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# MEN IN KILTS

## A ROADTRIP WITH SAM AND GRAHAM

Graham McTavish has teamed back up with good friend and actor Sam Heughan in a new travel documentary series called *Men in Kilts: A Roadtrip with Sam and Graham*.

This series will be available on STARZ, however, a release date has not been given at this time. The show originally began as a podcast series before being turned into a TV series.

The eight-part series will consist of Sam and Graham traveling to various locations throughout Scotland such as the mountains of Glencoe, Inverness, and the famous Culloden battlefield. Details have not been released about additional locations, however, it would be remarkable if they happen to show up at the ancient lands of Clan MacTavish such as Cruach Mor, Dunadd, and Kilmartin.

The synopsis for the series reads: "Created by the two Scotsmen, *Men in Kilts: A Roadtrip with Sam and Graham* promises a celebration of Scottish history and culture as Heughan and McTavish take viewers along on their adventures, discovering the rich, complex heritage of their native country, meeting various local artisans and experts, and experiencing genuine moments of awe and fascination as the duo share their travels with the audience rather than simply guiding them." - By Molli Mitchell (express.co.uk)

This series will certainly be full of rich history and culture that any clan member, McTavish or any other clan, will be excited to watch to feel closer to our heritage. Follow the link below to view the official trailer video. <[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\\_3rOPt-RDM&t=10s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_3rOPt-RDM&t=10s)> After the trailer, there is a really funny wee film about funny out-takes on Outlander.

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*A letter from your editor*

# What our Sheltering at Home is teaching all of us about life



I don't think that anyone in the Scottish Community anywhere in the world will ever take our Scottish Games for granted again.

I don't think anyone in the Scottish Community will ever take for granted seeing dear friends and hugging and holding hands for a moment.

Something I enjoy so much at games is when two friends see each other at a distance and both scramble toward each other, usually hollering and laughing. Lordy, I have missed those moments.

We all have learned that so much of our lives is intertwined with the lives of our friends and our families.

Goodness, I don't think anyone will ever take going to Sunday dinner with our friends, cousins, family members for granted any more.

The Camaraderie of hauling tent materials and flags and decorations and books and things to hang up for other folks to admire is being missed a lot by many folks about now.

It makes it sadder to realize that this year is lost and we did not get to see our friends in person.

Think about how many close-knit friends have been lost over the past few years. Each and every one has been irreplaceable. They are all missed.

I have learned one wonderful thing in my life. That is, you can love people in as many

ways as there are people!

If you are my friend, I'm sure I have told you how much I love you. Right?

We don't have any promise of tomorrow, so we don't want to miss opportunities to say, "I love you," to dear friends.

When this is over and we are finally free to attend events and interact as we always have, will you remember this lesson about how special and wonderful something so simple as a friendly hug can be?

Our Scottish Community has responded with so much creativity.

One group has been having Virtual Meetings each month for a while. Another group has held Virtual Cocktail Parties.

There have been many, many phone calls and emails just being sure that our friends and family are faring well.

There have been many birthday parties where friends and family drive by in cars and even visit at long distance. Birthday packages have been tossed from cars and cards, too.

Will you ever take going somewhere as simple as church as just what happens on Sundays and Wednesday nights? I don't think so.

I hope everyone thinks about all this and makes an effort not to take anything for granted.

*Another bad hair day in the life of Beth.*

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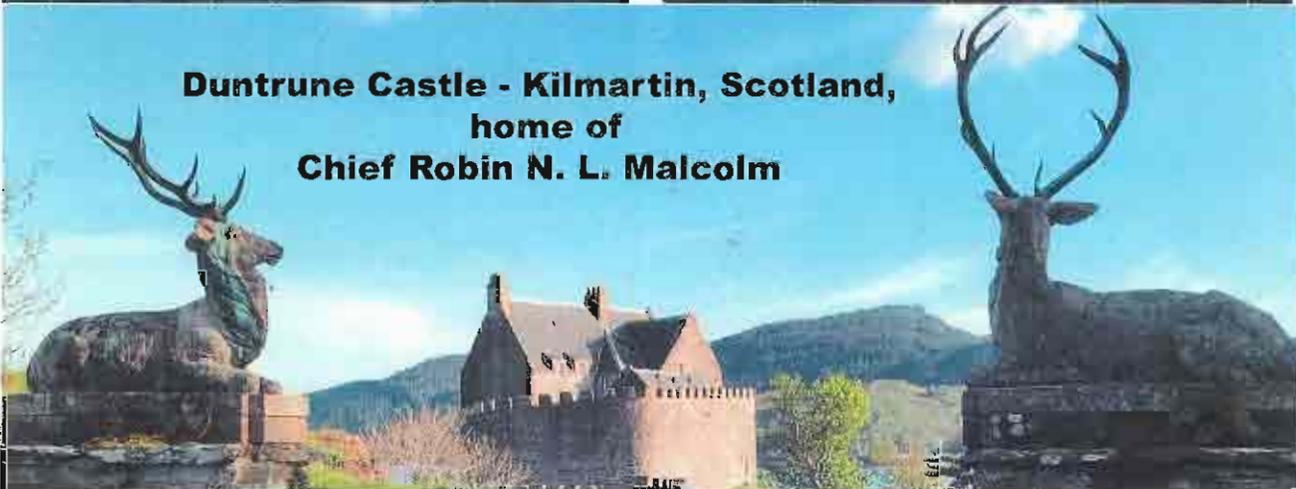
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# A Pirate Botanist Helped Bring Hot Chocolate to England

*William Hughes was a buccaneer with an early recipe for "the American Nectar."*

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Reina Gattso

IF YOU HAD MET HIM the year his famous book was published, you might have mistaken William Hughes for a mild-mannered gardener. By that time, he had settled into his role at the country estate of the Viscountess Conway, a noblewoman and philosopher, and had published a book on grapevines. But the old man was more than a tottering plant enthusiast. When

his treatise on New World botany, *The American Physitian*, dropped in 1672, its contents revealed a swashbuckling history.

"He was a pirate chocolatier," says Marissa Nicosia, Assistant Professor of Renaissance Literature at Penn State Abington and co-founder of the *Cooking in the Archives* blog. Nicosia recently recreated Hughes's hot chocolate recipe for the Folger Shakespeare Library's "First Chefs" exhibition, a celebration of the first American culinary celebrities and the indigenous and African people who shaped American cooking.

William Hughes had not intended to become a chocolate celebrity. When the English-

man, who was a botanist by inclination, set out for the New World sometime in the 1630s or '40s, it's possible he had never heard of cacao at all. "Britain was late to the game in terms of exploiting the resources in the Americas," says Amanda Herbert, an Assistant Director



*William Hughes, like other Europeans in the Americas, learned—and often stole—from indigenous people.*  
MAHENDRA SINGH

at the Folger Shakespeare Library.

