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Watch given to Robert Burns, by his wife Jean

Armour is to go on public sale at Lyon & Turnbull

A symbol of one of literary history's most famous romances, a watch given to Scotland's greatest poet, Robert Burns, by his wife Jean Armour, has been uncovered and is to go on public sale for the first time.

The silver pocket watch contains a delicate, hand-annotated love note written by Armour on a piece of paper hidden inside the case.

The "pair-cased" watch contains a hand-pierced paper insert with a twin love-bird and heart motifs, and the initials "R" and "J" inside them – which experts believe refer to Rabbie and Jean.

On the back of the watch, which experts say is in excellent condition, the words "Robt Burns Mauchline" and the date 1786 are engraved.

Phil Gregory, spokesman for the auctioneer Lyon & Turnbull, said the watch came from a private collection and the seller had opted to remain anonymous.

"The piece of paper that sits inside it is very pretty, and the ink that the 'R' and a 'J', is written in is really fresh."

Mr Gregory said: "It is a lovely item. This was from London, which is quite an extravagance, as they could have easily had one made in Edinburgh. But we know that they went all the way down to the city to have this one made by a really good watchmaker, so it is obviously a very special gift."

The Belle of Mauchline, as Armour was known, had a remarkable memory for quoting verse, and Burns often read his work to her and greatly valued her opinion.

She raised nine children with the poet, and Burns' love for her was the subject of many of his poems, including the immortal lines from *Of A' The Airts*: "There's not a bonie flower that springs, By fountain, shaw or green; There's not

a bonie bird that sings, but reminds me 'o my Jean".

Murdo Morrison, spokesman for the Robert Burns World Federation, said he believed it was important the romantic watch stayed in Scotland.

"Jean Armour was a very special woman, who forgave Burns on more than one occasion when most women would have told him where to go."

Burns and Armour met in Mauchline, Ayrshire, in about 1784. Within a year she was pregnant outside of wedlock, prompting her appalled father to remove her to Paisley and forbid Burns from seeing her again.

Even though the then struggling poet had agreed, under duress from the church, to marry her, Armour's father refused to allow the union to go ahead.

Burns turned to a number of other women for solace and even considered a move to Jamaica to declare himself single.

Jean went on to give birth to twins, and was disowned by her family. She soon fell pregnant by Burns again and by 1788 was destitute, and soon due to deliver another set of twins.

Burns made a second attempt at marrying Jean that year. As he was by now a relatively famous and successful poet, his prospective father-in-law's opinion of him turned in his favour and the couple wed.

The last of their children was born on the day of his funeral in July 1796; Jean outlived him by well over 30 years, long enough to see his reputation become one of national acclaim.

The watch will be auctioned in a specialist sale at Lyon & Turnbull in Edinburgh.

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Happy Thanksgiving



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Narra writes her own story

My Beth has been worrying about how to write about what happened last year. I did not want her to worry...so, I came to her in a dream...and told her what to write.

Special cats - who truly are loved by their people - and who truly love their people - if they wish, can see that their folks are cared for after they decide to return to Cat Heaven. I deputized "Angus" to be sure my Beth did not suffer when I left. Angus was to take care of her for the first year. He has done a fine, fine job...although my Beth has cried a lot. I miss her very much too.

I've not really gone at all and am frequently glimpsed by my beloved Beth and Tom. They can't really see me, but almost can and always know it is me.

Real love is like that, you know. You always remember and always love. Take it from me, Narra.

A letter from your editor...

How hard can it be to be a newsletter editor?



When did I start writing? The first “newspaper” experience I had was at John Gorrie Junior High School in Jacksonville, Florida, long, long, long ago.

At Gorrie, the paper was called *The Student's Voice*. This might be the first of its kind there...and I know it was quite a job to do. We were all too young to type with all of our fingers, so the school secretary would take the articles we had penned and type them on paper the size of our finished product. THEN, the entire class would sit down and start counting letters. You see, justification had not been invented yet except for professional printers. As I remember, we would figure out how many letters including spaces would make a properly sized line. Once that magic number was determined, the entire class would start counting each letter and space of each line in our publication.

When we figured out how many lines and spaces there were, we'd go back and put pencil check marks between words until the line was the required number.

Then, the school secretary would type it again - adding spaces everywhere there was a check mark. Patience! The secretary typed on a wax page...which was the way copy machines worked back then.

Even this primitive little paper had deadlines...deadlines to write, deadlines to get the advertising in and done...deadlines to count all of the lines...etc., etc.

I have worked on newsletters all of my life. Let's see if I can remember. *The Students Voice*, *Lee's Traveler* (The paper at Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville), the newsletter from Bit & Spur Saddle Club to all its members, the WMOP All American Country Radio newsletter that went out to advertisers each month with their bills. Mmmmm...let's see, There was the *New-Fangled News* which went out to Newfoundland dog owners in the southeast...and the Southeast Region Clan Donald publication and *By Sea By Land* which is the national Clan Donald publication. Then, *The Buchanan Banner* for Clan Buchanan, and now the MidSouth Regional newsletter for Clan Donald and maybe half a dozen more. I've done these for as many as ten years - and as little as a year or two. All of these are fraught with deadlines.

The Family Tree, which was done for 16 years or so down in South Georgia, was “et up” with deadlines re advertising, copy, keeping the mailing list current, getting statements out. Every step of the way was a deadline - as there was press time reserved, mailing time reserved...just like a ballet. You could not stumble, for if you did, your entire little house of cards would go “flop.”

Today, *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree* has two deadlines

each month - one for Section B and one for Section A. Both of these are at least 30 pages in length...so, it is quite an undertaking.

Besides newsletters, I worked many years in radio. Radio has deadlines almost every day. You have to keep up with your advertisers sales - when do they start and when do they finish. Holidays, of course...but, you have to have regular commercials prepared for after the holiday. Special promotions are the same...all have a start and a stop date. Deadlines. I used to live by my weekly calendar.”

A few years ago, I'd usually include a Newsletter Editors Session during the programs always held at the Clan Donald AGM. When I was involved heavily with COSCA, we did seminars most every summer at Grandfather Mountain...and there would be a Newsletter Editors Session there as well. Editors, want-to-be editors, those interested in newsletters were always welcomed. Sometimes, these classes would be small - but quality over quantity always prevailed.

