



Bill Caudill awarded Professional Piper of the Day Saturday at Grandfather Mountain

Congratulations to Bill Caudill, for winning Professional Piper of the Day at Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games!

Caudill says, "Thanks for all the kind words folks..... there was good playing by all the competitors yesterday in somewhat challenging conditions - very "Scotland like" indeed. What a great week this has been. I have truly been blessed in many ways!"

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Clan Sutherland Society of NA plans AGM in Virginia

This year's Clan Sutherland Society of North America AGM will be held at 2:00pm in the Clan Sutherland tent at the Virginia Scottish Games on Saturday, August 31st.

These games will be held at Great Meadow Park, located forty miles outside of Washington D.C. near Warrenton Virginia, on August 31st through September 1st.

You can visit the games website at www.vascottish-games.org.

After the games on Saturday, we will hold our AGM dinner at McMahan's Irish Pub and Restaurant in Warrenton.

We will start with a meet and greet at 6:30pm and follow with dinner at 7:00pm. Directions and menus can be viewed at www.mcmahonsirishpub.com.

The games' host hotel is The Nuevo Inn www.nuevo-hotels.com located six miles south of Great Meadow Park. We have reserved a block of rooms with a group rate of \$89 per night that can be reserved by calling the hotel at 540-349-8900 and pecifying the group "Sutherland".

This location in Virginia is ideally situated to see many attractions such as numerous vineyards, Shenandoah National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Civil War Battlefields at Manassas and Bull Run. The area is also fairly close to the Washington D.C metro area. There should be plenty to occupy the whole family for several days.

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Bill Caudill, continued from page 1

Bill Caudill is Professor of Music and also, Director of the Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews Presbyterian College and Piping. He serves as Instructor at the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming.

Caudill studied Folklore (American Studies) at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Caudill lives in Laurinburg, North Carolina with his wife Anne McLean Caudill.

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This is our first time hosting our AGM at this location and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Have further questions? please contact Bill Sutherland at mrbillm5@carolina.rr.com or 704-598-6872.



Ants, ants, ants everywhere. It is said that ants won't cross a chalk line. Get out your chalk and draw a line on the floor, or wherever they tend to march. See for yourself!

2013 Glasgow Highland Games recap this page and next page...

You'll see jubilant children during the Tug O' War, the Clan Donald and Clan Wallace Tug O' War teams in action....Scottish athlete in action and members of one of the guest pipe bands at the Glasgow event.



2013 Glasgow Highland Games great success as World Records Fell!

Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas, KY came alive May 31st as Donald MacLaren, Chief of Clan MacLaren and the 2013 Glasgow Highland Games honored guests arrived along with thousands of others as the Glasgow Highland Games had an extraordinary Games.

Gene Flynn, Scottish athlete from Nags Head, NC who competed in the Masters Division (professional athlete over 40), set the athletic field afire as he achieved three World records. One in the 16 pound hammer throw 123.5 ft; one in the 20 pound hammer throw 104.5 ft; and his third was the 20 pound sheaf toss at 35.0 ft. over the pole.

Likewise, the 'Three Generations' motto of the Glasgow Highland Games hit new heights as a record 152 children took part in the Children's events including arts and crafts, music, history, children's athletics to include some Scottish events 'kids style', and the now famous Alice Wallace Young Children's Tug of War teaming up against the adults of Clans Wallace and Donald. The children, once again achieved victory over the adults.

The superb athletics competition, the new crowd input Pipe and Drum competition, 'Three Generations', children's events and the wonderful Ceilidh featuring such compelling bands as Seven Nations, Father, Son and Friends, Rathkeltair and individual performers Colin Grant-Adams, Katie Daniels, Steve Rudy and Marti Harrison with Jeff Fleming, humorist and Robert Valentine emcee, the 2013 Glasgow Highland Games produced three great days of Celtic spirit.



