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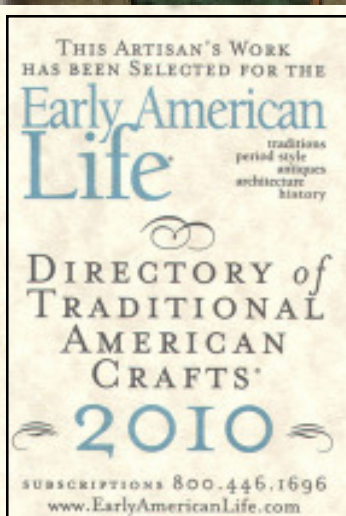


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Rob Piland and his R.E. Piland Goldsmiths booth appear at many Scottish Highland Games along the east coast of the United States. You might visit his website at <http://www.repiland.com> to see his schedule of events.



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2010 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games photos on pages 24-25



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Miss Narra The Wonder Cat





## *A letter from your editor...*

### Miracles do happen...often if we but see them...

I've had friends tell me that miracles only happen in the movies...or in the long ago times of the Bible.

I've had folks tell me that miracles don't happen at all...or only - if they do happen - as tremendous BIG events like the parting of the sea.

To them all, I say, "Ha."

That I am even alive today is a huge, gigantic miracle. If you are reading this, I presume you are alive too - another miracle. If you've driven in Atlanta traffic recently and are reading this...another miracle!

Life is so fragile and so are we. We have grieved over Phil Harris from *Deadliest Catch* on TV. That strong man gone because of a twitch in his blood vessels...

In my own life, it is a miracle that Tom and I ever met. I'd been in south Georgia almost 20 years and he was born and raised and lived here in Walhalla...and we would have never known the other existed had someone from his company not called me and asked me if I thought there was room for a good graphic design company in the Scottish community.

A dear friend of mine who lives on the other side of the planet has a wonderful motto on her coat-of-arms - *Trust and Go Forward*.

She has generously let me share those words. I have given her my own motto from my arms - *Shirk Not the Impossible Task*.

Between those two mottos you can sustain your spirits during some hard and bad times.

Lots of us have been through - and are still going through - rough times. I just learned today that a couple in my Knights Templar group have left their beautiful home in California and moved "East"...because their home was in foreclosure. How in the world do you survive something like that?

You simply have to know that "this too will pass."

Many families have been uprooted and their security destroyed by the loss of jobs or illness.

I lost a longtime friend to breast cancer last year - and another beloved friend has survived the same disease for two years now.

Sometimes you just don't know the "why" of our lives and must simply "*Trust and Go Forward*."

Sometimes miracles are so small that most folks don't even notice them. I started looking for the miracles in my life about 6 years ago...when my life - which I thought would be more of the same for the rest of my life - suddenly turned upside down.

In a moment, nothing was certain.

I cried for months. Continuously. My computer faced the wall, so I could work and nobody would notice the tears splashing down my cheeks. I didn't think I would ever stop crying.

Now, I never stop smiling and giggling.

During that bad time, the miracles of my friends surrounded me. My friends called and emailed and visited. My friends had nothing but encouraging words and hugs and hands to hold.

Please remember how important it is to "be there" for a friend. We create miracles for others when we do.

Somewhere along the way, I remembered what I was taught as a child in Sunday school. "We are never given more than we can bear."

I found one of my grandmother's handmade quilts and would wrap up and would imagine my grandmother's loving arms around me.

I can remember saying, "Lord, I am a leaf upon a river. Just tell me where I am supposed to be and what I am supposed to do."


Those words led me to South Carolina and my sweet and kind and loving Tom.

Yep. Miracles do happen. All the time.

## You're invited to the Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society September meeting on St. Simons Island

The Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society, St. Simons Island, Georgia, will be Sunday, September 12th meeting at the Firestation on St. Simons. The speaker will be professional genealogist and lecturer Ann Staley of Jacksonville. Ann conducts regular trips to Salt Lake City for research and teaches genealogy classes. Note this date on your calendars now.

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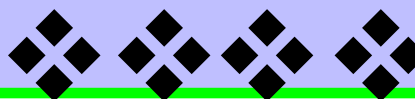


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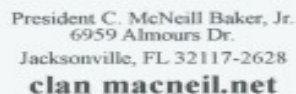
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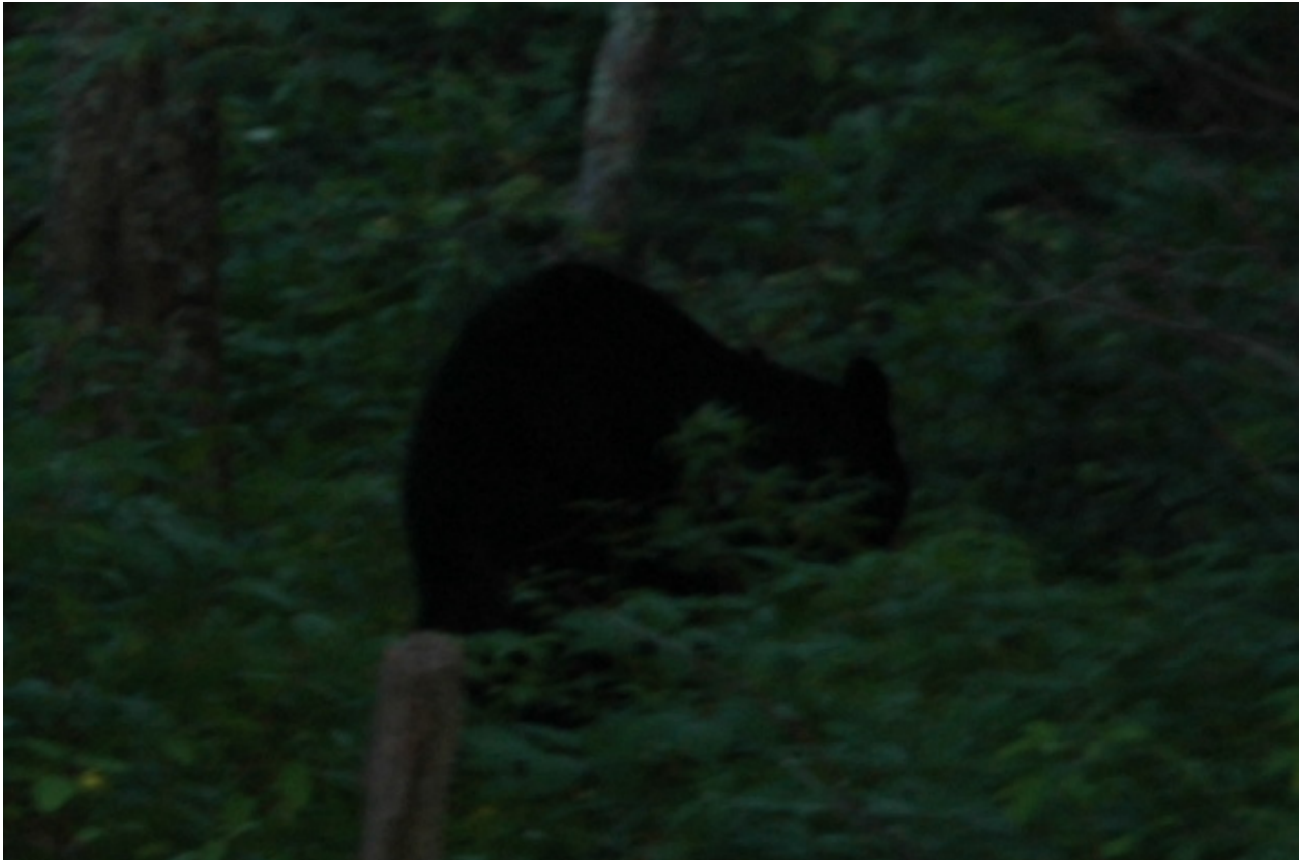
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# Our Grandfather Mountain “Bear Adventure”