Sometimes folks would ask about advertising. Sometimes they would say, “Oh, I ran a notice telling everyone I'd accept advertising. Nobody responded.” “How do you know how much to charge for your advertising?”

“How to you pay for clan newsletters?” was an oft asked question.

“Where do you get your news?” was another.

Things are very different today than they were even a few years ago. Today, we have computers and publishing programs...some better and some not-so-good. Today, almost anyone, with just a little effort can put together an attractive, newsy and interesting publication. Today we have digital cameras so that you may serve as your own photographer.

Today, we can build ads for those who wish to advertise...and do many things that not so long ago were just not possible for the normal person. Today, every computer is loaded with fonts...which are differently styled alphabets. You can make really nice headlines and ads.

There are other things to worry about as well...copyrights, professional photos, etc.

With all of the deadlines. With all of the worries, publishing a newsletter is really fun - at least to me.

If you have any questions about doing a newsletter, just holler. Email me at bethscribble@aol.com or call me at 706-839-6612 and I'm always glad to help.

Many thanks for all of the kindnesses I am shown by the Scottish community.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday...filled with family, friends, love and joy.



The Typewriter

Leroy Anderson (1908-1975) was an American composer of short, light concert pieces; many of which were introduced by the Boston Pops Orchestra under the direction of Arthur Fiedler. As with all his other compositions, Leroy Anderson wrote *The Typewriter* for orchestra, completing the work on October 9, 1950.

This particular orchestration was performed in a June 12, 2011 concert by members of the National Orchestra and Chorus of Spain in Madrid. The (typewriter) soloist is

Alfredo Anaya. Watch his expressions and actions throughout the video...wonderful!

You will find this rendition absolutely delightful.

This is for all the ancients who remember what a typewriter was! Enjoy!

[http://www.youtube.com/
watch_popup?v=G4nX0Xrn-wo&sns=em](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=G4nX0Xrn-wo&sns=em)

With thanks to Al & Judy Eaton of Orlando, FL

You're invited to a grand Hogmanay celebration

Please set aside January 4th 2014, for the Triad Highland Games annual Hogmanay (New Year's Celebration). It will again be at the Double Tree in Greensboro NC at I-40. The cost is a reasonable \$37.50 / person keeping it to \$75.00 a couple.

There will be a Cash bar, Dancing, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Half and Half Raffle, Elements of a Burns Night and a lot of camaraderie!

We will as always have a donation bucket for Wounded Warriors, as we do at all events. Triad Highland Games matches all

donations up to a total of \$500.00. So every dollar you throw in is really two.

SO folks,...plan to get your Scottish duds on and dance your after Christmas shoes off at the Triad Highland Games Hogmanay on January 4th, 2014. For details check the website www.triadhighlandgames.com or facebook.

You can reserve your place by contacting Billie Bean: billie_bean@bellsouth.net, or request for a reserved table of 10.

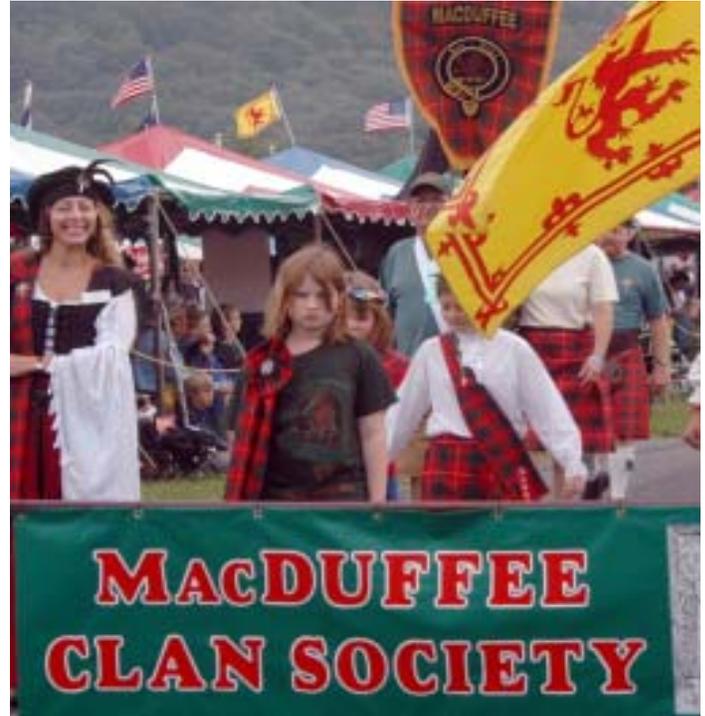
You will need to commit to your food choice. Seating is going fast, and is limited to 120.

Bruce McDuffie and Fritz McDuffie recognized for leadership and life contributions to MacDuffie Clan Society

Two of Clan MacDuffie's past presidents, Bruce McDuffie and Fritz McDuffie, were unanimously recognized and awarded a Certificate of Lifetime Achievement from the Clan MacDuffie Clan Society by the members in attendance at the 2013 AGM held at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina. Both certificates were read to the meeting for concurrence. The framed and matted custom certificates were sent to their homes.

Letters have been received from Fritz and Bruce's wife, Wini, expressing their appreciation to the Clan Society for the recognition. Both gentlemen, in their 90s, are still active and support the MacDuffie Clan Society. There is not enough space to list their many contributions to our ongoing success and the core data base of our genealogy.

Pursuant to the bylaws all officers serve until their successor is elected. All such officers shall be elected by the members present at the AGM. The following slate of officers was recommended to and ap-

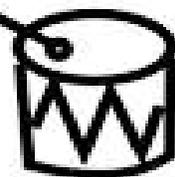


proved by the members present. Thomas P. McDuffie was elected president. David N. McDuffie, vice president and treasurer, Jerry McDuffie, vice president and Jennifer McDuffie was elected secretary and registrar. Julie MacDuffie Hall is editor, Clan Chatter and Terrie L. Neilson the genealogy chair.



Site Seeing

Top Secret at Edinburgh Tattoo



This is excellent. As you watch the end of the show, keep in mind that if one drummer drops his stick, the show is over. (This is in front of Edinburgh Castle.)

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Flowers of the Forest

Marion Lucretia “Lu” Gordon, 64, Johnson City, Tennessee, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2013 at the Johnson City Medical Center following a brief illness.

