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Secrets of Culloden Battlefield to be uncovered Saturday, April 7 online

New insights into the Battle of Culloden are set to be revealed in a series of special events being held to mark the 275th anniversary of the historic clash.



Ilona Amos

The final showdown of the Jacobite Rising came to a brutal head on a moor in the Scottish highlands on 16 April 1746, in one of the most harrowing battles in UK history.



Around 2,500 men died at Culloden in a massacre lasting around an hour on 16 April 1746, mostly Jacobite rebels fighting alongside Bonnie Prince Charlie in a bid to restore the Stuarts to the British monarchy - it was the last pitched battle to take place on UK soil and has left a legacy in Scotland stretching across nearly three centuries

Jacobite supporters, seeking to restore the Stuart monarchy to the British thrones, gathered to fight the Duke of Cumberland's government troops.

The bloody defeat had a lasting impact on Scotland, particularly in the Highlands.

Civil penalties were introduced to undermine the Scottish clan system in a bid to stop rebel armies

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A letter from your editor

What do we miss the most?



It's been more than a year now since we have been able to, without really thinking, hug our friends or even our families. It's been a year since we were allowed to gather together in Scottish Games, or concerts, or all those places we have unthinkingly gone for all of our lives.

Going out to eat used to be something we just did, without being aware of anything special. We could sit about the table with friends and laugh and laugh and talk and joke and just enjoy.

At Scottish Games we could see a dear friend and throw out our arms and envelope him/her in a great hug of love and friendship.

At clan tents, we could have lunch with a bunch of folks, all enjoying the camaraderie of our Scottish heritage.

We shook hands with about everyone, without a thought.

I'm sorry, being on ZOOM just is not the same at all. It's a bit better than nothing, but not much.

In many ways we are fortunate today more so than were those who had to endure quarantines and "lockdowns" before us.

Think of the advantages most all of us have had: cell phones, regular phones, computers with which to shop and to email and our USPS who sees to it we do get cards and letters from our friends and loved ones.

Of course, there is television.

Lots of folks have those devices upon which they can download books from libraries or places on the Internet. If the libraries are closed, you can always mask and glove up and visit thrift shops for books galore.

Our doctors have made it possible for us to have our regular check-ups with no contact with anyone except the doctor.

Even shopping has been made more convenient for those who live in reasonably large cities by grocery stores who will either deliver to your home or have everything ready for you to pick up

outside the store without any contact.

At our house, day to day has been very much as it has always been - both of us in our offices working and both of us up to our ears in alligators.

So many folks have been introduced to "working at home" instead of going in to the office. About 99% of those who have done that that I have talked with heartily enjoy being at home and doing their jobs.

Friends of mine in Scotland have teenage young ones whose colleges have all closed for the duration. These students are continuing their school work on the computer. One of this families' youngsters is working on his car and learning how to service it himself and his sister is working on a charitable project from home.

I'd imagine that, by now, there are more cleaned out closets and neatened drawers and kitchen cabinets than ever before in the history of the world!

Many of my friends have taken their spare time and learned a skill or studied a subject they particularly enjoy.

Others have said, "I sleep late."

This will eventually be over and just be a memory to everyone. We have all learned, I think, more patience.

I am patient. However, I admit I want to be patient NOW!

The original question was to think about what we have missed most during this pandemic.

Of course, we miss the Scottish Games along with the music and dancing and all of the friends we get to see. I miss just sitting after dinner and enjoying our friends who are there with us.

What do YOU miss the most?

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Gus R. Noble awarded Annual National Tartan Day Award

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On Thursday April 6, 2021 The Scottish Coalition, USA, will present the 2021 Annual National Tartan Day Award to Gus R. Noble, President of the Chicago Scots and Caledonia Senior Living.

The presentation will be made as part of the National Tartan Day Celebration hosted by the National Capital Tartan Day Committee (Washington DC) in association with The Scottish Coalition USA, this year taking place virtually.

Gus R Noble, was born in Dundee, Scotland, and graduated from the University of Stirling in 1992. After graduation he moved to Chicago and worked for the British Consulate General for seven years before establishing the first international office of the Welsh Assembly Government in Chicago which he led for five years.

In August 2004, Gus was named president of the Chicago Scots and Caledonia Senior Living and Memory Care.

His civic role includes serving on the boards of the Admiral at the Lake, the oldest elder care community in Chicago, and the Rosehill Cemetery Reserve Fund, which governs the cemetery where Chicago Scots owns more than 600 plots and many Scots are buried.

He supports Newcastle United Football Club and plays electric bass guitar in a

Scottish-American honky-tonk band. He and his wife, Aisha, have two sons, Bobby and Langston.

Many Scottish-Americans know Gus for his 17-year commitment to growing the Scottish North American Community Conference, started in 2003, to enhance understanding, communication and cooperation within the Scottish North American community.

Going forward, many Scots will know Gus for his leadership of Chicago Scots during its 175th anniversary year as the oldest charity in Illinois and for saving every resident at Caledonia Senior Living and Memory Care during COVID-19.

"I am delighted that we will present Gus Noble with the 2021 Scottish Coalition, USA National Tartan Day Award for his outstanding contribution to the Scottish American community," announced John Bellassai, President of COSCA, a founding member of TSCUSA.

"The nomination was unanimous and resounding.

During this time of COVID, Gus has been tireless in his support of so many Scottish-American causes whilst heading the Caledonia Senior Living Home. I work alongside Gus on various boards where his energy and dedication is boundless."



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How to pronounce the toughest Scotch whisky distillery names

Our guide on how you can look like a pro when ordering your whisky at the bar.

With many thanks to The



Laphroaig Distillery on a summer afternoon, Islay. How do you pronounce *Laphroaig*?

Join thousands of others who have signed up to the weekly *Scotland Now* newsletter for the latest Scottish heritage and culture news.

The use of Scottish place-names, Gaelic titles, and regional dialect in whisky names can often make it hard for beginners to master the pronunciation of certain distilleries, particularly if you're not local.



Though even those who are, still sometimes get it wrong (you only need to ask people to pronounce Glenmorangie to see that).

To help you navigate your way through the tricky world of whisky pronunciation, we've picked out some of the toughest examples we could find to offer the correct way to say these popular brands.

Here are some of the most famous brands that can be hardest to say aloud if you've only read them on the bottle.

Laphroaig, Islay

One of the easiest to trip up over, even looking at it is enough to give you the fear of making a fool of yourself.