To understand this little story, you must first know that at The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games your most prized possession for the weekend is your parking pass. This year, we had a Clansman Patron Pass which is your ticket to all day parking.

Tom is a vendor, so, he had a legal parking place behind the Caberdancer tent which was - if you have been to Grandfather - in the row of ven-

dor tents on the hill to the right of “Preacher Rock” and the pavilion where Scottish Country Dancing and the Sunday morning church services are held. The all day pass got us on the field so we could get to the vendor parking place.

To be able to get into the field and access Tom’s parking place, we had to be at the Games

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# *The Other 70%*

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Galloway, home of the “Belties”, the Black Douglases, John Balliol, Robert Burns, Gretna Green (the destination of eloping couples), Thomas Carlyle (noted writer and historian), Archibald the Grim, Lady Devorgilla, and birthplace of John Paul Jones, “Father of the American Navy” along with Dumfries is the third largest area in Scotland. It also has at its most southwestern point at the end of a peninsula, which juts into the Irish Sea, the Mull of Galloway, which has the distinction of being the southern most point of Scotland.

Its geography varies from over 200 miles of coastline (where many shipwrecks lie or float) with the topography varying from cliffs to seashores in the west to hilly, rugged terrain in the east.

From its western cliffs you can see Ireland, England, and Wales. Galloway is very rural and its current product is chiefly dairy. It is here that the belted Galloway, known as Belties, was developed in the 16th century. This beef cow is noted for the wide band of white circling its belly with the rest of its body being a black, dun, or red color.

The climate is unusual for Scotland and many beautiful gardens such as Threave Gardens (a popular tourist attraction) are found here.

There are many rivers, lochs, reservoirs, and of course, the long coastline, so fishing is also one of Galloway’s industries. Its rivers include the Border Esk, the Annan, Nith, Cree, and Bladnoch as well as smaller rivers such as the Urr, Dee, and

the Water of Luce where a fish called tope is found.

I’ve written earlier about the areas of the Annan (home of the older Bruces) and the Nith.

John Balliol was noted in Scotland’s history when he was chosen by Edward I to be king, over Robert the Bruce, after the death of the Maiden of Norway on her way to receive the crown of England.

Apparently both John and Robert were entitled by birth to claim the crown. Both the Galloway and Dumfries area people supported John over Robert.

John swore loyalty to Edward and to England.

Archibald the Grim was a Douglas (the illegitimate son of James, the Douglas entrusted with the heart of Robert the Bruce), born around 1320. He was known as a statesman and soldier. In 1384 he defeated the English at Lochmaben Castle (one of the Bruce’s homes) thus clearing Annandale of the last of the English at that time. He held the titles of Lord of Galloway and Earl of Douglas.

To mark the occasion of receiving the title of the Lord of Galloway he built Threave Castle on an island in the middle of the River Dee. It was here that he died on Christmas Eve, 1400.

Two centuries later the Covenanters besieged the castle and when it was abandoned they caused all floors, iron, and wood to be removed. The remains of the castle still stand on its little island in

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# Buffalo Plaid is tartan!

Malboro Man wore it . . . Roy Rogers wore it . . . Tom Mix wore it . . . as did the mythical Paul Bunyan, legendary lumberjack of a thousand comic strips. And no self-respecting gun-sliding cowboy would be seen without it . . . Buffalo Plaid . . . as American as apple pie! Or is it?

Officially, Buffalo Plaid or check is “A plaid with large blocks formed by the intersection of two different color yarns, typically red and black.”

Hang on a minute . . . isn't that the Rob Roy tartan? It most certainly is and it's said that it was introduced to north America by a descendant of Rob Roy - one 'Big

Jock McCluskey' sometime lawman, bounty hunter, fur trapper and gold miner and eventually Indian trader.

In the Indians' eyes, McCluskey was no ordinary white man. Awed by his strength and size, McCluskey was hailed an invincible warrior. Both feared and revered, he was equally admired for his compassion. In the anti-Indian holocaust that followed Custer's Last Stand, McCluskey was a rare white man who dared to champion their cause. His reasons were as simple as they were personal: Their persecution and plight mirrored his own family clan's descent from nobility to hunted criminals.

Befriended by the Indians, McCluskey became one of the era's near vanished middlemen: A white man welcome among the Indians who effortlessly mingled between two warring rivals without fear or retribution.

From the Lakota Sioux and Cheyenne, McCluskey bartered for buffalo pelts, offering a myriad of finished goods in exchange, the most coveted among the Indians were the heavy woven Scottish blankets, their dense, hearty weave colourfully emblazoned with his clan tartan's signature red-and-black colours. According to McCluskey's great nephew, Gregor McCluskey, Sioux and Cheyenne warriors were in awe of its red. None had ever seen cloth coloured in such a deep, rich red. They believed its intensely rich hue of red to be a *scorer's hex*, a dye distilled from the spirit blood and ghostly souls of McCluskey's prey and enemies, a belief McCluskey did little to cor-

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# JGS invites YOU!

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m., on August 28, 2010, at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd street.

Our speaker will be Ann Staley, CG. Her topic is "Claws or Clues-Scratching for the Elusive Ancestor." If you think you are at the point in your research that you are encountering "dead ends" and "brick walls," you may need to stop, regroup, check where you have been and where you need to go. This lecture is designed to start the thought process with a systemic research approach.

We will discuss applying a Systematic Research Approach, Analyzing the Research Problem, Criteria for Judging Reliability of Evidence, Timelines, Spreading your "net" Wider, etc.

For additional information please contact Jim Laird, (904) 264-0743.

