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## 'Stunning' decorated Neolithic stone discovered in Orkney

Archaeologists have uncovered what they describe as a "stunning example" of Neolithic decorated stone in Orkney.

The notch-marked slab was discovered at Ness of Brodgar, the location of a well-preserved and sophisticated complex of stone buildings.

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## The US land that is forever leased to England

Thanks to BBC Travel, [shawshank 0](#)

Residents on Ocracoke Island in North Carolina's Outer Banks first heard the sound on the night of 23 January 1942. It came from offshore and was almost loud enough to shake the house.

The room would light up and you'd go out and see that a ship had been destroyed

"You'd be sleeping in your room and would hear this dull roar," said Joseph Schwarzer II, director of North Carolina's Maritime Museum System. "The room would light up and you'd go out and see that a ship had been destroyed."

That ship was the British tanker *Empire Gem*, which had been torpedoed by a German U-boat. Over

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*A letter from your editor...*

## Perpetual student? Why not?

I've always loved this time of year. It's time to start thinking about going back to school...and that means shopping for school supplies!

My heart goes "pitter patter" at the thought of new notebooks, new dividers, new paper...new pencils and pens...WOW!

My grandmother always made most of my school clothes and this time of year we went to Phelps Fabric Store in downtown Jacksonville to pick out some new cloth for me.

In my John Gorrie school annual, there is a photo of me in one of my favorite garments from the hands of my beloved grandmother...a skirt made from kitchen curtain fabric.

When I stood still, the pleats looked like it was a blue and white checkered skirt as there were blue and white checkered stripes which alternated with red flower stripes. When I moved, the red flower stripes just SHONE through.

How I loved that skirt and thought I was the epitome of fashion when I wore it!

My mother once purchased an entire BOLT of RED tiger print yardage. I remember both of my brothers and me crying at the thought of wearing that print. We pleaded with our grandmother to make things for us that did not "show."

So, we had pajamas of red tiger print, we had underwear (slips and a petticoat with ruffles for me and boxers for my brothers), and cut-outs of tiger "hides" with which to decorate our bedrooms. I remember having pillow cases of red tiger and, yes, there are bits of this cloth in my grandmother's quilts that she made and which are so precious now!

Shopping for school supplies and a new garment or two and it was time to return to learning.

My grandmother always sent me to school with her voice ringing in my ears, "Shugar, learn everything you have a chance to learn. You'll never know when you will need something you learned."

Amazingly, I have followed her advice for my whole life until now - and most likely will always do so. I've learned some seemingly strange things: I can decorate a cake; I can run a radio station transmitter and passed the test for the FCC; I can act as a Life Guard

and can leap into the water at a run and never have my head go under the water!

I can create, plan and organize a BIG parade or most any event. I can crochet and do needlework. I've learned to ride a bareback bronc in the rodeo and was a pretty good barrel racer. I was taught about old time cures for horses. I so enjoyed learning to ride as a real working cowboy.

I can lovingly care for most animals on a farm or that you might have for a pet and know how to test dairy cows for Brucellosis and give any kind of shots to horses, dogs or cats.

Decorating my home has always been a joy to me, with learning coming from my Auntie Mildred (When I asked her what her decorating style was...she replied, "Old money, Sweetheart, old money.") and books and just watching, looking and having fun.

Classes in creative writing, clogging and many kinds of art from painting to sculpture and dog obedience (I once "brought down the house" with my Newfoundland, Ruthie, when I said, loudly and enthusiastically, "Heal, Ruthie, Heal!" in our Basic Obedience Class.). I love taking all kinds of classes.

From books I have learned to cook and bake and do upholstery, new embroidery stitches and most of what little I know about computers I have learned myself from books.

As a genuine Scottish Mutt, I have read and read and read and tried to absorb everything in Scotland and in the USA from "those who know."

You never learn genealogy. It is a lifetime ongoing study. I'm trying!

So, please take my grandmother's advice and never, ever stop learning anything and everything that you have an opportunity to learn.



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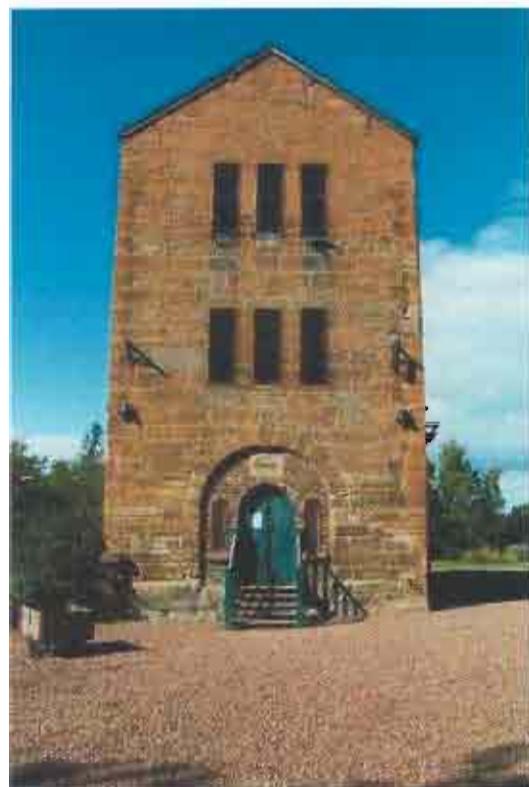
Less than an hour's drive east of Edinburgh sits an outdoor museum honoring the industrial heritage of the region.