Hughes's botanical studies, and his piracy, were a game of catch-up with the Spanish. His treatise on American botany, one of the first eyewitness English-language accounts of cacao planting and production, alerted the English of the New World resources they had yet to exploit. His notes on hot chocolate preparation, gleaned from encounters with indigenous, colonial European, and African Americans, helped bring the intoxicating brew, once regarded with wariness, to the tastebuds and imaginations of England's upper classes.



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# Scotland's largest Pictish settlement

Read more at: <<http://sceptical.scot>> Gordon Noble

**A** much-loved local landmark with an ancient fort at its summit, Tap O'Noth is a gently sloping hill overlooking the lush rolling farmland around the village of Rhynie in Aberdeenshire.

Until now, the fort was widely believed to date back to the Bronze or Iron Age. But, thanks to a combination of drone footage, aerial 3D laser-scanning and radiocarbon dating, our research has revealed that not only is the fort much younger than previously thought, it also potentially stands as one of the largest Pictish settlements of the late and post-Roman periods.

We discovered it had once contained 800 dwelling platforms – housing as many as 4,000 people – and if they all date to the same period this would stand as almost urban-scale settlement, which archaeologists previously did not believe existed in Scotland until the 12th century.

## ***Uncovering the Picts***

The fearsome Picts were first mentioned in Late Roman sources as a collective name for the barbaric peoples living north of the Roman frontier in north-east Scotland. The Pictish kingdoms went on to dominate a large part of Scotland until the late first millennium AD, but few sources have been left behind to help understand this important period.

The University of Aberdeen's Northern Picts project was established in 2012 to find new sites in a period with few identified locations either in written sources or the archaeological record. A key focus has been the area around the village of Rhynie, whose name includes a form of the Celtic word for "king", rig.

Our work at the site suggests the Rhynie valley was an elite Pictish centre from the 4th-6th centuries AD. The area has long been known for its concentration of Pictish stones carved with symbols. In March 1978, a farmer ploughed up a spectacular stone known as the "Rhynie Man" in a field on Barflat Farm just to the south of the modern village.



*A much-loved local landmark with an ancient fort at its summit, Tap O'Noth is a gently sloping hill overlooking the lush rolling farmland around the village of Rhynie in Aberdeenshire.*

That summer the local council's archaeology department took aerial photographs of a series of enclosures around the Craw Stane, another Pictish stone that still stands in the same field where the Rhynie Man was found.

Our excavations around the Craw Stane at Barflat farm from 2011-2017 found that this stood towards the entranceway of a settlement that included

the remains of timber buildings enclosed by ditches, banks and an elaborate wooden wall made of oak posts and planks.

The excavations revealed a rich array of finds including shards of Late Roman wine amphorae (earthenware jars) imported from the eastern Mediterranean, shards of glass drinking beakers from France, and one of the largest collections of metalworking from early medieval Britain. This includes moulds and crucibles for making pins, brooches and even tiny animal figurines that match the animals carved on Pictish stones.

An iron pin shaped like the axe carried by the Rhynie Man was also discovered, a remarkable find that was one of a number of objects that could be linked directly to the iconography

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## Scotland's Picts, *continued from page 7*

of these stones. The axe that the Rhynie Man carries appears to be a form associated with animal sacrifice and the fearsome figure on the stone may be a pagan deity associated with cult practices.

Our excavations on the outskirts of the village, a few hundred metres north of the Barflat site, also found traces of a contemporary cemetery and uncovered the remains of Pictish burial mounds including the partially preserved remains of an adult female.

### *A stunning discovery*

We have been investigating the wider area of the Rhynie valley since 2017, targeting a number of hillforts found overlooking the Barflat complex. But Tap O'Noth is the most compelling site and one of the most spectacular hillforts in Scotland. The second highest in the country, it is one of the best examples of a vitrified fort – vitrification being the result of the destruction of timber-laced ramparts by fire.

The summit fort is surrounded by a massive 16-hectare enclosure, which itself represents the second largest hillfort in northern Britain. Within the larger fort hundreds of house platforms had been recorded in earlier surveys.

Our excavation of the oblong fort was an exercise in extreme archaeology with the vitrified walls and areas of the interior tackled over two gruelling seasons. It revealed the buckled and heavily burnt wall-faces of the vitrified fort and radiocarbon sampling showed it dated to the period 400-100 BC in the Iron Age.



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The results from the larger fort then were all the more surprising and exciting. Due to its size and elevation, scholars have suggested its construction and occupation dated from a time when the climate was warmer, possibly during the Bronze Age.

But our most recent excavations in 2019 turned that notion on its head – with radiocarbon dating from two platforms and the rampart spanning the 3rd to 6th century AD period, dates broadly contemporary with the Barflat complex. LiDAR scanning (essentially 3D laser scanning from a plane) and our drone photogrammetry survey also

suggests that many more house platforms are contained within the lower fort – perhaps as many as 800 – making Tap O' Noth potentially one of the most densely occupied hillforts in Britain.

The rampart belongs to the latter part of that span of radiocarbon dates, making it the largest hillfort of that date we know in Britain. The number of house platforms on the site suggest a very large population, though we need to test more platforms to assess if they are contemporary, but there is little in an early medieval context to compare the site to.

Our work in the Rhynie valley gives us an unexpected and unparalleled insight into a possibly early royal landscape of the Picts of the 4th-7th century AD. The exciting Tap O'Noth discovery, in particular, has the potential to shake the narrative of this whole time period.

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## **The Scottish Society of Louisville, KY, had a great idea!**

Due to the disruption of regular activities caused by the Covid-19 virus, The Scottish Society of Louisville, KY, has begun having virtual monthly meetings.

If you would like more information about how Virtual Meetings are being done, contact President Bruce Wilson at 501-468-3616. There is more than one way to skin a cat.



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# Gaelic: How Scotland can save this language



  
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Brian Wilson

Contrary to this week's headlines, Gaelic will be alive and kicking ten years from now. And 20. And 50. There will be Gaelic academics, Gaelic learners, Gaelic singers, Gaelic broadcasters. The question raised by newly published research is whether there will be Gaelic-speaking communities, by even the loosest definition, to sing and broadcast to.

Current projections are not encouraging which should surprise nobody. The value of the research is to validate the obvious and encourage some corrective actions.

Or does anybody really care? There is a hard anti-Gaelic core in Scotland, which I have always found sad and unfathomable. More generally, there is benign disinterest which wishes the language no harm but scarcely sees it as a priority.

Even among Gaelic-speakers, many do not regard it as a cause. But then why should they? Language is as natural as breathing. For most, it does not need legislation to support its existence or use.

The problem for all minority languages is that

natural selection in a global village will wipe them out, just like a species too weak to defend itself. So they need protection, special measures, legislation to give them a fighting chance.