She was a Johnson City native who lived in Williamsburg, Virginia prior to returning to Johnson City. She was a daughter of Evelyn Anderson Gordon and the late Charles O. Gordon, Sr.

Ms. Gordon was a field archaeologist who spent her career both at active digs and in the classroom.

She was a member of the Scottish Heritage Society, the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, and the St. Andrews Society.

Ms. Gordon also was former President and Clan Chairperson of the Upper East Tennessee Celtic Society, President of the Williamsburg Scottish Festival, and National Convener of the House of Gordon USA. As a result, she was active in the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

She participated socially in the Merry Wives and was a passionate supporter of the Humane Society.

In addition to her father, Lu was preceded in death by her brother, Jack C. Gordon.

March 17, 1960 - October 2, 2013

Dublin, GA- Services for **Joel Stanley Gunn**, age 53 of Dublin, were held at 11:00AM on Friday, October 4, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of East Dublin. Burial will follow in Graham Memorial Church of the Nazarene Cemetery. Rev. Jack Sapp will officiate.

Mr. Gunn was of the Baptist faith and was vice president of Clan Gunn N.A. He was also a member of the St. Andrew Society of Atlanta.

He passed away on Wednesday, October 02, 2013.

Survivors include his parents, Archie and Mary Gunn of East Dublin; brother, Archie Gunn, Jr. of Doraville, GA and sister, Judy Gunn Abston of Silas, AL.

The family received friends on Thursday evening from 6:00PM until 8:00PM at Townsend Brothers Funeral Home. Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com to sign the

online memorial register. “Read more here: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/maccon/obituary.aspx?pid=167306953#storylink=cpy>

Tinton Falls, New Jersey: **Anna McFie Walling**, 89, of Tinton Falls, and formerly of Holmdel, passed away on Friday, Sept. 13, 2013. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, Mrs. Walling lived in Holmdel for over 30 years. Prior to her retirement, she was a receptionist at Bell Labs, Holmdel. She was a member of the Half Century Club in Holmdel, and was also a member of Christ Church - United Methodist in Fair Haven.

She was predeceased by her husband, William (Skip) in 1998.

From the Clan MacFie *Newsbeat*: We extend sympathy to Commander Iain McFie, brother Bobby McFie and their family on the recent death of their cousin **Anna McFie Walling**, in New Jersey, USA.

Phyllis J. Phipps, who founded and opened the The Yarb Patch in the 1960s, died at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital on Sunday, October 20. She was 77.

Shortly after moving to Tallahassee, Florida, she began experimenting with growing herbs on the Phipps property on Lake Hall, despite warnings from some that the North Florida climate was too humid and hot.

She worked with botanists from the University of Florida and the American Herb Society, and was eventually able to grow and propagate scores of varieties of culinary and medicinal herbs. She blended the herbs into bouquet garni, cashbows, and wreaths and marketed them under the brand name, The Yarb Patch.

In the early 1970s, she added a broad range of culinary products and opened her first shop. By 1980, she had three retail outlets in Governor’s Square, Carriage Gate, as well as the original shop at Jubilee on Lake Hall.

In 1979, she contracted breast cancer and her aggressive treatment would not permit continuing the opera-

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Photo are from the annual St. Andrews Society of Atlanta Kirkin of the Tartans at the Church of Our Saviour (Episcopal) in Atlanta on November 10th.



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How the UK government has been mishandling Scotland's finances

Ed Means

As a member of the old Realm of Scotland (RoS) group and a subsequent founding member of the original Scottish Democratic Alliance (SDA), I have considerable knowledge about how the UK government has been blatantly mishandling Scotland's money for many years – probably since the Treaty of Union. My more or less hands-on experience came as a result of reading two articles written by the well-respected forensic accountant Niall Aslen, who analysed the UK government's annual publication 'Government Expenditure & Revenue in Scotland (GERS)' beginning in 2004 and continuing until the Scottish Executive wrested control of GERS reports from the UK government in 2008.

The UK government knew – and knows – Scotland does support itself financially. UK government documents released under the Freedom of Information (FoI) act demonstrate that it has been continuously lying about Scotland's financial condition for at least 33 years and probably much longer.

As an example of the UK government's lies, Professor Gavin McCrone, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, advised the UK government in 1975 of the truth about Scotland's finances. As Chief Economic Adviser to the Secretary of State for Scotland, he prepared a report, "The Economics of Nationalism Re-examined". His report advised the UK government that an independent Scotland would have a massive budget surplus if granted its fair share of North Sea oil. It was promptly classified "Secret" and suppressed. It came to light only in 2005, when the UK government was forced by the FoI to release it.

The UK government's Government Expenditure & Revenue in Scotland (GERS) reports published before 2007 provide other examples of the UK government's duplicity. They were finally exposed by forensic accountant Niall Aslen's analysis of the 2005 GERS report. The analysis was based

entirely on the UK government's own figures, with one exception for which UK government figures were not available. Mr Aslen documented the sources of all the figures.

Mr Aslen's analysis exposed the UK government's egregious misallocation – to Scotland's serious disadvantage – of revenues (not just oil revenues) and expenditures. If a private firm cooked its books half as outrageously as the UK government has done in its GERS reports, its directors would be in jail.

Mr Aslen's analysis convincingly demolished the assertions that Scotland was being subsidised by the rest of the UK. But the British press (including the Scottish papers) ignored or suppressed it. Luckily, enough people saw it on the internet before the 2007 election to discredit Labour's claims that Scotland was running a £11.2-billion deficit. Mr Aslen's analysis

showed that Scotland actually had a £9.6-billion surplus.

The Scottish Executive published a GERS report covering 2006 and 2007 in June 2008. As expected, it was very different from the 2005 report published by the former Labour executive. This GERS is certainly improved from its predecessors, but Mr Aslen said it still contains some very suspicious revenue and expenditure allocations.

The Scottish Government now publishes GERS reports in cooperation with the UK Treasury. You can believe the Scottish Government staff go over them with fine-tooth combs.

The material above is covered in more detail by the following documents, which the leading Scottish newspapers – and of course BBC Scotland – strongly attempted to suppress when copies were sent to them:

<http://www.electricscotland.com/independence/TheGreatObfuscation.pdf> and <http://www.electricscotland.com/independence/TheGreatDeception.pdf>.