Massive, derelict machinery is spread across the museum and visitors are welcome to walk in self-guided tours around the area. The buildings were used for the production of coal, brick, glass, and pottery from as early as the 17<sup>th</sup>-century until the 20<sup>th</sup>-century.

The museum contains numerous display panels that explain the history of the area's industrial heritage—from tunnels used as potential air raid shelters—to the former homes of the estate's indentured workers.

## Know Before You Go

East Lothian Buses routes 26 and 44 connect Edinburgh and the museum. Audio guides are available from the visitor center.



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## **The British Cemetery, continued from page 1**

the next six months, Ocracoke residents heard more noises and saw more debris, as the Germans launched their Operation Drumbeat blockade.

For most people in the US, World War Two happened thousands of miles away. The closest they came to a battle was the nightly radio report, learning about places like Guadalcanal or Normandy, where men fought on warships or stormed beaches. But for residents of North Carolina's Outer Banks, the war was much closer to home.

During Operation Drumbeat, Germany targeted merchant ships leaving US ports, as many of them were heading for England. Even before the United States entered the war, shipments were going out from East Coast ports on a regular basis, delivering items like food, aluminium, steel and rubber to help support England's war effort.

While the US was officially neutral, Germany couldn't openly attack the ships leaving East Coast ports with these supplies. That changed in December 1941, when Germany and Japan declared war on the United States. One month later, the U-boats arrived on the East Coast and started targeting ships right off Ocracoke.

"On the North Carolina coast, you have its Diamond Shoals, sandbars that ships want to avoid," said Dr Frank Blazich, lead curator of military history for the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. "Ships would be hugging the coast and then shooting out to avoid the shoals, which made for a perfect chokepoint. The U-boats could hide and just have a field day, firing away."

And fire away they did. In January 1942 alone, U-boats sunk 35 Allied ships off the East Coast. To put that in perspective, an average ship leaving the US carried enough supplies to feed England for more than a day, according to Dr Schwarzer. When you add up just those 35 ships lost in January 1942, it would have been more than enough to feed England for a month.

I got a look at some of the destruction on my own way to Ocracoke. While waiting for a ferry from nearby Hatteras Island, I stopped in at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum. It paints a clear picture of the damage done during Operation Drumbeat, as well as the larger story of the war in the Atlantic from 1942 to 1945, through exhibits of wreckage from the ships as well as photos, both above and below the water, of shipwrecks from the battles.

A lot of times, students stepped over debris on their way to school

Ocracoke residents got to see some of that damage first hand. They didn't just see the lights and hear loud noises as U-boats attacked. Because the boats came so close to shore, residents also saw debris from wrecked merchant ships.

"A lot of times, students stepped over debris on their way to school," Dr Schwarzer said. "They walked right past it and in some cases over it."

### **Paying tribute**

I'd come to the island to see a permanent reminder of the cost of battle. Every year, on a mid-May weekend, the US Coast Guard and the Royal Navy hold a ceremony on a portion of Ocracoke Island that is permanently leased to England, a tiny patch of land where four English sailors are buried.

I'd been told to look for the Union Jack. It was hard to miss, residents said, with trees on one side and houses on the other. I turned right off Irvin Garrish Highway, Ocracoke's main road, heading for 234 British Cemetery Road.

As it turned out, the site was pretty easy to spot. I could see the British flag just off the right side of the road behind a beautiful scene with flowers and a monument. As I parked the car and walked over, I could also see tombstones, enclosed by a white picket fence. These are the graves of four men: 24-year-old Londoner Stanley Craig; 27-year-old Blackpool resi-

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dent Thomas Cunningham; and two of their shipmates who have never been identified, who are all buried here.

Next to them was a list of names on a plaque. There was 21-year-old William Frederick Clemence, along with 18-year-old Russell Samuel Davis. Thirty-two-year-old John Rowan Dick also had a place on the list, as did 29-year-old Russell Bransby Davis and 33 other English sailors, including Craig and Cunningham, all crew members of the HMT Bedfordshire.

Also on the plaque were words from the poem 1914 V: The Soldier by British World War One soldier Rupert Brooke:

“If I should die, think only this of me/ That there’s some corner of a foreign field/ That is forever England.”

