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Alex Beaton hurt in home accident

This was my first information that Alex Beaton, friend and Scottish entertainer, had had an accident. It was from Jude McKenzie who lives in Flagstaff, Arizona: "Linda Beaton called me awhile ago and told me Alex had an accident late Saturday night (July 2).

He wasn't feeling well and she thinks (nobody actually saw) that he tried to get up out of his chair on the back patio and fell backwards into the chair, then the chair fell back and he broke his neck. He wasn't feeling well anyway....had bronchitis.

He was taken to the hospital, then transferred to another hospital where he had surgery...they put a steel rod in his spine but he is currently paralyzed from the neck down. They have no idea what will come, what kind of recovery he will have."

This is part of a letter from George Flew - a close friend of the Beatons and is dated July 18. His message was forwarded to me by eight friends from all over the country: "Well, I just got in

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David Henderson honored with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine

One of the highest honors the Governor of North Carolina can bestow on a North Carolina citizen. David R. Henderson received this award on 1 May of 2011.

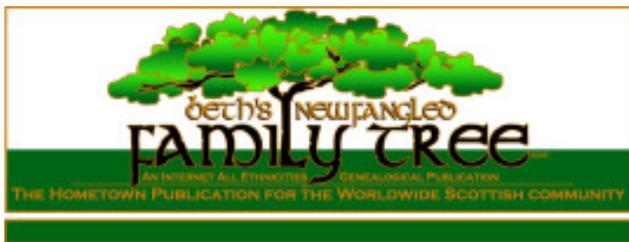
Created in the mid-1960s, the award is given to residents in recognition of a proven record of service or some other special achievement. The recipient receives a certificate and the privilege of proposing, at any time, The North Carolina Toast.

*Here's to the land of the long leaf pine,
The summer land where the sun doth shine.
Where the weak grow strong and the strong
grow great,*

Here's to "down home," the Old North State!
The award was presented at David's retirement with over thirty years of service to The State of North Carolina.

Congratulations, David!

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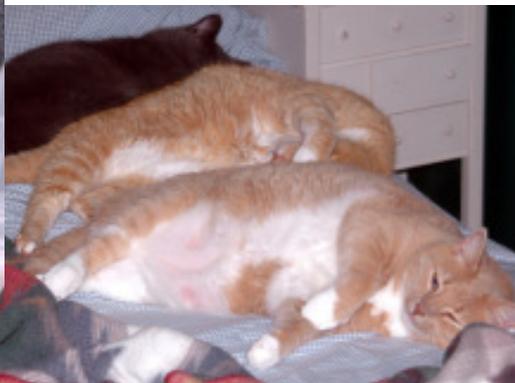
*Miss Narra
 The Wonder Cat.*



*Not shown this time,
 Miss Priss and Whimsy.*

Most of our Cat Family

To the middle left, The Golden



Boys - that's Peggie Hairy in back and Bicket - our teenager. Below that's Tom's cat, Angus with Peggie Hairy and Bicket...and above right, Bicket again.

Bicket and Peggie Hairy started life as feral cats. Narra was a wonderful accident of a Maine Coon and a Siamese cat who were never supposed to meet...and Angus, a Chartreuse, was found under the UPS box in Walhalla.

A letter from your editor...

Who didn't live green?

In line at the grocery store the other day, I asked for a few new grocery bags since I use them for collecting cat litter - and holes in those sacks are a no-no.

The darling, very young cashier told me that not only should I not ask for extra grocery sacks, I should bring my own bags because the plastic bags were not "healthy" for the environment.

Mmmmm. I thought. "We didn't need to worry about plastic bags back when I was your age," I said quietly.

The cashier looked at me with all the wisdom of her years and said, "Well, that's the problem today because you did not care enough to save our environment.

I just quietly gathered my little sacks of groceries and left.

On the way home, I thought about the exchange of words at the grocery store cash register.

When I was her age, everybody returned bottles to the store - be they soda bottles, beer bottles (not in our house), or milk bottles. You had to do it. Soda bottles were good for CASH. As it was only nine cents to go to the movies...you could collect enough soda bottles to see the Saturday morning movies which included cartoons, a news reel, several serials that we all loved...and at least two movies. It didn't take selling that many soda bottles to have enough money for popcorn too!



Those bottles were sterilized and washed and sent back to their respective plants to be used over and over again. Isn't that called "recycling?"

Speaking of movies - I walked to the movies and to grammar



school and to the park. I walked or rode my bicycle anywhere I went. I do not remember EVER being driven anywhere by my mother. Trips to downtown Jacksonville, Florida were by City Bus.

There was an elevator in Cohen's downtown, but I don't remember another one anywhere that I went often. I went somewhere and walked up the necessary steps.

My brothers came along and so did the Baby Dy-Dee man. There were no disposable diapers. The Baby Dy-Dee man came each day with clean and sterilized diapers and took away all those little boy-generated dirty diapers.

Our clothes were washed in a wringer washing machine and hung on the clothesline to dry in the sun and ocean breeze that we almost always enjoyed.