Said to have been derived from the Gaelic word for the 'beautiful hollow by the broad bay', it's not pronounced Leapfrog or Laughrag, but *La-*

froy-g.

Bruichladdich, Islay

Another of those popular Islay drams, Bruichladdich is a more subtle option for those looking for a little less peat in their whisky.

But how do you pronounce it?

Though it can be tempting to sound out the entire word, Broo-ch-lad-itch or Bruh-clad-itch, it is actually said *Broo-ich [as in loch]-laddie* - be sure to drop the 'ch' at the end.

Found at the wild Rhinns of Islay, its name is formed from two Gaelic words 'brudhach' (brae) and 'chladach' (shore).

Glen Garioch, Highlands

This popular distillery in Old Meldrum in Aberdeenshire, which has just announced exciting news, suffers from a lot of confusion surrounding how you say its name.

While it can be tempting to say Glen Gariok or Glen Garryotch, it's actually pronounced *Glen Gee - ry* taking its pronunciation from the local Doric dialect.

Auchentoshan, Lowlands

The name of this popular lowland whisky is regularly mangled by those not used to speaking its name aloud.

Derived from the Gaelic 'Achadh an Oisein', meaning 'corner of the field', Auchentoshan is pronounced *och[as in loch]-en-tosh-en*.

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Toughest Scotch Whisky names,

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Caol Ila distillery on the Sound of Islay.

Another hugely popular Islay whisky that is hard to pronounce is Caol Ila.

Taken from the Gaelic name 'Caol Ìle' - 'Sound of Islay' - it is pronounced *Cull-eela* - said in one continuous word.

Ledaig, Mull

One of our favourites, this peated dram from Tobermory Distillery on Mull is one of the easiest to mispronounce.

Named for the original name for the distillery, it's not Lead-aig or Led-Egg but *Le-chig*, with the 'd' becoming a 'ch'



Bunnahabhain Distillery on Islay

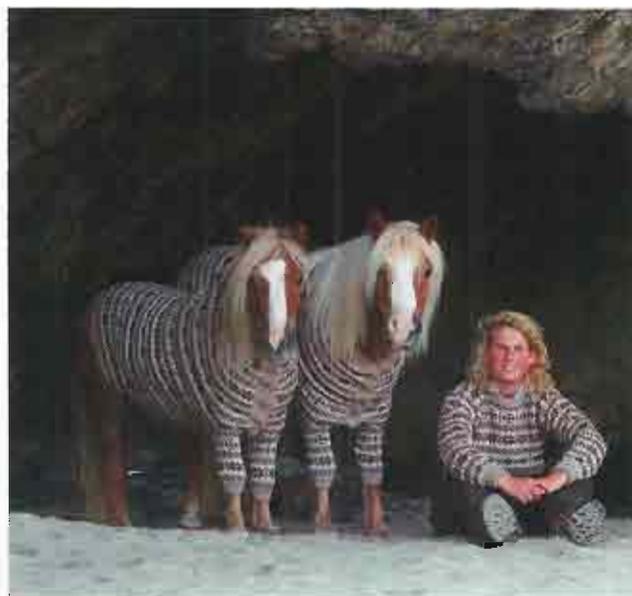
Found on the northern part of Islay, this popular little distillery's name is taken from the Gaelic 'Bun na h-Abhainn' meaning 'mouth of the river'.

The 'bh' becomes a soft 'v' meaning it's pronounced *bu-na-ha-venn*.

Glenmorangie

Guaranteed to start an argument in any group - even Scots - this seemingly easy to pronounce whisky always trips people up.

If you fall in to the Glen Mo-ran-Gee camp, I've got bad news for you, it's pronounced *Glen Mor-un-jee* - with the stress on the 'mor' section, making it rhyme with orangey.



I just found this. Everyone is dressed in gorgeous knitted Fair Isle designs! I wonder how you get those lovely and very warm garments on the horses?

Deer Island is for sale! The starting price is just 80,000 pounds!



Lying close to Castle Tioram, the ancient fortress of the Clanranald, Future Auctions, which is dealing with the Deer Island sale, said: "The uninhabited island is located within an extremely popular sea loch certain to appeal to investors from all over the world."

Located in the Moidart district, which lies around 45 miles from Fort William and the Ben Nevis mountain range, the once in a lifetime opportunity is sure to excite buyers from all over the world.

It is 11 acres but has no amenities.

The Armstrong Clan Society

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The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from the United States Federal Income Taxes.

On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms to the right of this paragraph. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families. 2. To provide for the preservation of all armstrong artifacts unique to the family. 3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public. 4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*. 5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

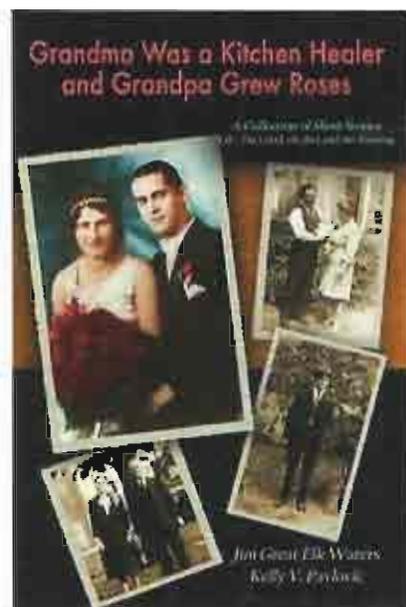
Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in the Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships include two adults and all minor children. In other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.



For membership application, email **Janet Armstrong** at <jdumeyer@hotmail.com> or download from <<http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>>. Note, "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <chrisarmys@gmail.com>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!



Grandma Was a Kitchen Healer and Grandpa Grew Roses

A new book by Jim Great Elk Waters

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<www.wewan.org>

I am a combat warrior of the Vietnam era. My family hail from strong Scot roots... Clans Buchanan (Waters Sept), McKay, Robinson, Napier, Gilliland all. Every generation our men and women have been true Scot warriors... and peace-makers. I share this that you may know I carried the Cross of St Andrew flag along with our USA Flag as an American/Scot.

The book is available on Amazon.

LADIES OF SAIGON

This is a story of hard truths, apolitical observations, and undeniable results.

After a year and a half in college, I decided to join the military. Not because college life was boring or dissatisfying, but because I could not convince my parents to not help me with the tuition. I was a music major at the University of Dayton and didn't need their help. A college kid who didn't need help with tuition? In my case, no. I was a professional member of the American Federation of Musicians and was working regularly. Playing gigs in nightclubs and for special occasions, I was making much more than I needed for tuition, board, and keep. I was living the high life!