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Getting the truth out to the Scottish people can still be difficult. BBC Scotland is still highly biased, but the newspapers have increasingly seen the light, and the internet NewsnetScotland.com is totally pro-independence.

A very recent major revelation about how the UK government has been mishandling Scotland's finances was published in the internet publication 'Business for Scotland' on 5 November 2013. The lead article, 'Revealed: The ACCOUNTING TRICK that Hides Scotland's Wealth', by Gordon MacIntyre-Kemp, founder and Managing Director of 'Business for Scotland' is available at <http://www.businessforscotland.co.uk/revealed-the-accounting-trick-that-hides-scotlands-wealth/>.

Following is a list of the sections:

- Scotland pays its way
- The debt trick
- If Scotland had to pay only its own way
- Accumulating a massive surplus
- Conclusion
- Data sources

As of 22 May 2013 'Business for Scotland' had more than 500 members from all segments of Scottish business and was growing rapidly. See <http://www.yesscotland.net/news/membership-business-scotland-tops-500-mark>.

An even more recent article, published on 8 November 2013 (as I was writing this), gives a specific example of how the UK government plans to withhold EU cash that was supposed to go to Scottish farmers.

Here are four paragraphs from the article, followed by a link to the entire article:

A Scottish MEP [Member of the European Parliament] has said he is "beyond angry" after learning that the UK Government plans to withhold EU cash that was supposed to go to Scottish farmers.

SNP [Scottish National Party] MEP Alyn Smith has reacted angrily to news that the UK government

has today (Friday) announced that it will not pass on hundreds of millions of pounds in EU agriculture payments to Scotland which only accrue to the UK because of Scotland's unique agriculture.

The shock decision comes despite a cross party call from Scottish politicians at Holyrood, including the Labour, Tory and Lib Dem parties as well as the Scottish government, for the payment to be passed on.

The money, amounting to almost a quarter of a billion euros over the next seven years, accrues purely because of the poor Common Agriculture Budget allocation awarded to Scotland's farmers. The decision will see Scottish farming losing out on €60million a year until 2020, some €230million in funds to which they are objectively entitled.

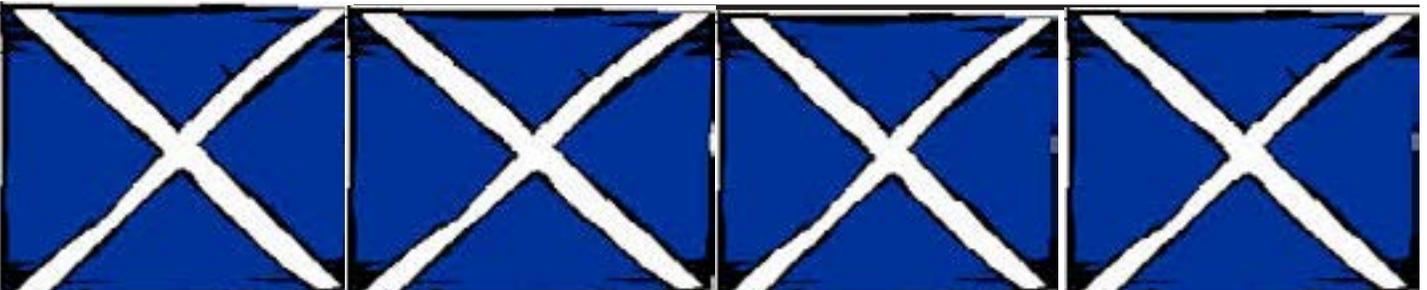
<http://newsnetScotland.com/index.php/scottish-economy/8300-mep-fury-as-westminster-holds-on-to-scots-farmers-eu-cash>.

Going back a little farther in time, in 1999 the UK government illegally moved the Scotland-England border in the North Sea, thereby stealing not only 6,000

square miles of Scotland's sea but also stealing all the revenues derived from that area since 1999. This move was proposed in the UK parliament and nodded through the Scottish Parliament by the treacherous Liberal Democrat/Labour coalition, which refused a debate on the issue even though expert legal opinion declared the move illegal on three grounds, but the UK government continues to steal all the revenues derived from the oil and gas operations in that area. The whole sordid story can be read at:

http://www.electricscotland.com/Independence/scotland_borders.htm.

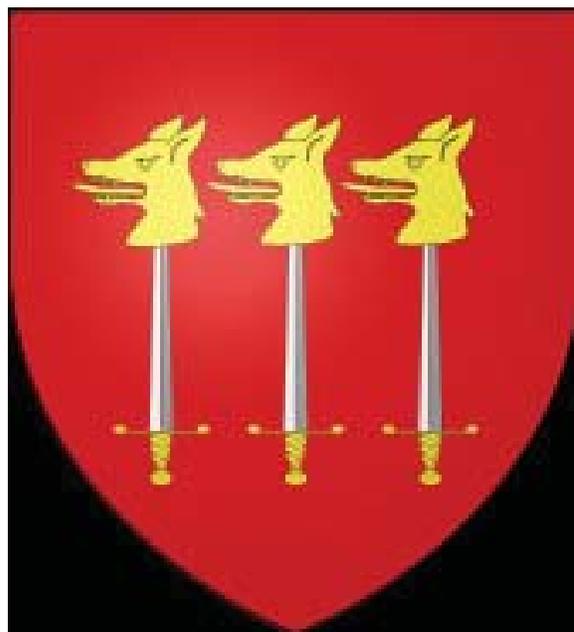
From your editor: Personally, I do not think, as an American, that we have a right to have any opinion about Scottish Independence. I do think it is good to know what is going on and to be well-informed.



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With thanks to the Clan MacFie Newsbeat.

A record 1600 Redheads gather in Portland, Oregon last August 17, 2013

On August 17th, 2013 - Paula Noel Macfie and her mother Nancy Hibbard from Clan Macfie, participated in breaking the *Guinness Book of World Records* for most redheads gathered in one place at one time at Pioneer Square in Portland, Oregon.

It was said that over 1600 redheads gathered, breaking the old record of 1255 from the Netherlands.

It is a published fact that there are more redheads in Scotland than anywhere else in the world.

Scotland is Scotland is Scotland

Albion (Ancient Greek) is the oldest known name of the island of Great Britain. Today, it is still sometimes used poetically to refer to the island. The name for Scotland in the Celtic languages is related to Albion: *Alba* in Scottish Gaelic, *Albain* in Irish, *Nalbin* in Manx and *Alban* in Welsh, Cornish and Breton.