Gaelic is no different. It will live or die in Scotland. We can make a good job of creating that fighting chance or a bad one. At present, the report card is not promising.

Official status was always going to be a two-edged sword – impossible to argue against but potentially worse than useless.

By concentrating scarce resources on tokens and targets, boxes would be ticked with urgent realities ignored.

Its main outcome was to create a Government quango which promptly set about hoovering up organisations which hitherto had some degree of vibrant independence. Now the only “voice of Gaelic” is itself a government agency – an impossible conflict of interests.

In 2010, a target was set of 4,000 entering Gaelic-medium education within a decade. The

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*A letter from Bryan Mulcahy*

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This homepage will take you

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### **Gaelic: How Scotland can save this language, *Continued from page 11***

actual figure is nearer 500. It is a familiar story – unrealistic targets, headlines, then silence. The issue of secondary teachers has never been addressed, so that many who enter the system are subsequently failed by it.

However, there is a more fundamental issue. Gaelic is declining where it still had strength because these communities themselves are changing so rapidly. If there are no people, there will be no language.

I agree with the recommendation that a network of community groups should be created to encourage practical measures which reinforce language use.

That grassroots input is at present entirely absent. There is minimal support for parents.

However, the bigger challenge will still be demographic. For example, the Western Isles shows population decline in 30 out of 36 data areas since 2011. Fifteen per cent in Eriskay/South Boisdale, 13 per cent in Ness... That is where the language is going.

Ireland recognised long ago that issues are inter-linked by creating a Department of the Gaeltacht with economic and social, as well as linguistic, remits. I would not recommend replicating that because the distinc-

tion between “Gaelic” and “non-Gaelic” communities is invidious. But the principle is right.

Many parts of the Scottish periphery share the same issues – lack of housing, lack of employment, declining services, pressure for holiday homes, breakdown of crofting regulation which is now an empty shell...

From an Edinburgh perspective, there is no recognition of the “micro” issues which affect these picture postcard places. Half a dozen Scottish bureaucracies solemnly administer their decline from a safe distance and Gaelic is just one of the resultant casualties.

There are 28 ministers in the Scottish Government. Heaven knows what the poor civil servants find to put in some of their boxes each night to convince them they are doing something useful.

Surely there is room for a Minister for the Periphery with powers to break down bureaucratic silos and breathe new life into these places.

Without such intervention, there will be no Gaelic-speaking communities largely because there will be no viable communities where Gaels once spoke.

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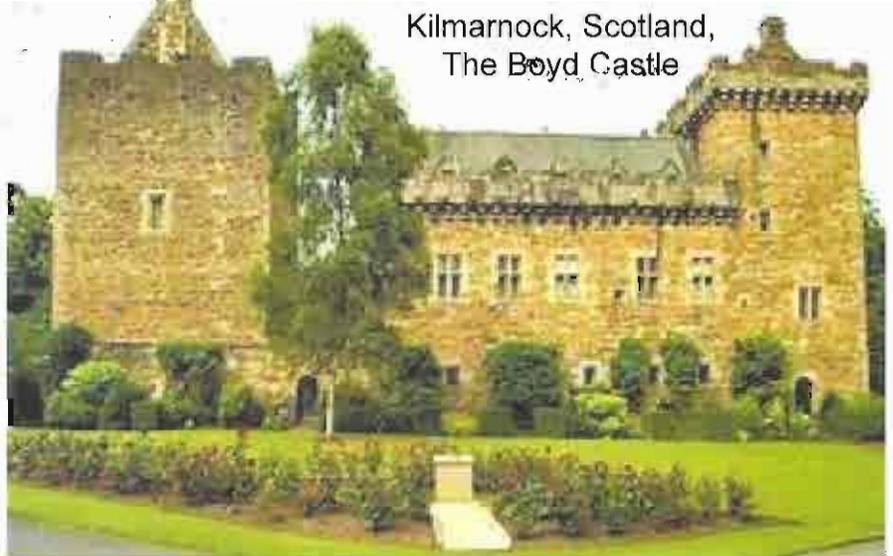
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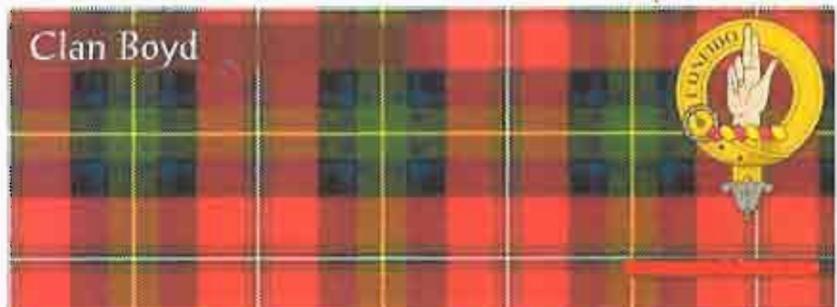
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In submitting your family information, we encourage you to provide as much information as you can, not only on your direct Lyon(s) lineage, but also on the siblings of your Lyon(s) ancestors.

Reference citations are important to assist the research of others.

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### **Gaelic: How Scotland can save this language,** *Continued from page 11*

This should be a plea from the Scottish periphery, rather than for Gaelic alone.

## Registration is now open for the Federation of Genealogical Societies’ Virtual Family History Conference!

The virtual event will begin with FGS “Live!” on September 2, 2020, starting at 11:00 a.m. (EDT) and concluding at 7:00 p.m. (EDT).

In addition to the Live! event, all conference registrations will include a collection of 16 society management sessions assembled by FGS and more than 30 sponsored sessions.

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For more information, visit our conference website.

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- Judy G. Russell, “Quarantined! Genealogy, The Law & Public Health”
- Ari Wilkins, “Scaling the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Research”
- Thomas W. Jones, “Building a Respectable Genealogy, One Documented Biography at a Time”
- CeCe Moore, “Strategies of “The Genetic Detective”
- Lisa Louise Cooke, “The 2020 Genealogist’s Google Search Methodology”

The live event will also include special presentations from our two Platinum sponsors: Ancestry’s “Journey to “Roots Less Traveled” and Ron Tanner of *FamilySearch*, “What’s New at FamilySearch”

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So far, the campaign has included online talks on the replica "Atlantic Wall" near Stirling, rock art in one of Orkney's 5,000-year-old tombs, and the Kirkcudbright Bay abandoned vessels in Dumfries & Galloway.

Explore the Scotland Digs Digital pages on the Dig It! website for the latest updates. Visit: <[www.digitScotland.com/scotland-digs](http://www.digitScotland.com/scotland-digs)>

### FGS Virtual Genealogy,

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An online chat will take place during the live event and there will be a Q&A session following each session.