But I couldn't convince my mom and dad that I didn't need their hard-earned \$500 every semester. The fact was, they were also saving money to help my younger siblings.

Mom and pop felt obligated to help us with our financial needs. My family descended from a

mix of Scots-Irish, Jewish, and Native Americans, making us a strong-willed people.

We were at loggerheads... The immovable against inertia.

Knowing that I couldn't win, I decided to leave college for a while and join the Marines. My sister was a Marine and had married a decorated Korean War Marine. Additionally, my cousin George, "Puddenhead," was a Marine who served in the South Pacific Theater during World War II. Add to the mix my uncle who was an Essex Scottish Black Watch Canadian commando during the European conflict of World War II.

I was surrounded by bad-ass warriors.

Putting on my best suit I went to the recruiting station in downtown Dayton. I boldly walked up to the Marine sergeant at 101 the desk and said, "I want to be a Marine!" He looked me up-and-down, leaning back in his chair said, "The Marines don't take fat boys!"

I was gobsmacked. "Fat boy?" My heart sank into my shoes, I was devastated.

My chin was firmly planted on my chest with the rejection. Stumbling towards the door, I heard a soft voice say, "Come here, son!" It was the Navy recruiter, a Chief Boatswain Mate... Just like my dad. As they say, the rest was history.

I spent the next three months at Great Lakes

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Naval Training Center, and upon graduation, I deployed to my new duty station – MINPAC-MINRON 11, MINDIV 116 – in Navy “code” that meant I was to be a “deck ape” in Long Beach, California.

Impossible! My Chief in Boot Camp promised I was going to band school on the East Coast. But... There's a saying in the military, SNAFU, situation normal, all f'ed up!

I was assigned to a very small boat, the *MSB* (Mine Sweep Boat) 54 as an able-bodied seaman, whose basic job was to paint, chip paint, sand and repaint anything that didn't move. That was a far cry from being a talented musician in a Navy Band.

The education that I was receiving as a sailor was quite different from being a college kid. Gone were the days of music classes and band practice, casually going from one class to another and having a really great time on campus. All that frivolity had been replaced with organization, responsibility and discipline. Talk about growing up fast. I was now assigned to a modified wooden “fishing trawler” boat that was expendable. In combat we were the front line of the Navy along the shore, finding underwater mines, bombs set to destroy ships of war... and to dispose of them. Life instantly became heartbeat serious, and very dangerous.

Between operations, the work in port was the tedious and boring work of maintenance. Not very exciting, I looked for opportunities for diversion. I learned quickly that if I volunteered for special assignments as they came available, I would spend less time as a “deck ape.”

One assignment I took was to work as a cartographer, plotting for our unit's sweeping exercises while at sea. I also volunteered for a time at the firing range, and for survival training as they came available.

All this was preparatory to my next assignment... a special insertion into Vietnam to chart potential pier sites for the yet-to-be built PCF Swift Boats. I deployed several times to Vietnam, charting various aspects of the Mekong River Delta. Did

I mention that this was very exciting... and damn dangerous!

It was on one of these assignments that I was given a day off for R&R, Rest and Relaxation. I took the opportunity to go to Saigon just to see what that big city was all about.

For an Appalachian country boy, it was beyond anything I could imagine. It was a tropical paradise with new buildings interspersed amongst an ancient culture.

I recall the taxi dropping me off on a broad boulevard along the riverfront. Everywhere was the intoxicating floral aromas of frangipani and yellow mimosa intermingled with pungent sweet fragrances of lotus flowers and the orchid tree. Some more familiar scents were sweet peas and morning glories. These and other exotic flowers blended with garlic and soy – it was indescribably oriental. Add the incessant ringing of bicycle bells and motor scooters whizzing by... simply intoxicating!

I entirely forgot about the constant danger on the river and the war that was around us. I could finally relax in the moment and enjoy this day. This truly was R&R, a restful and relaxing time.

As I was sitting on a concrete bench, just taking this all in and relaxing, I was approached by three elderly Vietnamese ladies, dressed in traditional black. As they approached I could see one had a muskmelon in her hands. I rose and bowed my head in respect to the elders. “Namaste.”

The ladies formed a semi-circle in front of me, and the woman with the melon deftly pulled a folding farmer's knife from under her clothing. It was a basic handmade knife, scales made of hardwood, a single pivot bolt and a hand-forged machete-sized blade. It was a functional tool of farmers, not a weapon.

Opening the big knife she cut the melon into four pieces. She handed a piece of the melon to each of us. Using our fingers we scraped away the seeds and began to eat. It was one of the sweetest melons I have ever tasted. Fully ripe, it was a per-

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Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your **name** listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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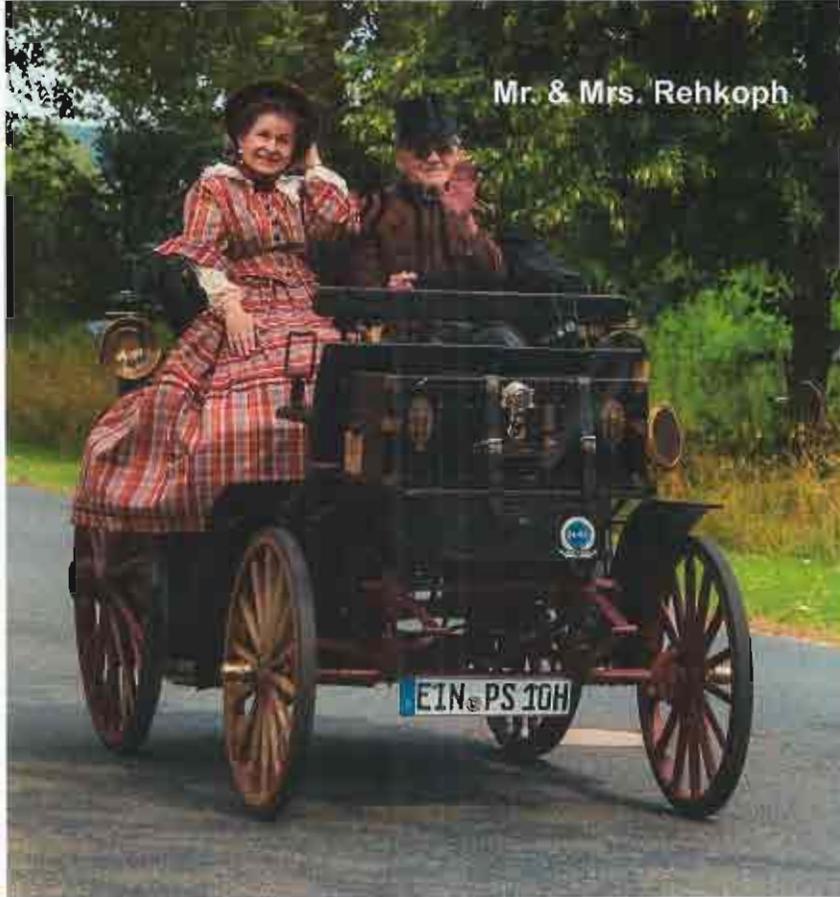
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The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [www.elandavidsonusa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].



