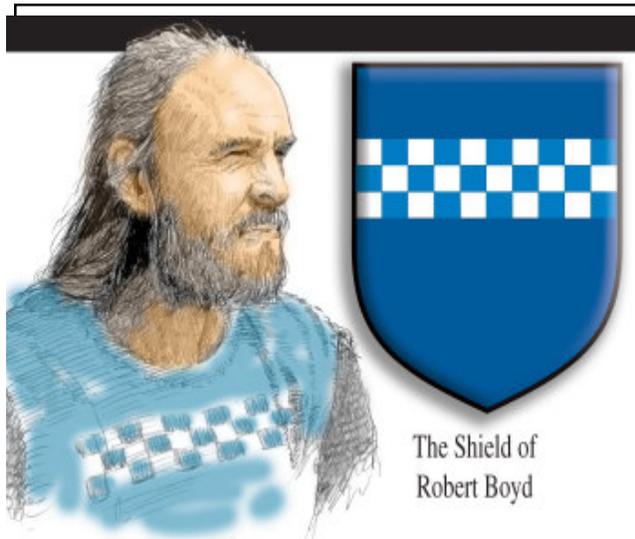


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Where did the term “black market” come from? You might be surprised!

In medieval England there were nomadic mercenaries who wandered the countryside and would sell their services to the highest bidder. These were hardened fighters who lived solitary lives in the wilderness. They did not have the luxury of servants to polish their armor and it would oxidize to a blackish hue and they came to be known as black knights.

At local town festivals they would have exhibition jousting matches in which the winner of the fight would win the loser's weapons and armor. The local gentry, softened by the good life, would lose to these black knights. The nomadic knights didn't have much



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WHEREAS, throughout our history, America has welcomed countless Scots and Scots-Irish immigrants to its shores, including many who formed settlements in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, through their strong spirit and character, these immigrants made lives for themselves and their families, drawing on the hope and perseverance of their Scots and Scots-Irish heritage to succeed in a new land; and

WHEREAS, Scots, Scots-Irish Month provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of the Scots and Scots-Irish in the formation of our nation and in the creation of our rich heritage.

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the accomplishments of Scots and Scots-Irish Americans in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

“Oyez, oyez, oyez,” says the town crier!

What is the meaning of the word “Oyez” which is pronounced either “o-yay,” or “o-yez,” or “o-yes” depending on where you were raised? Officially, it is used three times in succession by the Marshal of the Court to introduce the opening of a court of Law. Until the 18th century, speaking English in a British court of law was not required; one could use Law French, a form of French that evolved after the Norman Conquest, when the Anglo-Norman became the language of the official class in England.

“Oyez” descends from the Anglo-Norman “oyez,” the plural imperative of “oyer,” ‘to hear’; thus “oyez” means ‘hear ye’ and was used as a call for silence and attention. Although it would have been much heard in medieval Britain, it is first recorded as an English word fairly late in the Middle English period, in a work composed around 1425. Since this phrase worked so well in a court of law, the town criers used it to draw the attention of the mostly illiterate public to matters of importance. The criers or bellmen were usually people of some standing in the community, as they had to be literate enough to read and write proclamations. The crier would read a proclamation, usually at the entrance of the local pub or inn, then nail it to the door post - from which comes the expression “posting a notice,” as well as naming newspapers as the post.



Women were often employed in spreading the news of items that had been lost, the arrival of fresh food at the market or some piece of local intelligence. One such person was Beetty Dick of Dalkeith in Midlothian (1693-1773). Beetty used a large wooden trencher that she hit with a spoon. The din was just about enough to stir the graveyard. The sound would rattle out at different places in the town, causing crowds to assemble to hear the latest announcement, for which Beetty charged a sum of one penny. Every night she was employed to bawl out “tripe, piping hot, ready for supper the night at 8 o’clock at Jeanie McMillan’s, head of North Wynd. Gang hame, bairns, and tell your folks about it.”

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Dinners: Well-bred people arrive as near the appointed dinner hour as they can. It is vulgar assumption of importance purposely to arrive half an hour behind times; besides the folly of allowing eight or ten hungry people such a tempting opportunity of discussing your foibles. Ladies should never dine with their gloves on - unless their hands are not fit to be seen.

You cannot use your knife, fork or teeth too quietly. Do not practice the filthy habit of gargling water from your finger bowl, albeit the usage prevails among a few. Bread should never be cut less than an inch and a half thick. There is nothing more plebeian than thin bread at dinner. It is considered vulgar to take soup twice. Do not pick your teeth much at table.

Introductions: Never “introduce” people to each other without previous understanding that it will be agreeable to both. Do not insist upon pulling off your gloves on a hot day when you shake hands with a lady. If it be off, why, all very well; but it is better to run the risk of being considered ungallant to present a clammy ungloved hand.

Visiting: Never leave your hat in the hall when you pay a visit to a lady; it makes you look too much at home. Take it with you into the drawing room.

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