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Scottish Harp Society of America Has a New National Champion - Haley Hewitt of Burlington, CT Receives Top Honors

The Scottish Harp Society of America (SHSA) and the Clan Currie Society are pleased to announce that Haley Hewitt of Burlington, CT is the 2013 U.S. National Scottish Harp Champion of America.

The championship was held on Saturday, September 21 at the 55th Annual Ligonier Highland Games in Ligonier, PA – just east of Pittsburgh. Judging the Nationals were renowned harpers Sharon Knowles and Ann Heymann.

It was a successful event, with a full flight of competitors. The championship hosted competitors in four Special Categories as well as solo artists at every level of ability. Many traveled halfway across the country to take part. Judges Knowles and Heymann had a challenging event to judge as the quality of the competitors' performances were extremely high. In addition to judging, they provided competitors with thoughtful feedback on their performance.

For Haley Hewitt, the win was unforgettable. "I am very proud to have won, and am excited to share my love for the rich tradition of this wonderful instrument! I was delighted to have taken part in what is apparently a thriving community of Scottish Harp players in the USA!

It has been quite an honor to receive this award, and I am very grateful to everyone who has ever taught me a harp tune, and the people who have given me the encouragement and inspiration to reach this level of performance and repertoire."

Haley gave a powerful performance covering three sets



Haley Hewitt

of material she had learned while studying in Scotland. The first set was a March/Strathspey/Reel of traditional tunes learned from Northeast fiddle players: *Farewell March*, Forbes Morrison, and Monymusk. The second set was *The Coombe Road/Session at Fintan's*, which is a medley of an air into a 5/4 reel. This piece is one movement from the *Valentia Suite* which Michael O'Sullivan composed for her. The third set was a waltz and two jigs in E Major: *Ennis Hour*, by talented accordion player Gemma Telfer; *The Velvet*, by fiddler Chris Stout; and *Taking the Tent Down*, by Julian Sutton.

Commenting on Hewitt's award-winning performance, judge Sharon Knowles said: "The tone and colour of Haley

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With every good wish for a wonderful New Year!

Hewitt's performance was outstanding. Haley has always been able to create music with expert use of dynamics and this was a brilliant example of her capabilities. Her many years at the Ohio Scottish Arts and School and her recent Master's Degree at the Royal Conservatoire in Scotland were well spent. Her performance was magical! I have judged several National Competitions and Haley is the most accomplished performer I have heard to date."

Knowles continued, "Haley's performance is all the more outstanding when you realise the very high standard of this year's competition. All the Master competitors were excellent. They gave what amounted to be a wonderful concert and I am only sorry that I had to judge each harper because listening to them was a real gift. Although I feel this way, the Scottish Harp Society of America's competition circuit has created this high standard and I look forward to the assured future of Scottish harp playing in the United States."

Judge Anne Heymann added, "The standard at the 2013 SHSA National Championships, held at the Ligonier Highland Games was unbelievably high, and the perfect performance of Haley Hewitt in the Master Category earned her the title of 2013 SHSA National Champion. A close second in the Master category was Rachael Clemente, who delivered stunning examples of traditional style that earned her the coveted "Harper of the Day" award and her name on a most impressive perpetual trophy. Not to be overshadowed was the winner of the Journeyman Category, fifteen year old Mary Abbott, who propitiously garnered both the SHSA Travel Scholarship of \$2000 and the Washington Area Folk Harp Society's scholarship to their 'Harper's Getaway Weekend'!"

Dr Joshua Dickson, Head of Scottish Traditional Music at the Royal Conservatoire, said: "Haley Hewitt's time at

the Scottish Music Department of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland was defined by her drive, her dedication, her enthusiasm, her warmth of character and her sterling musicianship. She excelled at composition and music pedagogy, having always aspired to a career in teaching. We are very pleased for her and wish her well."

Haley's harp tutor, Corrina Hewat added: "Haley has always been a dedicated player, very memorable in character and enthusiasm. She has a very giving nature, and was a great energy to have in a course, she affected all the other students with her joy of music and life in general! She is a natural teacher, a natural player, and I am very glad Haley had some time at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to achieve her MMus and she will be missed now that she has gone back to the US to teach and perform professionally."

The championship was – and will continue to be – sponsored by the Clan Currie Society, who has entered into a five-year commitment to act as Title Sponsor for the Championships through 2014.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have the Clan Currie Society make such a generous and long-term gift," said SHSA vice-president and Competition Chair, Jen McGovern Narkevicius. "Part of the success of our National Championship depends upon generous donors like the Clan Currie to ensure we have sufficient funding in place to produce a first class competition. It is especially rewarding when that support comes from a clan with such an ancient and distinguished history of Gaelic poets and musicians."

According to Robert Currie, president of the Clan Currie Society, the partnership with SHSA is a perfect fit. "The founders of our Clan were the celebrated MacMhuirich bards of Medieval Scotland and the instrument of the Bard

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was the clarsach.

Over the past several years Clan Currie has sharpened its focus on the arts with our concerts, special events and scholarship program. In addition to sponsoring this championship, we have established an annual harp scholarship at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and host the highly-popular Harp Glen at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, CA. We look forward to supporting additional Scottish harp programs in the future.”

About Haley Hewitt

Haley Hewitt spent two years in Glasgow, Scotland obtaining her Master’s degree in Scottish harp. She loves to play new music, collaborate with other musicians, and perform on both pedal and lever harp.

She holds a Master’s degree in Scottish Music from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland where she studied under Corrina Hewat, and a Bachelors Degree in Pedal Harp Performance from the Hartt School of Music in the studio of Rebecca Flannery.