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NEW WILDCAT FOOTAGE FROM THE CLASHINDARROCH

Wildcat Haven
United Kingdom

Hi,all!

We are very excited to share this brand new wildcat footage from the Clashindarroch. As usual you can see the unmistakable thick ringed tail and clear dorsal stripe. We often only get fleeting glimpses so it is really great to get some really interesting behaviour. The cat is rubbing it's whole body in the mackerel fillet oil we left there as bait. It seems to be thoroughly enjoying itself. Presumably as other cat species do, it is doing to this to mask it's own scent when hunting.

Here is the link:

<<https://youtu.be/oXML-8Pe6D4>>

So little is known about these cats but it warms our hearts to see such a beautiful animal exhibiting behaviours in it's natural habitat where it rightfully belongs. The Clashindarroch forest and it's wildcats are utterly priceless and we will do everything we can to protect them from the logging by

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Tom Freeman is a heraldic artist & graphic designer living in Northeast Georgia. He has been working in the Scottish community both in the US and internationally since 1999. He can be reached using the information shown below.

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Nearly 600 iconic red phone boxes have been put up for sale across Scotland- with local communities able to snap one up for just £1

Nearly 600 iconic red phone boxes have been put up for sale across Scotland- with local communities able to snap one up for just £1.

The world-famous BT kiosks were once a common sight across the UK but the numbers of calls being made in them has been in seemingly terminal decline with the rise of mobile phones.

Now as a sign of the times the telecoms provider is selling off 600.

Since 2008, a total of 482 phone boxes across the country have been taken on by communities for just £1 each through BT's

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fect repast on a steamy hot Southeast Asian day.

As we sat on the bench, enjoying the melon, what small talk we attempted was of little success. They spoke only Vietnamese and a bit of French, and I spoke only English and a few words of French. The majority of the conversation consisted of hand signs and smiles... and appropriate head nods. Soon the melon was gone. The conversation going nowhere, we rose and smiled warmly at each other.

Then it happened.

The lady who presented the melon stepped close to me and, with tears in her eyes, gently placed her hand on my chest. Softly she said, "You." Then placing her hand on her chest said, "Make me... free!"

I instantly understood.

The elders of South Vietnam were placing their entire faith in the United States and our powerful military to free them from the relentless communism of North Vietnam's dictator Ho Chi Minh.

Adopt a Kiosk programme.

Alan Lees, BT Enterprise unit director for Scotland, said: "With most people now using mobile phones, it's led to a huge drop in the number of calls made from payphones.

At the same time, mobile coverage has improved significantly in recent years due to investment in masts, particularly in rural areas.

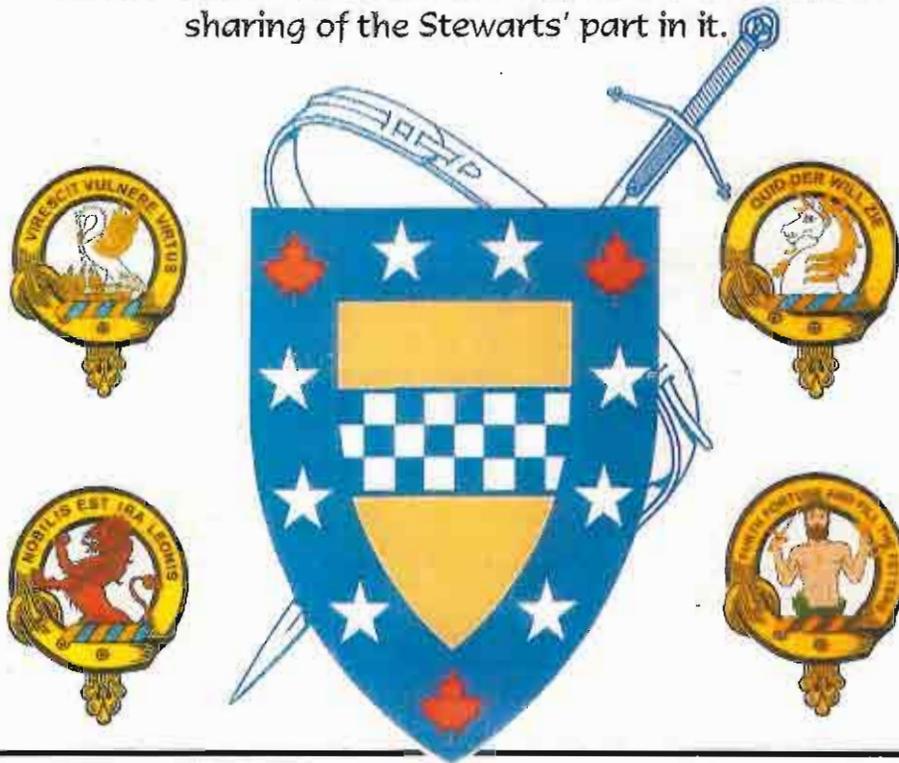
"We're currently rationalising our payphone estate to make it fit for the future, and the 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme makes it possible for local communities across Scotland to retain their local phone box, with a refreshed purpose for the community.

"Thousands of communities have already come up with a fantastic array of ideas to re-use their beloved local phone box. Applying is quick and easy and we're always happy to speak to communities about adopting our phone boxes."



Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc.

501(c)(3) Not For Profit Organization dedicated to the preservation of Scottish Heritage and History and the sharing of the Stewarts' part in it.



The Stewart dynasty descended from King Robert I's daughter and her husband, Walter the Steward. Despite early unrest and weak government caused by several Stewart kings succeeding as minors, the dynasty flourished for over three centuries.