## **Buffalo Plaid**, *continued from page 8*

rect. Worn in battle and draped across their war ponies, it was prized as a good luck talisman and revered as a spirit guardian that would deliver immortality, even in the face of death itself.

Because it was traded for buffalo hides, Sioux and Cheyenne warriors called it "buffalo plaid." Likewise the U.S. Army outpost and fort traders who bought McCluskey's bartered skins; they, too, nicknamed it "buffalo plaid." Hence was born, sometime in the late 1880s, the uniquely American term: "buffalo plaid."

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## **Our Grandfather Mountain Bear Adventure**, *continued from page 6*



before 7 AM. On Sunday morning, we left our hotel in Marion at 5:30 AM and arrived at the field about 6:15 AM. We made our way to the vendor parking place and settled down to nap until other folks started arriving at the field.

It was very quiet and that early nobody else was stirring.

I love Newfoundland dogs...and was surprised to see out of my peripheral vision, what appeared to be the back of a huge Newfy ambling by the car maybe 2 feet away. I sat up straight which woke up Tom...and he yelped, "Beth! A bear!"

It was a fluffy half-grown black bear, just sort of strolling along marveling at the strange tents and vehicles...I started scrambling for my camera which was in a zippered bag at my feet. In the 15-seconds or so it took me to actually get the camera out, turn it on and open the car door...the bear had made a quick right hand, er, paw turn and sort of dove off of the level ground behind the tents into the steep slope...where he quickened his pace and was gone out of sight in just another few seconds.

Here is the photo I did get. We were thrilled to have seen a bear so close. We both agreed that our 4 AM wake-up call was well worth it as it had allowed us this rare and wonderful experience!

Even though we weren't personally close to the bear at all - and safe and secure in the car - Miss Narra The Wonder Cat did not sleep much last night even if she was thrilled we had come home early from the games. She sniffed and sniffed at both of us...with a puzzled expression on her face.

"Bear! Bear! You've talked to a BEAR!" she said most all night long.

By now, we've both had long and soapy, hot showers...and she has relaxed her vigilance - although she is still looking at us with some suspicion.

# Locating Homestead Land Entry Records that will help your research

**Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian Fort Myers, Lee County (FL) Library**

When individual settlers decided to pursue the homestead option, the first step was to appear in the nearest district General Land Office where an official would accept and register the application, noting the name of the applicant into the tract book. The tract book was the master record for transactions for a specific section, township, and range region. The tract books are organized by tract description and names of purchasers or other type of approved purchaser of a parcel of public land for sale.

Genealogically relevant information contained in these tract books includes:

- √ Tract description
- √ Type of entry for the parcel (homestead, preemption, timber culture, cash purchase)
- √ Number of acres
- √ Cost per acre (the homesteader paid a fee to begin his papers ( usually was \$10 listed in the “rate per acre” column while larger land tracts were labeled “land purchases”
- √ Name of the “purchaser” on the first page. On the second page the record of the entry continues: the date of sale or application
- √ Final certificate or patent number that was issued
- √ Name of person to whom the patent was issued
- √ Date of patent issuance

√ Last column recorded the final disposition status of the tract.

If your ancestor failed to prove up an entry and their name is still in the tract book, it means that a formal application was initiated and that parcel of land was held in reserve for that person until it final disposition. When you locate the page, the final disposition of your ancestor’s entry would be noted across the page, commonly in the last column.

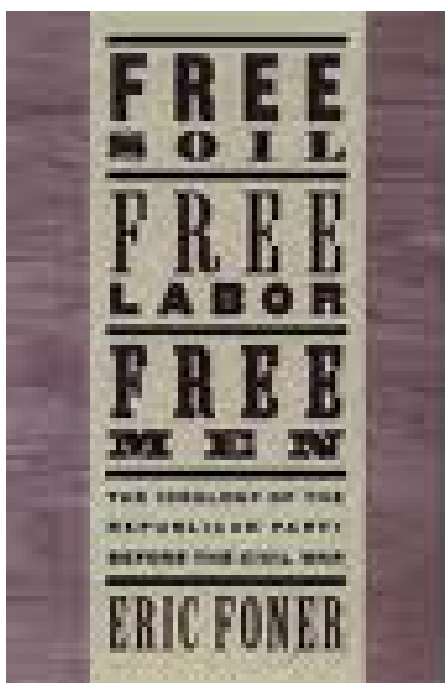
A master set of tract books was maintained in the headquarters offices of the

GLO in Washington, D.C., where they are currently held by the Eastern States

Office of the Bureau of Land Management. You may visit their website at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

for searches and other helpful information. The National Archives also has access to some Bureau of Land Management records and related useful information for researchers at their website <http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/049.html>. Local land office tract books remained within the authority of the district land office.

BLM July 1, 2010, Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian at the Fort Myers-Lee County Library, 2050 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901-3917. Tel: (239) 533-4626, Fax: (239) 485-1160, E-Mail: [bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com)







# Ludlow Porch

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Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.

# Who are these folks? MacKay?

Also known as Morgan (son of Magnus in the early 14th century) and by their Gaelic name “Macodh” or “son of Hugh” (though which Hugh, nobody knows, though Aodh, abbot of Dunkeld has been suggested). Malcolm Macaodh was married to the sister of Somerled of the Isles and became Earl of Ross in the 12th century and the clan became established in Strathnaver in Caithness.

When the 2nd Lord of the Isles invaded the area to claim the earldom of Ross, Angus Dubh Macaodh opposed him but was defeated and captured. However, he married his captor’s daughter (who was also a granddaughter of King Robert II) and gained substantial land. Angus was killed at the Battle of Drumnacoub in 1429.

The Mackays had to defend their territory against their powerful neighbours the Earls of Sutherland but eventually had to sell out the last of their property in 1829 through debt. In 1626 Sir Donald Mackay raised an army of over 3,000 men and fought in the Thirty Years War in Bohemia and later in Denmark. Donald Mackay was created Baronet of Nova Scotia on 28th March 1627. He became Baron Reay (after the name of the clan territory) in 1628 and fought for King Charles I in the Civil War. Later,

Hugh Mackay of Scouri commanded the forces of William and Mary at the Battle of Killiecrankie in 1689. Staunchly Protestant, they fought against the Stewarts in the Jacobite Uprisings of 1715 and 1745. In the 19th century the close links with the continent and Holland resulted in the title of 12th Lord Reay passing to Baron Eric Mackay van Ophemert in the Netherlands.

The next chief of the clan became a British subject in 1938 and worked in the Foreign Office during WW2.



The Irish MacKays, McCoys and Magees probably originated in Scotland, crossing to the Ulster Plantations in the 17th century. The Maccie, Macghee, Macghie, Mackee, Macvail, Scobie, and Bain families are regarded as septs (sub-branch) of the Mackay clan.

Mackay was the 42nd most frequent surname at the General Register Office in 1995.