The following two-hour workshops will also be held on September 3-4:

- **Angie Bush**, "Using the "What are the Odds" (WATO) Tool" on 9/3/2020
- **Cari Taplin**, "Using Google's My Maps as a Planning & Analysis Tool" on 9/3/2020
- **Angie Bush**, "Latest Developments in Company Tools for DNA" on 9/4/2020
- **Pam Vestal**, "What the Heck Does That

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For a full description of the registration packages, a list of the available On-Demand content, a list of all of the free sessions, and much more information, visit our conference website.

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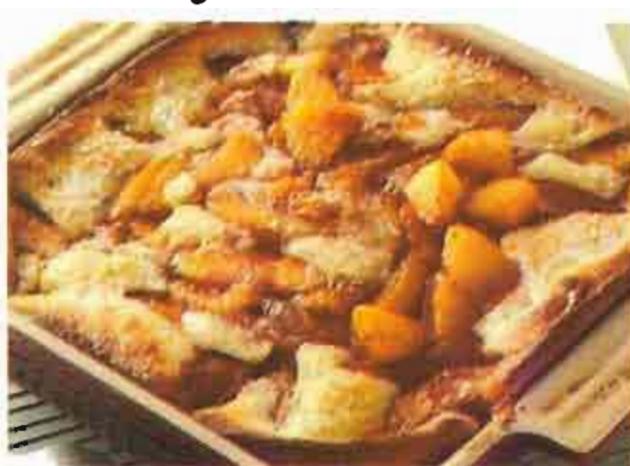
If you are hungry for something homemade, easy to make and about as cheap as you can go...then, try this cobbler.

It is Scottish because my grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald, taught me how to make it when I was a miniature me. I am a Scottish Mutt, hence Scottish Cobbler.

Just take a cup of Bisquick (or other self-rising flour), one stick of butter, one cup milk, a can or fresh any kind of fruit you have on hand and one cup sugar. I use a Tablespoon of vanilla, too.

Mix everything in a bowl except the fruit. Set the oven at 350 degrees.

Mix until everything is equally distributed. Use some Baker's Spray (Oil & Flour) on your favorite baking dish. Pour the bowl ingredients into the dish. Add whatever fruit you have. Canned peaches are great. Blueberries are wonderful.



Apples are good. See? Whatever you have.

Bake in the 350 degree oven until golden brown. Vanilla ice cream is lovely as a topper or the spray creamer, or whatever you have..

Enjoy.



**Yes! You can get a health mask in your very own Scottish clan tartan!**

Just wanted to let you know that Sport Kilt has been making tartan masks in the US since early April, in 70 different tartans, with straps that go around the head for those that don't like the ear loops. Feel free to let your friends know! <<https://sportkilt.com/product/tartan-facemask/>> Best Regards, James Ansite

## **INTERESTING TID-BIT: *The Skye Boat Song* is not entirely Gaelic**

As legend has it, the "Bonnie" prince escaped by sea dressed as Flora MacDonald's maid, Betty Burke. The wistful *Skye Boat Song* tells the story, as the lad that is born to be king is rowed away to Skye. The song is a traditional Gaelic rowing song and the tune probably derives from the song *Cuachan nan Craobh* or *The Cuckoo in the Grove*, but the lyrics creating the connection with the prince were actually written by an Englishman, Sir Harold

Edwin Boulton (1859-1935) of Copped Hall, Totteridge, Hertfordshire.

In 1892, Robert Louis Stevenson, author of the post-Culloden adventure, *Kidnapped* (1886), wrote his own version of the song with the first line "Sing me a song of a lad that is gone", made famous by the TV series, *Outlander*.

This is the second song that has surprised me as *Danny Boy* was also written by an Englishman!

Thanks to the publication of Scottish Heritage USA. Email them: <[shusa457@gmail.com](mailto:shusa457@gmail.com)>

# Scottish - American Military Society

## General Elijah Clark Post #60



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If you are a veteran of Celtic heritage, you can join the Scottish - American Military Society.

You can visit our webpage for more information. The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

Our meeting times, dates and places are to be announced for 2020 soon. In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General James Jackson Post #60. Call 1-678-873-3491 or visit his email at <[rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)>

If you attend a Scottish Highland Games look for the SAMS unit which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk with you.



# Scottish - American Military Society



If you would like information on joining the Scottish - American Military Society, please contact: **Rick Conn**, Adjutant, General James Jackson Post #60, 2683 Brocklin Drive, Grayson, GA 30017 -1432. Telephone **678-873-3491**. Email: <[rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)> <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

# Bryan Mulcahy answers some “library” questions

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Good Morning: The two most common questions that I get asked at public service desks, in my email in-box, and over the telephone of late are listed below:

When will we be able to resume requesting materials through Inter-Library Loan (ILL)?

When will access to the Fort Myers genealogy room be available again for patrons?

This article will address both issues.

COVID-19 or the Coronavirus has impacted all library services throughout the United States, Canada, and the rest of the World. One of the services that has had the most impact from a research perspective involves ILL. At the present time, there is no timetable on when ILL services will be restored. COVID-19 has essentially shut down ILL lending throughout the United States among libraries. There is some good news. My job is to always try and provide options to get around challenges. Here are several suggestions that may help get around the issues involving the lack of ILL services:

1. Check Google books and type in the title. The book may have been digitized and be available in full text.

2. Perform a regular search on Google, Firefox, Yahoo, etc. and type in the title in "quotation marks" + pdf. You may luck into a pdf version.

3. If you know from previous research experience that a particular library or repository has a book that you need information from, contact them using the “Ask a Librarian” if such an option exists on their website. If not, search the contact options and direct your query to the Adult Reference Department. When using this strategy, here are the available options listed below. Several of our patrons have successfully used these options since we reopened.

a. Provide the title, author, publication date, and page numbers that you wish to have scanned

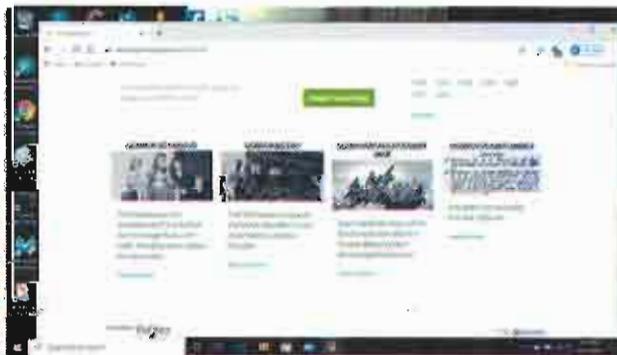
or copied. Offer to pay any fees that are applicable.

b. If you know the title and author but no other information, ask them if they could send a scanned copy of the table of contents. Offer to pay any fees that are applicable.

c. If you know a title and have a surname or surnames of interest, ask them if they could scan the index pages containing the surnames if there are several entries. If there are only one or two, ask them if it would be possible to send copies of the pages in the book. Offer to pay any fees that are applicable.