During this time, Scotland moved forward to become a modern and prosperous nation. Stewart monarchs such as King James IV and VI were Renaissance patrons of artistic, scientific, commercial, religious and political endeavour, sponsoring figures including the poet, Robert Henryson, and humanist, George Buchanan.

Also of significance was the arrival in the mid-sixteenth century of the Reformation movement, bringing about the replacement of Catholic Mary Queen of Scots by her son King James VI.

It was through the Stewart dynasty that the two thrones of England and Scotland - and later the governments - came to be united.

The 'Marriage of the Thistle and the Rose' took place at Stirling Castle in 1503 between King James IV and Princess Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.

This union of the Scottish and English Royal families eventually led in 1603 to the succession of a Stewart (now with a change of spelling) to the throne of England.

CSSA is represented at approximately 40 Scottish/Celtic events around the country each year. We are always looking for folks with our passion to volunteer to start more.

We also have a presence on the Internet with a website, <clansstewart.org> (official) and a Facebook page listed as *Clan Stewart Society in America* (unofficial).

Though we have maintained our low annual \$25 membership, we are still able to sponsor trophies for dance, drums and pipes and establish scholarships for institutions providing cultural Scottish curriculums and we also sponsor the competition of a record-holding female athlete.

For CSSA membership information: <clansstewart.org> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)

Over 1 million records from the collections of National Records of Scotland available online for the first time



Thousands of volumes of historical records from the collections of *National Records of Scotland* (NRS) are now available online for the first time, covering the years 1559 to 1900.

Images of more than a million pages from the kirk session and other court records of the Church of Scotland, containing details of key events in communities across the country, have been added to *ScotlandsPeople*, NRS's online research service.

These records offer remarkable insights into the everyday lives of ordinary Scots, recording important moments such as births, marriages and deaths. The church also adjudicated on paternity of children and provided basic education, as well as disciplining parishioners for what could be called anti-social behaviour – drunkenness, cursing and breaking the Sabbath.

The newly-added records also include accounts of how people dealt with exceptional historical

events such as: wars, witchcraft trials, epidemics, crop failures and extreme weather.

Paul Lowe, NRS Chief Executive and Keeper of the Records of Scotland, said: "We are delighted to make the kirk session records available online for the very first time, bringing *ScotlandsPeople* users closer than ever to our past.

"This release has been eagerly anticipated by

many who use our services. It is part of our ambitious and ongoing programme to use digital approaches to provide access to more of our historic records for the people of Scotland and indeed au-



diences across the world."

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture, said: "The kirk session records are a wonderful free resource for



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amateur and professional historical researchers. Spanning almost 350 years and including both notable historical events and incidents from the everyday lives of ordinary people, they offer a great insight into Scotland's past.

"The addition of these records to *ScotlandsPeople* is an opportunity for anyone who

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Culloden Battlefield secrets,
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from being mobilized quickly.

In another event to mark the anniversary, art historian Count Peter Pininski will reveal insights into the real character of Charles Edward Stuart, ‘Bonnie Prince Charlie’, the driving force behind the 1745 uprising which ended at Culloden.

**Controversial Culloden
holiday park plan revived**

NTS is also hosting an interactive debate and discussion about how the moor can be better protected through its Culloden 300 initiative, which seeks to establish how people would like the site to look in 2046 - 300 years after the battle.

The charity recently objected to plans for a new steading in the Culchunaig area of the battle site.

Culchunaig is thought to have seen “major action” from the right-wing of the Jacobites during the clash and was the scene of the last fight of Culloden hero Gillies MacBain, who led the Mackenzies on the field and single-handedly killed 13 government soldiers.

The application was refused by Highland Council, but an appeal has now been lodged by the applicants.

The Culloden 275 celebration is being held online on Saturday 17 April.

It will begin at 11 am with a special service to remember the violent events of 1746 and the thousands who died.

Mr. Curtis-Machin added: “We look forward to welcoming people from all over the globe as we remember 16 April 1746 and consider how it continues to resonate almost three centuries on.”



Announcing the new
**Clan Stewart Society in America
Region V High Commissioner**
and also the new
**Clan Stewart Society in America
Alabama Commissioner!**

My name is Shawn Hatfield, and I am excited to be your Region V High Commissioner.

I am from Kingston, Tennessee.

My Stewart heritage starts with my maternal grandmother and traces back to Scotland from there.

I am married and have four kids and a son-in-law.

I work for Apple and am also an Associate Pastor of Topside Church of God in Louisville, Tennessee, which is about 10-15 minutes from where the Great Smoky Mountain Highland Games are held.

I have served as an international youth director with another organization, and am finishing my degree in Counseling.

I enjoy team building, working on computers and techy stuff, and love learning history.

I hope to see you around at some of the games!

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Some of the funding Scottish Heritage USA has provided over the years:

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| • Culloden Visitor's Centre – media centre | \$300,000* |
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| • Renovation of Eisenhower Suite, Culzean castle | \$50,000* |
| • Scholarships for dance and piping students 2010-2019 | \$50,000 |
| • The National Trust for Scotland USA 2018-20 Corporate membership | \$35,000 |
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| • Renovation of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's Hill House, Helensburgh | \$20,000* |
| • Highland Echoes "Scotland in the Class" | \$16,900 |
| • Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC | \$7,700 |
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Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle



The Hill House, Helensburgh

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Greenville (SC) Scottish Games cancelled 2021

After consulting with community leaders and stakeholders, it is with a great deal of introspection and regret that we announce the cancellation of the 2021 Greenville Scottish Games on Saturday, May 29 at Furman University. This decision was made after exhausting all efforts to successfully schedule and plan the event with the goal of exceeding the expectations of our supporters.

The Board of Directors' priority is always to consider the health and well-being of all who enjoy this unique celebration of Scottish Heritage.

There is a lack of sufficient time in the com-

ing days to confirm our location and adequately plan a safe event that takes into account everyone that

needs to be involved in producing a celebration for all of us to enjoy. The logistical concerns regarding Scottish Clans, pipers, drummers, vendors, athletes, demonstrators, volunteers and our fantastically loyal attendees taken into consideration - along with the national, regional and local guide-



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New Clan Stewart Society in America officers, *continued from page 21*

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need me. I may not know the answer but I assure you we will work together to get it answered!

SlàinteMhath, Shawn
"VirescitVulnere Virtus"



My name is Shantel Stewart and I am thrilled to not only be part of the CSSA, but to be your Alabama Commissioner.