*Taken from an article at: [www.rampantscotland.com/clans/blclanmackay.htm](http://www.rampantscotland.com/clans/blclanmackay.htm)*

The clan motto is “Manu forti” (With a strong hand).

With many thanks to the North County Scots, PO Box 1953, Vista, CA 92885-1953. You may also visit their website at: [www.northcountyscots.com](http://www.northcountyscots.com)

*Ed note: Did you know that Colin Powell’s mother is a Scottish MacKay? It’s true. My friend, Purdy McLeod, told me so!*

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## Can anyone find John W. Gibson?

I’m looking for the father of **JOHN W. GIBSON**. My great grandfather, **JOHN**, was born in North Carolina in 1838 according to the 1880 census. He was in the Civil War and was wounded and drew a pension according to family legend. They were from Scotland and came through Maryland. My 92 year old uncle told me that when he was a little boy, my grandfather **JOHN**’s son took him to a Walhalla, SC cemetery and stood by a grave but didn’t say anything. Don’t know anything more. **JOHN W.** is buried at Tusquittee, NC. Thank you, **Louise Keasler**. **Contact Ms. Keasler at: <c-keasler@sbcglobal.net>**



# Attracting the Youngsters to our heritage

During the international Gathering in Edinburgh last summer, the term 'generation erosion' came up, giving voice to a worry that the Tartans Authority has had for quite some time and that is the gradual diluting of ancestral roots in successive generations.

So instead of worrying about it, they decided to do something about it.

Their first action is to introduce a junior section to their new website to engage youngsters from the earliest age in 'fun things to do' online that have a uniquely Scottish flavour.

For the very young (and their parents!) they have the colouring book starting off with our old friend the Loch Ness monster. Another book offers a dozen or more blank tartans that are ingenious and fun to colour. Following those will be another couple of books of a more advanced nature for the older kids and that army of adults out there that can't resist a bit of creative input.

They then will look at Scottish-themed jigsaws and the ace in their pack of a brand new tartan design programme for the young. Once they have all those established, who knows what else may be possible!

The theory of all this, is of course, that if we can gently engage the young at a tender age, then we can implant the seeds that will hopefully flourish into a lifelong interest in the heritage of their forebears.

Also at the planning stage is a new membership category called the 'Young Highlanders' with button badges and other benefits. Anyone interested in helping with that or making suggestions – please do contact them at [www.tartansauthority.com](http://www.tartansauthority.com) Charity Number: SC024310

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*Youngsters at the recent San Diego Highland Games in Vista, California.*

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# *A Highlander And His Books*

## A Review of Sam Coull's

### *Nothing But My Sword*

Reviewed by

**Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot**

If you are interested in a Jacobite who fought and gave his all in the '15 and who went on to become a leading Russian General fighting major campaigns in Poland and the Ottoman Empire while being sought by an Empress who lusted after him as a lover, then welcome to *NOTHING BUT MY SWORD*. This is a 220-page book of dynamite!

Fleeing from the Russian Empress Elizabeth, this valiant soldier and leader of military men ended up in the services of Frederick the Great. Sam Coull brings to the literary world the untold story of a man of great courage, and Coull wants the world to know that here is one of Scotland's "greatest soldiers and greatest men". Little heard of, thus not well known, when you finish this book, you will agree with the author on both points. Welcome to the fighting world of Field Marshal James Francis Edward Keith!

You will find a statue of Keith, younger brother to the Earl Marischal, in the town of Peterhead, Scotland. It is a replica of one created for Wilhelm I of Prussia by the artist Taesart. "The original stands in Berlin...and Wilhelm gifted this copy to Peterhead upon request from the town's magistrates." While local citizens today hardly acknowledge the statue of Keith, Coull points out that it is not unusual to see groups of Polish and Russian seamen talking among themselves while gathered at the foot of the statue. Yes, they know more about Keith than the locals. Ask a new citizen about the history of America, and you'll probably learn more American history than you've learned since high school.

I mentioned the word "Jacobite" in the first sentence. I went back and scanned the book and found the word on almost every page of the first 86. After

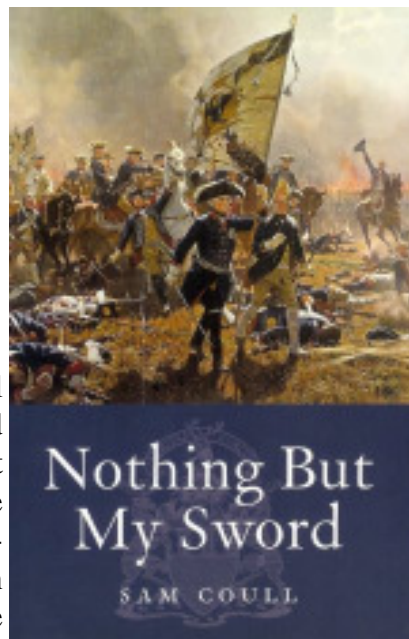
all, note the full name of Field Marshal Keith - it is Jacobite to the core. His family literally lost it all in support of the Jacobite cause.

Had his brother, the Earl Marischal, given his support to Bonnie Prince Charlie, there is speculation on my part that Field Marshal Keith would have been head of "Charlie's army" and the outcome of the '45 might have been different. After all, the greatest general in Europe at that time was a man who had nothing to offer the world but his sword. But what a mighty sword it was, and the size of the various battles during the '45 were miniscule compared to the battles led by this great warrior in the service of the mightiest kings in Europe.

As the old saying goes, "Those that live by the sword shall die by the sword," and the death of Keith was no different. Cornered by a monumental blunder committed by King Frederick at the Battle of Hochkirch, Keith told the King to his face that "the Austrian generals deserve to be hanged if they don't attack us here." It was a mistake very similar to the one committed by Bonnie Prince Charlie at Culloden - being caught defending a patch of ground that was not defensible.

Separated by only a half mile, the Prussians numbered 40,000 and the Austrians 90,000. Awakened at 6:30 a.m. to be told of the losses, General Keith did

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## A Highlander And His Books,

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what he had done so many times as a soldier. He mounted his horse and ordered every man to follow him as he charged into battle. Initially successful in recapturing the battery, the old war horse was eventually forced back. Sometime later, Keith, having taken two bullets in his right side and finding himself surrounded by enemy troops, led a bayonet-fighting retreat only to take a fatal bullet and fall from his horse into the arms of an English soldier, John Tebay, his groom.