I did not know there were such things as new clothes until I was almost grown. My grandmother made my clothes from fabric chosen from the

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40th Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering

September 17th, 2011
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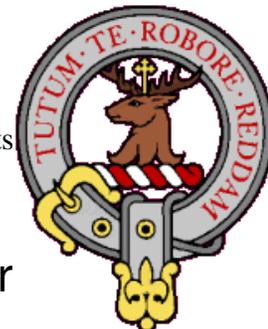
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According to a recent poll, postmen were voted Britain’s friendliest workers. Of the 2,000 Brits surveyed, 36% selected *Posties*. In a close second were “pub land-owners” at 33%. This no doubt pleased the people at Guinness beer who commissioned the survey as part of their “Friendliest Day of the Year” advertising campaign for St. Patrick’s Day.

At the other end of the survey, Britain’s bus and train drivers were said to be the least friendly workers

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For the weather forecast in Scotland: www.metoffice.gov.uk



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Alex Beaton, *continued from page 1*

from my trip to East Tennessee and I was able to spend some time with Alex and Linda both going and coming. I must say that, not having seen Alex in a week, he really seemed to be much better. They have cut back considerably on the medication and he is much more alert and communicative. He asked about his web site and Linda showed him what has been posted which pleased him. His whole demeanor is much improved over last week.

They performed another MRI on him this weekend and it showed continued swelling. It also showed some bruising along the spinal

cord. This explains the progress being slower than all of us would like. However, they report that they are delighted with the increased feeling that he exhibits when they do their daily tests.

Linda has not yet got word on when he will be moved out of ICU. However, remaining in ICU is not all bad news. This will put him in the best condition when he does leave.”

At this point, July 20, there has been no official news from Alex’s folks nor a press release.

If you would like to send a card to Alex Beaton, you may send to Alex Beaton, PO Box 681707, Franklin, TN 37068.

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A McCord from South Africa offers real, true adventure with sharks

With thanks to Howard McCord and Clan MacCord

Hi Howard, Just to give you a bit of a background: I am actually a McCord from Canada. My father was adopted into a family with father Fred McCord and mother Dorothy McCord. I have been living in South Africa off and on since 2003 when I came to do my Master of Science degree in Fisheries Science, concentrating on stock assessment and management of sharks.

Following the completion of my MSc, I returned to Canada with my now husband, Mike Gray (a Zimbabwean by birth, now a British citizen).

In 2006 we returned to South Africa and have settled in Hermanus in the Western Cape Province. I founded a non-profit shark research and outreach organisation called the South African Shark Conservancy (SASC) in 2007.

Since then SASC has been involved in some truly exciting research, including the discovery of the world's largest bull shark and an ongoing research programme with the recreational angling fraternity through which we are trying to determine the impact of angling on sharks, skates and rays.

SASC also conducts outreach and education programmes within the greater SA community. We do a lot of work with the previously disadvantaged community to impart the importance of the marine environment to human health and happiness. Much of our work is with school children and the fishing communities - those people who will have - and currently have the greatest impact on conservation strategies/success.

As a non-profit organisation, SASC seeks

funding through grant proposals and donations. We currently have two full-time staff members (myself and my colleague Tamzyn) who work on a volunteer basis. Deriving a sustainable source of income to ensure Tamzyn and I receive salaries has been a major challenge for the company, and is something we are hoping to change in the coming year. We have recently started a paying internship programme whereby people interested in marine conservation pay US\$950 per month to come and work for SASC. This includes the cost of their accommodation and all field trip related costs.

The programme started in September 2010 and we have had 7 interns to date from Australia, the US, France, and South Africa. It is our hope this programme will help us pay for costs associated with research and assist in providing our hard working staff

with some salary. Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions. All the best, Meag

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Traditional Scottish Recipes

Dilled Salmon Cakes



Ingredients:

- ◆ 2 cups fresh bread crumbs
- ◆ 2 eggs, beaten
- ◆ 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- ◆ 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- ◆ 2 teaspoons minced fresh dill weed
- ◆ 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- ◆ 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- ◆ 1 (14.75 ounce) can salmon, drained
- ◆ 2 tablespoons butter

Method:

In a large mixing bowl, place 1 1/2 cups bread crumbs. Set aside remaining 1/2 cup. Add eggs, parsley, green onions, dill weed, lemon juice and black pepper. Mix well.

Add salmon and mix with hands, breaking up salmon into small pieces. Form into 8 patties; each about 1/2 inch thick.

Place remaining 1/2 cup bread crumbs on a plate and dip both sides of the salmon cakes into crumbs.

In a large skillet, melt butter. Fry salmon cakes over medium heat for about 3 minutes or until golden brown and crisp. Turn, adding more butter if necessary, and fry about 3 minutes on other side.

From: <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/easy-salmon-cakes/detail.aspx> with thanks to North County Scots newsletter, Cherie McGruer, editor. Contact Cherie at cherie.mcgruer@cox.net

Your editor planted her "farm" in pots placed on the "porch" of our Cat Veranda (A big dog pen lined with finer screen for cats - that somewhat relieves the pressure of five cats in a smallish house!) It's on a large wooden deck outside the back office window and has maybe a 6 ft x 12 ft space that gets lots of sunshine. In my pots are fresh parsley, green onions, dillweed as required

by this yummy sounding recipe...as well as about two dozen other herbs. It's been the most fun! I have 3 tiny baby watermelons...and big and little tomatoes...and even Chinese eggplant that I'll be able to pick in another day or two!