\*\*\*Note: *Whichever option is utilized, please be sure to request a copy of the title page and title page verso showing the publication information.*

4. Visit the *Heritage Quest* database on the Lee County Library System homepage at <https://www.leegov.com/library/services/genealogy>. Click on the icon for "Search Books". The *Heritage Quest* book collection includes over 25,000+ family and local history books that are searchable. Every page of each book can be downloaded or copied. Materials are included from all 50 states and Canada. See screen shot below.



On the matter of access to the genealogy room, there is no timetable in place at the present time. The configuration of the genealogy room does not

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**Are you an Arthur, Carter,  
MacArthur, McArthur or similar  
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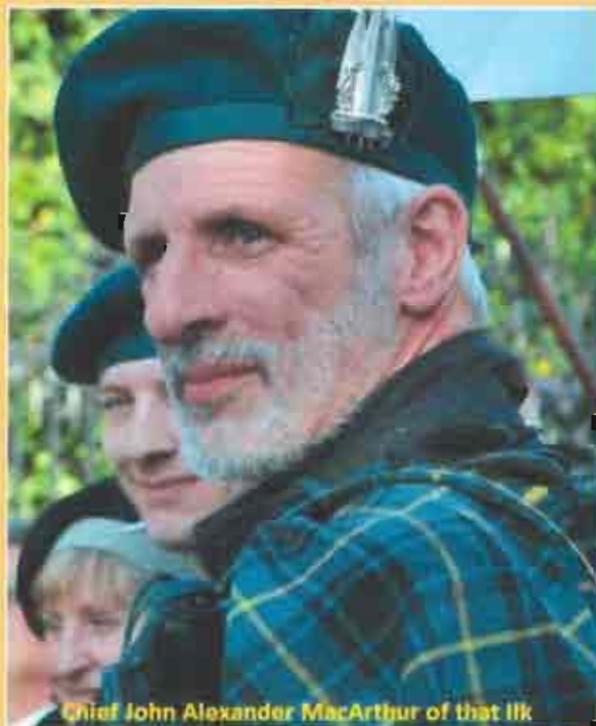
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# NESSIE SEEN FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> TIME THIS YEAR! *Believe!*

## Library question answers,

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conform to current social distancing guidelines. The Lee County Library System is following CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines in terms of social distancing and patron/staff health and safety. This is why most of our computers and furniture are in storage. The furniture from the outside plaza and inside the building are stored in a variety of locations throughout the building. One of the storage areas is in genealogy.

Carol Rooksby Weidlich, Past President of the Lee County Genealogy Society, has taken my complete collection shelf list and converted it to a searchable link of the society homepage by location or subject. The link is <<https://lcgsfl.org/libraryRecords.php>>. If you find a title or titles of interest to your research, please email me at <[bmulcahy@leegov.com](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com)>. Include the title of the book, call number, and include some date and time options when you can come to look at the book at Fort Myers. Based on your options, I'll pick a date and time when I'll be available to pull the item for browsing, scanning, or photocopying. If you cannot come to the branch, please email me and we can talk about possible options. We cannot transfer books between branches at the present time.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.-  
Thanks.

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The Loch Ness monster has been spotted for the fifth time this year.

Kalynn Wangle claims to have seen the mythical creature on June 3.

The 27-year-old's sighting has since been confirmed by the Official Loch Ness Monster register.

It comes not long after a walker allegedly spotted the beast and took the 'best snap ever' of her.

Kalynn didn't see Nessie in real life. The Loch Ness monster enthusiast, from Oregon, United States, was watching Urquhart Bay via webcam.

She claims Nessie appeared for around ten minutes.

Footage shows a black dot floating near the surface of the water.

It begins to move left across the bay, occasionally ducking under the waves.

The sighting is Kalynn's second, with her first being recorded on 10 April and lasting around seven minutes.

A video taken from the webcam on this occasion apparently shows Nessie submerging and re-emerging as it nears Urquhart Bay.

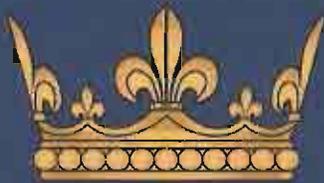
Posting about the footage, Kalynn said: "Why is this sighting super epic you ask? Well, this object surfaces for more than seven minutes.

"It moves closer to the shore, it constantly changes shape and splashes about and is not a boat as it just shows up in the middle of the loch. It also appears to be quite large.

"This second sighting clearly shows a black object moving across the Loch from right to left.

"The object changes shape and goes under the water and comes back up again.

"Splashing also seems to be visible."



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# The Black Hawk War

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**Black Hawk, a Sauk leader**

The Black Hawk War was a brief conflict fought in 1832 between the United States and Native Americans headed by Black Hawk, a Sauk leader. Other than briefly stemming the flow of migration into Wisconsin and Illinois, the costs to America in terms of loss of life, monetary value, and economic impact were insignificant.

The war erupted soon after Black Hawk and a group of Sauks, Meskwakis, and Kickapoos known as the "British Band" crossed the Mississippi River into the U.S. state of Illinois in April 1832. Black Hawk's motives were ambiguous, but he was apparently hoping to avoid bloodshed while resettling on land that had been ceded to the United States in a disputed 1804 treaty.

The Sauk and Fox Indian tribes were two distinct and autonomous tribes that were allied together on political and social issues. By the 1780s both had become prominent in the region that included present-day northern Illinois bordering on Wisconsin and Michigan. Both tribes had become prosperous, industrious, and were determined to have as little to do with white American population as possible. By 1804, the growing migration of Americans into their region led to significant tensions. The Louisiana Purchase further planted the seeds of discontent since it included giving America jurisdiction over the region.

After the War of 1812, whites settling the Illinois Country exerted pressure on the Native Americans. A treaty of 1804, which had no real claim to validity, provided for removal of the Sac and Fox west of the Mississippi. A Native American leader, Black Hawk (1767–1838), who was born in the Sac village near the site of present Rock Island, Illinois and who had fought for the British in the War of 1812, denounced the treaty and resisted removal. Years of intermittent skirmishing followed.

As the U.S. Army built more forts and droves of settlers moved into the territory

during the next 15 years, Black Hawk grew increasingly angry. The white settlers had begun to occupy the village of Saukenuk, an area that would later become Rock Island, Illinois. Regardless of the provisions of the 1804 treaty, Black Hawk refused to leave his own home. He began to prepare for war. The return of Black Hawk in 1831 to northern Illinois sparked widespread panic among white settlers, and Illinois Governor Reynolds quickly called up the militia, which included a young Abraham Lincoln.

Early in 1832, General Edmund P. Gaines arrived in the area with a sizeable force of U.S. soldiers and Illinois militiamen. Initially, Black Hawk withdrew his large band of warriors, women, and children to the west side of the Mississippi. On April 5, however, he led them back into the disputed territory, believing that other Indian forces and the British to the north would support him in a confrontation. The following day, a large army of soldiers caught up to Black Hawk and his followers near the Rock River of northern Illinois. When neither the British nor his Indian allies came to his support, Black Hawk attempted to surrender. Unfortunately, one of his truce bearers was killed in the confusion, and the Black Hawk War began.