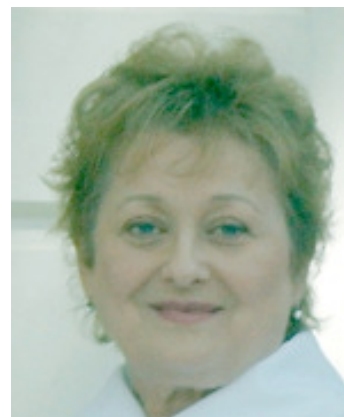
It is said that the Croats stripped the dead of anything of value and, as the author vividly points out, a stripped Field Marshal looked no different than his soldiers. The son of an old friend fighting on the other side eventually identified the man he had known as a mere lad, and Keith was buried with full military honors at Hochkirch. King Frederick had Keith's body exhumed four months later and interred in Berlin, his final resting place. Over 25 years later, a statue to Keith's honor was unveiled on the Wilhelmplatz in Berlin. In 1789, Wilhelm awarded Keith's name to the First Upper Silesian Regiment, and a soldier can only go higher if he goes to heaven!

I digress to say that Wilhelm, while fighting for his life in a tactical withdrawal from Hochkirch, still found time to write Keith's brother, the Marischal, regarding his brother's death. There must have been a mighty bond between the two men as Wilhelm continued to heap honors on Keith over a quarter of a century after his death.

Finally, for any professed modern Jacobite worth his or her salt, (you can spot them at the various Scottish Highland Games wearing their white cockades and adorning the windshields and bumpers of their automobiles with "ECOSSE" signs), please do yourself a favor and check out the Appendix of this book. It is entitled "The Last Earl Marischal and the Jacobite Cause". Here you will find papers in his own words from the Marischal regarding his position on the '45. Do yourself a favor and read them if you've not already done so. It may open a window for you. Many thanks to my friend, Clan Keith's George Newberry, for recommending this book to me a few months back. [ISBN 1-84158-024-4] (1/5/04)

## Dorna Comp to head Clan Skene Society officers

At their Annual General Meeting at the recent Grandfather Mountain Games, Dorna Lewin Comp, from Summerville, SC, was elected the new president of the Clan Skene Society.

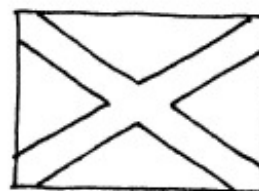
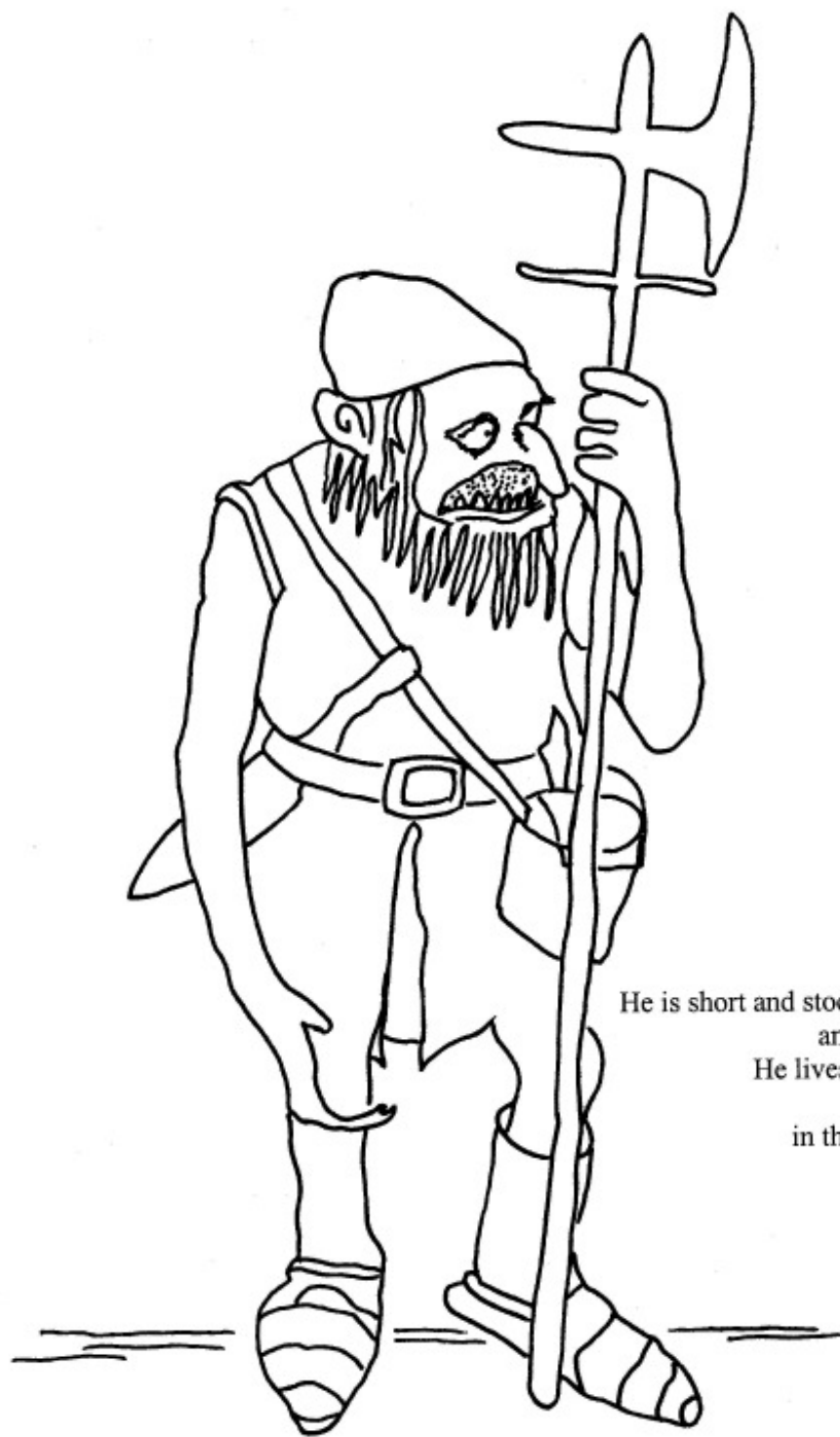


Dr. Charles Stanley is the new vice president with Ralph Comp, Secretary and Susan House, Treasurer.

Contact Dorna Comp for membership information at <dkc1027@yahoo.com>

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## Scotland

### REDCAP:

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in the ancient ruins of castles.

Our Kids Coloring Book with thanks to Barb Ripple  
and Jude MacKenzie and the Northern Arizona Celtic  
Heritage Society.



## Electric Scotland speaks...

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**Alastair McIntyre, <http://www.electricscotland.com>**

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The Electric Scotland Community was launched on Canada Day (1st July, 2010) and is now our permanent community site which we hope will bring together local Scots and Scots in the Diaspora at <http://www.electricscotland.org>

This service has been beta tested for a year now and all we've learned from that has been incorporated in the Electric Scotland Community. What you'll find are some 75 forums on a wide range of topics where you can exchange messages, inform, discuss, learn from and offer your own opinion.

