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Medieval king laid to rest 500 years later



Hundreds of people gathered in an English town Sunday, March 22, 2015, as a procession carrying the remains of Richard III, the medieval king whose bones were found under a parking lot, headed to a cathedral before a proper burial ceremony more than 500 years after his death in battle.

A hearse carrying the monarch's remains, sealed inside an oak coffin, processed past Leicestershire's landmarks -- including the battlefield at Bosworth where the monarch was killed in 1485. Dozens of people, including some dressed in medieval costumes and carrying

torches, turned out at the battlefield to watch the cortege.

Richard, the last Plantagenet king, was buried hastily without a coffin in a church that was demolished long ago. His bones weren't found until 2012, when archaeologists excavated them from a Leicester parking lot. DNA tests, bone analysis and other scientific scrutiny established that the skeleton belonged to the king.

Michael Ibsen, a descendant of the monarch who built the coffin that carried Richard's remains, was among academics and others who placed white roses on the casket during a short ceremony earlier Sunday.

On Thursday, March 27 organizers plan to lower the coffin into a tomb at Leicester Cathedral.

"His reburial at the end of the week will have all the dignity and solemnity that his original burial never had," said Phil Stone, chair of the Richard III Society. "Our work will continue, in perhaps convincing the doubters Richard wasn't as black (evil) as he was once thought to be."

The monarch was portrayed as a hunchbacked villain in Shakespeare's play *Richard III*, though some historians claim he was a relatively enlightened monarch whose name was besmirched by his opponents. With thanks to the AOL Flash Page.

Yom Ha'Shoah - Holocaust Memorial Day April 16



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Tom and Beth wish to introduce everyone to their newest family member. She is five years old and she is a brown & white spotted jenny. Her name is: **Piper, Bagpipes on the Hoof**. She is shown here with Tom discussing what a beautiful voice she has.

A Letter from your editor

Be friendly. Be correct when speaking or writing to our Scottish titled folk



On the way to our favorite Scottish game a few years ago, Tom's cell phone rang.

"Oh, Beth, our announcer has the flu and can't come. Can you do it?"

With many years of radio experience - awhile ago - but still years of experience...I said, "Sure."

I knew there would be Scottish guests at the games...and knew there was a strict protocol in speaking to them, speaking of them and interacting and introducing them.

I also knew that Romilly Squire would be attending these games along with his good friend and author of *Collins Scottish Clan & Family Encyclopaedia* - George Way of Plean, then Procurator Fiscal with the Court of the Lord Lyon. Romilly Squire was the editor of the book.

Upon arrival at the games, I set out to find them.

I have known Romilly for years and had met George Way of Plean many times in his visits to this part of the world.

When I found them, George Way of Plean was kind enough to sit down and help me to be sure I would introduce all of the dignitaries properly.

When any of us have an opportunity to meet and speak with Scottish Clan Chiefs and/or Chieftains - or to write to them, we all wish to be proper - and for that - we need to know just a little about the proper language and protocol.

Most of us know that the Scottish word *clann* means children. In early times, and even today, clan members believed themselves to descent from a common ancestor, the founder of their particular Scottish Clan. From its perceived founder a clan takes its name.

The clan chief is the representative of this founder and represents the clan as well. In the Scottish clan system, the term "Chief" denotes a greater chief than that of a chieftain. In consequence, branch chiefs (heads

of branches of a clan) are designated chieftains. Scottish clans who no longer have a clan chief are referred to as armigerous clans.

For example, in the case of the Earl of Caithness, properly, he is verbally addressed as "Lord" or "Lord Caithness."

In Scotland it is normal to write to chiefs, chieftains and lairds by their designation or estate, and not by their surname. Neither "Mr." nor "Esq." are added to their names on the envelope.

The recommended (social) style of address is-

At the beginning of a letter: Dear Chisholm (note: a non-Scotsman who writes to a chief or laird with a Service rank, especially a correspondent who is younger or junior in rank, would write to The Mackintosh as "Dear Admiral Mackintosh of Mackintosh," and a member of a clan or name would write to his chief as "Dear Chief".

Other types of names are shown as "Col. Cameron," "The Macneil of Barra," etc.

At the end of a letter, "Yours sincerely" is always correct.

On the envelope: "The Chisholm" or "Colonel Donald Cameron of Lochiel," or "The Macneil of Barra" or "Irvine of Drum" or "Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk,"

You should always refer to a chief or chieftain in verbal address as "Lochiel" or "Mackintosh" - always by territorial designation and not by surname.

With thanks to Romilly Squire and George Way of Plean who both helped me with not embarrassing myself that weekend!

There are dozens of pages devoted to this subject on the Internet. In your own clan, ask what is correct.

It doesn't hurt to be Southern...as such, we are taught always to refer to gentlemen as "Sir" and ladies as "Ma'am." Both of these are always correct and always polite - even with Scottish dignitaries!