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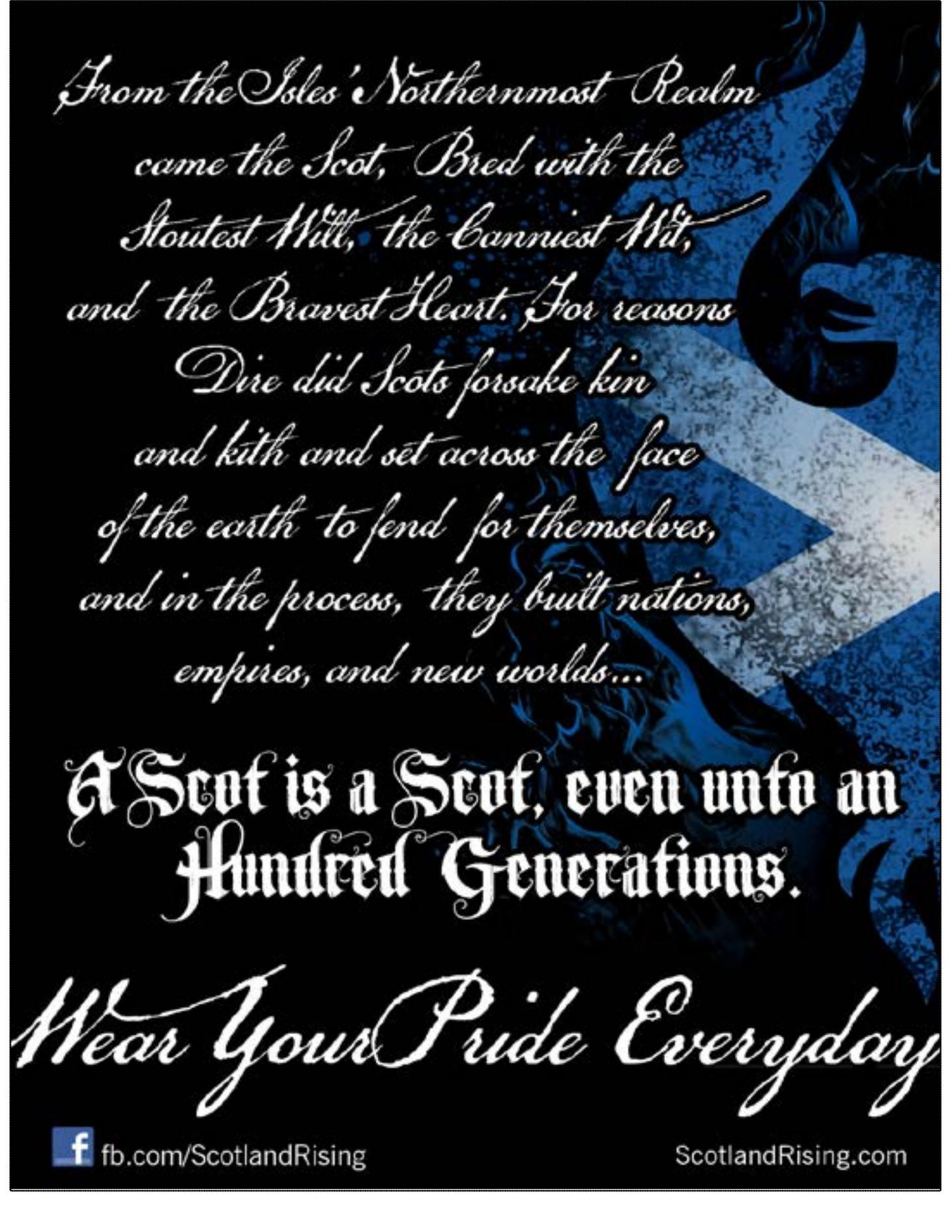
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Brian Wilton, Director of The Scottish Tartans Authority is awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours

“ The appointment of Brian Wilton, Director of The Scottish Tartans Authority as an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List has been widely welcomed across the tartan industry and beyond.

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His stewardship of the Tartans Authority has been combined with acclaimed presentations on the subject as far afield as Moscow, Norway, New York and Japan and his unique tartan designs for international organisations and companies have frequently generated extensive publicity and orders for

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Clan MacTavish AGM planned for 14 Sept. in Columbus, Indiana

The Clan MacTavish Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday September 14th in Columbus, Indiana in conjunction with the Columbus Scottish Festival.

Maps to the location of the festival (about 45 minutes South of Indianapolis), ticket information, and information about events and activities can be found on their web site: Just go to: <http://www.scottishfestival.org/index.html>

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We are pleased to announce that Clan MacTavish will be the honored Clan this year, and that our Chief, Steven MacTavish of Dunardry, will attend the festival and address the assembly at the opening ceremony. This will be a great chance to meet and fellowship with the Chief and Nancy, along with Donley Tomey, the Chief's Lieutenant, and other members of our Clan.

MEETING & DINNER

Our meeting will be held on the 14th of September at the festival site from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Following the meeting we will be piped to the ceilidh for a buffet dinner and a great evening of entertainment. Dress will be casual – basically what you will already be wearing at the festival.

Because Clan MacTavish will have reserved seating, you must send in your reservations for the ceilidh by August 31st.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Get information about ticket pricing for the festival and the ceilidh at: <http://www.scottishfestival.org/tickets.html>

Download and print Ticket Order Form (PDF) and send to: Columbus Scottish Festival PO Box 2573 Columbus IN 47202-2573

NOTE:

Ticket orders must be received by August 31. Payments are not refundable. Because we have reserved seating at the ceilidh, you must have your ceilidh reservations in by August 31st.

When filling out the order form, after printing your name on the top line, be sure to mention you need to be seated with Clan MacTavish. Although you do not need to purchase festival admission tickets ahead of time,



Steven Edward Dugald MacTavish
Chief Mactavish of Dunardry

there is a discount if you purchase them ahead of time.