We have also incorporated YouTube videos and so if you wish to include one in your message simply type in the url and it will automatically be loaded as a video when someone reads your message.

We are getting in some really good messages already and have added a few extra forums at members requests and so have added an Armed services forum and a forum for DNA research.

The Electric Scotland Community can be used by individuals, organisations and companies and we welcome hearing from everyone with suggestions on how we can make the community even better and more useful. We were delighted to have the Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph and the Scottish Studies Department of Simon Fraser University taking out forums with us. We also have had expressions of interest from the University of Otago and also a Scottish University who we hope will also come onboard with us in the weeks ahead.

We have a "Links" system where members can add their own web sites. We also allow guests to post their links in our Scottish Links categories. Note however that this new system allows members to post comments on any link and to be sent an email alert when someone adds a comment you do need to be a member.

And so with this system and a business forum under which there is a Scottish Companies forum this can be a great way for Scottish companies to advertise themselves at both home and abroad. We have contacted Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Chamber of Commerce to advise them of this facility and have urged them to make use of it.

On an individual basis each member has their own private message area where they can invite family, friends and colleagues.

You can also create your own picture galleries which can be marked public or private.

Should you be interested in one or more forums you can subscribe to them and so any time a new message gets posted you'll receive an email alert with a link to the message. We will be adding to the community in the weeks and months ahead.

We have already added a Football league where fixtures and results are automatically updated. Right now we have both the Scottish and English Premier leagues available. We are also adding some widgets one of which allows you to listen to UK Radio and TV although the TV may only be available to a UK audience. We also have a widget to personalise Robert Burns' Selkirk Grace. You will also find a Calendar where you can list public events and for the Scots Diaspora we've also added a Highland Games and Celtic Festival calendar. we aim to keep improving the community on an ongoing basis and we will shortly be adding a Facebook interface.

As many will know Electric Scotland (<http://www.electricscotland.com>) is the largest history site on the web devoted to the history of Scotland and the Scots as well as Scots in the Diaspora. We have some 150 Gbytes of content available.

We felt this was the next logical step to make avail-

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# A Saltire for Robert Wisham?

David P. Elliot

As you will see the tomb in Glasgow Cathedral of Robert Wishart is displaying a Union Flag and there is currently a move to try and have the Union Flag replaced by the Scottish Saltire.

**Robert Wishart** was Bishop of Glasgow (1271 – 1316) during the Wars of Scottish Independence and a leading supporter of Robert Bruce. For Wishart and many other fellow churchmen the freedom of Scotland & the freedom of the Scottish Church was one and the same thing.

In 1297, even before that great hero of Scotland, William Wallace arrived on the scene; Wishart was an early leader of the rising against English occupation. His first rising was cut short when he surrendered in 1297 to the English at Irvine and was imprisoned for a time.

Showing what seems to be a large dose of pragmatism (in contrast apparently to Wallace later) he swore fealty to Edward anew only to break it again as soon as he was released.

When in 1306 Robert Bruce and some supporters killed John Comyn in Greyfriars Kirk in Dumfries, an act that led to his excommunication by the Pope; Bruce went to Glasgow to



meet Wishart, in whose diocese the killing had been committed. Rather than excommunicating him as Church Law demanded, Wishart absolved him and urged his flock to rise in Bruce's support. He then accompanied Bruce to Scone, the site of Scottish coronations and with other bishops, in what looks like a well-arranged plan, they witnessed the coronation of King Robert on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Wishart was a leader of the anti-English campaign and he added insult to injury by using timber provided by the English to repair the bell tower of Glasgow Cathedral to make siege engines for an assault on Cupar Castle in Fife.

He was again captured and imprisoned for eight years, going blind during his captivity. He was finally released as part of a prisoner exchange after Bruce's triumph at the Battle of Bannockburn.

He died in Glasgow in 1316 and one commentator suggests he was "*Indisputedly one of the great figures in the struggle for Scottish*

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## A Saltire for Robert Wisham?

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*independence... the patron and friend of Wallace and Bruce, the persistent opponent of Plantagenet pretensions, an unheroic hero of the long war" (Barrow, 1976, p.372)*

Although there is some doubt, it is thought his body was entombed at the back of the crypt in Glasgow Cathedral. The tomb is unlabelled and has been defaced at some point, probably during the reformation.

As far as the campaign to have the Union Flag replaced by the Saltire is concerned, I would suggest that as the Saltire is the National flag of Scotland and I understand it differs from the Royal Standard of Scotland in that it is ***the Saltire which is the correct flag for all individuals and corporate bodies to fly in order to demonstrate both their loyalty and Scottish nationality.*** It seems to me that there are few "individuals" in history who have "demonstrated their loyalty and Scottish nationality" more than Wishart.

It would be nice if the Saltire was displayed to acknowledge this fact.

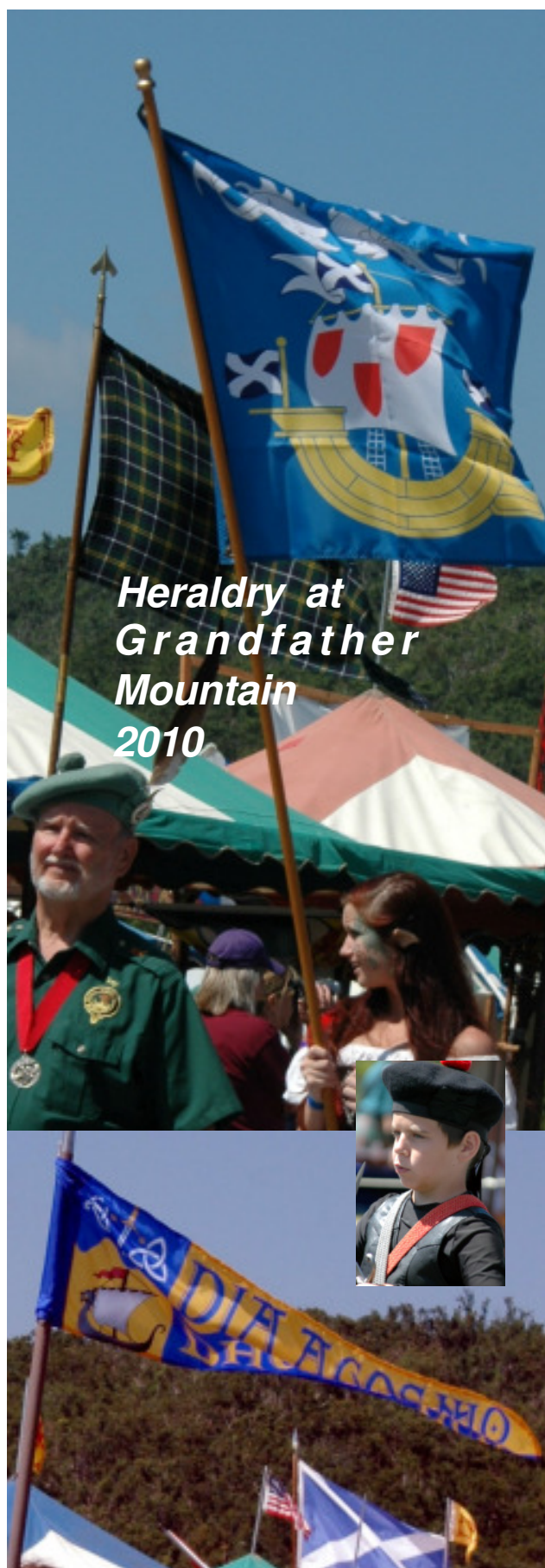
***Pictures courtesy of Google Images***

By David P Elliot

David Elliot was born in 1949 in Reading in the UK and apart from 8 years in the Police Service in the 1970s he spent almost 30 years in the IT industry before leaving to concentrate on his first love, writing.