I will make these patties for supper tomorrow - featuring home grown herbs!

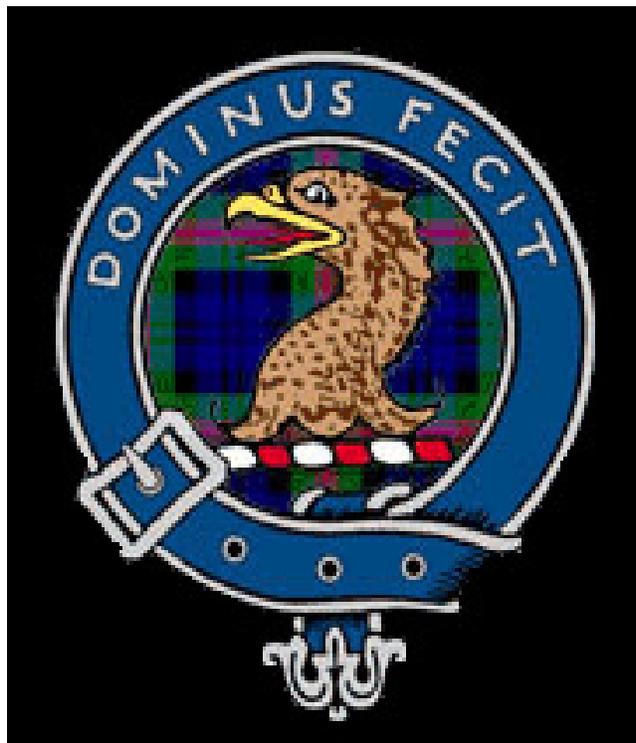
Yes, I do have catnip growing for all the kitties. They love it.

Everyone loves the Cat Veranda EXCEPT Miss Narra who does not wish to be even that close to "outside." Her feet have never touched dirt.



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www.capecodscottishfestival.org/](http://www.capecodscottishfestival.org/)

√ **August 6:** St Andrew's Society of Detroit
Highland Games Southfield, MI [http://
www.highlandgames.com/](http://www.highlandgames.com/)

√ **August 6 – 7:** Monterey Scottish Highland
Games and Celtic Festival, Del Ray Oaks, CA [http://
www.montereyscotgames.com/](http://www.montereyscotgames.com/)

√ **August 6 – 7:** Monterey Scottish Highland
Games and Celtic Festival, Salinas, CA [http://
www.montereyscotgames.com/
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√ **August 13 – 14:** Colorado Scottish Festi-
val and Rocky Mountain Highland Games, Den-
ver, CO, Highland Ranch, CO [http://
www.scottishgames.org/](http://www.scottishgames.org/)

√ **August 20:** Maine Highland Games &
Highland Festival, Augusta, ME [http://
www.mainehighlandgames.org/highlandgames](http://www.mainehighlandgames.org/highlandgames)

√ **August 27:** Kalamazoo Scottish
Festival, Oshtemo, MI [http://
www.kalamazooscottishfestival.org/](http://www.kalamazooscottishfestival.org/)

√ **August 27:** Long Island Festival and High-
land Games, Huntington, NY [http://
www.liscots.org/](http://www.liscots.org/)

√ **August 26 – September 3:** Valley of the
Moon Scottish Fiddling School, San Francisco, CA
<http://www.valleyofthemoon.org/>

√ **September 2 – 4:** Wisconsin Highland
Games and Celtic Fling, West Allis, WI [http://
www.wisconsinscottish.org/](http://www.wisconsinscottish.org/)

√ **September 3-4:** Capital District Scottish
Games Altamont, NY <http://scotgames.com/>

√ **September 3 – 4:** Virginia Scottish Games
Alexandria, VA <http://www.vascottishgames.org/>

√ **September 9 – 11:** Longs Peak Scottish /
Irish Highland Festival, Este Park, CO [http://
www.scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html](http://www.scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html)

√ **September 10 – 11:** Sycamore Shoals
Celtic Festival Johnson City, TN [http://
www.shoalsceltfest.com/](http://www.shoalsceltfest.com/)

√ **September 10:** Ligonier Highland Games
Bethel Park, PA [http://
www.ligonierhighlandgames.org/](http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org/)

√ **September 10 – 11:** Columbus Scottish
Festival Columbus, IN [http://
www.scottishfestival.org/](http://www.scottishfestival.org/)

√ **September 17:** Celtic Highland Games of
the quad Cities, IA [http://
www.celtichighlandgames.org/](http://www.celtichighlandgames.org/)

√ **September 16 – 18:** New Hampshire High-
land Games Concord, NH <http://www.nhscot.org/>

√ **September 16 – 18:** Oklahoma Scottish
Festival Tula, OK [http://
www.tulsascottishgames.org/](http://www.tulsascottishgames.org/)

√ **September 17:** Charleston Scottish Games
and Highland Gathering, Charleston, SC [http://
www.charlestonscots.org/](http://www.charlestonscots.org/)

√ **September 23 – 25** McPhersons Scottish
Festival, McPherson, KS [http://
www.macfestival.org/](http://www.macfestival.org/)

√ **September 24:** Dandridge Scots – Irish
Festival Dandridge, TN <http://www.scots-irish.org/>