Lodging The LaQuinta Inn is holding a small block of rooms for Clan MacTavish for Sept. 13 & 14. The rate is \$107/night for a king or two queen beds. Please visit: <http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?propId=6445>

You may also contact LaQuinta Inn 101 Carrie Lane, Columbus, IN 47201. Phone: 1-812-379-4657 Fax: 1-812-379-4659

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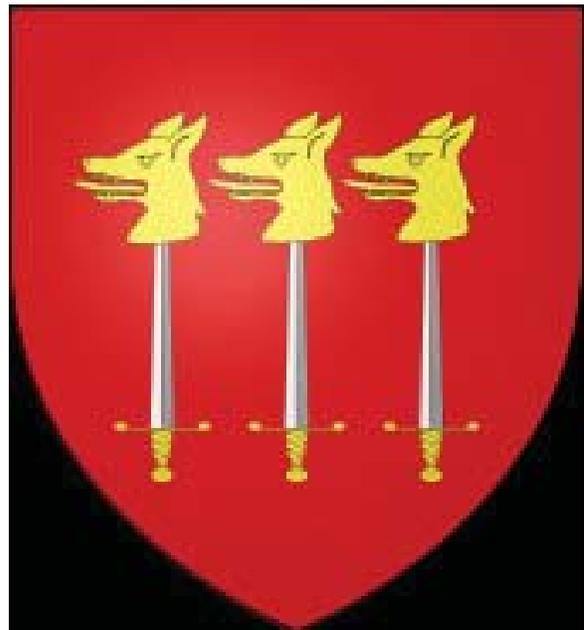
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Flowers of the Forest



James McMillan, 81, died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on July 1, 2013.

Born on December 20, 1931, in Glasgow, Scotland, Jim shared his love of music and evidence of his strong Christian faith throughout his life.

After leaving Scotland, Jim lived in Toronto, and then Miami and eventually settled in Tallahassee.

Jim certainly lived a full life, comprised of sports car racing and entertaining many with his talents playing piano and accordion, incorporating many styles, including traditional Scottish music, jazz, Dixieland, and songs of faith, adding his own special touch.

As an accomplished musician, Jim played events in Miami and became well known in the local Tallahassee music scene, entertaining often with famed local singer Pam Laws and local musical talent Dick Rixey, and played for years as the house pianist at Marie Livingston's Steak House in its original location.

Jim leaves behind his loving wife of 59 years, Moira McEwen McMillan, daughter Barbara and husband Jeff Browder, son Stewart McMillan and wife Karen, along with three grandchildren: Shannon Baso, and Christian and Matthew McMillan.

Preceded in death by his brother Dr. Robert McMillan, Jim is survived by his sister Isobel Yeats of Canada, and Daveen McCritchie of Scotland.

He built a lasting legacy with many residential developments in Southwest Florida as construction manager.

Jim was also a longtime member and past president of the Tallahassee St. Andrews Society.

Jim later retired from the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital system as VP of Engineering and was a faithful parishioner of Bradfordville Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, as well as a Freemason.

Jim McMillan and his musical partner Dick Rixey were like fixtures at the Scottish Weekends every year around Valentine's Day in South Georgia. Working with these so-talented musicians was such a pleasure.

I used to tell anybody who asked - and some who didn't - that I had the most fun of anybody at Scottish Weekend...and one of the huge reasons was working with all the entertainers. Rixey and McMillan were professionals and so popular with our guests...but they were also true gentlemen who over the years became dear and valued friends.

I know that Jim McMillan will be missed by so many.

Sue Anne Waller, 60, of Charlotte, passed away on June 26, 2013. She was born on November 29, 1952 in New Bern, NC to the late James Arthur Waller and Sue Sandalin Waller.

She married Leon "Frank" Randall, Jr. on June 14, 1980 in Raleigh, NC. They have resided in the Charlotte area since 1980.

Sue Anne has been a member of Clan Wallace Society of America and Clan Douglas Society of North America.

A few of Sue Anne's passions included attending the Scottish Highland Games in North and South Carolina and competing in various contests at the games as well as completing the Waller's, Randall's and Sullivan family histories in America on Ancestry.com.

She had been the historian and librarian at Robinson Presbyterian Church for many years.

Sue Anne is survived by her loving husband Leon "Frank" Randall, her brother and sister in law, Jerry A. and Ruth Waller of Springfield, VA, a niece, Marjorie Southard of Springfield, VA, nephews; Jeff Waller of Raleigh, NC and Dave Waller of Houston, TX and mother in law, Rebecca S. Randall, Aunt in law Hope Wallace, and Sara Sullivan. Cousin in laws, Stan Faires and Wife Debbie, Steve Faires and Wife Suzon, Tim Wallace, Sam Wallace and Cornelia Wallace Goodman.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be sent to Presbyterian Hospice & Palliative Care P.O. Box 33549 Charlotte, NC 28233-3549.



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Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian

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Files for the time period prior to 1956 are in manual format. Some materials exist prior to 1908 but they are incomplete and significant gaps exist. While these files are considered public records, the FBI has imposed stringent rules concerning guidelines for access to files due to security measures in response to the post 9/11 era, coupled with the dramatic rise in identity theft.