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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



You're welcome to email the Pres.
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Billy Bob's Texas set by Clan Stewart Society as their 2015 AGM

Billy Bob's in Fort Worth, Texas has been set by the Clan Stewart Society as the site of their 2015 AGM. The date is August 15, 2015 with the AGM at 7 PM and dinner at 8 PM.

"A Cowtown AGM" will feature the Piping in of the Haggis, followed by Brisket & Sausage BBQ Texas Style with beans, potato salad, cole slaw and peach cobbler for dessert. Iced tea and coffee are included.

The \$30 dinner charge will include general admission to Billy Bob's - which is the World's Largest Honky Tonk.

Host hotel for Clan Stewart is The Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Worth/Fossil Creek, 4400 North Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76138. Call 817-222-

0222 or visit www.ftworthfossilcreek.hgi.com.

The room rate is \$89 + 15% tax. Be sure and mention to the hotel you are with "Clan Stewart."

Remember, dress for the AGM is always formal kilt, but cowboy boots are optional.

There will be a Board of Directors meeting on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 8:00 at the host hotel.

If you'd like to make a reservation, just write CSSA Treasurer, 404 Mustang Drive, Saginaw, TX 76171. You may pay by Pay Pal at www.clansstewart.org or by your check. Send a check for \$30 for each person attending to the address above.



Rare book featuring Sir William Wallace's life translated at last

Just after I sent Section B of this issue to Alastair to put "up" on the Internet at www.electricscotland.com, I received a nice note from Jim Wallace, Past President of the Clan Wallace Society (2000-2003).

In the Section B of this publication, on page 3, you'll find an article about how Clan Wallace honored Dr. Linda Ewbank for translating *The Maitland Papers*.

Jim Wallace has written with a little more about this fascinating subject. He wrote, "Wayne Jones and I have been working on *The Maitland Papers* for about fifteen years. Linda Ewbank was kind enough to complete the work started by others and most importantly has the credentials

and education to do a very credible job. The book in question is *Documents Illustrative of Sir William Wallace His Life and Times*.

The book was published by the Maitland Club in 1841 with an introduction by Joseph Stevenson. The book was presented to The Maitland Club by Robert Roger, who was a member of The Maitland Club."

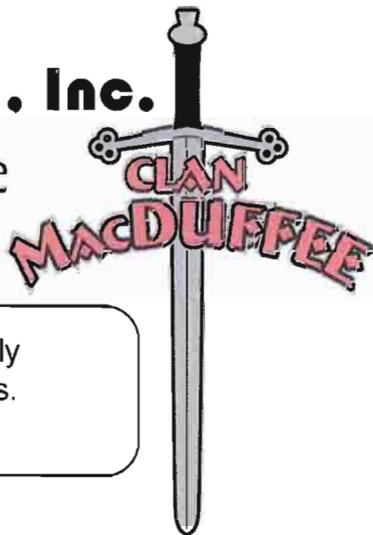
Jim Wallace has promised to write more about this rare book which will surely give us additional information about William Wallace.

Stay tuned!

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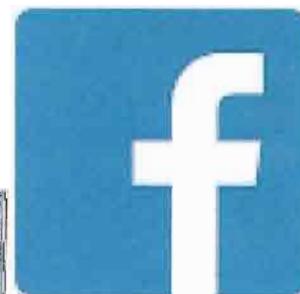
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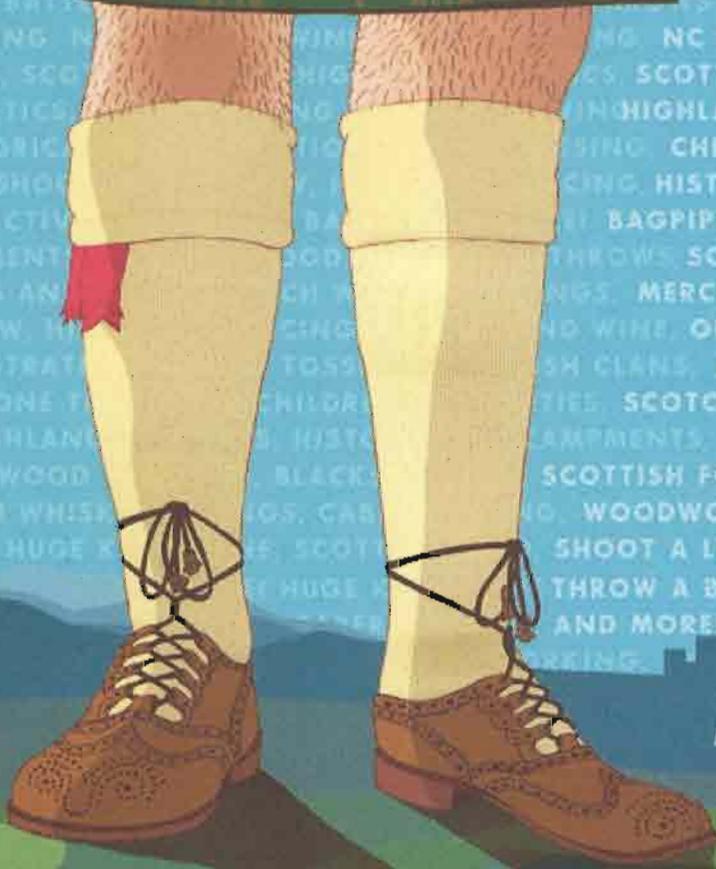
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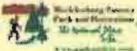
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Flowers of the Forest

David L. Hager, 82 of Greenwood, Indiana passed away on March 11, 2015.