As a pedal harpist she has played in solo, chamber, and orchestral settings extensively, including performances at Carnegie and Benaroya Halls. As a traditional musician, she has presented programs featuring the music of modern Scottish harpers and fiddlers, and looks forward to the release of her debut recording in 2013.

Hewitt was born and raised in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. She started taking harp lessons with Pat Larkin from West Springfield, and then went to the Hartt School in Connecticut to study with Rebecca Flannery and obtain her Bachelor’s Degree in Pedal Harp Performance. After graduating, Hewitt went to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland to complete her Master’s Degree in Scottish Music, studying under Scottish harper, Corrina Hewat.

About the Scottish Harp Society of America

SHSA is the sanctioning body for the U.S. National Scottish Harp Competition and qualifying regional Scottish harp competitions. The annual U.S. National Scottish Harp Competition includes the National Championship with its prestigious Herbert P. MacNeil Award, along with competition for all ages and category of competitor, from beginning to professional harpers. Through the year, the Society sponsors performances, presentations, workshops and

classes, competitions, and gatherings all over the United States and Canada.

Founded in 1981, SHSA is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the Scottish harp, the clarsach, and its music both ancient and modern. Members of the Society include musicians, harp makers, and people who simply enjoy listening to the Scottish harp. SHSA is dedicated to the performing of Scottish Music, both new and old, on the small harps of Scotland. The Society supports the playing of nylon, gut, wire strung, levered and unlevered harps.

About the Clan Currie Society

The Clan Currie Society, an American-based, international, non-profit cultural and educational organization, is the preeminent Scottish-American cultural society in preserving and promoting Highland heritage through an extensive scholarship program and at Scottish Games and festivals, as well as community groups and classrooms.

The Society was originally formed in Glasgow, Scotland in 1959 to further the knowledge and appreciation of the MacMhuirich (pronounced *MacVurich*) bardic dynasty. The MacMhuirichs served for over 700 years as professional poets to the Lords of the Isles and later to the MacDonalds of Clanranald among other prominent Highland clans and families.

The Red Book of Clanranald, one of Gaelic Scotland’s literary treasures, was penned by successive generations of the MacMhuirich family.

Today, the organization is a respected producer of outstanding programs and events to honor Scotland’s rich culture and ancestry. The Society’s signature events include The Pipes of Christmas – a musical celebration of Christmas performed on bagpipes and brass, harp and fiddle, and organ – the annual observance of Tartan Day on Ellis Island - the largest Tartan Day celebration in the country – and the Harp Glen – a hands on, interactive celebration of the Scottish harp held at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, CA.

The Society also hosts the annual MacMhuirich Symposium featuring leading Gaelic scholars and historians. The 2013 symposium was held in Nova Scotia, Canada in conjunction with the 150th anniversary Antigonish Highland Games. The symposium brought together many of the

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Clan Wallace Society Worldwide International Gathering June 24 – July 1, 2014 Edinburgh, Scotland

700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn

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We are currently in the process of securing hotel rooms and preparing a Gathering schedule and itinerary. Format and pricing will be made available in the future. Don't forget to check your passports to make sure they won't be expired or if you need to get one, go to www.travel.state.gov and click on appropriate first time applicant or renew passport link for process information.

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Congratulations to Sim Shattuck on the release of his latest novel science fiction novel, *Abyssal Plain*.

A white girl from North Louisiana and an African-American girl from New Orleans face the violent collapse of American society by ending up in the same safe haven, an old mine in West Virginia refurbished seemingly for their use, but they don't know who their host is—a philosopher-scientist named Christopher Argelle, aka Faustus, who's saved them from almost certain death.

The girls are offered a once-in-a-life chance to learn ancient, terrible secrets and powers from him. One chooses to leave and face the outside world while the other takes Faustus up on his offer.

Meanwhile, a young man who once assisted Faustus joins the new American army and is sent to find the rumored mine, only to find he must confront his old mentor and choose sides between his ambitious commander and the denizens of the mine.

This is a semi-sequel to the book *Krewe of Hecate*. Sim's next book signing is:

Sim Shattuck Book Signing for new release *Abyssal Plain*: Location: Panache Boutique 1011 N 8th Street in Monroe, LA 71201 Date: Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013 from 5 - 7 PM.

You can listen to his Podcast listed on our web site: www.DreamCatcherPublishing.net

Congratulations as well to Dwan Hightower, former president of Clan Guthrie, on her successful business, Dream Catcher Publishing!



Cathey Reunion Association (CRA) Meeting 2013 in Columbia, Tennessee

This year's meeting was held August 3rd in Columbia, Tennessee and was initiated with a cordial welcome from the President, Charles Edwards.

Cathey is one of the septs/allied families of Clan MacFie.



BBC News: Scottish independence: Referendum to be held on 18 September 2014

Scottish voters will be asked the yes/no question, "Should Scotland be an independent country?"

First Minister Alex Salmond has said: "We have been on a journey since 1999, since the restoration of our parliament here in the heart of our ancient capital. We've witnessed a growing confidence, an increase in democratic accountability.

The referendum itself is preceded by a 16-week formal campaign period, during which limits will apply to the amount of money registered campaigners can spend, to ensure a level playing field for both sides of the debate.

Another Important 2014 date in Scotland:

June 24, 2014 is The 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. It was one of the most decisive battles of the First War of Scottish Independence, and remains one of the iconic cornerstones in the history of Scotland.