√ **September 23 – 25:** Celtic Classic High-
land Games and Festival, Bethlehem, PA. [http://
www.celticfest.org/](http://www.celticfest.org/)

√ **October 1:** North Alabama Scottish Festi-
val, Scottsboro, AL [http://
tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org/North-Ala-
bama-Scottish-Festival.htm](http://tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org/North-Ala-bama-Scottish-Festival.htm)

√ **October 1:** St Andrews Society of Con-
necticut Scottish Festival [http://www.sasct.org/
festival.html](http://www.sasct.org/festival.html)

√ **October 7 – 9:** Seaside Highland Games,
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http://web.ripnet.com/~nimmos/highland_games.html

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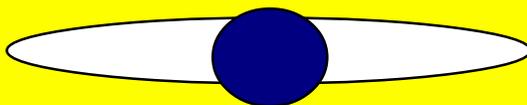
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SCOTS OR GAELIC?

So, we are all aware that the Gaels speak Gaelic. Gaelic Highland Culture is rooted in the language. The “Gall-Gaels” first language was Gaelic. Gaelic Culture was so strong that even the Viking invaders to both Ireland and Scotland’s Western Isles were culturally Gaelic within a generation of settling there.

The Lords of the Isles and Clan Donald held on as a bastion of Gaelic language and Culture for centuries against the ever oppressive surge of English.

“Scots” is really a misnomer – being an English dialect heavily influenced by Danish, Angle, and Saxon. (Hence, “*wee bairnes*”, for children, as an example.) For much of its history, Scots was an antithesis to the Gael. As Scots became dominant over most of the lowlands and northeast, it became the first English dialect learned by the Gaelic Highlanders.

Inevitably, there was a cultural blend of the Gael and Scots in spite of religious strife and blood feuds. No better evidence of this is via the works

of Robert Burns. Within his Scots tongue was emblazoned the fire of Highland freedom. “*Scots Wae Here*” is at the pinnacle of all freedom songs. It is the Marseillaise of Scotland.

Music is the true lifeblood of a culture. The pure beauty of the Gaelic ballads, be they hundreds of years old or 20 years old, still stir the pulse of any Highland heart. How empowering to the inner soul is “*Mo Gille Mear*”, or “*The Gael*” by Dougie Maclean.



Songs separated by centuries the Highlands.

We may never know Gaelic fluency again, but remember what the Poet Bard said: “*An fearr Galig briste na Beurla Cliste!*” Better broken Gaelic than polished English!

Respectfully submitted, Danny McDaniel, Arkansas Deputy Commissioner, Clan Donald USA. You may email: macdomhniall1@aol.com

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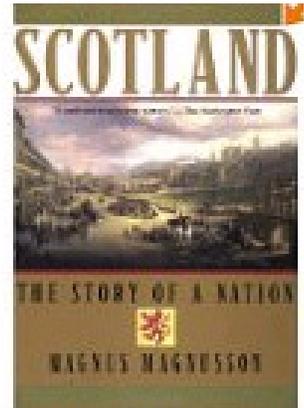


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A Highlander And His Books.

Scotland: A story of a Nation

Magnus Magnusson



Reviewed By Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Dawsonville, GA

I probably have over two dozen books in my library on the history of Scotland. Included in that number are several histories ranging from two to eight volumes. Some are as modern as Ross, MacLean and Tranter. Others are as ancient as Browne, Taylor, Beattie and Tytler. Some date back to the 18th and 19th centuries. Pardon me, but I sure do not want to leave out Sir Walter Scott's *Tales of a Grandfather*, which played a very significant part in Magnus Magnusson's history of Scotland. (We will revisit this work of Scott's later in the review.)

The theme of most of the writers today is "concise" whereas the men of yesteryear, well, they wrote and wrote and wrote volume after volume and would probably still be writing today if they were alive! Yet, both groups have a common denominator - they tell the wonderful story of a brave, struggling nation, always outnumbered, mostly undermanned, and more likely than not, under prepared. These brave ancestors of ours fought and died for their independence and for that precious word those of us on this side of the pond know about firsthand - freedom. They fought time and time again. Yes, we have another history about Scotland. For some reason it always amazes me when I see another new volume on the bookshelves of the book peddlers, and I usually avoid them. Another book on Scotland, I ask? Hey, what's left to write? How many ways can that *auld story* be told?

We are fortunate, and now I am glad, that one

more author decided to write about our Motherland one more time. I am even happier that I did not let my misguided feelings about another book on Scotland's history stop me from making this purchase. Magnus Magnusson, what a great name, he of television fame and the author of over thirty books, will warm your hearts as the old stories are told with his insight and explanations. Magnus has done all of us a big favor by writing *Scotland: The Story of A Nation*. When I picked up the book at Barnes & Noble to look through it, I almost dropped it because it was so heavy. Upon further examination, I found out why - the publishers used a top-grade paper to cram 774 pages into a book only about two inches thick.

An interesting touch of the author, who lives north of Glasgow, is what he calls "people history", the legends or traditions that have developed over the centuries about the giants of Scotland's past and how they are viewed today. Mr. Magnusson does not hesitate to tell you if he thinks a story, like Bruce and the spider, is fact or fiction. You'll have to read it yourself to find out if it is myth or fact!