All requests for FBI records must be submitted using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

If you have reason to believe that one of your ancestors may have been the subject of an FBI profile, researchers are advised to visit the following links to obtain the most current guidelines, fees, and protocol for obtaining copies of records. The request letter link includes specific instructions and what types of information are mandatory for processing all requests.

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3. Death Certificate
4. Biographical reference showing the title page of the source, name of person, date, place of death.



5. Encyclopedia or magazine article on the person which includes details, date, place of death.

6. Declaration that the person was born over 110 years ago.

Proof of death is not required if the person was born over 110 years ago, and you can document that fact, because they assume anyone over the age of 110 is probably deceased.

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Scottish businesses.

His book for the National Trust for Scotland 'Tartans' has been termed 'the best for decades' and he is a frequent participant in radio and television productions on the subject.

Bannockburn-born Brian said: "The unsung promotional work of the Scottish Tartans Authority spills over from the weaving industry into many other sectors that hugely benefit Scotland's economy. I'm very honoured to have been recognised in this way and sincerely hope that it will further assist our discussions with the Scottish Government as we work together on attracting adequate core funding for the Authority's nationally important work."

The Scottish Tartans Authority Chairman John McLeish said: " We are obviously delighted for Brian that all his years of hard work and inspirational input to the world of tartan have been appreciated and recognised in such a way. The Board of Governors is about to launch a new strategic plan for the future and we are convinced that this award will highlight the part that tartan plays in the international promotion of Scotland and so many of its industries."



Alastair McIntyre

Being a history site Electric Scotland does have a huge amount of information on the history of Scotland and the Scots at home and abroad. Problem is that the site is mostly text as we make great use of antiquarian material.

Faced with a lot of text to read many people don't go much further unless they are doing specific research so some weeks ago I decided to make use of *YouTube* to find good videos to compliment the text and have found a wee gold mine.

For example when it comes to the history of Scotland I now have a page at http://www.electricscotland.com/history/video_history.htm where you'll find 12 1 hour videos. The first two are about pre-history in Scotland and the final 10 are a BBC series on the history of Scotland from Roman times to Devolution.

Then the other problem I have is that I have to avoid copyright material and so more recent history is a problem as almost all of the published material is copyright. So again *YouTube* gets me around this problem and an example of this is that I've been able to update the Football section by including videos of the great Scottish Football managers like Jock Stein, Bill Shankly, Sir Alex Ferguson, etc. See http://www.electricscotland.com/history/sport/football/jock_stein.htm

And then I have found videos on individuals which make good viewing. An example of this is John Muir where we have copies of all his writings and a biography about him. So I discovered on *YouTube* a video about him produced by the BBC and so have now added that to his page at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/muir/>

What I am hoping to achieve by doing this is to get people watching these videos, which are of course educational, but hopefully will also get them to dig deeper to learn more by reading the texts.

So this is work I will continue to do and if you browse around the site you'll likely find a dozen clan histories, videos on running a Victorian and Edwardian farm and in our Travel section some great videos on Scotland.

Alastair

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Native connection alive at Celtic festival in Flagstaff

Clifford Fewel

It was at a Scottish whisky tasting in northern California in 1996 when Flagstaff's Richard McKenzie learned he might have a living relative among the Creek Indians in Oklahoma. Over sips of Glen/Grant and other single-malt beverages an odd coincidence emerged in conversation among the Scots: one-eighth Creek McKenzie might share a bloodline with history's most famous Creek, Chief William McIntosh.

McKenzie, his wife, Jude, and many others have been publicizing for months the 16th annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, set to kick off Saturday at Foxglenn Park on East Butler Avenue in Flagstaff.

To anyone with knowledge of Celtic history and culture Richard's shared Celtic/Indian heritage is not rare, said Jude, president of the Northern Arizona Celtic Historical Society.

"When the Scots and the Irish first came to this country it wasn't that they married Native American women because there were no other women to marry," she said. "It's that when they came here they found that they understood each other culturally."

Jude said a strong sense of family loyalty forms the basic bond between the eight tribes of the Celts and the nearly 600 Native American tribes in the United States, as does a history of stronger forces pushing the groups around the map.

She said the first Celts were central European salt traders - salt is at the root of the word Celt - and that dominant forces from Roman times forward continually forced these hardy tradesmen into "tips of regions" such as northwestern Spain, peninsular Brittany, France, and on up to Cornwall and Wales in England.

In response to a question she's heard before, Jude patiently explained, "The Celts (hard C) are a race of people. The Celtics (soft C) play basketball."

Once Richard learned that he might be related on his mother's side to Creek Indian Chinnubie McIntosh of Tulsa, he sent a letter to the elderly descendant of Chief William (1775-1825) and son of the late Chief W.E. "Dode" McIntosh. He wrote that he thought they might be kin.