Friends gathered 4 - 8 PM Monday, March 16, 2015 at Flanner and Buchanan – Memorial Park, 9350 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the Funeral Center at Memorial Park.

Friends may sign David's online guest registry at www.flannerbuchanan.com.

We were very sad to hear of the passing of The Macfie Society of America Society member, **William George (Bill) McPhee**, from Phoenix, AR, who passed away on June 22, 2014, at 81 years old.

Bill was a veteran of the Korean war, serving his country in the Army.

He and his wife, Nancy, attended the Gatlinburg TN International Clan Gathering in 2003.

Bill suffered a severe fall while visiting family in MN and did not survive. Our sincere condolences go out to Nancy and the rest of the family.

The Macfie Society of America member, **Richard D. Diffie**, age 72, of Cleveland, Tennessee, passed away Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, in Chattanooga.

Richard was born in Norfolk, Va., March 15, 1942, a son of the late Loysz and Annabelle Jackson Diffie.

He proudly served in the United States Navy; during the Vietnam War he served aboard the *USS Intrepid* off the Vietnamese coast.

Richard retired after a civilian life as a police officer.

Richard was a proud member of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club and the Macfie Clan Society of

America..

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Diffie.

Sir Terry Pratchett, who has died aged 66, was one of Britain's most popular and successful novelists whose comic fantasies, many of them set in Discworld,

attracted a devoted following; in later life, after he had been diagnosed with a rare form of early-onset Alzheimer's disease, he became known to a wider audience through campaigning and television documentaries, about both his disease and the right to euthanasia.

Pratchett was the best-selling UK author of the 1990s and in the first

decade of this century, second only to J.K. Rowling; his hardback sales by themselves accounted for some 3.5% of the total market for hardback fiction. He sold well over 75 million copies of his books in almost 40 languages and his work was the subject of numerous conventions at which fans (many in costume) would meet to share their enthusiasm for his work. A further measure of his popularity was that he was the most shoplifted author in the UK.

This popularity, and the fact that he wrote both fantasy and comedy, led to his work being belittled by much of the literary establishment for many years - an early academic collection devoted to his work defiantly bore the title Terry Pratchett: Guilty of Literature. But in later years, his books began to be the subject of serious study, and Pratchett himself received nine honorary doctorates and became an adjunct Professor at Trinity College Dublin's English department.



The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



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With thanks to the Scottish Tartan Museum: Tartan? Tartan!

The first thing to remember about tartan is that from a weave pattern standpoint “All tartans are plaids, but not all plaids are tartans”.

To be a tartan the vertical and horizontal patterns must be exactly the same, intersecting at right angles.

Plaids don't have to. “Plaid” is generally a North American word.

Secondly, the word “plaid” is pronounced *played* as in “I *played* the bagpipes”. In Scotland, a plaid is a tartan cloth slung over the shoulder as a kilt accessory (*fly plaid*), or a plain ordinary blanket such as one would have on a bed.

Actually the kilt was originally called a *belted plaid*. The plaid therefore, started out as a piece of clothing, not a design.

A *tartan* refers to a pattern of interlocking stripes, running both from the *warp* and the *weft* of the cloth. Typically, one thinks of “clan tartans”.

This was not the case in the past. Tartans have been found dating as early as 3000 BC, virtually everywhere there was woven cloth. Tartan can be dated in Scotland as early as the 3rd or 4th century AD.

Yet only in Scotland has tartan been given cultural significance. Why?

Originally, tartan designs had no names or symbolic meaning. All tartan was hand woven and usually supplied locally. While certain designs were common in some areas and not others, there was no “clan tartan” system.

Tartan in general did become extremely common in the Highlands. By the 17th century, tartan clothing was recognized as characteristic of Highland dress. It was so identified with the *Highland Gael* after the Battle of Culloden in 1746 that the British government's *Act of*

Proscription forbade the wearing of tartan in the Highlands in an attempt to suppress the rebellious Scottish culture.

By the end of the 18th century, commercial weavers had taken up the production of tartan.

Most notably was Wm. Wilson & Sons of Bannockburn. This firm began sometime around 1765 and became quite successful, primarily because they became the sole supplier of tartan cloth to the Highland “Watch” Regiments of the British Army.