But why is there a memorial to the crew of an English ship on a North Carolina island? It has to do with those loud noises Ocracoke residents heard – and the plan to make them stop.

### Stopping the U-boats

Tired of seeing merchant ships sink and unable to provide protection, US president Franklin Roosevelt reached out to England. Prime Minister Winston Churchill offered 24 ships to patrol the US East Coast, sending over private ships that had been called into service.

“The Admiralty was able to send over 24 vessels of the Royal Navy Patrol Service,” said Commodore Andrew Betton, UK Naval Attaché, who was at the ceremony. “Those 24 vessels came over largely crewed by the original trawler men, with a few additional Royal Naval Reserve gunners, navigators and commanding officers.”

One of them was the *Bedfordshire*, to which Cunningham, Craig and the rest of their crew were assigned. Originally a deep-sea fishing trawler, the

Royal Navy bought the *Bedfordshire* in August 1939 and outfitted it with a sonar system, a four-inch deck gun, a .303 caliber Lewis machine gun and 80 to 100 depth charges. Before long, the ship was a seasoned U-boat hunter, chasing off German ships from England and Wales on a regular basis.

Then, in February 1942, the assignment changed. The *Bedfordshire* was sent to the Outer Banks to help break up the blockade.

### A final post

For two months, the *Bedfordshire* patrolled the Outer Banks, helping with salvage operations and searching for U-boats. Then, on 11 May 1942, the hunter became the hunted. *Bedfordshire* and fellow trawler *HMT St Loman*, also part of the Outer Banks patrol, U-boat found them first. U-558 fired torpedoes at both ships and hit the *Bedfordshire*, sinking the ship with all crew lost.

Because it happened so fast, there was no time to send out a distress call. In fact, it would be days before anyone knew

what happened to the *Bedfordshire*, when the bodies of four men washed up on Ocracoke on 14 May. Out of those four, only Cunningham and Craig could be identified.

This memorial and gravesite in North Carolina will forever be considered British soil

Normally during wartime, a soldier’s body is shipped home to his family. Due to the island’s isolation, however, there were limited supplies on Ocracoke in 1942, including a lack of materials needed to preserve bodies. As a result, all four men had to be buried quickly on the island. To pay respect to the *Bedfordshire*’s crew, Ocracoke residents also built a monument as part of the cemetery, giving all four men full military honours.

“The cemetery on Ocracoke is the only one in

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America deeded to the British," Dr Schwarzer said. "The island residents (and North Carolina) said let's give this land in perpetuity to Britain."

The land was leased to England's Commonwealth War Graves Commission, which keeps track of and maintains all graves of soldiers who died in either of the two World Wars. And since it was granted 'in perpetuity', this memorial and gravesite in North Carolina will forever be considered British soil.

At the ceremony, I watched as wreaths were placed on the memorial to honour the sacrifice of the *Bedfordshire*'s men, while the US Coast Guard Pipe Band played. The American and British Royal Legion Riders, veterans who hold motorbike rides to raise money for wounded soldiers and other charity projects, conducted a special tradition as they do every year: each group brought a container of water, one from the Outer Banks and another from England, and blended them together to symbolise how Ocracoke and England are linked. Afterwards, the names of each member of *Bedfordshire*'s crew was read out, before a 21-gun salute closed the ceremony.

I took off my baseball cap as I stood by the graves, reflecting on history. Thirty-seven men left home to defend people in another country, giving their lives to do so.

That truly deserves respect and honour. It seems fitting that the *Bedfordshire*'s crew is not forgotten, but honoured in 'some corner of a foreign field that is forever England'.

## RESCHEDULED MacTavish Annual General Meeting (AGM) set for September 7-8, 2019

As many of you already know, our Clan MacTavish AGM, which was scheduled this past June at the Blairsville Scottish Festival, which was cancelled at the last minute because of flooding.

Our AGM has been rescheduled for September 7-8 at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Festival.

This year, the festival will be at a new location: Percy Warner Park, 50 Vaughn Rd., Nashville, TN 37221. Additional details can be found on their website: <https://www.midtenngames.com/>

Tom Stevenson and Dr. Charlie Viar will be organizing our tent and have arranged for a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn Nashville/Brentwood. The rate is \$114 per night. This is just off of I-65 south of downtown Nashville. The address is 5630 Franklin Pike Circle, Brentwood, TN 37027. Phone number is 1-615-373-2212 (use ext.162 to ask for one of the block rooms).

Note that we are exploring the possibility of being able to phone in to the AGM business meeting. If we can work this out, we will provide additional details on our Face Book Group page.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Stevenson at [tomstev@pclnet.net](mailto:tomstev@pclnet.net)

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### Stone discovered on Orkney, continued from page 1



The decorated stone was found on Monday, followed by further discoveries of smaller carved stones during the rest of the week.