The letter he received in reply began, "Dear Cousin Richard," and contained a well-researched explanation of how they did indeed share the bloodline of Chief William McIntosh, Richard's great-great-great-great-great grandfather.

It should be noted that Chief William McIntosh remains a polarizing figure in Native American history. He was the son of a Scotsman from Savannah, Ga., and a Creek woman of the Wind Clan. Raised among the Creeks, he also became fluent

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*William McIntosh.
(Submitted photo)*

NAVAJO-HOPI
Observer

Jude and Richard McKenzie have been long-distance friends for many years. Their Arizona Highland Festival is marvelous and shows all of the creativity and hard work that Jude and Richard and literally hundreds of volunteers have put into every detail of that annual event. .

In another happenstance my dear friend, Chinnubie McIntosh (who made me an Honorary Member of the Creek Indian Nation years ago) is the same Chinnubie as mentioned in this article.

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Clan Elliot Society, USA

Any person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot in any of its various spellings, including the spouse or descendant of such person, or any person who would like to be a friend of the Elliot Clan is welcome to join the group.

Please contact the treasurer for a membership form or visit <http://www.elliotclanusa.com/> for a form.

The Clan Elliot Society, USA Treasurer is Patricia Tennyson Bell, who you may email at dublincolleen42@gmail.com

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Glen Cathey has recently put up
The Official Clan Macfie FaceBook page
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in English and moved easily between both Indian and white societies. His most controversial action as chief was when he negotiated the sale of his tribe's land in the South to the U.S. government, and then led his people along the infamous "Trail of Tears" to Oklahoma.

"Some say he was a bad guy for selling their land to the government," said Jude, "while some say he saw the writing on the wall and chose to go someplace else because his people would have been slaughtered if he didn't."

Chief McIntosh met his own end at the hands of northern Creeks who opposed the sale. McIntosh passed along to his family a fierce pride in their Scottish Highlands roots as well as in their Creek Confederacy heritage.

Dode McIntosh exhibited that pride more than a century later. He attended clan gatherings in Scotland wearing his full Creek chief's regalia. He died at age 98 in 1991.

Dode's son, Chinnubie, followed his father's example in 2005 when he accepted Richard McKenzie's invitation to come to Flagstaff for the 8th annual Celtic festival.

"He came to Flagstaff wearing a full headdress," recalled Richard, "and the Creek women had woven for him a special tartan for his kilt. The Native Americans at the festival that year said, 'Whoa, what's this guy doing here?'"

According to Richard, Chinnubie made a couple of trips to Flagstaff but is now in his 90s and doesn't travel. Jude recalled that Chinnubie performed ceremonies mixing Native American rituals with Scottish rites, and that he gave Richard a Creek nickname, "Sun-yekces este," which translates loosely to "ultra man" or "man to whom good things happen."

Richard and Jude, who are 58 and will have been married 37 years this August, each said the Celtic festival should have broad appeal to Navajo and Hopi residents, not only for the centuries-old links between cultures, but for the activities that include music, dancing, tug-o-war and the tossing of hammers and telephone-pole sized logs called cabers.

"Native Americans might be surprised how some of our traditions feel very comfortable to them," said Jude. "Our festival is not like a county fair. It's like a family reunion. You walk in and you feel transported to another place. We're all related. It's all about family."

Flowers of the Forest



Widener, Jr., James Forrest, 88, of Irving, Texas died on May 17, 2012. He was born on September 2, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri to James Forrest Widener Sr. and Flora Mackay Turner.

Due to the Depression, the family moved to the Trinity Heights area of Oak Cliff in Dallas where his father bought a Sinclair Service Station.

In Dallas, Jim attended Trinity Heights Grade School, Boude Story Junior High, and graduated from Sunset High School. Jim graduated from SMU in 1950, obtaining degrees in business and law.

Mr. Widener was a proud member of Clan Donald, USA.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Helen Ogden Widener of Irving; son James Forrest Widener III of Irving; daughter Stephanie Widener Hendrie and husband, Christopher Pennywitt Hendrie of Tujunga, California; son John Mackay Widener of Frankston, Texas; stepchildren Samuel David Browning of Frankston; Sonya Annette Jester of Irving; and 1SG Tad A. Browning and wife, Ki Steelman Browning of Georgetown, Texas. Grandchildren James Forrest Widener IV and Josey Curtsinger of North Richland Hills, Texas; Zachery Warren Widener of San Marcos, Texas; William Wolfgang Widener, Whitney O Widener both of Irving; Alyssa Belle Hendrie and Tessa Marie Hendrie of Dana Point, California; and step-grandchildren, Scott Christopher Hendrie of Garland, Texas; Aloria Selene Browning of Dallas, Texas; Shaun William Jester Jr., Cordia Marie Jester and Chloe Michaela Jester (who Jim personally named) all of Irving; Tad Alan Browning, Jr. of Temple, Texas; Heather Lynn Browning of Frankston; and the latest edition to the family, Jim's great grandson, James Forrest Widener V of North Richland Hills, Texas.