Because they were producing cloth in such large quantity, they developed standard colors and patterns early on. Initially the patterns

were assigned numbers, but soon pattern names appeared. These not only included names of regiments and Highland clans but also names of towns. Some were just fanciful names. Names were much more appealing than numbers.

In *Wilson's Key Pattern Book of 1819*, some 100 tartans, of the 250 total, were named.

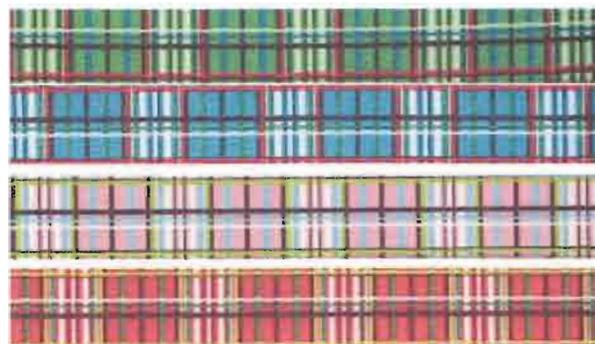
In the early 19th century, the idea that tartan names actually represented real clan connections began

growing.

Scots expatriates, who actually grew up outside the Highlands began to get interested in preserving Highland culture.

In 1815, the Highland Society of London wrote to the clan chiefs asking for samples of their clan tartans. Many chiefs has no idea what their “clan tartan” was supposed to be so either wrote to tartan suppliers such as Wilsons, or asked older men of their clans if they recalled any particular tartan being worn.

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About Tartan. *continued from page 11*



In 1822, King George IV visited Edinburgh in a veritable “tartan fest” partly organized by Sir Walter Scott. All the clan chiefs were asked to come out and greet the King in their proper clan tartan.

Since many did not have a tartan, no doubt new ones were created for the occasion.

From this point on, it became firmly established that to be a *proper* tartan, it had to be named.

With the blessing of the clan chiefs, by the end of the 19th century the custom was firmly established that tartan was representative of the clan.

While clan tartans are the most well known, tartans can, in fact, represent many different things.

Some represent families, towns, districts, corporations, occupations, individuals, events - you name it!

What makes a tartan “official” is not age or antiquity, but whether it has the approval of the governing body of what that tartan represents. If a clan chief, or a state legislature, or the CEO of a company says this is the official tartan, it is so, whether it is brand new or 200 years old.

Therefore, there are no rules governing what tartan you may wear.

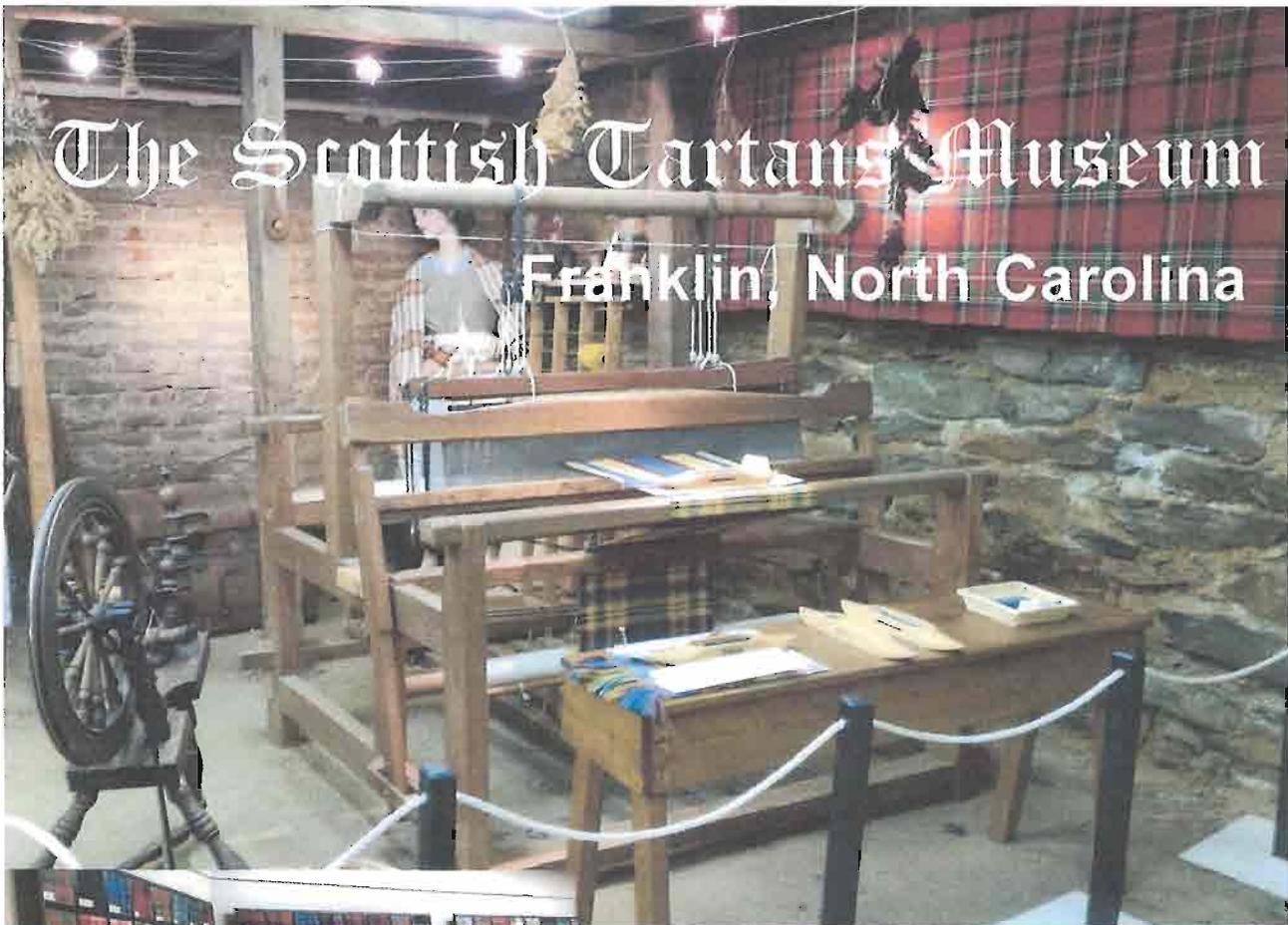
However, since tartans today have meaning, when you wear a tartan, you identify yourself with what that tartan represents.