Painted stonework and tools are among other previous finds made at Ness of Brodgar.

The site forms part of the Heart of the Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site.



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Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

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# Clan Graham Society sets 2020 AGM in Scotland, July/August!

Every 5 years, the Clan Graham Society holds our annual meeting in Scotland, with our Chief, the 8<sup>th</sup> Duke of Montrose, James Graham presiding over the meeting.

Kate Graham works hard organizing a fantastic trip for us and we would like to announce the tentative itinerary to all active society members. Save the dates for July 28-August 08 2020.



Space is very limited and spots will fill quickly.

Please let us know if you have any questions,

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You can get full information about the itinerary and other details by emailing the address above.

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## Some things genealogists have to know:

\* "Stepmothers" were sometimes called "mothers-in-law" in America's Colonial times.

\* "Housekeeper" once meant property owner.

\* "Infant" once meant any person under 21 years of age.

\* "Domestic" once meant "housewife."

\* "Mister" in the early days was applied only to men of wealth or education.

\* "Tithings" once meant "towns."

\* In 1619, 100 children from London slums were sent as apprentice workers to Virginia. Many of these children grew to become founders of plantations, businesses, universities and libraries

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# NARA Digitizes More than 500 Volumes of U.S. Navy Muster Rolls

Michael Davis | National Archives News

The National Archives partnered with the Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean (JISAO), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the University of Washington to digitize more than 500 volumes of U.S. Navy muster rolls, making them accessible to the public through the National Archives Catalog.

The muster roll digitization is part of a \$482,000 grant awarded to JISAO and the National Archives Foundation to support the Seas of Knowledge: Digitization and Retrospective Analysis of the Historical Logbooks of the United States Navy program at the National Archives.

"Through this partnership, hundreds of volumes of 19th-century naval muster rolls are now digitized, said Tim Enas, director of the National Archives Textual Records Division. "These historical records pro-

vide important insight into vessel crew members."

These records are the official lists of enlisted sailors assigned to different ships from 1861 to 1879. For this pivotal time in American history, the muster roll data provide not only the names, birthplaces, ages, discharges, and physical description of enlisted seamen but also information on contraband sailors, which referred to African Americans who escaped enslavement and served in the Navy during the Civil War.

In addition, the National Archives will digitize thousands of Navy logbooks containing new-to-science ocean and weather data as

well as the names of ship's officers and other details of daily shipboard life. After the digitization of the logbooks is complete, the Archives and NOAA will

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**National Archives  
Digitizes US Navy  
records,**

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call upon citizen archivists, genealogical researchers, and climate scientists to help transcribe information from the logbooks and muster rolls into digital formats usable by computers. Citizen archivists can now transcribe this muster roll data from the catalog.

Once this phase of digitization is complete, possible research will include the recovering of position of ships, weather records, oceanographic data, and other historical information that will have a profound impact on our ability to study and understand the influence of weather and environmental conditions on people and events during this era.

"By providing a digital copy of the records to the public through the National Archives Catalog," said Enas, "these records can now be accessed by countless researchers."

We are pleased to announce we have added a talk to our American - Scottish Foundation Annual Sunset Tea & Talk on **August 6th - 6pm to 8.30 pm** at the Rooftop Garden of the Arsenal Central Park.

### 6pm : The Talk (Arsenal Gallery) :

*Alexander Hamilton: Guiding Light of America's Commerce* given by Wade R Goria, Historian & Lecturer, National Lighthouse Museum.

**August 7 marks the 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1789 Lighthouse Act and the role of Alexander Hamilton, in the developing the lighthouses guarding the coast.**

Hamilton served as its first Superintendent, prior to becoming Secretary of the Treasury which oversaw the establishment of the Lighthouse Service and Cutter Service, the basis for today's Coast Guard.

**7:15 pm** : Following the talk we will go to the Rooftop Garden of the Arsenal, which overlooks the Central Park Zoo for Pimms, Wine and light food.

Purchase tickets and learn more of the talk and event details on our website or email below.

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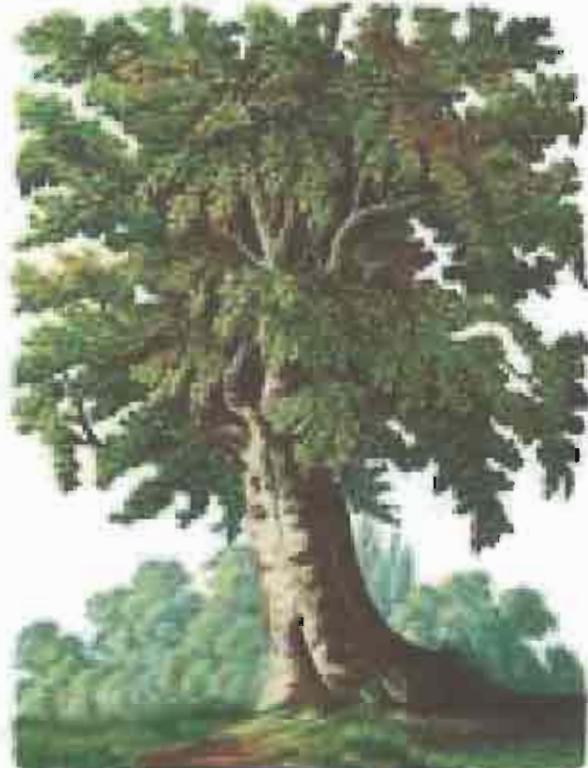