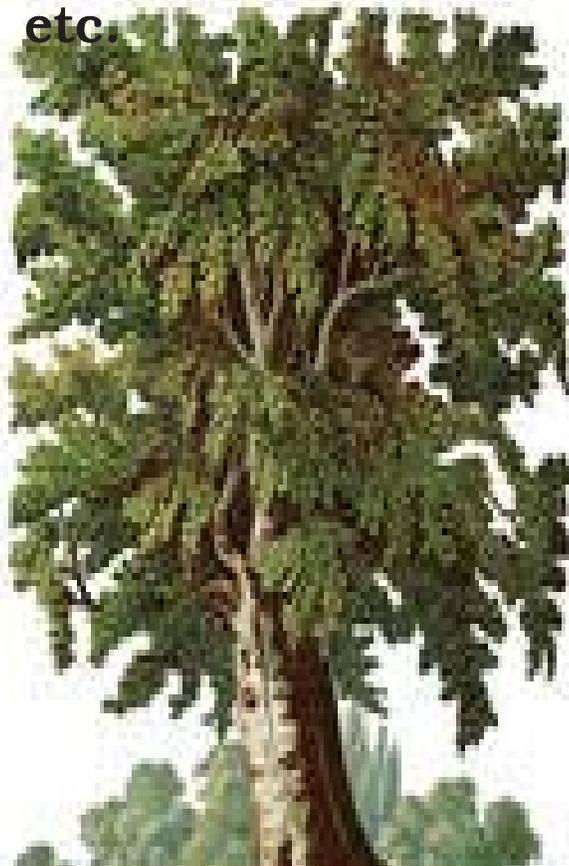
Burial, with honors were presented by the Irving Fire Department Honor Guard to follow at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless.

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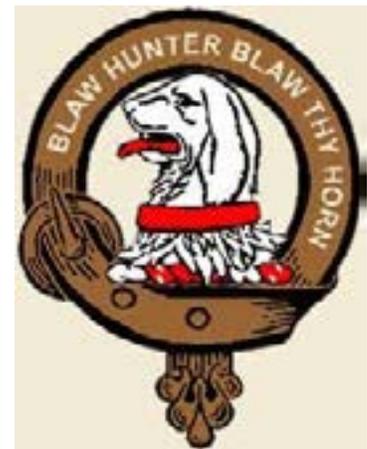


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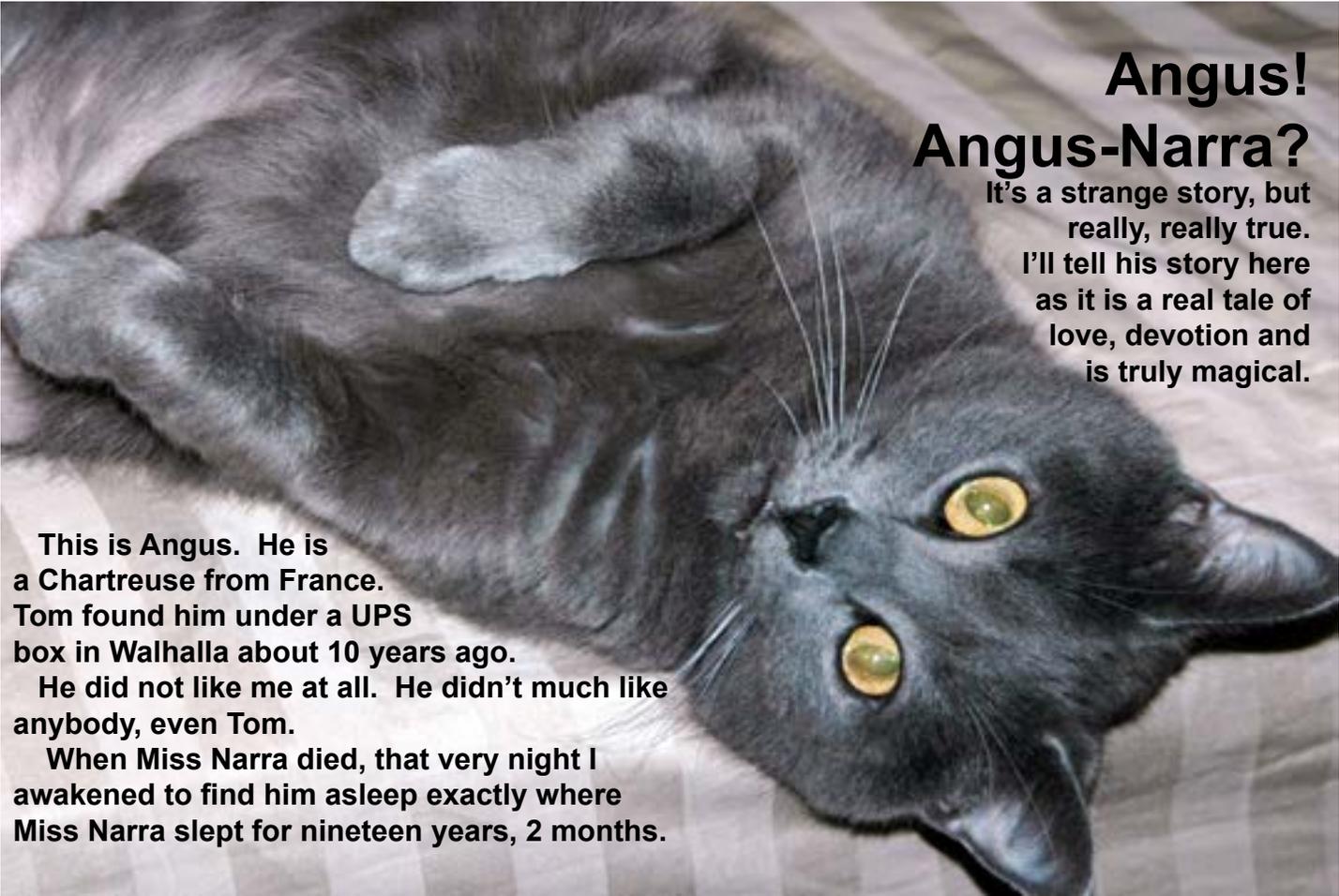
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Angus! Angus-Narra?