These names were later Latinised as *Albania* and Anglicised as *Albany*, which were once alternative names for Scotland. New Albion and Albionoria (“Albion of the North”) were briefly suggested as possible names of Canada during the period of the Canadian Confederation.

For more, visit <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albion>

P.S. I've been told the correct pronunciation of "Alba" is "Al-a-pa" which is one of the Gaelic words which contain an extra syllable. Sometimes, in America, you'll hear "Um-ber-el-la," or "Ath-a-let-ics" or even "El-lum" for Elm. Your ed.



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Robert Burns Lives!

Scotland and the 19th-Century World edited by Gerard Carruthers, David Goldie and Alastair Renfrew

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This book review has been fun to write! The book was edited by Gerard Carruthers, David Goldie and Alastair Renfrew, three men who know their subjects and who acquired twelve noted scholars to write a most interesting and thought provoking book. It is entitled **Scotland and the 19th-Century World**. All are as talented as they come, and it is literature at its best!

Before going any further, let me give you a quote from the back cover of the book: “The nineteenth century is often read as a time of retreat and diffusion in Scottish literature under the overwhelming influence of British identity. **Scotland and the 19-Century World** presents Scottish literature as altogether more dynamic, with narratives of Scottish identity working beyond the merely imperial.

This collection of essays by leading international scholars highlights Scottish literary intersections with North America, Asia, Africa and Europe. James Macpherson, Francis Jeffrey, Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson and John Davidson feature alongside other major literary and cultural figures in this groundbreaking volume.”

Robert Burns could have been put in the list of twelve since he figures so prominently in Susan Manning’s article.

Lovers of the Bard will want to turn immediately to her commentary, *Lateral Literary Biography: Robert Fergusson, Herman Melville and ‘Bartleby’*, to read Burns references which, in my opinion, are as noteworthy as those on Fergusson. It is almost impossible to mention Fergusson without Burns being pulled into the conversation. Pages 93 through 118, as well as other Burns references throughout, will be a treat for all Burnsians, and is the reason I chose to put this review in *Robert Burns Lives!* rather than in *A Highlander and His Books* where most of my non-Burns book reviews are to be found. There is enough material by Susan Manning on Burns to warrant my decision since more and more readers are finding their

way to its pages, thereby generating more comments.

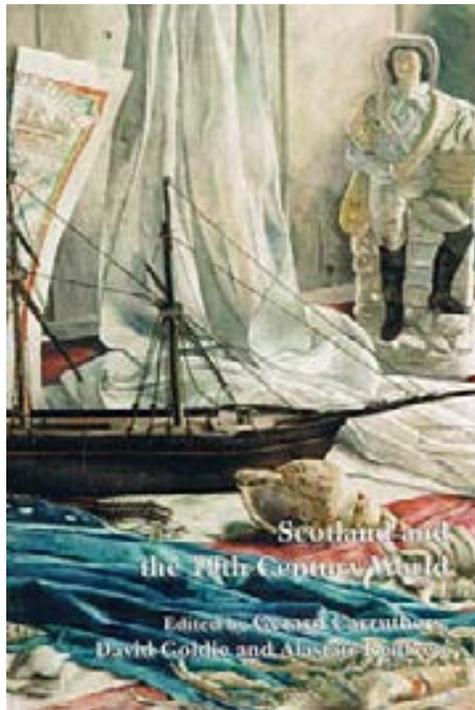
Walter Scott may be overlooked today by many scholars, but we would all do well to remember he was the first novelist to capture the attention of the world, not just Scotland. In today’s language he would have been considered “a rock star” during his lifetime! Scott may or may not be “the man who created a nation”, as a fairly recent book cover states, but he is a writer worthy of our

time. I’m happy to see Edinburgh University’s Sarah Dunnigan bring Scott to life as few have done with her chapter, *The Enchanted Worlds of Scott, Scotland, and the Grimms*. She shows us why she is a Senior Lecturer at that famed university and takes us through Scott’s foray into German literature, his correspondence with German writers, a short-lived correspondence with Grimms and Goethe while revealing the Germanic impact on Scott’s writing. Dunnigan gives Scott his due which is quite refreshing today when so many for so long have only pointed to his failures.

Of particular interest to me is also Andrew Hook’s chapter on *Scotland, the USA, and National Literatures in the Nineteenth Century*. He states in his introduction that “Walter Scott’s

Waverley novels were most influential here”, and he gives new insight into the concept that when America was a colony of England, our writing was considered “an off-shoot of English literature”. After Independence, we had to acquire our own way in the field of literature. That was hard to do when less than a generation removed we were at arms again with England in 1812. The bitterness toward each country continued to exist. The “pens” on both side of the Atlantic underlined the bitterness and hostility toward each country. “Who reads an American book?” created as much uproar in the United States as the burning of the American Capitol. There was much literary conflict between the two nations. America had to have defining literature but it would take time since she was such a young nation. Scottish lit-

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The “birth” of a Clachneart in Alaska for AK Games

Ray McDonald

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This year’s Alaska Highland Games at the end of June had a record attendance and for a third year the Homer Highland Games in July also had a great turnout.

For the 4th year I sponsored the Clan Donald Clachneart (Stone of Strength). The story of the Clan Donald Alaska Stone began back in 2009.

For a few years, the Portland Highland Games had had a 96 pound weakling of a challenge stone with a record throw of 18’-3/4”.

Fellow Clan Donald member Dan Henderson and myself were discussing the Portland stone and thought to ourselves; “Hey! We’re not just Scots, we’re Scottish Alaskans! We brave the Alaskan weather in our kilts throughout the arctic winters, mushing dog teams, climbing mountains, fishing, hunt-ing, even braving an icy subzero February outdoor walk in our kilts on Burns night. Our games shouldn’t be outdone by wimps from the lower 48.”

So we donned our kilts and trekked north to Granite Creek, to look for the perfect stone.

We spotted a blue grey granite bolder calling to us. Up-on close examination we found it had white streaks through it forming a natural Saltire. Rolling it over we found that the cross appeared on both sides of the stone and it had a good shape for lifting and throwing. It weighed just about 105 pounds on our scale on the sand, but when we returned with it to Anchorage, to our surprise the scales put it at 115 pounds. Later, I took the stone and had it engraved with the Clan Donald Badge.