Magnus served as chairman of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland, and he shares with us his experiences of

visiting these monuments during his chairmanship in the 1980s. He drops little directions to these historical landmarks that so many of us will never get to see, which some of us have driven right by in

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Elliot Clan Society, USA

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Boldly and Rightly



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ignorant bliss as we were held spellbound by the countryside. He has a way of making you feel you are there with him. You mark a section in the book for your next trip so you will not drive by a landmark again. Or you feel he is telling only you something by acknowledging that “not a lot of people know that it is there, or how to find it when they do know” or “just outside the town of Angus, by the A90 trunk road from Dundee to Aberdeen”, or “it stands back from the A816 from Lochgilphead to Oban, fifth-four metres high”, or “at the side of the A167 between Northhallerton and Darlington, or “on the seaward side of the busy A921 coastal road between...”. His book is filled with these wonderful tidbits of information for the uninformed tourist who can make his or her trip more meaningful than just taking in the mountains covered in heather. He gently reminds us there is much more to Scotland!

What I love about the book is that it is so well written you can read it by subject or by the lives of the giants who shaped Scotland from its beginning to where it is today. For those of you who have read the Bible through, you know what I am talking about. That’s right, you do not have to start with Genesis and end with the book of Revelations.

Another subject of interest is Appendix A, entitled simply *Chronology*, where every date important to Scotland can be found for ready reference beginning in 10,000 BC, continuing for seven pages, and ending in 1999 where in May of that year parliamentary elections were held, and on July 1st a Scottish Parliament opened its doors for the first time in Scotland since 1707. Can’t get much better than that! Turn the page and you will find a listing of every King and Queen of Scotland. Beginning with Kenneth I in 840 and ending with James VI, the king with two numbers, “VI and I”, lest the English be forced to recognize there were five before he became Scotland’s sixth, and he was

sixth before he became their first. Ah, the English! Go figure!

Back to Sir Walter Scott’s *Tales of a Grandfather*. Some have criticized Mr. Magnusson for using Sir Walter Scott so extensively in his book, but not me. I have in my library over one hundred books by or about Scott. Like all of us, Scott was a product of his time. Thus, the good and the bad that comes through in his writings. At times he was flat out wrong, but he had a grasp of the old Highland and Jacobean ways that made his writings so popular that he became the best selling author the

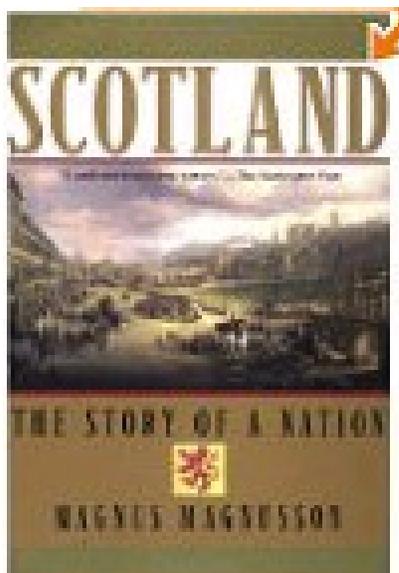
world had ever know at that time. Move over John Grisham! Scott became the Father of the Historical Novel as we know it today, and only Nigel Tranter came close to him in book sales and in popularity with the people of Scotland. There is probably only one other man who impacted their country as much as Scott, and some will argue more - Robert Burns.

What the critics fail to realize or accept is that Scott was writing *Tales of a Grandfather* for little Johnnie Lockhart, his grandson. In *The Journal of Sir*

Walter Scott, you will find these words: “A good thought came into my head: to write stories for little Johnnie Lockhart from the History of Scotland”. Little Johnnie was Scott’s daughter Sophia’s surviving child, John Hugh, so dearly loved by his Grandfather and he became the Hugh Little John in *Tales of a Grandfather*. Wee Johnnie was, regrettably, destined to die just a few years later in 1831. What the guys at the universities can’t understand is that Scott was writing these stories for his grandson even if he did have his eye on the public’s pocketbook. They became best sellers.

Sure, Sir Walter purposefully overlooked some items of history. At times Scott played loose with the facts and embellished them here and there, but I do not recall reading anywhere that he claimed

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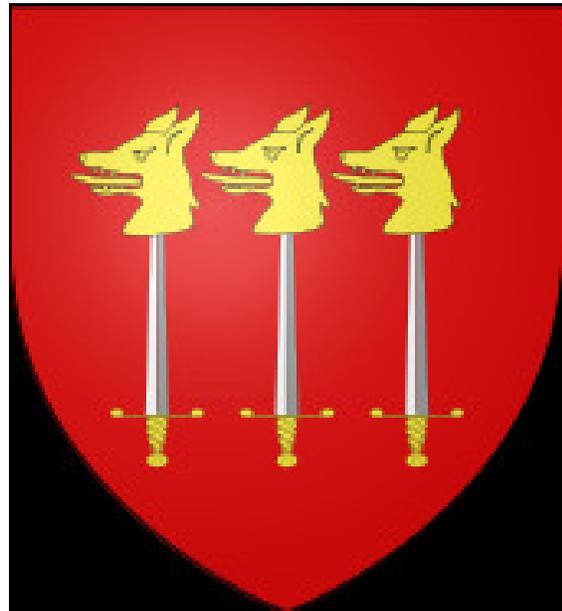
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Flowers of the Forest

Jim Daniel McEachern, 86, died on Friday, May 13, 2011. He was the brother of Clan Donald member Winona Green. Our deepest sympathies go out to their families.