It's a strange story, but
really, really true.
I'll tell his story here
as it is a real tale of
love, devotion and
is truly magical.

This is Angus. He is
a Chartreuse from France.
Tom found him under a UPS
box in Walhalla about 10 years ago.

He did not like me at all. He didn't much like
anybody, even Tom.

When Miss Narra died, that very night I
awakened to find him asleep exactly where
Miss Narra slept for nineteen years, 2 months.



It's Almost Here!

Clan Davidson Society (USA)

Annual General Meeting

New Hampshire Highland Games

Loon Mtn Ski Resort, Lincoln NH

September 20th through 22nd., 2013



Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2012

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

www.elliotclan.com

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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Boldly and Rightly



Did you ever think of this?



What a great idea...just turn your toaster on its side and you no longer need your toaster oven to make hot and delicious cheese toast.!

This and that from the Clan MacDuffie

Cliff McDuffie: I just received the first copy of my book, *Emma Street*.

I have been working on this off and on for a long time and finally figured I should get it published before I am gone. It's a short book (118 pages) and contains vignettes about my years from when I could remember and up through high school.

It will be available at www.authorhouse.com, Amazon and Borders.

It is totally written for my family so they would have some idea about things my family and I did when we were coming up. I did this as my Dad passed away when I was 6 and there is very little I can find out about his life so decided that wasn't going to happen to my kids and those to follow.

I had fun remembering and hope, if you purchase it, that you enjoy it also. Will start my next one now. It's been a fun write and hope you will do the same for your family.

OH, the cover photo is also a photo I took in Floral City as I was looking for a tree lined street and that one filled the bill.

John Guffey wrote: I have a new great granddaughter. Her name is Aubry Ann Winkler and her birthday was July 23, 2012. She lives in Fort Bragg, NC with her brother, Dylan, and her mom and dad, Amber and Jamie Winkler.



Clan Gunn Society of North America Southern Highlands Branch

In order to serve The Gunn's in North and South Carolina, we have divided the Smoky Mt. Branch into 3 separate branches. The Gunn's in North and South Carolina will be represented by The Southern Highlands Branch.

Monika and I will continue as Deputy Commissioners until a new Commissioner comes forward.

We would like to express our thanks to Dan Robinson, the former commissioner for the Smoky Mt Branch, for all the hard work he put into the Clan. It was Dan that first brought me into Clan Gunn.

Our hope for the future is to concentrate on the Games in North and South Carolina. I have already been notified of some new Celtic Festivals that we may want to attend next year. Please feel free to contact me if you attend something Celtic that you think might benefit the Clan Gunn.

James <jbigsby2@carolina.rr.com>

Clan MacCord Society

Invites for membership all spelling variations and descendants of McCord (a)(e)(y).

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Why not make your wedding a Scottish ceremony?

Most any season is wedding season, and planning goes on most all the time. If you have Scottish genes and if you are marrying another Scot, my goodness, why not make your wedding extra special.

There are many touches that can make your wedding a traditional Scottish-American wedding.

You are liable to run across Scottish wedding information in any wedding magazine or in your own Scottish clan newsletter.

There is one tradition called “plaiding” of the bride, when the mother of the groom gives a tartan sash of her “new” family, usually at the rehearsal dinner. This is a symbol of two families being united.

Sometimes the groom gives his bride a bit of Scottish jewelry and even a double luckenbooth (two hearts intertwined and topped by a crown), It is very appropriate for gifts such as this to be presented.

Grooms in Scotland give the bride a silver teaspoon engraved with their initials and the wedding date.