He has 3 grown up children and 2 grandchildren one of which inspired the novel.

He now lives in Abingdon, UK, with his partner where he is writing a sequel to 'CLAN' and a collection of short stories between indulging his two other passions, cooking and reading. [www.davidpelliot.com](http://www.davidpelliot.com)



Hello: Here are two additional program offerings to be held at the Fort Myers-Lee County Library (FL) in September and October 2010. All programs are free and open to the public.

**Locating Ancestors in Ship Passenger Lists**

Tracing immigrant ancestors arriving at American and Canadian ports of entry can be a challenging process. This seminar will discuss the various techniques and related records types that were generated at the port of entry as well as ports of departure from Europe and the British Isles.

Date: September 11, 2010

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

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Our 2010 Family History Month Series will focus on programs designed to assist researchers at all levels from the beginner to the seasoned veteran. The series will conclude with a Library Research Day where volunteers will assist patrons with specific research challenges utilizing the resources of the Fort Myers-Lee County library Genealogical Collection and databases.

Speakers: Carolyn Ford-Lee County Genealogical Society, Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Library, Carol Weidlich. President, Lee County Genealogical Society

Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm

October 1: Overcoming Genealogical Roadblocks

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# Calling the Scottish Community to Gather

## May 13th and 14th, 2011

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My name is Ed Bodenheimer. I am the new president of the Highland Games at Historic Bethabara Park in Winston-Salem, NC. Our 11th Games will be held May 13th and 14th, 2011.

To raise awareness of the Scottish community in the Yadkin Valley, we are offering a front tag for your car featuring a St. Andrew's cross and the NEW logo of the Bethabara Highland Games; the bonfire to call the Scottish community to gather. \$20 for one tag - \$12.50 each additional tag.

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Celtic dance performances Y N \_\_\_\_\_

Celtic music Y N \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

Performances such as Pipe bands or Celtic music Y N

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship events such as an early evening supper.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Would you rather support the Bethabara Highland Games as a Volunteer or with a \$20.00 Bethabara Highland Games Sponsor donation? Volunteer\_\_\_\_ Sponsor\_\_\_\_

Contact me -< Ed Bodenheimer ed@bodenheimerplumbing.com> or mail this card with a check to Historic Bethabara Park to my address at the top.





# MacDonald of Glenaladale Tartan

*By Peter Eslea MacDonald*

**For many years confusion surrounded the history and correct setting of this sett. In early 2010, after many years of searching, the author finally tracked down the original fragment and within a month a major section of the original plaid was discovered which enabled the details to be confirmed with complete certainty.**

With many thanks to *The Tartan Herald*, the newsletter of the Scottish Tartans Authority, with their permission.

The MacDonald of Glenaladale is one of a small group of tartans where an extant specimen survives that can accurately be dated to C18th. The tartan first came to prominence in 1968 when a scrap was discovered on Prince Edward Isle (PEI), Canada by a Ranald S.J. MacDonald.

The fragment was original owned by an elderly priest who claimed to be a descendent of Capt John MacDonald of Glenaladale and the fragment was said to be from a plaid that had been worn by his father, Alexander of Glenaladale, who, as a Major in Clanranald's Regt., was severely wounded at Culloden. His son, John, emigrated to PEI in 1772 taking the plaid with him and a small portion remains in the possession of his descendants.

Based on details of the fragment Lt. Col Iain B Cameron Taylor of the National Trust for Scotland organised the weaving and for some time the tartan was used by the Trust at their Glenfinnan centre. A slightly different count emerged that was said to be from was buried with him in St are essentially one and the one mistakenly assumed Rome whereas it actually Cathedral in Prince Edward Island — burial story arose and no found to support it.

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at about the same time Alexander's plaid that Peter's, Rome. These same stories but some- that St. Peters was in referred to St Peter's Charlottetown on it's unclear how the evidence has been yet

counts lead to a num- duce the sett including version which is the one Peter had always be- rect and the result of not weaving techniques in- sett to allow the pattern plaid, and also the use patterns.

After placing an en- rum in early 2010 Peter was contacted by a lady who owned the fragment copied in 1968. She was given the sample and other artefacts by relatives who were direct descendants of Capt John MacDonald.

We would have left with Peter's conjecture of the correct setting but for a remarkable coincidence. Less than a month after tracking down the original fragment he was contacted by a small museum on PEI concerning an old plaid that they were tying to learn more about. The first photograph showed a folded plaid that was obviously a larger portion of the original fragment on which he'd been working. . . .

Editor's note: We don't have space here for all of Peter's detailed technical investigation but if this has whetted your appetite, please go to his website and read for yourself the rest of this fascinating research — <http://www.scottishtartans.co.uk/MacDonald%20of%20Glenaladale%20Tar>

# CANALS OF SCOTLAND

With thanks to *The Talisman* - published by The Clan Lockhart Society .

Submitted by William G. Lockhart [#104]

The Falkirk Wheel was opened by the Queen in May 2002. Nothing like it has ever been built before anywhere in the world. Boat lifts are nothing new, though the last built in the UK was in 1875. But a rotating boat lift? The result is awe-inspiring and beautiful: the largest piece of functional sculpture you will ever see.

In the pre-railway era the Central Belt of Scotland had two main canals. The Forth and Clyde Canal opened in 1790 and allowed ships to sail the 35 miles between the Clyde at Glasgow to the Forth at Grangemouth. Enroute they negotiated 40 locks and 32 swing bridges. The second main canal, the Union Canal, opened in 1822. It started in Edinburgh and followed a contour at 73m above sea level for some 30 lock-free miles through the coalfields it was designed to serve to Falkirk. At Falkirk the two canals were linked together by a ladder of 11 locks that allowed boats on the Forth and Clyde Canal to climb the 35m to the level of the Union Canal. These canals eventually went the way of most of Britain's canals, and the lines of both were cut by road building and housing development following their closure in 1965.