Greg Graham was involved in a terrible car crash on the I-10 near Jacksonville July 15, 2011. Sadly he died early Saturday Morning July 16th at Shands Hospital in Jacksonville. Please keep his wife and family in your thoughts and prayers.

He is survived by his wife Sasha Graham and 3 daughters and grandchildren

in Gainesville, Florida and his mother, Eileen Graham, Flagler Beach and his sister, Lisa Graham, Jacksonville.



Some of you will remember Greg's Father, David Graham who supported Scottish Festivals throughout Florida and Georgia with his wife Eileen with Clan Graham. Greg was continuing his support of his Scottish Heritage with supporting Jacksonville Games and Tallahassee Scottish Festival.

He was fifty years of age.



Clans! Need 2011 Grandfather Mountain pix?

Friends, I took 441 photographs on Sunday at 2011 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. You'll see a tiny percentage of those pictures on pages 21 and 22.

If you would like photos - if I have them - I will be happy to send them as jpeg files to you via Internet. Just email me and let me know which clans you need and which email address I should use to get them to you. I will let you know if I somehow missed

the group you need.

I'm working on locating the Clan Macfie for pictures for their newsletter...and Clan Home...so, am already at work with the pictures.

Just let me know. Free, of course. Doesn't cost anything but a little of my time.

Aye, Beth

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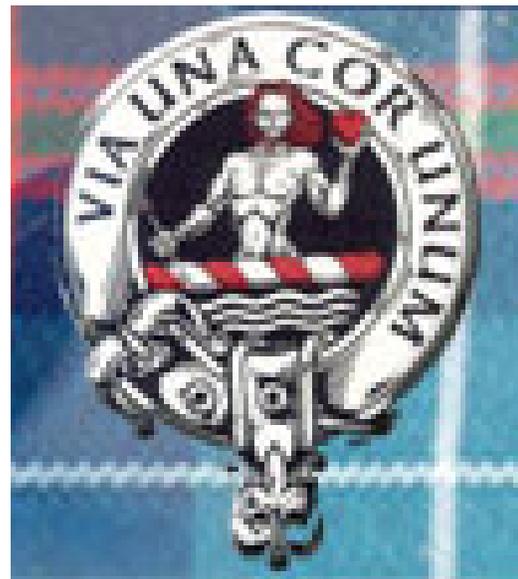
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Abernethy Highland Games invites, Grants, Abernethy's and you, too!

For those of you who might be in Scotland on Saturday, August 13th, you may want to consider attending the Abernethy Highland Games. These games are located in the small village of Nethy Bridge near Aviemore, at the heart of the Cairngorms National Park in Aberdeenshire. The Abernethy Games, the first held in 1880, is one of the longest established traditional Highland Games in Scotland.

These games also host the Clan Grant Gathering, and Grants from near and far are most welcome. (I expect that Abernethys would also be welcome).

For additional information see their website at www.nethybridge.com/highlandgames/

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With thanks to *Grip Fast*, newsletter of the Clan Leslie Society, International.



2012 Clan Leslie Society International Gathering set for Loon Mountain

Make plans to join us for the 2012 Clan Leslie Society International Gathering, in conjunction with the New

Hampshire Highland Games in Lincoln, NH.

Traditionally held on the 3rd weekend of September, the New Hampshire Highland Games are the largest Scottish cultural festival in the Northeast. These games also have a tradition of outstanding entertain-

ment (You can see their 2011 entertainment line-up on their web site as a reference). Games dates TBA.

Lincoln, New Hampshire is tucked away in the scenic White Mountain. To find out more about the New Hampshire Highland Games, please visit: <http://www.nhscot.org>.

For more information about other attractions in the Lincoln (and nearby Woodstock) New Hampshire area visit <http://www.lincolnwoodstock.com/vacation/attractions.php>

Clan Macfie Society Honoured, Honoured and Honoured some more!

The Clan Macfie Society is Honoured Clan at the Scotland County Games, Laurinburg NC on the 1st of October, 2011.

The Clan Macfie Society is Honoured Clan at the Charleston, SC Games in September 2011.

The Clan Macfie Society is Honoured Clan at the Blairsville, GA Scottish Games the 2nd weekend in June, 2012



The Whisky Corner

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Canadian Club Whisky



What's not to love about a whisky with Canadian Club's pedigree history?

Among many historic milestones:

* Grocer Hiram Walker began his career in Detroit, MI, a bustling fur trading center, in 1836.

* As an entrepreneur, Walker had numerous businesses but had a very strong desire to open up a distillery.

* Anticipating what the U.S. business climate would be for a whisky producer if America's "Noble Experiment" with Prohibition succeeded, Walker sold all of his businesses in Detroit and looked across the Detroit River to

Ontario, Canada and purchased 460 acres of property. In 1858, within two years of purchasing the property, he had his distillery up and running.