The Clachneart made its first appearance at the 2010 Alaska Games. I asked fellow Clansmen, Bret McDonald among them, if they would give it the first toss to break in the stone and possibly peak some interest by breaking the ice. Luckily, they were as crazy as I appeared to be and agreed. The record throw stands at 13 feet 8 inches.

The prize and the popularity of throwing it has also grown among the athletes. The Eagle River Highland Games have made the stone a regular appearance on their events list and it also makes appearances at the now regular Annual Homer Alaska Highland Games

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erature played a big part in America’s discovery of their own as Americans embraced Scottish writing with a keen interest, particularly in Burns and Scott. It is often said that when Scots came to America they brought with them their bibles, Burns and Scott.

The American writers started focusing on things Scottish writers did - scenes, landscapes, customs, manners, characters, and their new history. Americans began to write about America. Hooks writes that “it is Scott above all who is the writer pointing the way forward for a national American literature”. An example of Scott’s beginning to receive such credit is noted in a speech by Rufus Choate in 1833 on *The Importance of Illustrating New England History by a Series of Romances like the Waverley Novels*. The race was on. Such novels would speak to the “heart and imagination of the reader”. A national identity would emerge and America found what it needed - a national literature! The writer who led the way was none other than an American- Scot, James Fenimore Cooper, considered by some to be the first true American novelist. If ever a man lived who wanted to outdo Scott, it was Cooper. *The Last of the Mohicans* is a favorite of mine and, to me, the film is even better. Usually movies do not do justice to the books they are about, but this one indeed did.

I have given you just three examples of the twelve chapters in *Scotland and the 19th-Century World*. You will short change yourself if you fail to get this publication. You will be fascinated by all of the writers.

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Happy Marriage to Anna Katherine Dennis & Timothy Andres Gilley

Anna Katherine Dennis was married last May 11 to Timothy Andres Gilley in St. Lukes Episcopal Church in Marianna, Florida.

The bride is the granddaughter of MacDuffie Society members Brit and Joyce Dennis. Joyce wrote, "She wore the most beautiful dress I've ever seen."

Best wishes to the new couple!



Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 6*

tion of three retail outlets and a substantial mail order business. She turned to cooking; she was the hors d'oeuvre chef at the Governor's Club, conducted cooking classes and operated a catering business, PJ's Pastymes.

Phyllis Jarrett Anderson grew up in Wilmington, Delaware. She was the daughter of a naturalized Scot and Pennsylvania Deutsch stock.

She attended the prestigious Pierre S. Du Pont High School and the University of Delaware. In 1962, she married Army officer Ben Phipps and eventually accompanied him to Fort Stewart, Georgia, and when he left the Army in 1964, to Tallahassee.

She was active in LeMoyne and served on its Board. She was one of the two State Life Members of Violet Garden Circle.

She was a long time member of the St. Andrews Society of Tallahassee, Florida.

She is survived by her husband, Ben Phipps, daughter, Jarrett (Harry Roark James). Her other daughter, Christina (Lt. Gregory Crum, USN) died in 2010.

The immediate cause of death was complications following orthopedic surgery. But ultimately, the long term effects of her breast cancer treatments had weakened her heart and her bones. For 30 years she had numerous surgeries with complications which she endured with remarkable courage and grace.

Gifts in memory of Phyllis, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Christina Phipps Foundation, P.O. Box 1000, Tallahassee, Florida 32302.



Scots Wha Ha'e?

With thanks to the *St. Andrews Cross* from the Tallahassee, FL SAS

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Despite putting in a new cartridge, the type on Jock's printer remained faint, so he called a local repair shop with a friendly telephonist in-formed him that the printer probably only needs to be cleaned. "We charge £50 for a call to clean a printer," he said, "so you might be better off reading the manual and doing the job yourself." Surprised by the clerk's apparent honesty, Jock asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business like this?" The telephonist hesitated for a moment and then revealed: "Actually, it's my boss's idea. We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."

A True Scot

They say that a "True Scot" in North America is one whose ancestors came from Scotland - but who were born in North America to save the fare...



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THE 2013 CLAN SINCLAIR GATHERING IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



The 2013 Gathering in Northern Virginia was a huge success. Sixty attendees in all enjoyed planned activities at three separate venues.

The first of these was a “Meet and Greet” reception held at our host hotel, the Holiday Inn, Chantilly-Dulles Expo on Friday, August 30th evening with 45 clan members in attendance.

The Gathering was held the next day, August 31st, in conjunction with the 40th Annual Virginia Scottish Games and Festival held at the field events center at Great Meadow near the small town of The Plains. Clan Sinclair was the honored clan, and as such, had an extra large tent. This was good, particularly on Saturday, as clan members flooded the tent for most of the day. Braving temperatures in the 90s, fifty members congregated in the cool confines of the clan tent to hear our President, Mel Sinclair provide an interesting assessment of the Association’s state of affairs.

An informal barbeque party was held in the evening at the home of Tom and Shelagh Sinclair in Alexandria, Virginia. Fifty clan members were in attendance. Attendees enjoyed a delicious assortment of barbecued ribs, pulled pork, smoked brisket along with baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, peach cobbler and banana pudding. The highlight of the evening was the tribute to the haggis by Rory Sinclair, past president of Clan Sinclair (Canada), and our chief, Malcolm Caithness. Rory first piped in the haggis and it’s custodian, Conor Sinclair. Next, Rory explained what Burns’ intensions were in his address to the haggis...verse by verse...and then with the help of Malcolm, proceeded to the address the haggis. This, undoubtedly, was the best, most entertaining address the attendees had ever witnessed with the right balance of seriousness and humor.