The depiction from the *Scotichronicon* (c.1440) is the earliest known image of the battle. King Robert wielding an axe and Edward II fleeing toward Stirling feature prominently, date 23-24 June 1314 South of Stirling.

With thanks to the Scottish Heritage Society of Southeast Georgia Newsletter, *Great Scots*.

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luminaries in the Scots and Canadian Gaelic communities to interpret and celebrate the vast accomplishments of the MacMhuirich bardic dynasty which spanned nearly 700 years. The 2014 Symposium will be held in Scotland in conjunction with the 700th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Bannockburn.

Flowers of the Forest



Donald L. Windmiller, 92, passed away Friday, August 16, 2013, at Heritage Center in Evansville, Indiana. He was born October 24, 1920 in Illinois.

Dr. Windmiller had a dental practice for over 40 years in Huntingburg, Ind. Don was a WWII P-51 fighter pilot serving in the Army Air Corp.

He met the love of his life, Isabella (Gordon) Windmiller while stationed in England.

He attended the United Church of Christ in Huntingburg. He loved gardening and fishing. He was a member of the Gideon's; St. Andrew Society of Evansville; VFW; American Legion; and Kiwanis. He was also a member of the Kingdom of Raknar.

Don was liked by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Isabella (Gordon); brother, Dr. Eugene Windmiller; and infant brother.

Dr. Windmiller is survived by son, Don S. Windmiller (Molly), Evansville; sisters, Marguerite Johnson, Columbia, Mo., and Katherine Sprout (Dean), Indianapolis, Ind.; nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Pleasant Hill, Ill., at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800 or www.gideons.org.

Gordon Dean Booth, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia passed away on October 16, 2013.

He was born on June 25, 1939 to Lois Mildred Bray and Gordon Dean Booth, Sr. in Columbus, Georgia.

Dean graduated from Columbus High School in 1957 and from Emory University in 1961.

He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He regarded

his membership in the fraternity as pivotal in his life, and was recently awarded its highest honor, Significant Sig.

Following graduation, Dean was instrumental in maintaining relationships that were formed between Sigma Chi by sponsoring get-togethers that kept friends close. Dean truly embodied the ideals of Sigma Chi his entire life: friendship, justice and learning.

Dean received his J.D. (1964) and LL.M. (1973) degrees from Emory University School of Law where he was a member of the *Law Review* and winner of the Moot Court Competition.

After graduation he began working for Hansell and Post. He ended his career as a partner at Miller and Martin.

Dean's law practice spanned 50 years and covered a breadth and range that is rare among lawyers. Clients large and small relied on him to solve their problems. In each instance he brought to bear a remarkable combination of intellect, expertise, experience in law and in life, imagination and common sense.

What he loved most about practicing law was taking on clients where controversy reigned and there was no apparent solution.

These cases allowed Dean to become an expert in yet another field. As a result many of his cases addressed evolving and unsettled areas of the law, including employment and labor law, antitrust and intellectual property. Dean's decades of legal experience earned him a reputation as an expert in the transportation sector.

He was a highly experienced international, litigation and tax attorney representing such clients as Delta Air Lines, Lockheed, British Airways, American Airlines and the Ford Motor Company.

Dean handled cases throughout most of the United States as well as in The Hague and in the United Kingdom.

Dean acted for British Airways (BAA, Ltd.), the world's largest airport owner and operator, for many years and served on the board of BAA, USA, (part of British Airways), for over 20 years.



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Genealogy and Military College Preparatory Schools

Bryan Mulcahy

Periodically we receive queries from patrons seeking information and records from military college preparatory schools or academies. For those not familiar with these institutions, conducting a basic Internet search using the term “Military College Prep Schools” will bring up a host of websites and specific school links containing information on the history of the school, current status, alumni, etc. This is applicable even if the school has been closed, as is the case with the one I attended briefly in the 1960s, Miami Military Academy.

Military schools of this nature began to appear in the aftermath of the Civil War and were established throughout the country. Each academy had its own history in terms of development, but they were especially prominent from the early 1920s through the late 1960s. The fallout from Vietnam caused many to close permanently in the 1970s, but a significant number are still in operation.

Until the 1970s, admission to most academies or schools was limited to boys between the ages of 11-17 or grades 6-12. The intent was to provide an environment where they would develop leadership skills, patriotism, independence, intellectualism, and the desire to pursue a military career. Academies developed their curriculum through the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp. (JROTC) whose mission was to instill in students values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment. The goal was to help groom a higher intellectual level of potential servicemen and officers for the nation’s military and/or to serve in civilian government.

Options for locating records and other infor-

mation depend on the institution and its guidelines for access. If the institution is still in operation, contact the Office of the Registrar. If the institution has closed, locating information can be challenging but not impossible. The following options have proven to be successful:

1. Virtually all academies/schools no longer operating, such as Miami Military Academy, have well-established alumni associations that have a proven track record for being very helpful.

2. Since most of these schools were under the jurisdiction of the United States military, the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has some surviving records and information.

3. The State Department of Education set standards and licensed the schools to operate.

4. Most schools were accredited and affiliated with other educational organizations that may have potentially useful information or research advice. Examples would include the Florida Council of Independent Schools; Southern Association of Independent Schools; National Association of Independent Schools; and Association of Military Colleges and Schools.

5. Clues also may be found in old family records, letters, souvenirs, obituaries, tombstone inscriptions, and local histories.

BLM 10/31/2013 Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S.

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Shinty + Hurling = Iomain



A new chapter is being written in sporting history with the launch of a new hybrid game of Scottish Shinty and Irish Hurling, called Iomain.