I began my genealogy journey a few years ago and am steadily learning more.

My Stewart ancestry is linked to the Stewarts of Appin in Scotland and the battle of Dunbar.

I believe it is important and humbling to understand where your family came from. I believe that one should know the past to understand the present. You get a sense of pride and passion when you discover the stories and details of your ancestors.

I live in Deatsville, Alabama which is outside of Montgomery.

I have an Associates of Arts and a Bachelors in Business Marketing from Troy University.

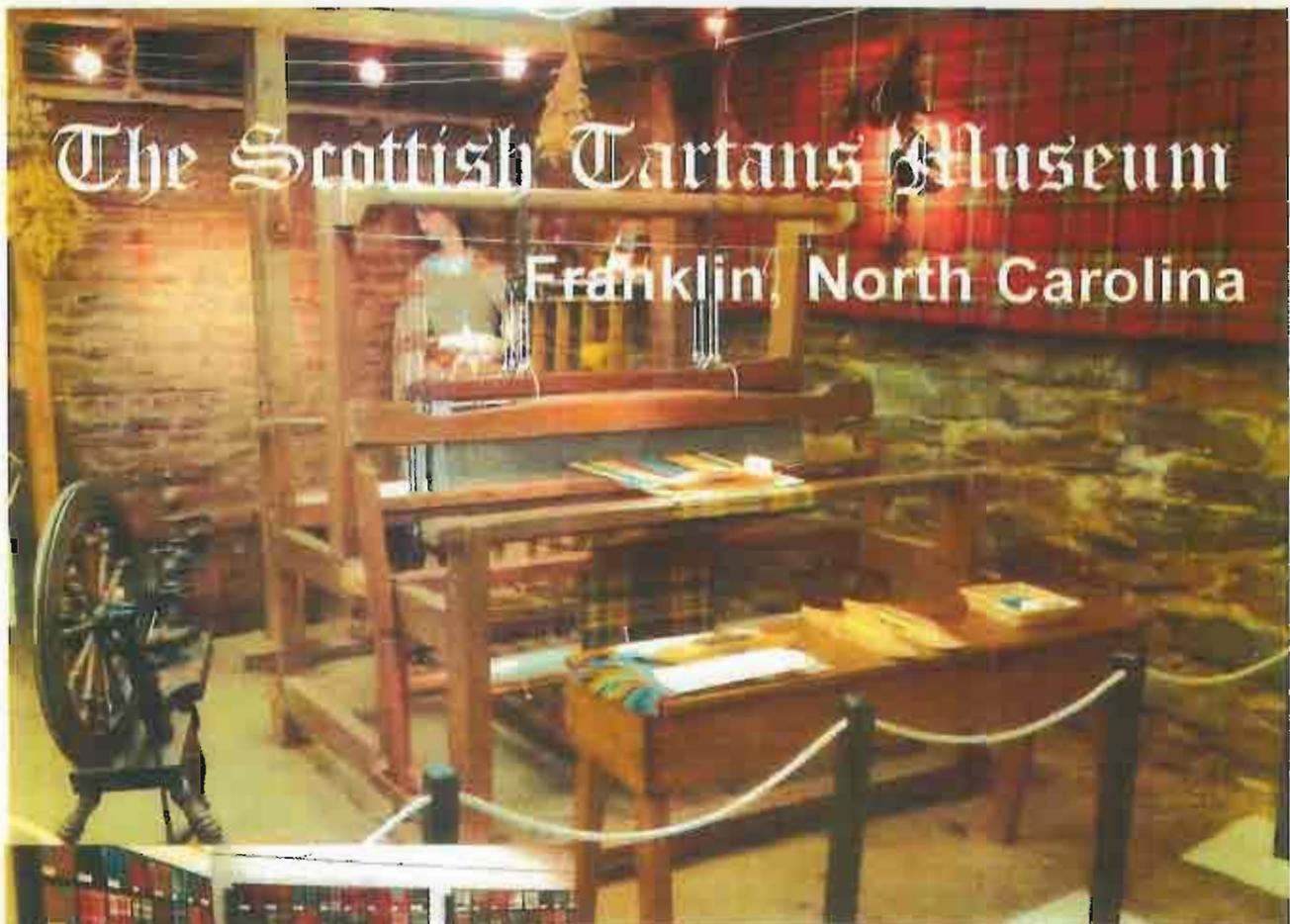
I am a Unix Systems Administrator as a GS employee for the Defense Information Systems Agency. I live with my amazing boyfriend Kyle and our 5 dogs in the country.

My hobbies consist of fishing, hiking, camping, reading books, and traveling.

I have yet to have the pleasure of visiting Scotland, but am planning a trip in the very near future.

I look forward to meeting current members and greeting new members online and at events. Please don't hesitate to contact me for any questions. I am always available to assist in any way possible and am grateful for this opportunity.

Thank you, *Shantel Stewart*



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

www.scottishtartans.org





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lines that could be changing during the coming weeks - we are limited in what we can deliver and we don't want that to be the case.

We will march forward into the planning for the 2022 Greenville Scottish Games and hope that our efforts will usher in a new era of friendship and fun for years to come. The Board of Directors looks forward to our 2022 Games and we have it on the calendar to be held at Furman University, Saturday, May 28, 2022. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Greenville Scottish Games will produce a few smaller events this April and May and we will be releasing more information about these by the end of March.

Yours aye,
 Greenville Scottish Games
 Board of Directors



8th Annual Covenanter Scottish Festival & Highland Games invites you

Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 9 AM
 Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church

The Covenanter Scottish Festival will feature Highland Games, Solo Piping Competitions & Highland Dance Competitions.

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 for more information!

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New records for you,

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has an interest in Scottish history to delve into NRS records and discover more about our fascinating heritage.”

Rev Dr George Whyte, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said: “I am delighted that *National Records of Scotland* are making available Church of Scotland material in this digitised form. This will allow many more people to look into Scotland’s past through the eyes of those in the Kirk who carefully recorded the everyday life of our parishes and wider communities.”

How to access the records

The new record set is digitised and unindexed, presented as individual volumes for users to browse. The images are free to view with a small charge for users who want to save images.

The records of kirk sessions and of higher church courts, such as presbyteries and synods, are the first in a series of digitised record sets NRS will make available via *ScotlandsPeople* throughout 2021 and beyond.



The Church of Scotland

Church of Scotland, containing details of key events in communities across the country, have been added to *ScotlandsPeople*, NRS’s online research service.