Ward L. Ginn, Clan Historian, Newsletter Editor, Virginia Commissioner

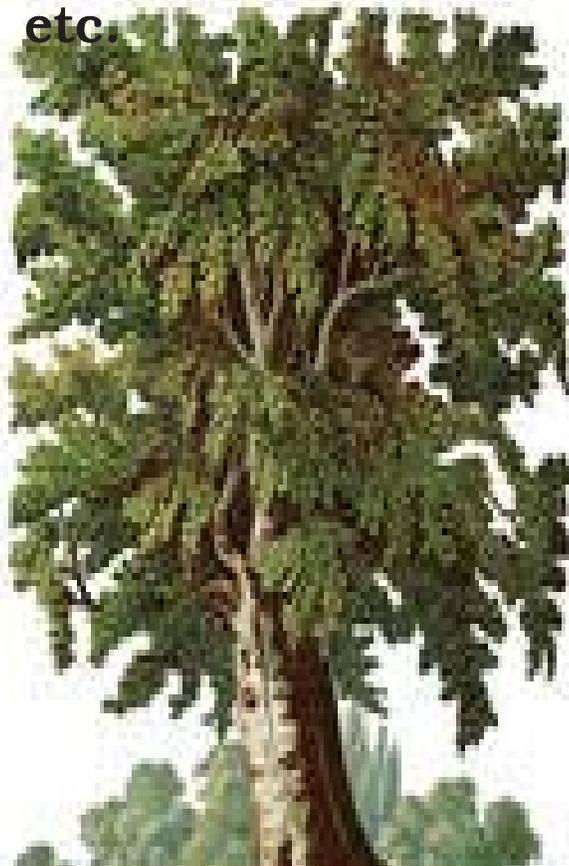


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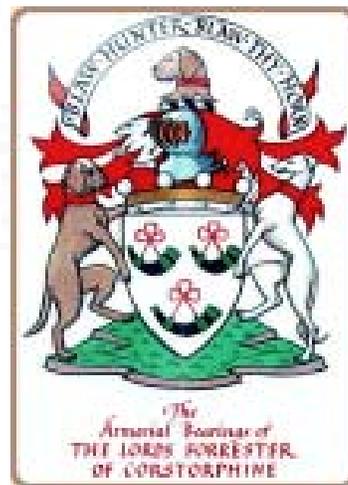


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Many of us have been lead to believe that Scotland was the birthplace of marmalade.

However, articles have appeared in a recent *New York Times* and *Scotland Magazine* and provide scholarly research to debunk this myth.

The oft-repeated story is that James Keiller, a Dundee grocer, heard about a Spanish ship carrying a cargo of Seville sour oranges which had entered the Tay seeking haven from the stormy North Sea. Since the delay caused the fruit to be less than fresh, he got the lot for a bargain and gave it to his wife Janet to process.

The story goes on to say that it got its name because as the fruit was being carried up from the beach by their son he was urged to get more oranges by his mother who said ‘Mair, ma lad!’

Elizabeth Field, a freelance writer for the *New York Times*, wrote her dissertation was on the history of marmalade. She fixes the genesis of marmalade to more than 2,000 years ago in ancient Greece as a solid cooked quince and honey paste known as “melomeli” which was used to remedy digestive complaints.

She says in the 10th century the first morphosis of the recipe was when Portuguese, who called it “marmelada” (from the Portuguese “marmelo” for quince) substituted sugar for honey.

Field traces its introduction to the British Isles to 1745 when the Portuguese brought the first shipments of marmelada into London where it was, as she claims it was “Fabulously expensive and imbued with purported medical and aphrodisiac powers, it was a popular gift among noble families.”

That is not to say Scotland had no role in marmalade as we know it.

First, the Scots changed the method of manufacture



to the chip form. Second they converted it from quince to oranges and, most important, changed its use from an after dinner digestive to something served at breakfast and tea time.

“They took a product that was not even culturally Scottish and made both Keiller and Dundee synonymous with it throughout the British Empire,” said Field.

The real story in Scotland, according to Visit Scotland, is that an unmarried James Keiller and his mother Janet ran a small sweet and preserves shop in the Seagate section of Dundee.

In 1797 they opened a factory to produce “Dundee Marmalade” which contained thick chunks of orange rind and was based on Janet’s recipe as a new twist on the already well known fruit preserve of orange marmalade.

Scotland Magazine provides its readers with the research from Dr. William Mathew of East Anglia University who says that when the Keillers first started, sugar was expensive, scarce, and most important, highly taxed.

To reduce the need for sugar, only the juice and peel of the orange were used with the skins finely sliced using special hand-worked equipment. This process differs from today’s where the whole orange is used.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CLAN DONALD USA



John F. McDonald, Jr., former High Commissioner, CDUSA

Clan Donald has always been first in the minds of Donald descendents throughout the world. Clan Societies date to the late 1800s with the establishment of the Clan Donald Society of Glasgow in 1889 and the Clan Donald Society of Edinburgh in 1891. While many Donald's immigrated to North America, there was no formal Clan Donald organization until the mid 1950s.

In the 1930s, Major Reginald Henry Macdonald of Kingsburgh, O.B.E. (Retired), a senior cadet of Sleat and personal friend of Lord Alexander Macdonald, relocated with his wife from their home in New Zealand to Pittsburgh, PA. He became a United States citizen in 1940. In 1954, he returned to South Uist for the unveiling of a memorial to his Great-Great-Grandmother, Flora McDonald. During this visit, the Right Honorable Alexander Godfrey Macdonald of Macdonald, Lord Macdonald, High Chief of Clan Donald, asked his friend Reginald to establish a Clan Donald Society in the United States.

On August 31, 1954, Lord Macdonald commissioned Reginald as his High Commissioner in the United States.

Upon his return he enlisted the aid of many Mac Donald's in Pittsburgh and with their help, they formed the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust on December 15, 1955. This Trust sponsored the Clan Donald Games in Ligonier PA, later to be known as the Ligonier Highland Games.

On November 8, 1956, The Clan Donald Society of America was incorporated in Pennsylvania. Together with many MacDonald's from throughout the eastern US, he appointed regional commissioners. To-

gether with Nestor (Mac) McDonald, Agnes MacRae Morton and Donald MacDonald, he helped establish the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

In the succeeding years with the assistance of Bill (Crusty Bill) McDonald of New York together with James A. McDonald our Genealogist and many others, Clan Donald grew throughout the United States.

Reginald died in 1964 and was succeeded by his deputy, Robert E. MacDonald of St. Louis. Robert was president of a large construction company and traveled extensively throughout the world. His company constructed the St. Louis Arch. In 1971 while traveling overseas he died leaving the office of High Commissioner vacant.