For 120 years Scotland and Ireland have competed in challenge matches involving a mix of Shinty and Hurling and now the new game, which could re-write the rules, is to be piloted following the televised Marine Harvest Shinty/Hurling international Series match at Croke Park in Dublin on Saturday evening.

Officials have returned to the origins of both sports to develop the concept with the word 'Iomain' being one of the Gaelic words for both Shinty and Hurling.

However, in a major break from tradition which has lasted over a century, players will use a universal stick that is neither a Scottish caman or Irish hurley.

Presently, the hickory stick or 'camán', is a thinner wedged club evolved for ground play while the ash hurley is a flatter bladed stick designed for aerial hitting.

The stick which will be used in Saturday's demonstration has been developed by highland caman producer, Alan MacPherson, in conjunction with Irish hurley maker, Michael Barron.

The bottom third of the stick will be the same dimension and design for both teams with the design and length of handle being optional.

In a further shift from modern composite rules, only goals will count rather than hits over the cross-bar; a significant departure for the Irish.

The idea has been developed by the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) in Ireland in conjunction with the Camanachd Association in Scotland, with the Irish seeking to reintroduce the forgotten art of ground hurling.

And although Iomain may not immediately suit all the

purists, officials on both sides of the Irish Sea believe it could spread beyond traditional country boundaries.

Donald Stewart of the Camanachd Association said: "The ten minute demonstration game on Saturday could represent the first step towards an exciting progression for Shinty outside of Scotland, where it is an aim that it is played among the diaspora.

"The GAA wishes to introduce a game of ground hurling around the world to increase participation, particularly at youth level, and the Camanachd Association similarly wishes to promote Shinty with the GAA's support.

He added: "We'd like one day to play other internationals against other nations."

Evolution

Iomain is the root source from which both Gaelic stick and ball games descended although the game has evolved differently on either side of the Irish Sea.

The first recorded Shinty/Hurling challenge between Scots and Irish was in 5th Century AD but the first recognised mixed rules game was at Celtic Park in 1897.

Since then, an agreed set of compromise rules have enabled the two nations to face each other on a regular basis, although never with the same stick.

Pat Daly, Director of Gaelic Games at The GAA, says a re-unified game could be popular wherever Scots and Irish expats have settled in the world.

"Ground hurling was a big part of the game in Ireland right up to the 1980s and 1990s but is pretty redundant now.

"We felt it was incumbent on both countries to look at the sport's origins and take it back to the essence of both games.

"Having one stick would also enable us to potentially

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internationalise the sport. We recently had hurling teams over to Ireland from Argentina, Indianapolis and Milwaukee and Iomain would have broad appeal in places like this."

The demonstration match will take place in the half time break between the International Rules football match which immediately follows the Shinty/Hurling International.

Shinty historian Hugh Dan MacLennan feels it is only right to look at the development of the cross-codes game.

"It is certainly worth assessing and has value as a trial. One of the issues has always been about finding a truly level playing field and if you can't do it by the scoring system, then looking at the equipment seems logical."

This article came from the *Scotsman Newspaper* on 24th October 2013. With many thanks to **Alastair McIntyre**.



Wouldn't you love to have a personal shopper this holiday season to help with the perfect gifts for all your Scottish-American family and friends? We can help you find just the right present, be it a beautiful piece of antique or estate jewelry, a clan-appropriate print, a little treasure of a Scottish antique, a beautiful new tartan sash, or a book sure to be enjoyed for years. [Email Vicki](#) or phone her to discuss your shopping interests and your budget. She will be more than happy to help!

Happy shopping!

Renny and Vicki McLeod

More photos from the...



More photos from Seaside Highland Games held in Ventura, California, October 11, 12, 13, 2013. If you've never been to these games, I can testify that you have not had all the fun possible in one weekend!

Many thanks to John and Nellie Lowry and the photographer, Brian Swann, who so generously shared these pictures.



Seaside Highland Games

Ventura, California
October 11, 12, 13, 2013



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Karen Matheson at the top and Julie Fowlis at the right



A letter from Scotland about a beautiful new book...

Dear Friends and Fellow Scots,

Please allow me to introduce myself and to tell you about a beautiful book that you might wish to add to your personal library of Scottish material.

My name is T.R. "Flash" Gordon. I was stationed in Scotland with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1983-85. During my spare time there, I learned to play the bagpipe and wandered through the hills and glens by bicycle and motorcycle. My favorite outings were to the castles, utilizing the single-track oads to become intimately familiar with the countryside and the people.

After my tour in the Marines was completed, I later landed a job leading tours by bicycle in the Borders Region south of Edinburgh, which led to new discoveries within Scotland and within myself. Even today, on return visits, I have Scottish friends who tell me I know their

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"Gaelic? Me? You? Why?"

Often shared Clan Donald USA activities at in formal gatherings at games and festivals is interest in Gaelic ("Gal-lik"). Clan Donald history is steeped in the language of the Gaels and Culture, even a minimal exposure to the ancient language pays huge dividends in understanding how integral a part it played in our history.