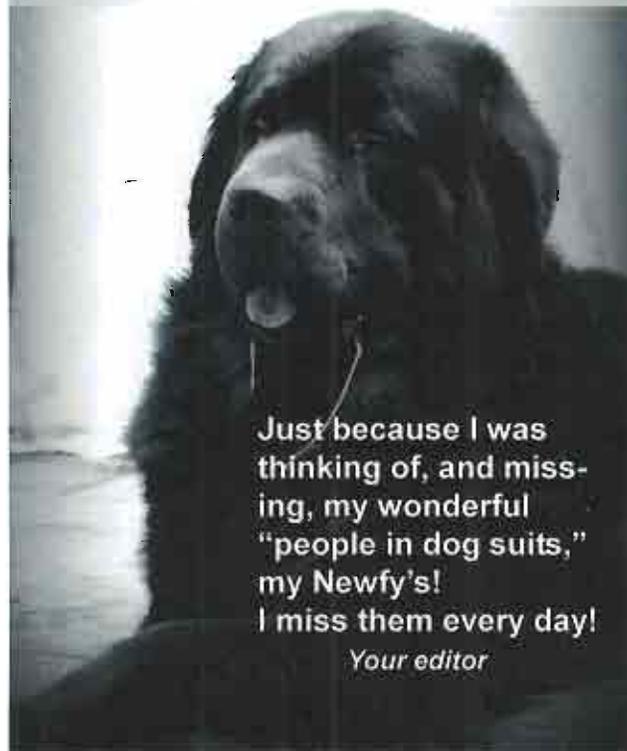
These records offer remarkable insights into the everyday lives of ordinary Scots, recording important moments such as births, marriages and deaths. The church also adjudicated on paternity of children and provided basic education, as well as disciplining parishioners for what could be called anti-social behaviour – drunkenness, cursing and breaking the Sabbath.



The Newfoundland

He possesses beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man without his vices.

Lord Byron



Just because I was thinking of, and missing, my wonderful “people in dog suits,” my Newfy’s!
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Your editor

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the government, planned windfarm development and capture for zoos.

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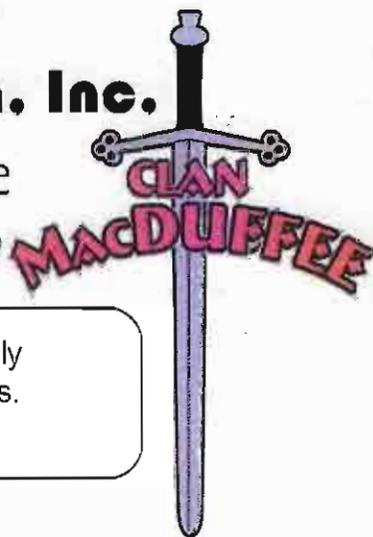
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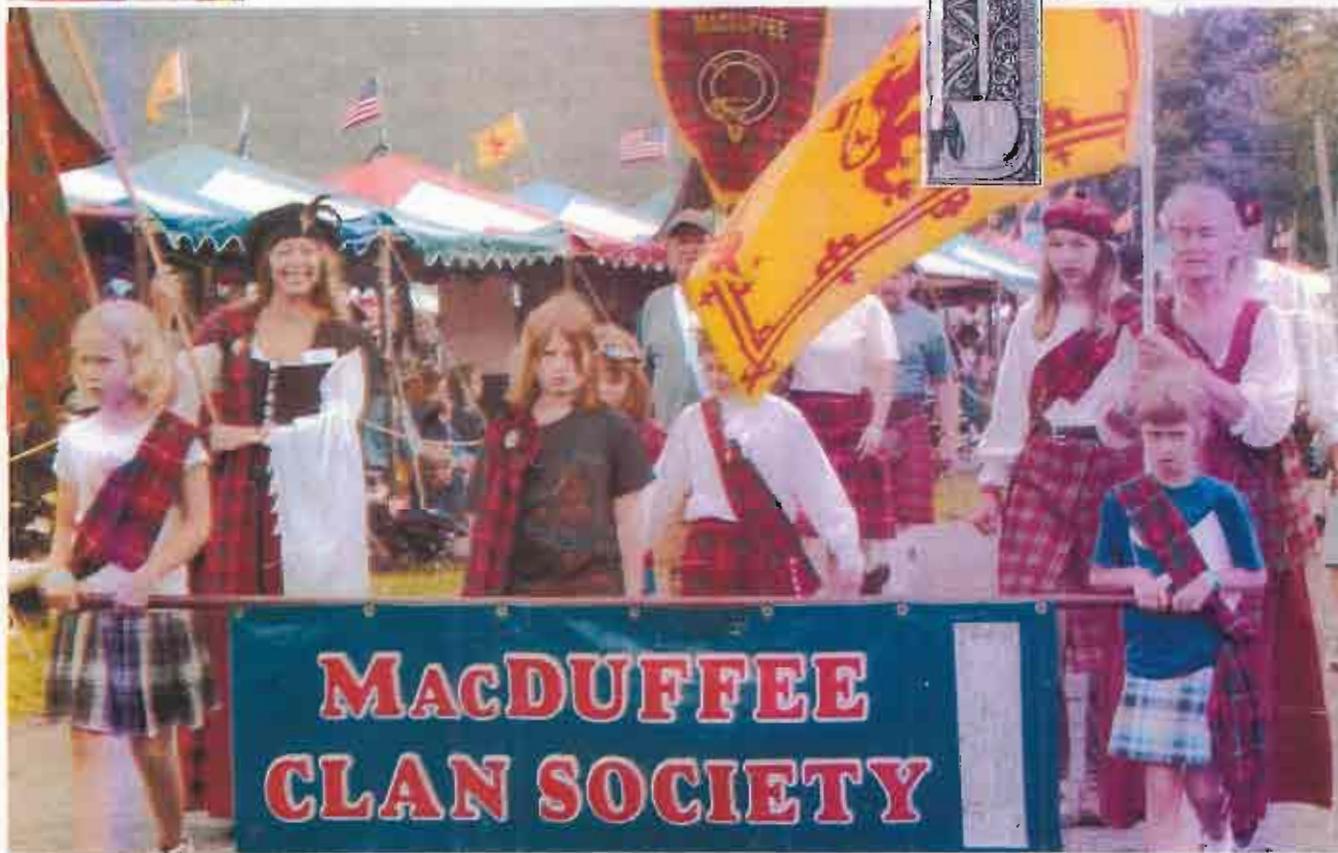
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Linda Frazier, St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, FL

I don't know about you but I really like learning new things and this was an easy, fun way to expand my knowledge of Scotland.