Most select a tartan that identifies with some aspect of their heritage.

If there is a tartan for your surname, that would be an obvious choice.

But nothing is wrong with wearing a tartan from another branch of your family. Ultimately, it is a personal choice. Whatever you choose, you should know your tartan and your reasons for wearing it. Always be prepared to answer the question: “What’s your tartan?”

For more information go to: - www.scottishtartans.org or you might wish to see www.thescottishweaver.com or to visit the website at: www.tartansauthority.com/tartan-ferret



The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of

our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

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Pete & Wendy's UK Adventure



Short Track Racing - UK Style

All of you lucky folks back home will soon have the opportunity to head to the racetrack for some real good ol' American sprint car racing. We went out this weekend and found the closest UK equivalent, courtesy of the Warton Stock Car Club and their ¼ mile paved oval. Here are a couple pictures of the car belonging to a friend we made at the races. He drives what the locals refer to as a "stock car" although it clearly looks more like what those of us from North



mostly ¼ to ½ mile dirt ovals running sprint cars every weekend, he immediately decided he need to find Indiana on the map and move there.

Interestingly, these cars ran the oval counter-clockwise, just like we do in America. However, all the over classes (which really were based on stock cars) ran the track clockwise. The cars were all British right-side-drive, so that kept the driver's weight on the inside of



Our "treat" from the UK continues.....

Through the Scottish Society of Indianapolis, we have secured permission to print "UK Adventures" for you to enjoy.

Dr. Pete Hylton is a Fulbright Award Recipient for 2014 & 2015. He will be in the United Kingdom for quite awhile and will be sending his "Adventures" back home. He has kindly given us permission to print his stories! He is Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D., Associate Professor & Director of Motorsports Engineering and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.



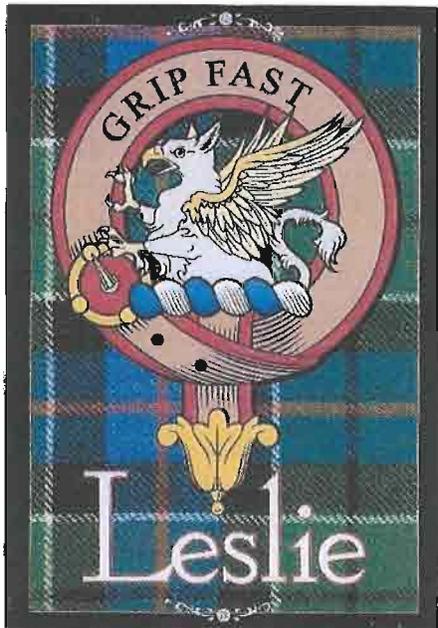
America would call a winged sprint car. Actually, size-wise it is more like a mini-sprint and the power comes from a 2.0 litre Ford Pinto engine. When we told the driver that Indiana was the size of Scotland and had 52 racetracks,



the corners, so it made sense.

The next most interesting cars were the Minis. These were all based on the original Mini Cooper. A tube frame chassis is built, and the engine from the Mini is installed. Then the top part of the Mini body is lowered onto the frame. As the cars have become less available in junk yards, they have begun to allow fiberglass replica bod-

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ies.

A couple more differences in the racing can be seen below. Yes, those are puddles on the track.they race in the rain. And that car facing the wrong direction sat there for multiple laps, as once the yellow flag has been shown for a spun car.the race continues and the car is allowed to sit there.