On her wedding day, the bride would be wearing the tartan sash from her mother-in-law and a “sixpence” in her shoe, given to her by her father.

Usually, in a Scottish wedding, the bride does not wear a veil, but a wreath of white flowers in her hair.

Church decorations may be decorated with a Scottish theme. Pew bows or markers could be made of clan tartan ribbon or material, with a sprig of their individual clan plant (Each clan does have a “plant badge” which, in days gone by, was how those in a battle would know who was friend or foe.

The piper always pipes the gride in - or possibly the entire wedding party - into the church and out again.

The piper will also pipe the bride and groom into the reception.

Traditionally, each clan would be piped into the wedding ceremony by their own clan piper. This



would be hard to accomplish today, as this works best at an outdoor wedding, but, it is something for you to think about.

A heather sprig with a ribbon in either the tartan of the bride and groom or a solid coordinating color is a good idea for all female wedding guests.

Ideas for cake tops include one that has a kilted groom or one with red rosebuds and green leaves and lovebirds who have tartan ribbon draped from their beaks.

It is an old Scottish tradition to ensure good fortune to the newly married couple is for the bride should be met at the door after the wedding by her mother, who must then break a current bun over her daughter’s head.

Sometimes rather than having the bride throw her bouquet, break a shortbread over the bride’s head and hand a piece to each single female at the wedding. She who gets the largest piece is “next” to be married.

At the reception, Scottish weddings feature traditional Scottish goodies such as trifles, shortbread cookies, oat cakes and cheese and a Dundee cake which is Scotlands traditional fruit cake and which is appropriate for all special family occasions.



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If you see the Clan Keith Society USA, Inc. tent at a Highland Games nywhere...be sure and come by to visit.

Alice M. Hattenbrun, Secretary

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Have you **EVER** cleaned your kilt or kilted skirt?

I will never, ever forget being at the Skye Highland Games on THE Skye in Scotland.

The why of my crystal clear memory of those games is entwined with - on a very muddy day which was very cold as well...and the ground VERY slippery...and I fell on my front parts and I swear I made a mud rooster-tail going downhill through all of that mud.

All of this while wearing my then brand new kilted Clan Donald kilted skirt.

Since I couldn't do much except wash my face and hands...I did that and then had a lovely time at those games. I discovered that after a few hours had passed, the mud dried and if you just patted the kilted skirt, all of the mud just fell off. That night I simply shook the fabric and hung the skirt neatly, the next day it was fine - even after such a catastrophe.

Those Scots who wear the kilt always advise novices never, ever take your kilt to the dry cleaners. Please remember that...NO DRY CLEANERS.

It's something about the mechanical action of the dry cleaning process is tough on the fiber surface they say.

I know a fella who spilled a quart of car oil on his kilt, they just scrubbed the area with waterless hand cleaner to remove the oil. Rinsing the area did result in removing the oil. The kilt got soaked in Woolite and handworked to gently remove all traces of the hand cleaner.

Then, he used his normal method of cleaning a kilt.

First spot the cloth with undiluted Woolite on any sports or very soiled areas using a soft brush if it is needed. Fill your bathtub with about six inches of cold water and add 12 capfuls of Woolite. Swish the kilt around in the water until it is soaked completely, then fold the kilt and lay it face down in the water as the apron is probably the dirtiest area. Let the kilt soak in the bathtub with Woolite for maybe an hour or so. Take the kilt and let the dirty water

drip off.

Hang your kilt (all of this works for kilted skirts too) on the clothesline with clothespins about every six inches. Don't let it fall off and get dirty again, whatever you do.

Take your garden hose and rinse it completely, making certain that all of the soap is removed completely. Be sure you hose down the inner pleats.

Your last step is to let it drip-dry on the clothesline out of direct sunshine.

Most of the time, you won't even have to press your garment as it will go back to the pleats all on its own.

I learned not long ago, that what causes moths to enjoy chewing on your Scottish garments is that they have been to the dry cleaners - which removes all of the natural lanolin from the woolen fabric... and that invites the moths to come for brunch.

Oh, remember the Clan Donald kilt who enjoyed the slide down the hill on Skye? That was in 1993. I still wear that very kilted skirt for dress up or dress down occasions (depending on the formality of the occasion). It has NEVER been dry cleaned.

I have souvenirs hooked to that kilted skirt...Skye mud, of course. Loch Norman red mud from their first, I think, seven years...and miscellaneous mud from games where it just rained all day.

That poor kilted skirt has a bit of white bull hair from Culloden, GA from when they had a huge white bull that would allow anyone to sit atop his magnificent self and have their picture taken.

Scottish attire is like cowboy garb. No cowboy worth his chaps would EVER wear a hat that looks new. Nope, you let your hat fall off in the arena and ignore the hat for a few hours so all critters can stomp on the hat...so it looks like it has been worn for years.

Same for Scottish attire. Nobody EVER wears everything new and shiny.

Both examples, cowboy or Scottish person... would be completely embarrassed to be "brand new" at an event!



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