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# Scottish wind power output at record high first six months of 2019



Wind power output in Scotland hit a record high during the first six months of 2019, according to figures from Weather Energy in Scotland.

It has calculated the energy produced by turbines could power every home in Scotland and part of the north of England.

The period to June, it claimed, saw the equivalent of 4.47 million homes' consumption supplied by wind power.

WWF Scotland has described the trend as a "wind energy revolution".

Its climate and energy policy manager Robin

Parker, said: "These are amazing figures; Scotland's wind energy revolution is clearly continuing to power ahead.

"Up and down the country, we are all benefiting from cleaner energy and so is the climate.

"These figures show harnessing Scotland's plentiful onshore wind potential can provide clean, green electricity for millions of homes across not only Scotland, but England as well.

Alex Wilcox Brooke, of Severn Wye Energy Agency, added: "These figures really highlight the consistency of wind energy in Scotland and why it now plays a major part in the UK energy market."



The Queen and Prince Charles, the Duke of Rothesay in Scotland, visit the Scottish Parliament on their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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# The Nicolson Nose Trophy! Yes, NOSE!

The Nicolson Nose Trophy is a most unique award. It is said that some clan members sport a formidable olfactory which has even been carved in stone at Scorrybreac.

The back of the cairn on Ben Chracaig has a stone inlaid which is said to resemble those of Clan MacNicol with this most enhanced feature.

Some believe that only those who posses this distinguished nose may receive the award, but it means more than that - it is a service award.

Every two years, when the Clan meets internationally, this special award for service is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Clan and Federation by the Chief of Clan MacNicol. It is a great honor in our Clan to have received it; however, the lucky recipient must also bring the item to the next international meeting, and it does weigh a great deal!

For information about joining Clan MacNicol, just email: <[presidentna@clanmacnicol.org](mailto:presidentna@clanmacnicol.org)>

## Can you help find a connection to Robert Burns?

I was wondering if you might be able to help with a roadblock in our family history. I've been researching the family history for two years and am determined to figure it out! My 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather was **PHILETUS POLLOCK** b.1826 in CT, who married **SUSAN HARRIET BREWSTER**, and fought in the Civil War. I haven't been able to figure out who his parents were – my 'educated' guess is that it was **WILLIAM POLLOCK**, born around 1800, but I've never been able to prove it.

My grandmother always told us that we were related to **ROBERT BURNS**

through the **POLLOCK** family and to **JOHN ADAMS** through her husband's family. I was able to trace the lineage to John Adams, so I don't think she was telling us stories.

Can you point me in the direction of figuring out the **POLLOCK** family's connection to **ROBERT BURNS**? I did find an **AGNES POLLOCK** who married into his family. I would greatly appreciate any help you can give. I think if I can figure that out then I can trace her line over to America. Thank you!

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# Brisbane, Australia, celebrates National Tartan Day on July 20, 2019

Jeff Henderson, Clan Henderson Society, Inc., Australia

Brisbane's National Tartan Day event was held on July 20 at the King George Square in the centre of the city.

This is a free event organised by the Scottish Australia Heritage Council and hosted by the City of Brisbane - <<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/whats-on-and-events/event/international-tartan-day>>

Jeff Henderson drove up from Melbourne and had several vehicle issues over the 1800 km journey, but made it just in time to set up the tent with the assistance of Tom, Georgia and daughter Shannon Henderson.

Georgia and Shannon baked some superb fudge, shortbread and oatmeal cookies to share with the crowd which were extremely popular and didn't last long.

Our Chief Alistair was the 'Chieftain of the Day' and welcomed all, and declared the event officially open. This was followed by the massed pipes and drums marching through the crowd to the stage.

Apart from the baked items, our basket-hilt sword and sept banner were great attractions. The kids were thrilled to have their photo taken holding the sword.

We had quite a few Hendersons visit and several were keen to join the society.