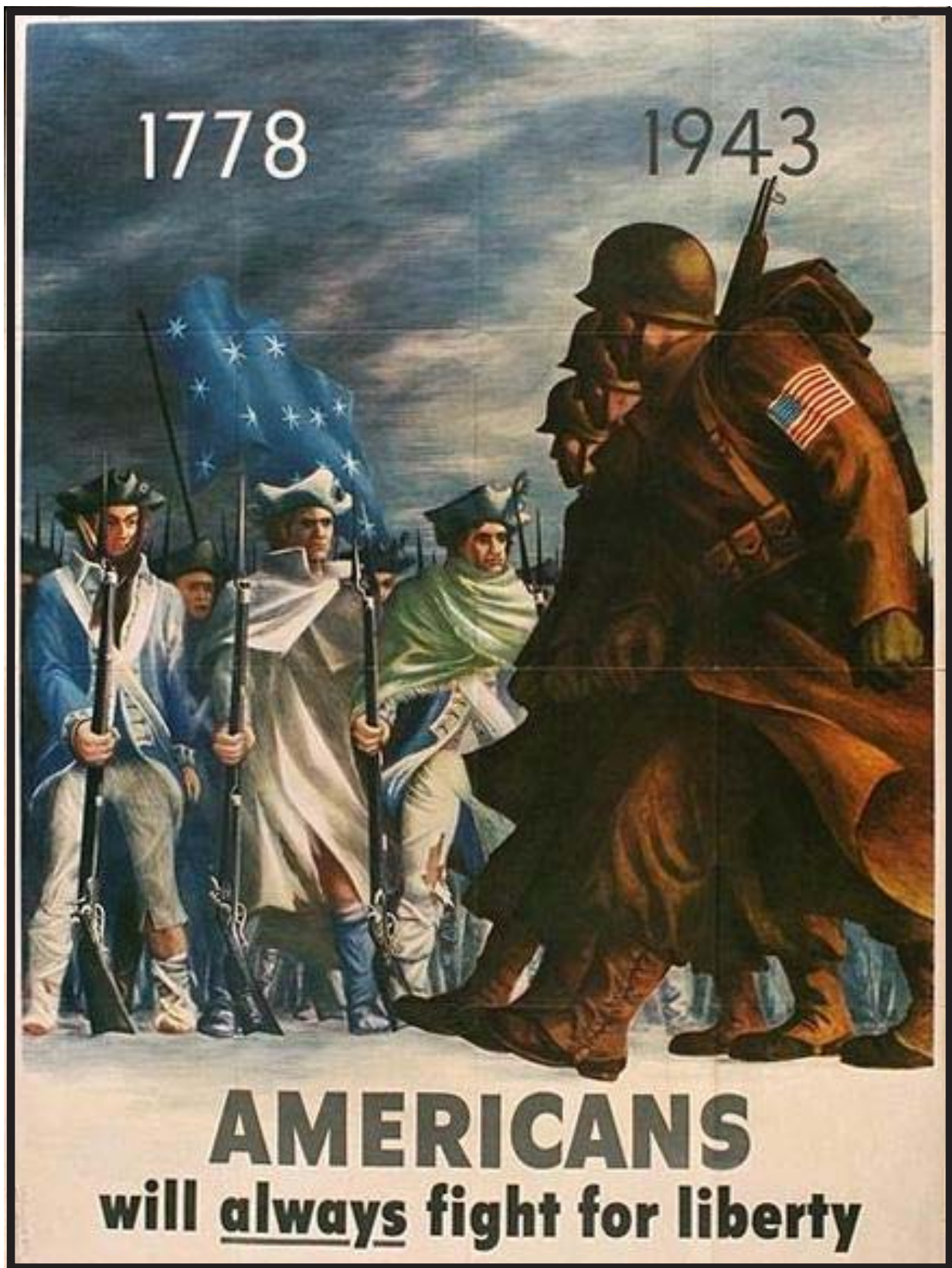
Each of us will have to answer the title questions above for ourselves, and though I cringe each time I say it, English is my primary language and not Gaelic. Does it have to be? Well no... like other languages, Gaelic and all others require "hearing" it, in the same way we learned English – we were speaking it long before learning to read it. With enough exposure, it's possible to speak a language phonetically without even knowing what you are saying (Sounds like Congress, eh?)

There are many resources now available on line and via libraries and language classes and media to learn Gaelic – and if for no other reason than to enjoy the sheer beauty of the language itself. Informally, the best avenue is via YouTube – and search for Julie Fowles or Karen Matheson – if you don't enjoy the beauty of these ladies and their vocals in Scottish Gaelic dial 911 quick because you would be dead. You may be asking, who are these ladies? Well, Julie has recently had a huge recognition in popularity, as she is the singer of the magnificent soundtrack of the animated feature "Brave" Karen was the Ceilidh singer of "Alein Dubh" in the movie "Rob Roy", and was lead female vocalist of the band Capercaillie. Both ladies also participated in many of the "Transatlantic Sessions".

A more formal resource, right here in the USA is The American Scottish Gaelic Society. (A' Comunn Gaidhealach Ameireaganach). The web site is www.acgamerica.org. They had a representative at the Scottish Games area of the Celtic Festival in West-Monroe Louisiana this past weekend. It's a very interesting site, and they have activities in different areas of the country as well as beginning, intermediate, and advanced studies in Scottish Gaelic materials and classes offered.

We may never see the full resurgence of our ancient language in common use, but as the bard once said... "An fearr Gaidhlig briste na Beurla Cliste!" Better broken Gaelic than polished English! "Slaint Mhor a Sibh."

*Great Health to you all. Daniel McDaniel
October 2013 AR Commish CDUSA*



Now, I can't remember where I found them, but I do have a wonderful collection of American posters from World War II. Please let me know if you would like to see more of them here in these pages.

From Mr. Gordon's book...