* One of Walker's whiskies became quite popular in gentlemen's clubs throughout the U.S. and Canada and became known as Club Whisky. Its immense popularity impacted the sale of American bourbons to the extent that American distillers pushed legislation that required Country of Origin labeling, and Club

Whisky became "Canadian Club".

* Following Prohibition's enactment in 1920, the Canadian Club distillery was the locale of many backroom deals, border-crossing car chases, and immense profits.

Lore has it that influential customers, including Al Capone, spurred sales of the whisky in the U.S. CC became the "unofficial" Whisky of Prohibition.

* After Prohibition's repeal in 1933, Canadian Club was quite popular and continued to grow.

* Today, CC is enjoying even more popularity, thanks to TV's Don Draper on *Mad Men*. While we all may love to hate him, Draper loves his Canadian Club cocktails, any time of day – the earlier the better, in fact!

So, what's so special about Canadian Club?

According to Tish Marcus, Brand Ambassador for Canadian Club, the answer is,

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Canadian Club Whisky, *continued from page 28*

“Our proprietary pre-barrel blending process. The spirits are blended together, according to recipe, from corn, rye, rye malt and barley malt before they’re put into barrels for ageing. It’s like making a stew or chili – all the ingredients are able to marry with each other at the same time.”

Canadian Club is double distilled and the portfolio is considered lighter than Scotch and smoother than Bourbon. All Canadian Club expressions are aged in once-used American white oak barrels, giving the liquid its signature mellowness. Grain malting is done in towns nearby the

distillery. Core expressions of the brand are the Canadian Club 6 Year Old, CC 100 Proof, CC Reserve (10 year), CC CLASSIC 12, and CC Sherry Cask (8 year). Special editions have included a spectacular 30 year old, released in 2008 in commemoration of the distillery’s 150th anniversary. This is the only 30 year old Canadian whisky ever made available to the public. The distillery is looking forward to 2012 when its Innovation Project will release several new expressions.

But, back to Don Draper and his favorite Canadian Club cocktails, here are two:



Canadian Club Old Fashioned

- ◆ 2 parts Canadian Club CLASSIC 12
- ◆ 2-3 dashes Angostura Bitters
- ◆ 1 half-moon orange slice
- ◆ 1 stemmed cherry, pitted
- ◆ 1 – 2 sugar cubes
- ◆ Club Soda

Directions: In an Old Fashion glass, muddle the orange, cherry, bitters, and sugar cubes. Fill glass with cracked ice and add whisky. Gently stir cocktail to bring the fruit up and around the ice. Then, spritz with club soda. No garnish necessary, but if you’d like, add a fresh half-moon orange slice on the rim.

Canadian Club Reserve Manhattan

- ◆ 1 part Canadian Club Reserve 10 Year
- ◆ 1/3 part Sweet Vermouth
- ◆ Dash Angostura® bitters
- ◆ Maraschino Cherry

Directions: Fill a cocktail shaker with ice. Pour in the whisky and sweet vermouth and add dash of bitters. Shake and then strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with cherry and serve.



And yet more games & fests



October 1, 2011

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Scottsboro, AL

<http://tennesseevalleyscottishsociety.org/>

October 22, 2011

The Murray Highland Festival
Murray, KY

<http://www.wkyhighlandfestival.com/>

November 12-13

Scottish Highland Games
Gulfport, MS

<http://www.highlandsandislands.org/>

No calorie tidbits that are as good as any chocolate bar!



* If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.

* To make about a pound of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 MILLION individual flowers.

* If you visit Iceland, you need to know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult.

* Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

* Prince Charles Edward Stuart was offered the kingship of the new America, but declined.

* The *Mona Lisa* has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashionable to shave them off.

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to be a historian in the true sense of the word. We all tell our tales and add a small twist or leave out one to make our stories come out the way we want them to. Even governments hedge their bets when it comes to history. I recall in the late 1960s on my first trip through "Checkpoint Charlie" into communist East Berlin that our guide revealed that the life of Hitler was not being currently taught in the schools.

In conclusion, if I were told that I could keep only one book on the history of Scotland from those currently in my library, which one would it be? I am glad I do not have to make that choice, but if I did, and knowing how I feel about Scottish history, I would more than likely chose the book writ-

ten by the man who lives north of Glasgow! The other history books I mentioned to you are scattered throughout my library, but this one will always have a prominent place within easy reach. I recommend that you keep it close at hand for ready reference - on your desk, by your favorite chair, or on the shelf with your Scots Dictionary and your favorite books on or about Scotland. *Scotland: The Story of a Nation* is the book for you. It may never reach the lofty position of #1 on the New York Times bestseller list, but it is #1 at my house. A word to the wise should be sufficient!

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Letter from your editor, *continued from page 3*

Sears-Roebuck catalog or, for very special occasions, from Phelp's Fabrics, downtown.

There was a beautiful turquoise formal made of faille material - remember that? It came from my cousin, Betty, as being too old and worn for her taste. Ha.

When I had worn it a dozen times as it was, my grandmother added a net overskirt...and I wore it and wore it like that. Then, she made the overskirt into a petticoat to be worn under school skirts. The formal got a net thingie for around the shoulders and neck - as the basic dress was strapless. I wore it and wore it like that...and when I thought everyone in the world had seen me wear that dress for years - my gran-nie made the dress into a lovely skirt that I could combine with a nice blouse and wear it to Sunday School.