Casualties in the 15-week war were grossly one-sided. An estimated 70 settlers or soldiers lost their lives; estimates for the number of Indians

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# CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



# Researching Scottish Church Records

Nancy Mahone Miller, Clan Ramsay Genealogist

Scottish emigration has been a fact of life since the Middle Ages. Scots have left their homeland, first going to European destinations, then beginning in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to worldwide locations, including the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. As many as 100,000 Scots

had settled in Ireland by 1700 with around 150,000 in the Americas by the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Ulster Scots emigrated to Northern Ireland, then to America in the 1700's.

These Scots landed mostly in New Castle, Delaware; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Charleston, South Carolina; Baltimore, Maryland; and New

## **The Black Hawk War, continued from page 25**

killed are between 442 and 592. Black Hawk was captured and incarcerated for a time in Fortress Monroe, Virginia. In order to demonstrate the futility of further resistance to the powerful Americans, Black Hawk was taken on a tour of the major eastern cities before being relocated to an Iowa Indian agency. He lived the remaining six years of his life under the supervision of a Sauk chief who had once been his enemy. Unlike Black Hawk, the Sauk chief had cooperated with the United States government.



The Black Hawk War is now often remembered as the conflict that gave young Abraham Lincoln his brief military service. Other notable American participants included Winfield Scott, Zachary Taylor, and Jefferson Davis. The war gave impetus to the US policy of Indian removal, in which Native American tribes were pressured to sell their lands and move west of the Mississippi River. For more information on this topic, including a detailed study guide, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

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York. Pennsylvania was the most attractive entry point due to the availability of land, religious tolerance, and reasonable political freedom.

If you have gotten your Scottish family back to Scotland, the most important resource for tracing your family tree are the *Old Parish Registers* of the Church of Scotland 1553-1854, until the advent of civil registrations in 1855.

These records are a source for names, dates, and places of birth, marriage, and death records. It is helpful to know your ancestor's parish, but if unknown and you know the village or town, use a *Gazetteer* to pinpoint the parish. It is helpful to know Scottish Church History. A timeline is available on Cyndi's List. ([cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com))

*Parish Registers* are the source of christenings, marriages, and burials. They may have birth or death dates. They also contain Mortcloth dues registers, which may be the only burial record. This is a record of dues paid for the rental of the funeral pall, the cloth draped over a coffin prior to burial.

The Presbyterian Church, also known as the  
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**Chief of the Paisley Family, Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea.**

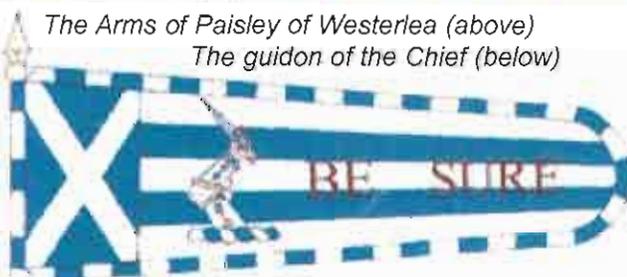


All Paisleys of the name or blood (and all spellings) are invited to join. Email: <mbrown2205@aol.com>

Paisley Family Society USA Branch, FaceBook account can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Paisley-Family-Society-USA-branch-195070730565352/>



*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)  
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots, 1165-1214.

For the Paisley DNA Project, visit <dlangsto@yahoo.com>

Check out the **Clan Paisley Society** webpage at <[www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk)> to see what's happening with us this year. Contact **Martha Brown** at <mbrown2205@aol.com>.

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# Clan Sinclair

# Flowers of the Forest

John "Jack" Stewart Schafer    Mary Helen Buckley Sinclair

**John "Jack" Stewart Schafer**, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed on April 1, 2020 at the age 74. He was born on January 30, 1946 and was the only child of Ruth Ann (nee Masson) and John George Schafer. He was the loving husband of Kathleen Ann "Kathy" (nee Peck) for over 52 wonderful years. He was the proud father of Karina Anne and John Stewart Schafer, Jr. He is the brother-in-law of Mary (nee Peck) and James "Jim" Schulist, and uncle to Susan "Suzi" Earhart (nee Schulist) (dau: Meagan, son: Michael (Danya) and Stephen "Steve" Schulist (Sherylynn).

He was preceded in death by his beloved aunt, Margaret "Aunti Mi" Weber (nee Masson) (Elmer) and his uncle and namesake, John Stewart Masson (Kinoko) and his only cousin, their daughter, Kiyoko San.

Sadly, he never was able to meet his Uncle John as John served proudly in the Navy during WWII and lived in China with his family. In 1944, John's ship, the *USS Kalk*, was sunk and he was declared MIA. Aunti Mi worked diligently to get the sister-in-law she never met U.S. citizenship so Kinoko and their daughter could join the family in Milwaukee after John died. Kinoko was in Nagasaki when the atomic bomb exploded. She survived, but despite Aunti Mi's great effort, little more is known. Their legacy and memory lived through the many stories that Jack shared with family and friends.

He is also survived by his many extended cousins: Christine "Pixie" Penner, who has been such a pillar of support for the family during this difficult time, and the rest of the Penner "tribe", the Grass family, the Lars Husum family in Den-

mark, and his extended Scottish family-by-heart in Wisconsin and beyond.

Jack was a fourth-generation Milwaukeean and a lifelong East Sider. As a child, he was the head acolyte at St. Mark's Episcopel Church on Downer Ave, and a Boy Scout. He attended Philipp Elementary School, Hartford Avenue School and Riverside (East) High School in Class of 1963. Jack also attended UW-Madison College of Engineering and UWMilwaukee. Jack served in the United States Navy as a midshipman and received an honorable discharge.

During his early years, while working on commercial fishing boats in Door County, WI, he developed a love and respect for Lake Michigan, and established a lifelong friendship with the Armand Tipler family that grew into a deeply treasured extended family-of-heart and with whom we shared many a joyous Thanksgiving and Easter,

and many laughs in the fish shed and while smoking fish.

As a young man, Jack worked as a race car mechanic at Pabst Motors in Milwaukee and Millrace Motors in Thiensville. He enjoyed racing foreign cars with great friends Bob Dickey, Chris Beebe and Jimmy Pott. During his 40 plus year career in industrial water treatment equipment manufacturing, Jack excelled as a project engineer, an engineering manager, and an entrepreneur. He helped start multiple successful businesses in Milwaukee, including Hydro-Max, Schafer & Associates, and Lakeside Water Treatment, Inc..