Shepherd and Border Collie Pup Near Moffat - Dumfries and Galloway Region

This handy means of transport carries shepherd and dog to the high ground. The pup is likely going out into the pasture for some intense training, to capitalize on his natural instincts for herding. Border collies are truly amazing dogs. No shepherd could do his job without one, or several, depending on the size of his flock.



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country better than they do.

I've now written, photographed, and published a "coffee-table" type book entitled *TURAS TROIMH ALBA, A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY THROUGH SCOTLAND* (The book's title translates to "Journey Through Scotland" in the Gaelic language)

It is a beautiful collection of 170 color photos with dear friends and fellow Scots, interesting, historical, and amusing text, in a hardbound edition of 120 pages, ISBN 0-9655320-1-1. It presents a delightful view of the country and its people not often encountered by most visitors. The quality of the photography is superb, as evidenced by a senior editor at *National Geographic* magazine inviting me to their offices after she saw the book and was intrigued by it.

I've had very favorable reviews and endorsements, ranging from *British Heritage* magazine to the Duke of Roxburghe. I've also done freelance and contract work for *Scottish Life* magazine. I would invite you to look at my website for a preview and info. <http://www.turas-troimh-alba.com/>

[1] It will show you some photos from the book and gives information for ordering. You can also read a review that was in *British Heritage* at <http://www.historynet.com/book-review-turas-troimh-alba-a-photographic-journey-through-scotland-tr-gordon-bh-htm>

[2] If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at alba@netdoor.com

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Whether you are a frequent visitor to Scotland or perhaps have never been, this book will take you from the Borders to the Highlands and from the East Neuk to the Western Isles. It is a journey to be enjoyed time and time again.

Semper Fidelis, and with warmest regards,

T.R. Gordon

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Cliftoncote Farm Near Yetholm, Borders Region

Murray surveys the surrounding hills to ensure no sheep were missed by the dogs making their sweep to bring them in for the evening feeding. (Ed note: Look, no bridle nor saddle.)



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He argued seven cases before the United States Supreme Court. In addition, he argued many cases before the US Court of Appeals, US District Courts and State Courts.

He also had broad experience in employment matters handling class action suits involving tens of thousands of class members and nationwide antitrust issues.

Dean was an accomplished global lecturer on a broad range of topics including international law, international trade arbitration, product liability, and problems in joint ventures.

Dean was a Trustee for the Metropolitan Atlanta Crime Commission from 1977-1980 serving as Chairman from 1979-1980.

He was a member of the Assembly of Arts and Sciences of Emory College from 1971-1986 serving as chairman in 1983.

He was a member of the State Bar of Georgia as well as the International Bar Association.

While a member of the International Bar, Dean served as Chairman of the Aeronautical Law Committee of the Business Law Section from 1971-1986. He also served on the Council for the IBA's Business Law Section from 1974-1988.

He served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President of Stallion Music, Inc. in Nashville.

Most recently Dean served on the Advisory Board of Propeller Investments, LLC.

Dean was a consummate gentleman, a great host, storyteller and organizer of fellowship and fun.

Throughout his life he had an unmatched thirst for knowledge, as evidenced by the many books, magazines, newspapers, and articles that he read and shared with others.

He led an active life enjoying fishing, hunting, boating, and flying small aircraft.

He took a great interest in people and their families,

and he always made time to sit and talk about serious and lighthearted matters.

A meal with Dean was always entertaining. Dean's sincere concern for his wife, daughters, sons-in law, grand children, business associates, friends, community, church state and country set him above the pack as a highly successful professional who gave more to the world than he ever took.

His humor, intellect, and perspective will be greatly missed.

Dean is survived by his wife of 52 years, Katherine Campbell Booth (Katie), and their daughters Katherine Booth McCormick (Mark) of Atlanta, Abigail Booth Curvino (Bill of Carrollton, Ga, Sarah Elizabeth Booth of Atlanta and Margaret Booth Celecia of Atlanta.

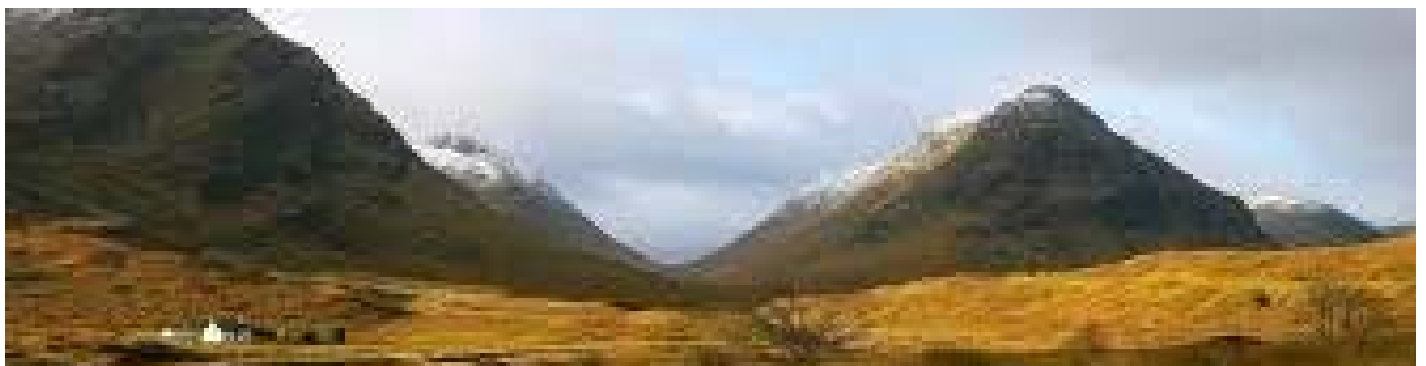
He is also survived by his eight grandchildren who knew him as their beloved Poppie: Katherine Grace Williams, Thomas Rice Williams, III, Mary Katherine Curvino, Elizabeth Jean Curvino, William Robert Curvino Jr. Matthew Joseph Celecia, Abigail Ann Celecia (Lulu) and Katherine Iri Celecia (Katie).