The third class of cars racing were called Bangers. And aye, they bang into each other a lot. Safety equipment is rather limited.and yes, those are 6 inch threaded rods sticking out of the hood of the blue car. And the fuel tank and battery are bolted to the roll cage of the yellow car.



Crashes are frequent. In one heat race, 19 Bangers started and 18 of them were involved in a pile-up in turn 1. The remaining car that escaped completed that lap and promptly crashed into the pile-up.

The safety barrier is a 4 foot tall metal plate with dirt piled up behind it. The spectators bring their lawn chairs and set on top of the dirt behind the catch fence. The catch fence, as shown, is wide mesh and has no steel cables running through it. In other words there is nothing to keep a car on track if it gets airborne and clears the 4 foot tall wall. Note that the angled poles supporting the fence are on the race track side, such that an airborne car would immediately impact them. Certainly not what you would see at tracks in Indiana.



Pete & Wendy will explore the history of Lancashire in their next adventure.

The Search for a Crawford Chief, another step forward...

The latest issue of the Clan Crawford Associations Newsletter is focused on contacting Lyon Court for a Family Convention to initiate the process of choosing a Chief of Clan or House of Crawford.



We would like to have your participation in the process, include sending us for publication in future issues your thoughts on the matter. In addition we are establishing a link on the website so that other Crawfords can make a donation to a fund for the restoration of a Craufurmland banner in memory of Peter Craufurd, late Laird of Craufurmland.

Contact <raymond@crawfurd.plus.com> for more information or to join Clan Crawford.



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To see the many names on the Clan Donald sept/allied family list, please visit:

<http://www.clan-donald-usa.org>

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Bill Armstrong in *The Armstrong Chronicles*

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk *ScotlandsPeople* is possibly the single most important source of Scottish genealogical data. It is a partnership between the General Register Office for Scotland, the National Archives of Scotland, and the Court of the Lord Lyon. This website claims to have about 100 million names.

www.nas.gov.uk The website of the National Archives of Scotland (NAS) contains catalogues and listings of its holdings and, via the search facility, researchers can locate abstracts of documents pertaining to people, places, and events. So far, only part of the NAS's massive holdings are listed on the site.

www.nas.gov.uk/nrasregister.asp The National Register of Archives for Scotland (NRAS) was established in 1946 to identify and catalogue archival material in private hands. These include family and estate papers, and papers of societies, businesses, law firms, local authorities, and universities. About 4,200 such surveys have been made and can be consulted via their website.

www.scan.org.uk The Scottish Archive Network website provides access to many valuable resources for those interested in Scottish history. For example, through its online catalogue you can determine the existence and location of papers of the Highland and Island Emigration Society.



www.nls.uk The National Library of Scotland (NLS) is one of Europe's major research libraries. It originated with the establishment of the Advocates Library in Edinburgh in the 1680s and became the NLS in 1925. The NLS has a collection of over 14 million printed items, 100,000 manuscripts, 25,000 newspapers, and a major map collection. The online catalogue includes a database on the Scots abroad, with an emphasis on emigration.

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Jerry A. "Jay" McAfee,

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May this Scottish tradition carry on throughout all of our lifetimes.

Many, many Highland names

Gather to compete at the Highland Games.

Pull the long rope for a Tug O' War

Make 'em cross the line is how you score.

Throw the Hammer as far as you can

Twenty-two pounds, if you're a man.

Toss the Caber made of Scots Pine

End over end and in a straight line.

The Shot Put is a heavy round stone

You can win by how far it is thrown.

Run your best in a Highland Race

And put the others in their place.

Lassies dance the Highland Fling

Scottish tunes with a familiar ring.

The Pipes and Drums are played by hand

Highland tunes by a Scottish band.

A sip of whisky goes smoothly down

A tastey swig of the golden brown.

Rub elbows with the other clans

and offer greetings with your hands.

We Scotti's love to gather together

Wherever the place and in any weather.

So put on your kilts and stay awhile

And have some fun, it'll make you smile.

Yes, many, many Highland names

Gather together at the Highland Games.

Honor your clan by competing each year

It's all in fun and you have nothing to fear.



We encourage everyone who is interested in the great Clan Ramsay to join the Clan Ramsay Association of N.A.
Contact David Ramsey: <davidf.ramsey@verizon.net>



Become a part of Clan Ramsay's DNA Project!

What is it? DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name **Ramsay** or **Ramsay**. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom and ultimately, we can link different lines together. But, to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of the spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc., 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, MD 21044. Call 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

Sister Associations of Clan Ramsay in Australia, Nova Scotia and Finland!

Quarterly Newsletter - *The Ramsay Report* is available to all members!

Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games and events all over the country

Clan Ramsay is represented all of the United States at Scottish Games, Gatherings and events. See us at the Loch Norman Highland Games in NC; Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games in OK; Smoky Mountain Highland Games in TN; Gallabrae/Greenville, SC Games; Glasgow Highland Games, KY; Scottish Christmas Walk

of the Clans, VA; Chicago Highland Games, IL; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC; Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games, CO; Wichita Highland Games & Celtic Festival, KS; The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Annual Scottish Gathering and Games, CA; Columbia Scottish Festival, IN; Halifax Celtic Festival, Halifax, NS, Canada; Oklahoma's Premier Celtic Music Festival & Scottish Highland Games, OK; Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, SC; Ligonier Highland Games, PA; McPherson Scottish Festival, KS; Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, IN; Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA; Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Scottish Games, TX;

Clan Ramsay needs YOU!

There are openings available in the state/region commissioners roster where you would be most welcome. Contact David Ramsey at

davidf.ramsey@verizon.net

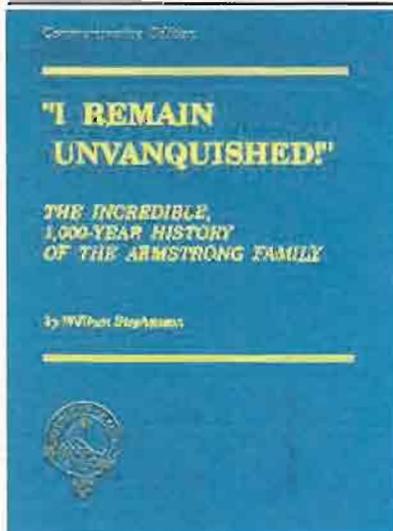
for full information and details about the Clan Ramsay Association of North America.



Clan Blair celebrates Robert Burns' birthday 2015



Front Row L-R: Saoirse Blair Galligan, Atia Blair, Cordylia Blair Shryack, Luke Ramsey, Jack Ramsey, Tiernan Blair Galligan, Erynn Blair Shryack, Lochlann Blair Shryack, Quinnlin Blair, Arabella Blair: **2nd Row** L-R: Sara Buys, Adoree Blair, Bonnie Mustoe, Dyani Blair Galligan, Sher Zimmer, Anne Blair, **3rd Row** L-R: Leslie Blair Gallagher, Leigh Ramsey, Kelsey Currence, Kim Blair, Heather McLean Paris, Torin Blair, Jason Zimmer, Janet McLaughlin, Jim Blair, Curtis Blair **4th Row** L-R: Michael Dunbar, Bruce deMichaels, Jim Ramsey, Kate Blair, Ryan Blair, Mike Galligan, Nick Shryack, Alex Blair, Bill Clanahan, Mary Clanahan. Not pictured: Kart Hart (photographer)



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Are YOU a Redneck? You might be surprised.

Todd J. Wilkinson, FSA Scot in the
Clan Stewart Society in America newsletter



The origins of this term, Redneck, are Scottish and refer to supporters of the National Covenant and The Solemn League and Covenant - or Covenanters who were largely Lowland Presbyterians.

Many of these people would flee Scotland for Ulster in Northern Ireland during persecutions by the British Crown.

The Covenanters of 1638 and 1641 signed the documents that stated that Scotland desired the Presbyterian form of worship government and would not accept the Church of England as its official State Church.

Many Covenanters signed in their own blood and

wore red pieces of cloth around their necks as distinctive insignia; hence the term "red neck," or "rednecks" which became the slang for a Scottish dissenter.

Since many Ulster-Scottish settlers in America - especially in the South, were Presbyterians, the term was applied to them and then later, their Southern descendants.

One of the earliest examples of its use comes from 1830 when an autor noted that "red neck" was a name bestowed upon the Presbyterians.

It makes you wonder if the originators of the ever present "redneck" jokes are aware of the terms origins.

What a lovely memory! Saturday Scottish Sings at the Shaw home...

Roberta Shaw-Reeves remembers...



A cold and snowy night accompanied by a fiercely howling wind gusted through the white pines and maple trees which grew along the perimeter of the white clapboard Shaw farm house. According to my mother, this was the perfect weather for the bi-monthly "Saturday Sings" which were arranged by her older brothers and sisters. The Celts were known by their musical gifts.

Lamplight shone through the windowpanes of the kitchen and parlor. The inglenooks and crannies of the kitchen and hallway were aglow with the warmth of two wood stoves, each packed with well seasoned apple and maple wood.

A savory fragrance of sugar cookies, gingerbread and scones flavored with plump sultanas filled the air.

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Saturday Scottish Sings, *con't from page 25*

The dining room table was set with jams, jellies, pots of tea and my grandmother's favorite two layer cake with highbush cranberry icing.

The long hallway welcomed guests into the sitting room which had put on its "party manners," my mother explained. The pine floors had been scrubbed with a lye soap solution and the braided rugs were now devoid of dust and soot.

Large parlor maples and Boston ferns were neatly trimmed of yellowed leaves by the five youngest Shaw children, my mother included.

Brown crocks of cedar and spruce greens graced the table which held neatly arranged music books, their pages marked with green and red ribbons.

Finally, reminder notes were delivered to friends and neighbors on Rose Dale Road. The notes said, "Scottish Sing at the Shaws' tonight!"