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The Ancestral Home  
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Gilnockie Tower is on the A7 Edinburgh to Carlisle route, details on our website.:  
[www.gilnockietower.co.uk](http://www.gilnockietower.co.uk)

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We are open 10.00 AM until 4.00 PM 7 days 1<sup>st</sup> April to end October 2019. We are open 11.00 AM until 3.00 PM daily end October 2019 until end March 2020.

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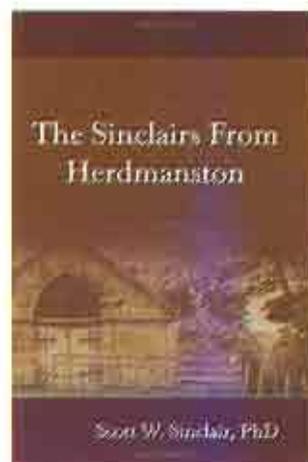
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## Available on Amazon on Sinclair History

*The Sinclairs From Herdmanston*, by Scott W. Sinclair and published by St. Clair Publications is now available through Amazon for \$7.95.

The Herdmanston St. Clair family has the oldest documented Sinclair presence in Scotland (1162). The book traces the lineage of the Herdmanston branch of the Sinclairs through Bannockburn, Teba, Otterburn, Homildon Hill and later Herdmanstons who fought in Crimean, New Zealand, and both World Wars.

This history includes a romantic account of sisters confined by their uncle in a castle, but eventually rescued by their future husbands.



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### Sinclair Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 29*

Jack was a well-respected member of the Scottish community in Wisconsin. He served as Wisconsin State Commissioner for Clan Sinclair USA and warmly welcomed many new members into the Clan at the yearly Wisconsin and Milwaukee Highland Games and was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clan Sinclair Trust. He served as the President of the St. Andrew's Society of the City of Milwaukee from 2018 until his passing; previously serving as First Vice President, Second Vice President, and a member of the Board of Managers for several years. He was a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and enjoyed studying Scottish and World history.



He loved to share stories about his many adventures in life. Jack had a deep catalog of time tested witticisms and insights that clarified the common truth of matters big and small.

Jack had a talent for music and spent many evenings with friends singing folk tunes, Celtic music and playing the guitar and banjo.

The Schafer family is thankful for the wonderful staff of Columbia St. Mary's on Lake Drive for their exceptional care. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations please be sent to the Columbia St. Mary's Foundation at <supportcsm.org>. Memorial donations made in John Schafer's name will be directed to the Sup-

port Ascension Caregivers fund which was created to provide vital assistance for the hospital's caregivers. It's purpose is to acquire the needed supplies and services for the staff's safety and healing during this devastating COVID19 virus event.

The family would also like to thank Dr. Matthew Hanna for his personalized care and expertise in nephrology. A celebration of life with music and

cheer will be scheduled at a time in the future when his many dear friends can safely gather together again.

This is just the snippet of a life well lived. The family intends to continue his story and share many photographs, stories and the joy of his many friends in the near future on a website dedicated

to their dad at <[www.schafer-and-assoc.com/jackschafer](http://www.schafer-and-assoc.com/jackschafer)>.

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**Mary Helen Buckley Sinclair** passed away on May 30<sup>th</sup> after a 6 year battle with Cancer. Her husband Gary D., son Mark D., son Kenneth E., with wife Cheryl, and son Darinat were all by her side.

She will always be remembered as a good wife, mother, and friend to literally hundreds of friends and those of Scotch heritage which she so loved. She co-represented as past Vice President Western Region for Clan Sinclair USA. Friends from Canada, Scotland, and Australia will remember her happy face.



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# Relevancy of Clans in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

John Cochran

Attend any Scottish heritage event and you will be immersed in all things Clan. Many of the individuals attending these events are proud of their Scottish ancestry and, more importantly, the history of their Clan. They will regale you with stories of battles fought long ago, cattle rustling, and Clan feuds.

These stories show the Clans at their best and at their worst, but they complete the tapestry of a proud history. The Clan was more important than King and Country; it was the fabric of everyday life and served the function of community, governance, and protection of its members.

That is not the case in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century where communities and governments now serve the functions previously provided by the Clan and Chiefs. This begs the question, do Clans still have relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Or are they quaint, anachronistic entities that allow people to dress up in plaid and tell old stories? It's an interesting question I have been pondering for a while now and one I have discussed with people on both sides of the pond. Do the Clans have a role, or is it just a quaint idea to be pretended during games, St. Andrew's Dinners, or Burns Night events?

## What is a Clan?

The word Clan is a late Middle English word, derived from Gaelic, which translates to "children of" or "offspring". While it is most commonly attributed to the Scots Gaelic word *clann*, it is also found in Old Irish Gaelic (*cland*) and in Old Welsh (*plant*); all having the same meaning.

As a social practice, Clans consisted of individuals who either shared a common ancestor, had

a greater familial connection, or were bound by territory. While the word and practice can be found throughout both Gaelic and Brythonic cultures there is an ongoing debate on its modern-day use.

There are basically two different camps of thought: the first make a strong differentiation between Clans (Scottish Highlands) and Families (Scottish Lowlands); the second use Clan as an overarching term for all Scottish families. Both arguments have merit; however, for ease of writing and due to most common usage, I will be using Clan in the overarching sense.

## The Clan of the Past

When one gets to the heart of it, the *raison de etre* for Clans in the past was selfsustainment and protection. Certainly, there were extended familial ties;

however not all members who owed their allegiance to a specific Clan were descended from a common ancestor. In many instances families within a region that fell under the dominion of a certain Chief, Laird, or Lord, along with the extended family, swore allegiance to that Clan and Chief. (Indeed, this practice is at the root of the academic discussions on *septs* of a name.)

These communities, bound by either blood or oath, worked together for the common good of everyone in the community. While romanticized to great extent by literary giants such as Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott, the bare bones truth of their creation was for survival and community.

## The Modern-Day Clan

Today, our survival does not necessitate belonging to a Clan. Clans are no longer the fighting,

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agrarian organizations we read about, instead they have evolved into social societies. Individuals are invited to join after paying a yearly membership fee, and then participate in a myriad of social events such as dinners, tours, games, etc.

Indeed, the only sheep and coo (cow) rustling that occurs is the occasional, and temporary, theft of someone's stuffed animal at a Highland Game. In these instances, blackmail is provided through the expenditure of shared libations, good-hearted jesting, and always evolving into A LOT of storytelling.

To many outsiders looking in, that is the extent of it, a bit of fun a couple times a year; however, that is only the veneer. Instead of just joining a Clan, they have joined a global entity in the Scottish Diaspora.

### **The Scottish Diaspora**

The Scots are renowned for their spirit of adventurism and determination. These traits helped them to successfully emigrate to the various colonies and countries around the world and establish new communities. They brought with them their families, culture, heritage, traditions, and their world-renowned Scottish hospitality.