On January 3rd I embarked on a new experience taking free online courses from the University of Glasgow. The University is one of the institutions of higher education that participates in *FutureLearn*, a British digital education platform part of The Open University which provides the public an Open Online Course learning platform from 175 UK and international partners, including nonuniversity partners.

Joining *FutureLearn* and participating in the course could not be easier. Just sign up at <https://www.futurelearn.com/> then browse the course list to find something that you'd like to learn about. The courses are on a diverse range of subjects and they are always adding more. To date I have taken "The Scottish Highland Clans: Origins, Decline and Transformation" "The History of

Slavery in the British Caribbean" and "Robert Burns: Poems, Songs and Legacy" from the University of Glasgow's Centre for Robert Burns Studies.

Each course varies in length and is divided into weeks which you take at your own pace and time. The course is a mix of various activities to complete within the week building on a sequence of straightforward steps to help you learn.

Once you start the course, a link appears on *Your Course's Dashboard* to take you to the course "To do" list, which shows you what to do next.

Courses contain a mix of videos, audios and readings with short quizzes (the outcome is known only to you).

A switch appears at the end of each step that allows you to mark it as complete. This updates your "To do" list. If you're not sure that you properly understood something, you can leave it and come back to it later. Nothing could be easier.

And, it's great fun!



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Recognizing Inaccurate and Misleading Genealogical Records, Citations and Sources

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

False and error filled information can be found in all genealogy sources, including many of the highest rated quality sources. The Internet has proliferated this tendency. In the name of convenience and time, genealogists are increasingly failing to compare original records with the information gleaned from print and online resources. Taking this information at face value, leads to mistakes spreading throughout sources.

Errors are errors whether accidental or intentional. Facts without proper documentation cannot be trusted. No source should be considered unquestionable or deserving of absolute trust. Similarly, the perception that any potential source should be ignored is just as false, even if you feel the source or informant is questionable. Trusting one source or cherry picking items that “seem” to fit is an open invitation to errors and misinterpretation. There are numerous potential scenarios and variations involving errors but here are the most common:

1. Accidental: Errors were caused by speaking, hearing, reading, writing, or memory lapses.
2. Intentional: The informant deliberately provided false information and/or omitted important details. Some of the most common examples

include: a. Intent was to hide information that was perceived to be offensive and/or the desire to paint a negative portrait of the person or family. This tends to be the #1 scenario. b. The possibility of personal, financial, or social gain or advancement influences the informant to provide false or distorted versions of event or situation. c. Informant deliberately exaggerates or embellishes the story or accounts to make themselves look better, impress a listener or reader. d. Rather than admit ignorance of people or events, informants and/or family members will invent or distort information about people/events.

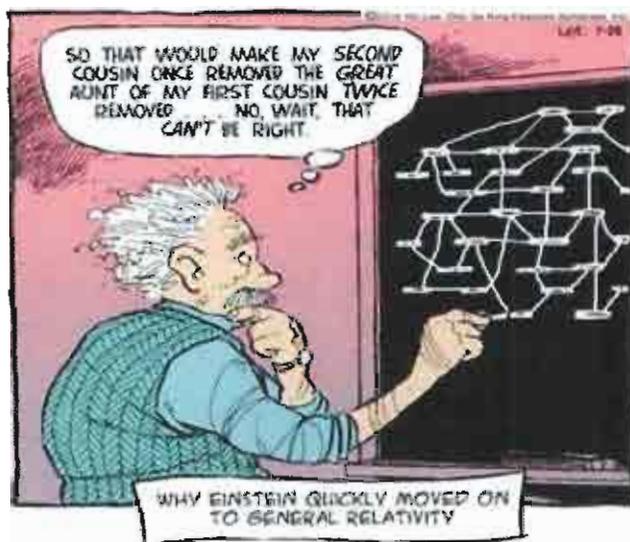
3. Researchers create errors by misreading or misinterpreting accurate sources or

applying them to the wrong people. Using the Internet versus taking the time to compare the information with other primary or secondary sources fosters this spreading of errors and misinformation.

Errors and misinformation can lead to some significant research challenges. Some of the most common discrepancies patrons run into include the following:

1. Baptismal/christening/presentations

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containing the wrong birthdates, names, and sex

2. Birth records with incorrect proper and surnames
3. Death records with incorrect names for the decedent, parents, and places of residence
4. Family Bibles entries with fabricated information.
5. Marriage license applications with incorrect names of bride or groom's father
6. Tax rolls listing a dead man as a living taxpayer
7. Military records omitting a soldier
8. Wills omitting the names of children and falsely identifying bogus heirs
9. Deeds containing incomplete or bogus land descriptions, and incorrect names of the owner

Taking the time to analyze the accuracy of information is not an absolute guarantee of being able to detect errors but it forces researchers to focus on the situation and historical context. The most important question in evidence analysis is "Do the Facts Fit the Circumstances". While there are exceptions to every situation, information gleaned from eyewitnesses taken at the time of the incident or event is more likely to be correct. Information compiled or recorded at the time of the incident or event (original source document or record) is more likely to be correct than information that is obtained via abstracting, hand copied, translated, or transcribed from a prior record or incorporated into a published work. Information obtained after the fact or based on hearsay, specu-

lation, opinions, or sources that are unidentified or questionable, must be taken with a grain of salt.

Most genealogical errors are uncovered by taking the time to compare and contrast independent sources that provide evidence answering the same research questions. The following steps are considered critical in the evidence analysis process:

1. View any uncorroborated records or testimony with skepticism.
2. Search broadly for independent sources that might provide corroboration.
3. Verify independence of corroboration sources, accounts, and testimonies.
4. Reject information that cannot be corroborated.
5. Thoroughly examine research subject's records from birth to death, looking for repetition, patterns, and sequences.
6. Use a variety of formats to compare and contrast seemingly relevant information. The most popular used by experts include a. Language and writing used by the subject in daily activities b. Timelines of events relevant to the event or subject c. Maps and plats d. Tables and spreadsheets

I have several additional guides on evidence analysis that go into greater detail on this topic. All are available free electronically upon request. Feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

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Great Uncle Bertrand didn't have a computer in 1880, so how will you find him on line?