Dean was a member of The Church of the Apostles. He was also a member of the Capital City Club, serving on the board from 1994-1996, the Piedmont Driving Club, the University Club of New York, the Old War Horse Lawyers Club, The Advocate Club and the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, among others.

He was a member of the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta.

A memorial service was held at The Church of the Apostles on Monday November 11 with a reception to follow.

The family requests donations be made to either The Church of the Apostles, 3585 Northside Parkway, Atlanta GA 30327 or Leading The Way, P.O. Box 20100, Atlanta GA 30325.





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THE SEDLEC OSSUARY

The outwardly-unspectacular exterior of a small medieval Gothic chapel known as the Sedlec Ossuary (located in Sedlec, in the suburbs of Kutna Hora, in the Czech Republic), belies its quite unique interior.

It is artistically decorated by the bones of more than 40.000 human skeletons. Thus it is also known as the Church of Bones, or the Bone Church.

One of the most fascinating artistic works inside the Sedlec Ossuary is the immense chandelier of bones that lies in the center of the church, containing at least one of every human bone.

Another impressive piece of artwork is the coat of arms of the Schwarzenberg family, also made of human bones.

The German noble family of Schwarzenbergs was originally called the Lords of Seinsheim, and their proper emblem was a shield with silver and blue stripes. After the conquest of Raab, the Turkish fortress, the emblem was enlarged in 1599 by Adolf zu Schwarzenberg with the head of a Turk, his eyes being pecked out by a raven.

In 1688, there was another modification of the coat-of-arms which was improved by the symbols of other dominions. Three red spikes in a green field symbolizes the Schults dominion, which was annexed to the dominion by Ferdinand zu Schwarzenberg after the marriage with Marie Anna von Schults.

A burning twig symbolizes the Brandis dominion. At the center of this shield there are emblems of the Schwarzenberg dominions - a tower on a black hill, and Kleggau - three golden sheaves. Two golden lions occasionally appear as shield-bearers. The prince's crown above the coat-of-arms symbolizes the prince's title.

While there are other macabre places to visit in Europe, like the Paris Catacombes, the Sedlec Ossuary is really unique in nature.

You may wonder how all these bones ended up being carved in a small chapel located in the Czech Republic. It all goes back to 1278, when the King of Bohemia sent the abbot of the Sedlec Cistercian Monastery to Jerusalem.

When the abbot came back he brought with himself a jar of soil from the Golgotha, known as the "Holy Soil." Soon people from all over the region desired to be buried in Sedlec, and thus the cemetery there had to be expanded.

In the 15th century a Gothic church was built near the cemetery, and its basement was used as an ossuary. The bones stayed there for centuries until 1870, when a woodcarver named Frantisek Rint was appointed to place the bones in order. The result was the impressively shock-



ing array of osseous display that remains to this day.

From www.sedlecossuary.com; Český Krumlov - http://www.encyklopedie.ckrumlov.cz/docs/en/mesto_histor_schzna.xml

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Into the Geerie - Garioch Distillery, Scotland

The Spring 2013 issue of *Whisky Advocate* carries an interesting article titled "Into The Gerrie," which is actually about the Garioch region of Aberdeenshire. The Garioch, which includes a number of Leslie castles and houses, is a 150 square mile area of agricultural rich farmland stretching along the rivers Don and Ury.

The Garioch, known to the locals as "The Geerie," is a land of thick black soil, mostly long low mountains, except for Bennachie, and an area that most travelers pass through. Even the whisky pilgrims pass through on their way to Speyside and the Islands.

With the rich soil, the quality of the barley is excellent, and there is a source of peats from New Pitsligo about half way between Peterhead and Banff.

Ah, a great location to make whisky! And there in Oldmeldrum, formerly the home of "Mussel-mouth'd" Charlie Leslie, is the Glen Garioch distillery.

Glen Garioch may be the oldest distillery in Scotland, and its official license was granted in 1798. There are strong claims that this should be 1785.

For many years it provided the base for Vat 69. But more recently this distillery has made its own brand of whisky, including some outstanding single malts.

The master blender is Rachel Barrie, who is also the master blender for Morrison Bowmore, (and who is from Inverurie), who notes that Glen Garioch after a few years maturation "develops a honeyed sweetness, butterscotch, and a hint of spice that is reminiscent of my grandmother's wild honey spread on malted toast."

Also, "mature Glen Garioch develops complexity with a floral heathery, spice, and dessert-like flavors, pancakes and golden syrup, spiced poached pears, apple crumble with cream, and heather on the hills."

Wow! Poached pears?

Meanwhile, the July 2013 issue of *Whisky Magazine* includes some tastings from a whisky from "home."

Virtually all of these are "Glen Garioch (A Rare Find)" and different only in which cask they came from and the year distilled. I find it interesting that all are priced between \$110 and \$190 US. The tasting scale is from 1 to 10, with 10 being "unbelievably outstanding."

I have never seen a 10 awarded. Generally any whisky above a 7.5 is "OK," but those of 8.5 and above are very interesting.