In 1970, Lord Alexander Macdonald died and his son Lord Godfrey James Macdonald, our present High Chief matriculated to the Arms of High Chief of Clan Donald. Lord and Lady Macdonald first visited the US in 1971 and were greeted

by Bill and Ruth McDonald. Nestor McDonald invited them to be guests of Honor at the Grandfather games and while there were introduced to Ellice and Rosa McDonald. Ellice and Rosa invited them back to their home "Invergarry" in Delaware. While there "Crusty" Bill spoke of the vacancy of a High Commissioner. Upon Bill's advice, Lord Macdonald appointed Robertson McDonald of Nashville TN, Bill's cousin, as High Commissioner. Nestor McDonald remained as Deputy High Commissioner. Nestor had been offered the position as High Commissioner but declined due to business responsibilities.

Robertson was an enthusiastic High Commissioner and Clan Donald flourished. Robertson how-

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ever due to reasons of health, was forced to resign in 1976. Once again we were left without a High Commissioner, Nestor again declining the HC position.

It was a period of great concern until Lord Macdonald convinced Ellice to be High Commissioner. The morning after Ellice accepted, he awoke to say "What have I done?"

Ellice "jumped into" the responsibilities of the Office immediately. He solicited and received the tremendous support of Clan men and women through the United States. He initially divided the US into 12 Regions later to become 13. He reincorporated Clan Donald in Delaware and wrote the Bi-Laws under which we presently operate. These have been revised many times since that initial filing. An important Article in the By-Laws is that the High Chief appoints the High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner. This had been the practice to that time but this formalized the practice. Thus CDUSA is not a Society with elected officials but an extension of the Clan in Scotland. This makes Clan Donald USA unique of all clan societies in the US where their officials are elected.

Ellice established and published *By Sea By Land* which we still enjoy today. He named Robertson High Commissioner Emeritus and Nestor Deputy High Emeritus. Douglas Murdock of California was appointed Deputy High Commissioner. Ellice formalized CDUSA's representation at Highland Games with the tents which have become the focus of welcome and refreshment for visiting Clan members.

Ellice stepped down on January 1, 1983 and Doug was appointed HC with John F. McDonald Jr. as Deputy HC.

1979 saw the first AGM outside of the Grandfather Games which was held at the Ligonier Highland

Games. This AGM established the structure of workshops and meetings which is format today. Following the 1980 AGM, it has been the practice to hold AGM's throughout the US, including Alaska, hosted by the various regions.

Through the succeeding years financial stability has been obtained with life and annual dues accountability. A Scholarship recognizing excellence in Piping, Drumming, Celtic Fiddle is awarded annually as well as the Clan Donald Cultural Scholarship. These together with the Clan Donald Academic Scholarship, sponsored by the Clan Donald Foundation are available to members of CDUSA, their children and family members.

The Clan Donald Archives and Genealogy records reside at the Odom Library in Moultrie, GA with our three branches through the US. There are many other additions to CDUSA which have occurred since it's humble beginning in 1956 and we continue to grow.

We were the first Clan organization in the US and we remain the largest and most successful to this day.

The list of past High Commissioners are:

1954-1964 Maj. Reginald Henry Macdonald of Kingsburgh, dec.

1964-1971 Robert E. MacDonald, dec.

1971-1975 Robertson McDonald, dec.

1976-1982 Ellice McDonald, Jr.

1983-1985 Douglas F. Murdock, dec.

1986-1989 John F. McDonald, Jr.

1990-1992 Robert C. Galbraith

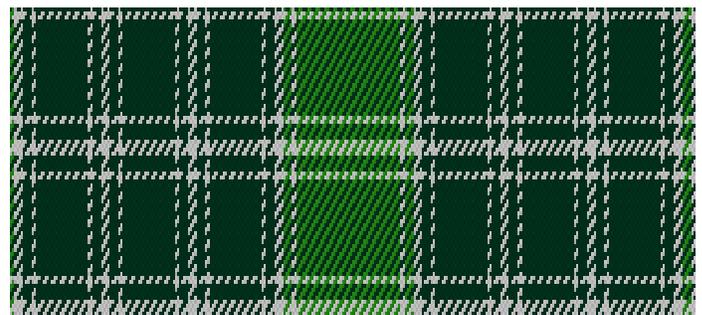
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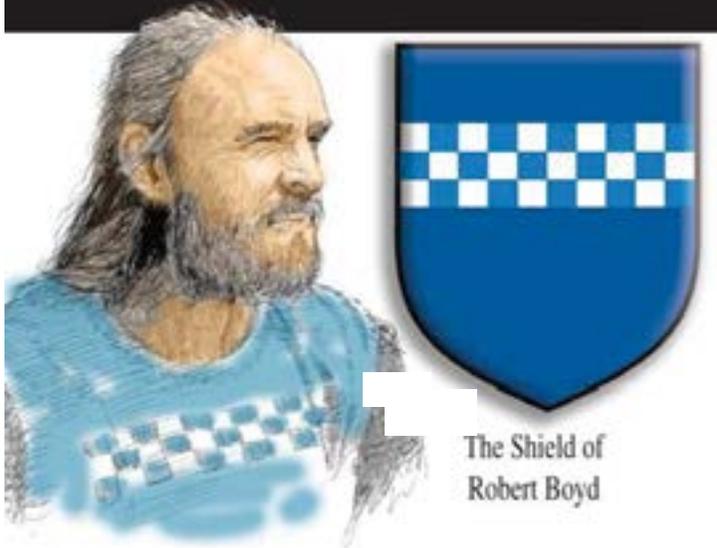
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Longtime stalwart in the Scottish community, **Forrest MacDonald**, has died. Forrest passed away quietly at his Claremont, California, residence on Thursday, November 14 at the age of 98 years, ten months. In fact, a Memorial will very likely be held on Sunday, January 26—what would have been his 99th birthday.

Forrest and his wife, Helen Anderson MacDonald, who predeceased him by five years, were about as active a couple as could possibly be. If you did not intersect with them as Clan members, it might have been as Scottish Country Dancers or St Andrews Society members or through any number of Games and Festivals. They were both active and long-time members of Clan Donald USA.

Married in 1942, Helen and Forrest were together for sixty-six years and produced an amazing family that has excelled in so many areas. Their Christmas letters were truly collector's items.

We mourn the loss of this true Scottish gentleman.

The last time I had the joy of visiting with Forrest and Helen was at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California. We had gotten to know each other through Clan Donald at the annual AGMs and during my 10-year tenure as national newsletter editor of By Sea By Land.

Their relationship with each other was amazing to be around and an example for us all. They are truly missed.

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