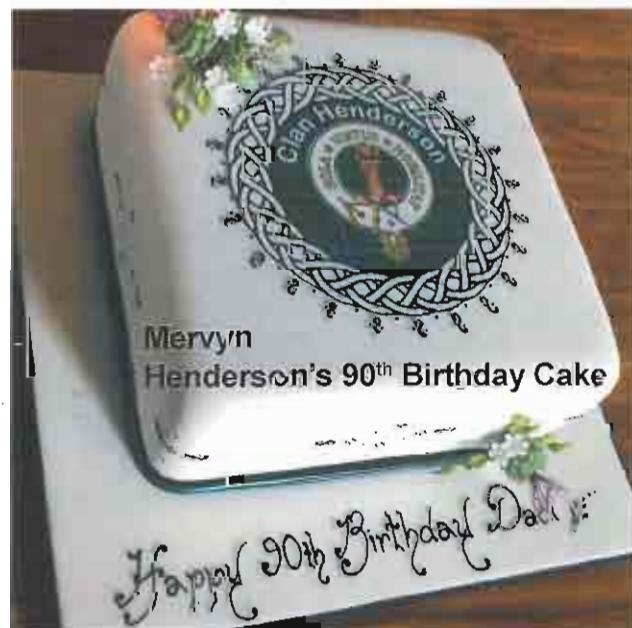
A couple of Hendersons who had recently emigrated from Scotland found our tent by chance as they were not aware of the Tartan Day event. They were thrilled that Scottish heritage is celebrated so well down under.

Also we had a visit from Linda Henderson on holiday from California, who is already a CHS member and spent time chatting to the Chief.

A prospective member, Heather Henderson, showed a photo of her father Mervyn's 90<sup>th</sup> birth-



Alastair Henderson, Chieftain of the Day at the Brisbane celebration and Chief and Name of the Arms of Henderson, on the left with CHS members at the Tartan Day event.



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# The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons  
and those interested in these surnames.

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

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

## Membership

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

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at  
[peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com](mailto:peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com)

or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.

Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

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day cake featuring the clan crest, a very impressive cake baked locally in Toowoomba.

Clan Henderson coloring books and crayons were handed out to the kids and we ran out as the day drew to a close.

Handouts and printed versions of An Cannach were provided to many people and several indicated that they intend to join up.

In summary, a great day, beautiful weather and our thanks have been forwarded to the organiser's - the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Inc.

## **FSA Scot Dinner at Stone Mtn., GA October 19, 2019**

Here Mr. Hope Vere Anderson, FSA Scot, in his voluntary role as Honorary Secretary for Society Affairs in the USA shares the following update.

"As a regular attendee at the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta for over 40 years, I thought it would be an excellent location to host a dinner for Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

"The Stone Mountain Highland Games are some of the largest on the East Coast of America. Quite a few of the people who attend the Games are FSA Scots and a number of guests attend from Scotland.

"Representing the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland I have a dedicated stall and tent at the Games, located across from the Clan Anderson tent. There, potential new Fellows can receive information about the Society and its many accomplishments, and, should they wish, can find out how to apply to join the Society.

"The annual Fellows' dinner organised on the Saturday evening of the weekend Games at the official hotel for the Games, the Hilton Atlanta NE, has proved quite popular with an excellent line-up of speakers. The evening dinner is open both to Fellows, guests and to those who are interested in joining the Society.

"This year the dinner and program will be on Saturday, 19 October at the Hunnicutt C/D Room in the Hilton Atlanta NE hotel. Registration from 6.30pm and dinner at 7pm.

"All are welcome and invited. RSVPs can be e-mailed to Martha Hartzog FSA Scot (at m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu), who assists with the annual dinner arrangements.

"We look forward to seeing you at Stone Mountain!

"With best wishes, Hope Vere Anderson, FSA Scot."



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# SLOW FOOD

*One of my Robert E. Lee High School friends from Jacksonville, Florida, sent me this. This is when your editor grew up...and all of this is true.*

My friend wrote, "My grandson asked the other day, "What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?"

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up, I informed him. 'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'at Home,'" I explained.

'Mom (or Grandmother) cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it!'

I was taught that if you ever were a guest at anyone's house, you did not complain about the food - EVER. You ate whatever was put before you to eat. You always said, "Thank you" to your hosts.

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it :

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, never wore Levis, never set foot on a golf course, never traveled out of the country or had a credit card.

In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears & Roebuck.

Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This

was mostly because we never had heard of soccer.

My Mom or Grandmother never went to a softball game or a volleyball game or any sport in which I participated. I was never "taken" anywhere. I walked or rode my bicycle...and, that bicycle weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow). If the event was far away, I rode the City Bus, alone of course, or with a bunch of friends. It was safe everywhere.

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11. *The Lone Ranger* was the first TV program I ever saw.