1978, 33 years old, cask 10997 8.5

1986, 26 years old, cask 1807 8.0

1997, 15 years old, cask 828 7.8

1998, 14 years old, cask 663 8.5

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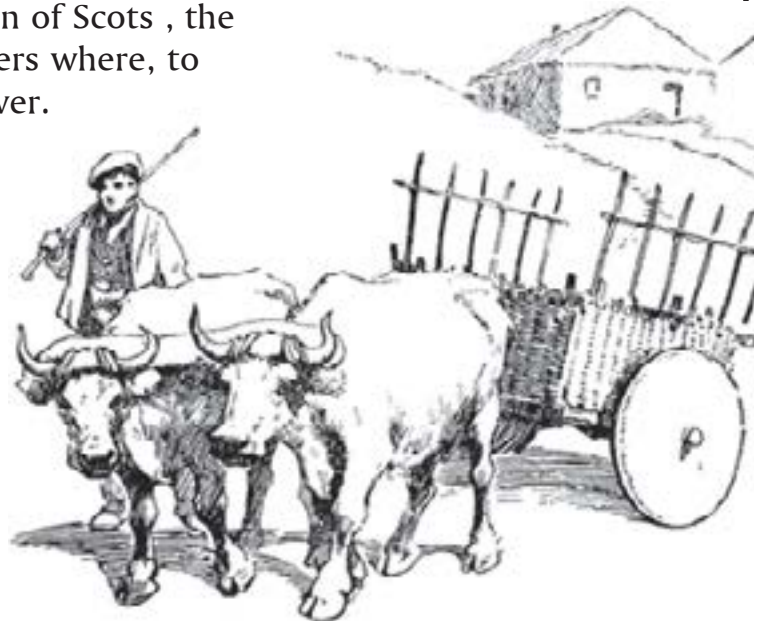
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Lord Seton, ox cart wagoner

After the Battle of Langdale in May 1568, a supporter of the defeated Mary, Queen of Scots, the noble Lord Seton, escaped into Flanders where, to earn a living, he became a wagon driver.

On his return to Scotland, he recalled with pride those hard days at the bullock's rear end and even had his portrait painted in the garb of a wagoner.

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From the MacTavish Seannachie—Patrick Thompson

A Mystery of Dunadd, Rudalor Rua-duilh and Dun an ArdRigh

Nether Rudle, is the name of the lands that the MacTavish chieftains, cadets of main House of Dunardry (*Dun an Ar-dRigh*, Fort of the High King), held as their estate. It was a very early MacTavish establishment. There is so little pre-served about it that we cannot tell when it was first occupied by our Irish MacTavish ancestors, but since the MacTavishes have held Dunardry since (at least) 893 AD, Rudle must have been first occupied at nearly the same period. The House of Rudle, Nether Rudal, Rhudill, Rudil Rudill, Roodle, and anciently called Rudalor Rua-duilh lay in Kilmichael Glassary.

Nether means lower, as in the under-world, hence the lower part of Rudil. It probably had pagan roots. *Rud* means hard, fast or concrete, *alor* means to nourish. *Rua-duilh* has an entirely different meaning. *Rua* means Red, and *duilh* is a corruption of *duith*, which means a Thigh, hence the Rudalor Rua-duilh has the meaning of **Nourishing Place of the Red Thigh**, probably from a battle that took place there, named for someone prominent who had suffered a leg wound. Rudil or Rudle is situated just north of the ancient hill fort at Dunadd.

It appears that in a by-gone era the MacTavishes held both Upper and Lower Rudill, but it became the property of Vicount Dudope who presented it to John Campbell in 1533 (the same year as the first feudal-era Dunardry Charter). No MacTavish charter for Rudle is to be found, but there is reference to it in Tweed's *History of the House of Argyll* from an early period. Likely this land was held during a pre-charter era, before the reign of the King of Scots, Robert the Bruce (1306). It encompassed the northern and outer region of what is now Barnakill Farm (just above the

Cri-nan Canal) near old Dunadd. It is not known if the MacTavishes ever held a charter for Dunadd itself. Rudle's remnants are seen as Rhudal Mill, Rudle Farm and Rudle burn (stream). This was perhaps one of the oldest of the houses in the Glassary-Knapdale region, and may have once been attached to the Chiefly land of Dunardry. The extreme southern edge of Nether Rudle (north of the Crinan Canal seems to have been maintained a part of the Dunardry Estate. P.C. Campbel in his *Account of Clan-Iver* deduce Rudle to have been part of the ancient House of Duntroon which indicates, contrary to P.C. Campbell, that Duntroon may have anciently been a MacTavish family establishment

as well.

As for the battle taking place there or nearby there is a Tale of "King" Arthur having fought the *Battle of Baddon Hill*. The land that lies between Dunadd and Dunardry in Kilmichael Glassary has from ancient times been



called *Baddon*. Which hill was identified as Badon Hill, the place of Arthur's great battle, by such ancient historians as Gildas (ca 500-570)? Was Badon Hill actually Dunadd or Dunardry hill (the Cruach Mor)? We don't know, and that is the mystery surrounding Nether Rudle, Dunadd, and Dunardry.

I must thank the author of *Finding Merlin*, Adan Audrey, for giving me the inspiration to look into this most astounding bit of history. An extract of the map is in the center: Plan of the Crinan Canal. Showing, left to right, Dunardry, Barnakill Farm, Dunadd and Nether Rudle indicated with stars though some spellings have been Anglicized. The far right of the map (Nether Roodle) is actually North.

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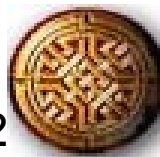
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