These families flourished in their new homes, resulting in more than 30 million descendants very proud of their Scottish heritage. It is these descendants who established the various Clan, clubs, and Scottish societies found around the world; embracing all things Scottish to include the extended Diaspora.

This is something I have experienced numerous times in my own travels and interactions; Scots willing to open up their homes to a complete stranger.

While we no longer need the protection of the Clan there is something to be said for both the

connected community.

Abraham Maslow noted the importance of belonging in his work *The Hierarchy of Needs*; placing it as the third most important item required for human survival. (Only Psychological and Safety needs were more important). Multiple studies have proven a person is healthier, happier, and lives a longer, more productive life if they have healthy social interaction.

The need to belong, to identify, and to be proud of one's shared history is not a modern revelation. This facet of human behavior was one of the cornerstones of the old Clan system, and remains so in modern times. The added strength of today's Clans resides in its global community.

Regardless of where we travel, there are people who have a shared ownership of Scottish history. Our regional diversity allows us to share so much more in regards to experiences, thoughts, and philosophies; which inherently makes us better as individuals,

Clans, and an ethnicity.

### **Are the Clans relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?**

I strongly believe so. While we may not be rustling more than a stuffed coo from each other, we do provide a group for people to rely on and to commune with.

While we are proud of our individual Clans, it doesn't rely on whether you are a MacGregor, Campbell, MacDonald or Frasier; it is the shared identity of a people. A people whose ancestors' grit and determination spread them across the globe and who's children still carry on.

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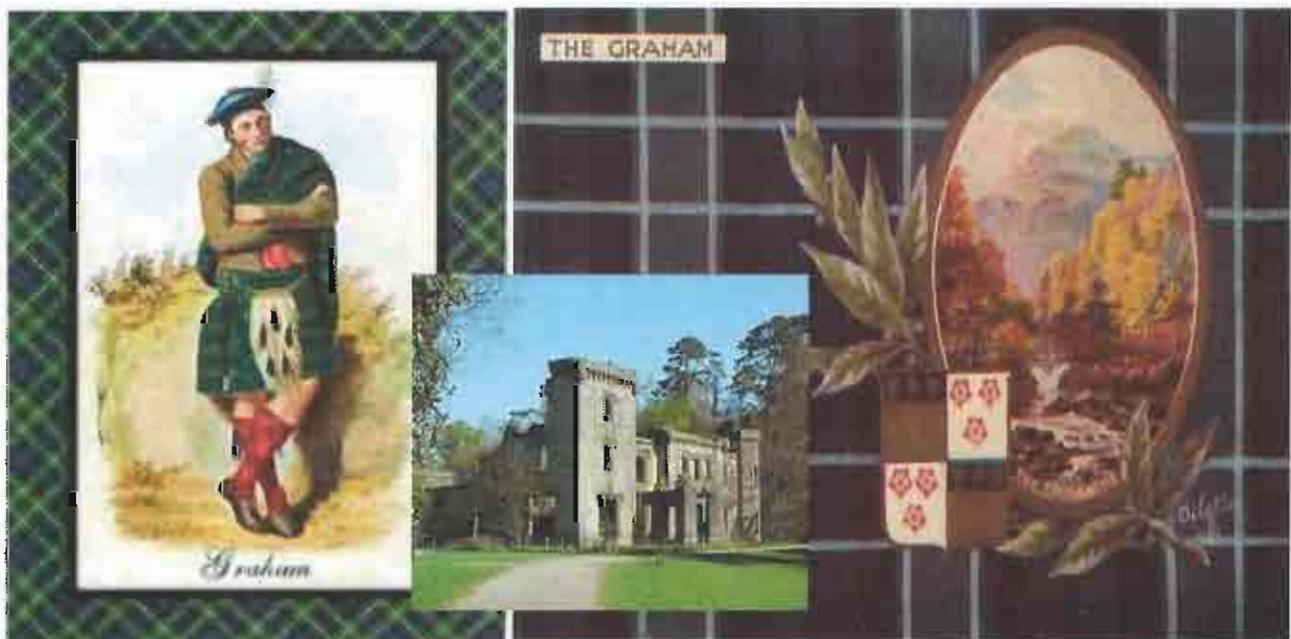
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# PROSCRIPTION ACT PASSED

## AUGUST 1, 1782

IN AN effort to crush the clan system in Scotland, the English government of the day passed an act on August 1, 1747 banning the wearing of the tartan.

Following the Jacobite defeat at Culloden, Prince Charles fled to South Uist then eventually went across to France. His supporters suffered under the 'Butcher of Cumberland' and to further punish Scotland, Parliament issued Acts to destroy the clans, their identities and economic structures.

New laws were imposed to ban the playing of the bagpipes and the wearing of highland dress.

After 35 years, the law was repealed on July 1, 1782 and the Scot could once again wear his plaid with pride and without the fear of punishment.

In America and Canada, Tartan Day is cel-

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### Researching Scottish Church Records, *continued from page 27*

Church of Scotland, became the state church in 1690, so most records begin after that date. Each parish keeps its own records and the information varies from parish to parish.

Most christenings were recorded within a few days of birth, containing the infant's name and date. The father's name and occupation; mother's first name and sometimes maiden name, the child's birth date and legitimacy, as well as the family's place of residence may often be found.

Marriages usually took place in the bride's parish. Often only the names and date will be found. The information, however, may include the parish residence for both bride and groom, the groom's occupation, and the bride's father's name. Banns may be found, usually in both parishes, but does not prove the marriage took place. The marriage usually is only recorded in the parish where the ceremony took place.



*Nancy Mahone Miller, Clan Ramsay genealogist.*

### *Researching Scottish Church Records*

Burial records will contain the deceased's name and burial date. These records may also contain age of the deceased, as well as spouse's and parents' names. Few of these exist before 1855.

Many women revert to their maiden name at widowhood and are buried under that name.

Another source of church records are the *Kirk Session Records*. These are the court records of the parish. They may contain birth, marriages, and deaths.

Other breakaway churches exist in Scotland. These include the following: Secession Church Burghers, Relief Church, Free Church, United Presbyterian Church, Methodist, Baptist, Congregationalist.

Fortunately many of Scotland's records are available online. I recommend visiting: <[www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk)>

With thanks to Clan Ramsay's newsletter.

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Clan Blair



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## The Act of Proscription, *con't from page 37*

celebrated on April 6 as a joint celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320. In Australia and New Zealand, we celebrate Tartan Day on July 1 - the day the proscription was lifted.

There are estimated to be around three million people of Scottish descent living in Australia. Everyone, everywhere, wear something tartan on July 1. Wear your tartan again on August 1! You are bound to evoke questions from friends and neighbours and you can proudly tell them that you are celebrating freedom - the right to proclaim your Scottish heritage and wear the garment so closely associated with Scotland - the tartan.



**Wear your tartan on August 1!**

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