The TV was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. And there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

I was 19 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called 'pizza pie.' When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

We never, ever had broccoli. I learned just a bit ago that broccoli has to be harvested into crushed ice as it will not come back from a "wilt." Hence, it took awhile for the farmers to figure this one out so we could enjoy broccoli.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

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# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/ C A R N I E , CURRIEHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, HALYARD / HALLYARD, MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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Our phone was black. It always worked. Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers -- my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which he got to keep 2 cents. He had to get up at 6 AM every morning

On Saturday, he had to collect the 42 cents from his customers. His favorite customers were the ones who gave him 50 cents and told him to keep the change. His least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.



During the school year, boys were "Patrol Boys" who made it safe for students to cross the roads on the way to school. They also had to be at school, I think, at 7:30 every morning.

School lunches were good and they were 25 cents.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it? I know I am glad to have grown up when I did.

# You're invited to the Clan MacCallum- Malcolm AGM at Estes Park, CO

The Annual General Meeting of Clan MacCallum - Malcolm Society is almost 8 weeks away!

This year it will be hosted by Doug McCallum at the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival in the mountain community of Estes Park, Colorado from September 6-8, 2019.

Estes Park is at an elevation of 7,522 feet above sea level and is surrounded by mountains.

From the fairgrounds, you can see Long's Peak which rises to 14,259 feet above sea level. Estes Park is also the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park which offers a range of sightseeing and hiking opportunities. Details about the Festival can be found at <http://scotfest.com/> and the Estes Park Visitor Center at <https://www.visitestespark.com/> can provide information about Estes Park and the surrounding area.



Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society events during the AGM will include reserved seating for Clan Society members and family who attend the Friday evening Tattoo, the AGM on Saturday afternoon, and the AGM Banquet which will be held at Ed's Cantina on Saturday after the Games wind up for the day.

Tara McCallum, our Vice President, is in the final stages of collecting RSVPs for both Friday evening's Tattoo and Saturday evening's Banquet. Email Tara at <[cmmmsagm2019@gmail.com](mailto:cmmmsagm2019@gmail.com)> with the requested information as soon as possible.

(1) We will have reserved seating at the Tattoo -- please let Tara know how many seats to reserve for your family at the Tattoo. (2) For Saturday evening, we need to know who exactly will be attending our Banquet as well.



## Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2019

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, Ellrots, 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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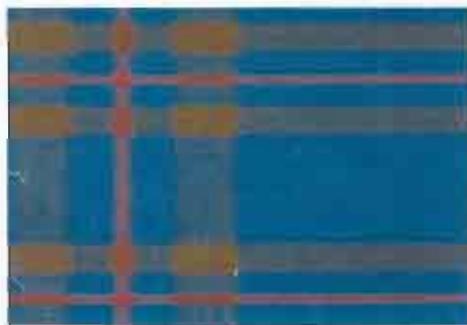
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# The new British PM's first job: Impress the cat

Laurence Sleator & Daniel Kraemer and Thanks to Alastair McIntyre

As the new PM walks into Number 10 he will be greeted with applause by Downing Street staff - but there is one employee who is notoriously hard to impress.

Larry the cat currently holds the official role of chief mouser to the Cabinet Office, a position that's said to date back hundreds of years.

So how have previous PMs warmed to their four-legged civil servant over the years? A cross-species special relationship or a classic case of feline indifference?

## Theresa May

In a 2016 interview with the Sunday Times, Theresa May said she was "very happy to see Larry", but hinted she was more of a dog person after growing up with them at home.

She did note there were parts of Number 10 where Larry "rules the roost" with certain seats he expects to sit on. However, her own office chair was not one of them.

Their relationship is unlikely to have improved after Larry was tactically extracted by police before Mrs. May's resignation speech amid fears he would upstage the departing PM.

With many outgoing prime ministers in their final days often rewarding or knighting members of their loyal staff, perhaps a chance to repair the relationship still remains.

But the chief mouser is likely to be more interested in the ongoing turf war between him and his Foreign Office rival, Palmerston.

Multiple fights have broken out in front of cameras on Downing Street, with security guards having to step in to rescue Palmerston in October 2016.

## David Cameron

In his final Prime Minister's Questions before resigning, David Cameron quashed rumours he and the Downing Street cat did not get on by brandishing