The late 1990s saw a resurgence of interest in the use of canals for leisure, which heightened further when developers began to realise how the presence of a canal could greatly enhance the desirability of an area as somewhere to live and work.

And so was born the idea of the "Millennium Link", the complete refurbishment of the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Union Canal. Just about every bridge and lock on the network needed major

work, and stretches of canal had been filled in during the construction of 1960s housing estates in both Glasgow and Edinburgh and had to be dug again. And in one place the M8 motorway had to be raised to provide clearance not thought necessary when it had been built over the disused Union Canal.

The total budget for the Millennium Link was £84.5m, £32m of which came from lottery funds. By far the largest single element, £17.5m, was spent tackling the problem that had first been encountered in the 1820s: how to bring the two canals together. The site of the original flight of 11 locks had been re-

developed, and while 11 locks might have been an acceptable solution for a professional boatman in the early 1800s, it was hardly likely to be attractive to the leisure sailors of today.

The solution is the Falkirk Wheel. Boats approaching from the higher Union Canal now use a new



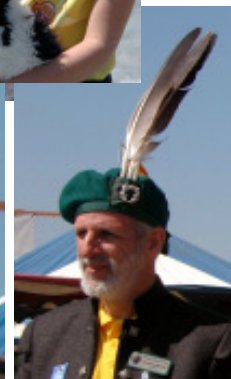
length of waterway before descending through two locks. They then progress through a new 168m long tunnel that emerges at the start of a 104m concrete aqueduct. The far end of this opens directly into the upper of the two "gondolas" of the Falkirk Wheel. The wheel then rotates, and having descended, what is now the lower gondola opens out into a 100m circular basin whose landscaping carefully conceals its origins as an open cast pit. On one side of this is the beautifully curved structure of the visitor centre. One final lock at the far end of the basin lowers boats to the level of the Forth and Clyde Canal.

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# Grandfather Mountain Highland Games 2010



# Tallahassee St. Andrews Society elects new officers

The Annual Business Meeting and fish fry held recently marked the election of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors of the Tallahassee St. Andrew

Society. Elected by accla-mation were: Doris Henderson - President, Evan Hume - V.P., Kim Baldwin - Secretary, Jacquie Hume - Treasurer, Mary Rixey - "Piper", Babs Stewart - Membership, Jean Holzapfel - Educator, Dan MacDonald - Trustee, Don Wilson - Trustee, Laurie Long - Trustee, Jack Madden - Trustee, Jim Urquhart - Chaplain, Nick Baldwin - Historian, Eric King - Newsletter Editor and Darwin Gilmore - Webmaster.



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## Canals of Scotland, *continued from page 23*

signposted from every approach to the Falkirk area. Entrance to the visitor centre is free, and inside you will find a range of background material on the Millennium Link and on the Falkirk Wheel itself. You will also find a large shop and a cafe selling a range of good value food.

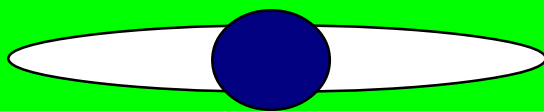
But it is the Falkirk Wheel itself that draws visitors to this spot. It is 35m or 115ft high, the height of eight double-decker buses. Each gondola contains 300 tonnes of water, meaning that the wheel moves 600 tonnes on each lift. But because the gondolas are always in balance (because boats

displace their own weight of water) moving them takes surprisingly little power. Up to eight boats can be carried at any one time. And while many visitors will be happy simply admiring a remarkable structure designed both to look good and function well, the real experience only comes from trying it out for yourself.

You board your hour long trip in front of the Visitor Centre before being lifted in the wheel to the length of canal through Roughcastle Tunnel. Beyond the tunnel your boat turns, before return-

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the Dee in Kirkcudbrightshire in Dumfriesshire.

Lady Devorgilla is best known for carrying her embalmed husband's heart with her until she died. She had an abbey built in New Abbey near Dumfries in his memory. When she died she was buried there with her husband's heart. The monks subsequently renamed the abbey from New Abbey to Sweetheart Abbey. Lady Devorgilla's tomb can still be seen there.

Robert Burns lived in Galloway for a good part of his life and wrote many of his poems there.

With such a large coastline and with its proximity to Ireland, Galloway was very likely have been the exit point for many Scots fleeing their homes and persecution, famine, etc.

Not much is heard or read about Galloway, but the area has contributed a great deal throughout Scotland's history, just not as vividly nor infamously as the Highlands, Edinburgh, the Borders and other more 'colorful' areas of Scotland. .



## **Canals of Scotland, continued from page 27**

ing through it and descending via the wheel. Advance booking of boat trips is highly recommended.

And if one wonders of its age is not enough for you, footpaths from the Falkirk Wheel take you a little over half a mile to Rough Castle Roman Fort, complete with one of the best preserved stretches of the Antonine Wall.

<http://www.undiscoveredscotland.co.uk/falkirk/falkirkwheel/>

With many thanks to *The Talisman*, published by the Clan Lockhart Society. Contact them by getting in touch with membership secretary & scholarship committee chairman, Deanna Dodd, 107 Creeden Drive, Moneta, VA 24121. Call: Home: 540-297-2894. Email: ddodd06@gmail.com



## **Electric Scotland Community,**

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able a community in which people can exchange information on all aspects of Scotland be it history or what is happening today in Scotland. While the system is a Scottish one it is open to all to join no matter what country you live in or what ethnic group you belong to.

We thus hope it will develop into a great international community with a Scottish bias.

We invite you to view the system as a Guest but hope you will want to get involved by registering as a member. You can find us at <<http://www.electricscotland.org>> To clarify the registration process... you are asked for your date of birth as the first question. This is to do with being a child friendly site as we need to be able to identify anyone under 14 years of age. This is so we can then ask for their parents email address so we can ask their permission to let their child into our community. When you complete the registration you are asked to input the letters and numbers from the captcha graphic. In the event you can't read the letters and numbers there is an audio option which you can use. We have already had a visually impaired member tell us that this was a great option as otherwise she wouldn't have been able to register. As we are doing our best to eliminate spammers from the system your email address is matched against a known spammers list and if you pass that test then we send you an email in which we ask you to click on a link to verify you are who you say you are. When you do that your registration is complete.

There is however one final step on our side. We manually check your email address with the known spammers list. If you pass this step then we activate your account but as this is a manual process it could take some hours for us to activate your account as you might just have registered as we are heading off to bed. We hope this final manual process won't be needed as we're just testing how well the known spammers list is doing. Should it prove to be accurate then we'll remove the manual activation in which case everything will be a lot faster.

And so we look forward to you becoming a member and thus bringing local Scots and those in the Diaspora together to be a great meeting place.





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