Two and six seater sleighs arrived in the dusky dooryard. Children and adults, eager to feel the warmth of the house, quickly trooped through the kitchen doorway.

Once the guests were settled with tea and goodies, my mother's Aunt Primelia began to play softly on the old Gourlay piano. Familiar strains of the old Scottish ballads such as *The Bluebells of Scotland*, *Annie Laurie* and other selections were enjoyed.

Voices of friends and families joined in songs which echoed throughout the old home.

My mother was perhaps one of the most delighted participants in these Sings.

Now, at 101 years old, Mom still remembers all the details of those exchanged evenings.

With thanks to the newsletter of the Clan Shaw Society, *An Biodag*. Get in touch with Clan shaw by writing Meredith Linwood Shaw, 3031 Appomattox Avenue #102, Olney, MD 20832.



Looking for GEORGE NEAL/ NEIL McDUFFEE

We are looking for information about **GEORGE NEAL (NEIL) MCDUFFEE** who was born in North Carolina in 1788.

At some point, he moved to middle Tennessee. My husband would be his great, great, great grandson.

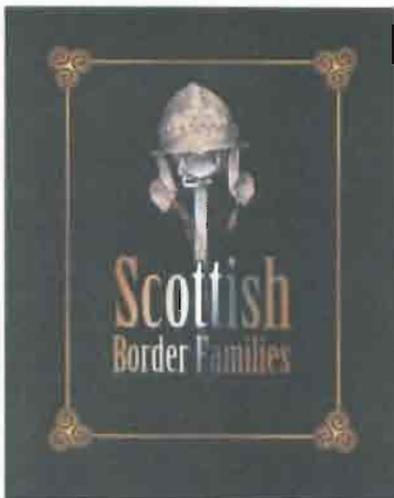
We think he had a brother (**JOHN MCDUFFY/ MCDUFFEE/MCDUFFIE**) who stayed in North Carolina.

We were hoping someone might know where we can find more information. We would love to know when and how the family came to the United States. If you have any information contact: **Carlette Jackson Hardin, e-mail: Ed.D. HARDINC@apsu.edu 931-221-7511**

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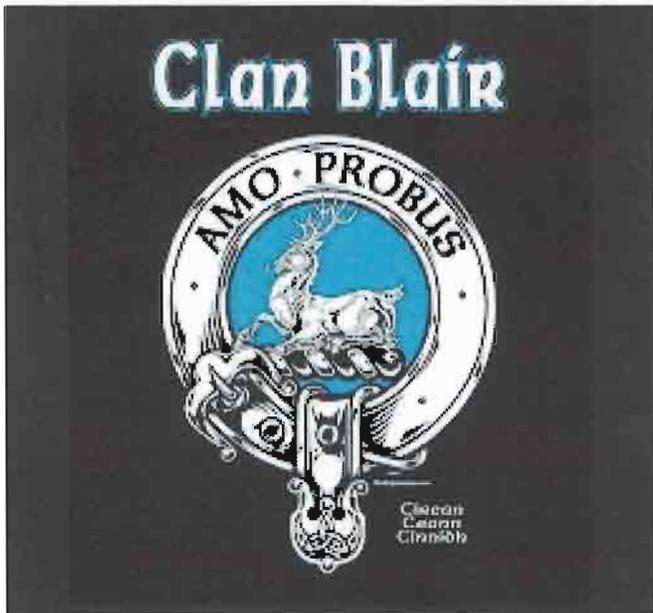
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New High Commissioner for Clan Blair Society

The Clan Blair Society Board welcomes Curtis Blair of Colorado Springs, Colorado as the new High Commissioner.

Curtis has been a member of Clan Blair Society for several years and has actively participated in all Colorado events and activities. He co-sponsored the Pikes Peak festival in 2014 and has continued his interest in all of the Societies' activities.

The duties of the High Commissioner include coordinating among the Clan Blair Society State Commissioners and identifying needs and sharing best practices.

The High Commissioner gathers the best ideas evolving from our membership and facilitates sharing across the Society.

Curtis has a wonderful personality that engages with others and he will bring great leadership to this position. Welcome to the Clan Blair Society Board!

Our thanks and appreciation to Curtis and his wife Anne!

Congratulations and we look forward to your leadership.

Slaint'e, Jim Blair – CBS President

A Challenge to All Ye Who Knit!



With thanks to Helen Blair and the Clan Blair Society Blair Bruidhinn

The Royal Scots Borderers (1SCOTS) boots on the ground in Jordan



The Royal Scots Borderers (1 SCOTS) are currently (as of February 2015) in Jordan taking part in a joint exercise with the Royal Jordanian Army.

Jordan's King Abdullah vowing to fight a "relentless" conflict to defeat jihadists in neighboring Iraq and Syria.

Charlie Company from the Royal Scots Borderers – known as the Black Bears – were planning to spend four weeks in Jordan.

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