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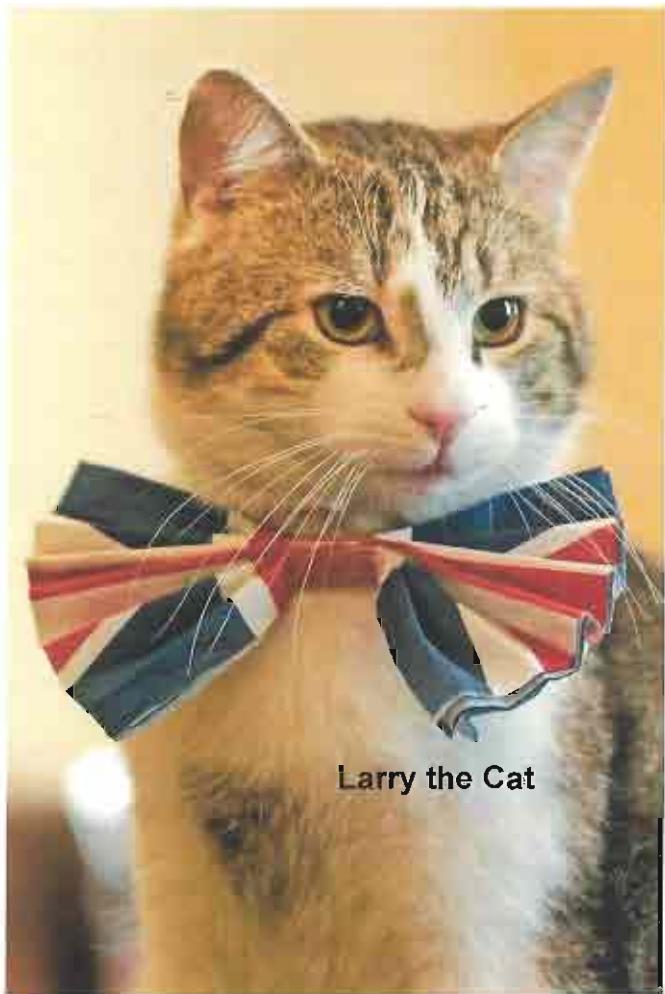
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a picture of Larry curled up on his lap.

"Sadly, I cannot take Larry with me - he belongs to the house and the staff love him very much, as do I."

In a significant moment in Anglo-American relations, Larry even allowed Barack Obama to stroke him during the presidential visit in 2011 with Mr Cameron later revealing Larry was "all right" with him.

Mr Cameron was actually responsible for bringing Larry to Downing Street in 2011. The then four-year-old arrived from Battersea Dogs and Cats Home - his mouse-catching skills honed from his time as a stray.

#### **Gordon Brown**

Before Larry took up occupation, black tabby Sybil - named after the Fawlty Towers character - briefly stalked the streets of Downing Street.

But her home was not No 10, but No 11 with

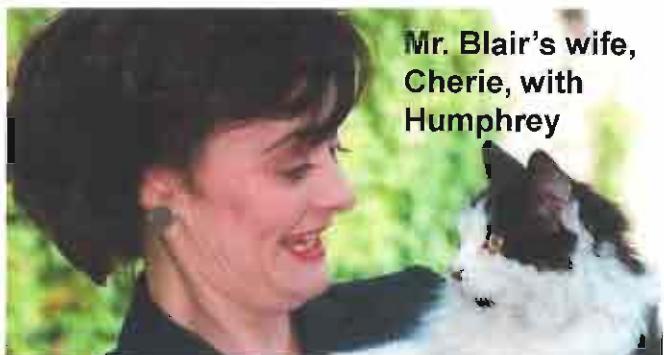
Chancellor Alistair Darling.

The lack of a feline presence in Gordon Brown's HQ raised questions, and Mr Brown's official spokesperson was forced to deny the PM and his wife had a problem with Sybil.

#### **Tony Blair**

The incoming prime minister had to share his home with the veteran Humphrey, who had already been patrolling the corridors for eight years when the Blairs moved in.

But rumours circled the Westminster village when Humphrey suddenly left.



Downing Street was forced to deny he had been put down, insisting he had instead been re-housed for health reasons.

This led to Conservative MP Alan Clark using a parliamentary question to ask Mr Blair to outline what "steps were taken by Cabinet Office staff to establish the state of health of Humphrey the cat, prior to his departure from Downing Street."

In his response, the prime minister explained that he was sent away due to worries about the "general deterioration in his condition." Reports from the countryside suggested he had "responded very well and put on weight".

#### **Previous pets**

In a career spanning 13 years, Wilberforce served under four prime ministers from Edward Heath through to Margaret Thatcher.

According to information revealed by the Home Office in 2005, the earliest record of a chief mouser is from 1929 when a penny a day from the petty cash was requested to feed a cat called Peter.

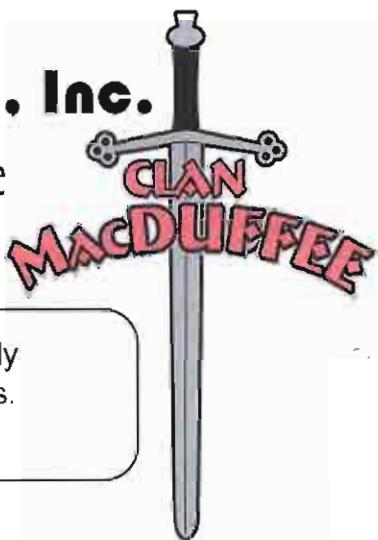
Peter was succeeded by two more Peters and a Peta, who caused a rift in No 10 because of her lack of toilet training.

# MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

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