Somewhere, someone is still wearing that skirt as that fabric NEVER wears out. Isn't all of that recycling too?

That turquoise net petticoat is the one that came loose during marching band practice one morning and just fell off. Bobby Malone, marching along behind me with his huge bass saxophone, just scooped up the petticoat and stuck it in the bell of his sax - with all the ruffles spilling out.



My first pair of cowboy boots were called "Wrangler Roughouts" and I think they cost \$7.00 - which was considered expensive at the time. Somebody is still wearing those boots too. I wore them for 10 years or more - and finally simply outgrew them. I gave them to a friend who

wore them for years and gave them away. That

sounds suspiciously like recycling too.

Come to think of it, sneakers were for gym class and cost maybe \$1.98.

We had one television and one telephone.

The TV was about the size of a notebook cover and was black and white.

The phone always worked unless there was a hurricane and we lost power for a day or two. It didn't text nor take messages. It didn't take pictures nor did it access the Internet (Which did not exist then.) nor my cell phone (They did not exist either.) It would allow you to talk to someone. It was fine. You had to stand within six feet of it when you were using the phone. That's as much cord as there was.

In the kitchen, my grandmother stirred and blended things by hand. If they needed cutting up, she got out the handy-dandy very sharp kitchen knife and made big bits into little bits. Everything was home-made. No frozen dinners, no anything except what my

grandmother made. It was good AND healthy.

When we had to mail something, we wadded up old newspaper to make anything easily break-able safe in the mail.

When we were thirsty, we drank from a water fountain or the water hose. I don't remember plastic nor styrofoam cups. We all drank from the same glass sometimes - and we were all healthy and never, ever sick.

When our writing pen quit, we filled it up with more ink - from a bottle. We sharpened our pencils in a pencil sharpener. If we had paper that was ready to be discarded, we used the paper to start a fire in the fireplace or a campfire out back so we could set marshmallows on fire and then eat them.

To get to high school, I could ride the bus (I just realized when we rode the bus to school, we

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still had about a mile to walk to get there - and back to the bus stop that afternoon. Nobody ever even thought about that two miles a day walk. Would that have been considered “exercise?”), but it was more fun to ride in Robert Ballard’s little Fiat (or something tiny like that) where we would pool our change and put in a dollar’s worth of gas for the week. Lots of kids rode their bicycles to school. Nobody’s mother drove them anywhere. Nobody was ever late.

We maybe had one electrical outlet per room. We didn’t need anything technical to find the nearest drive-in restaurant or movie.

A bunch of us would cram in one car to go to the drive-in movie on Normandy Boulevard. We’d stop at Krystal and load up on \$2.00 worth of those delicious little burgers (Still my favorite food!)...as they were a dime apiece. We ate them all and did not waste anything. Come to think of it, I never remember anybody not liking everything and eating whatever was put in front of them.

My grannie grew beans and tomatoes in our yard in town. She made everything for us - including my brother’s underwear. I remember the time my mother bought an entire bolt of red patterned tiger-skin cotton fabric. I remember all of us crying and begging grandmother, “Please don’t make us anything that will show!” She didn’t.

Ah, but that’s another story.

All of this to say that we were brought up not to be wasteful. We were brought up to use what we had. We were brought up to respect other people’s property. I think the younger generation needs to think about all this - and if they do, they will realize that we were “green” long before they were even thought about.

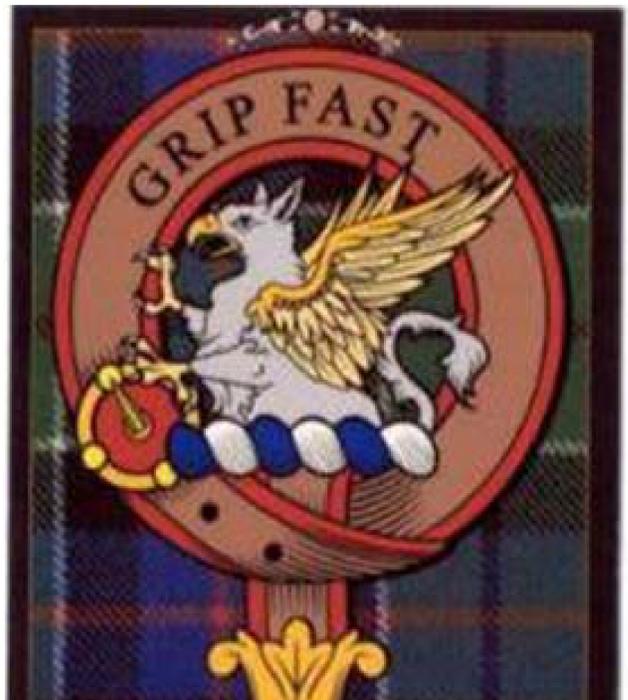
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FAERIES DO EXIST!



I don't mind admitting, I believe in Santa Clause, The Tooth Fairy, and The Wee People. I've always believed in faeries. I've seen this lovely example of faerie-dom at several Highland Games...but was delighted to see her resting awhile at Grandfather Mountain the other day. Her outfit is exquisite and she is beautiful I do not know who she is...but guess she lives in a big hollow tree somewhere out in the woods with her family of other faeries. *Your editor.*