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## Glasgow Cathedral needs our help - and it is not \$\$\$

My old and very dear friend, Fraser Gordon, Scottish Blue Badge Guide, has written me of the hulloaloo concerning Glasgow Cathedral.

Fraser wrote that Historic Scotland, the government department which owns Glasgow Cathedral, plans to charge an entrance fee into Glasgow Cathedral as from April 2015. The fee will be UK £4.50 per person.

The Minister of the Cathedral as well as the congregation are against it, as are a lot of Scots and Glaswegians.

Fraser said, "It will also harm tourism as people will no longer go in if there is a fee to pay. The travel companies I work for will not wish to pay that amount per head for entire coach groups."

The cathedral has played a pivotal role in the history of Glasgow, standing as it does at the place where St Mungo, the founder and patron saint of the city, built the first church in the 6th century. It thereafter played a great role in the Reformation of the Church of Scotland in the 16th century. It is also the only cathedral on the mainland of Scotland which stands as it

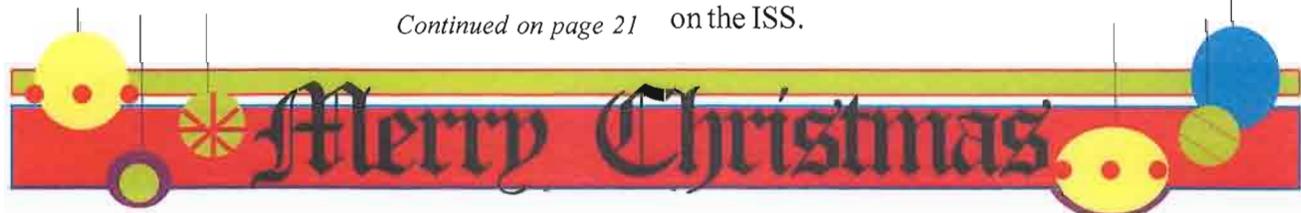
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*A view of Great Britain from the International Space Station...  
or... What Santa sees as he makes his way to the boys and girls of Scotland!*

A German astronaut has Tweeted a picture of Scotland and most of England, Wales and Cornwall taken from the International Space Station as it passes over Europe. (see above)

Alexander Gerst is a European Space Agency geophysicist and a volcanologist spending six months on the ISS.





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# A letter from your editor...

## How to submit an article, story or anything else to be published in a newsletter...or, really, any publication



A clan publication - or any "group" publication is only as good as the information submitted.

If there were only six members who lived in the same neighborhood, the editor could do everything her/himself...but, when members are scattered all over the country and the world...you can easily see how the volunteer editor cannot possibly know everything that needs to be included.

Each member, officer or not, is a "reporter" for the group publication. Officers, including conveners, have specific responsibilities each issue.

Deadlines are always announced in advance with notification coming from both your clan officials and your editor.

Deadlines are most important. Just think about deadlines this way; no matter what wonderful things your group does or plans - they will come to nothing if they are not known by all the members in a timely manner.

You may submit information early as most every editor has special folders where information may be safely saved.

If it should work out date-wise, that something is happening right at deadline time, please contact your editor and make arrangements for your information to come in as soon as you can...and that means within a day of the deadline. Any later, and it will have to wait until the next issue.

Most folks don't know it now, but your editor (This one! ME!) was in radio for many years, achieving the Certified Radio Marketing Consultant designation issued by the Radio Advertising Bureau in New York City.

There is only one surety in radio - which translates to everything else. The surety: What happens if

you do not advertise? **Nothing.**

Advertising is sort of what we do when we publish a newsletter. We are letting our members know - advertising to them - what is happening with our group.

What happens if you do not publish a newsletter that is timely and filled with activities? **Nothing.**

See?

The suggestions, hints and rules included here are just as true for an article for *Life* magazine or for your organizational publication.

Some publications are a bit more formal, but most are about as comfortable as sweatshirt and jeans.

In any journalism class, the first thing you learn is to be sure and include WHAT, WHERE, WHO, WHEN and WHY (Known as the five W's).

I always think if I were reading the article I am working on...could I make a contact with someone for more information?

So, please be sure you include these basic facts when you send something for publication.

If you are reporting on a games where your clan was represented: Please try to include some details about the games which are unique...for example, at Estes Park, Colorado, they have a floating Nessie...and all day long, you hear the booms of a real cannon being fired. It's NOT cannon balls, but old bowling balls which you see flying through the air trying to "bag" Nessie. Now, that's unique.

Every single game has SOMETHING that is unique! **Think!**

Try to look over your games guest book and report on those who have signed the book and where they are

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# The Armstrong Clan Society

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

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

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

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

## Membership

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

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at  
[peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com](mailto:peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com)  
or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.  
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

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from and anything else you wish.

If you go to more than one game in a newsletter time period, just write however many articles as games you attended.

Please concentrate on what happened at a particular game in each article.

If you've heard that Suzie's mother is ill, please report that and how she may receive cards. Ditto for weddings, engagements and graduations - plus the myriad things that happen in our lives.

Be sure and send information on Flowers of the Forest. If you don't have the obituary information, at least give enough information so that your editor CAN find the obituary.

There is one thing that makes our Flowers of the Forest even more important than ever - that is the absolutely ridiculous prices newspapers now charge for obits.

Many people do not publish obituaries in newspapers nowadays for this reason. Obituaries in your clan publication are free.

How are you going to know about an accident, an illness, an important milestone in our scattered-all-over-everywhere members' lives, if it is not written in your newsletter?

You don't want to find out that friends have been through crisis without you knowing or even had happy things happen and you didn't know...your newsletter is the answer to keeping in close touch with your friends who belong to the same organization.

If you have to do some research to find a PO Box, email address, website, physical address...you just do the research and double check what you have typed.

Most editors, including me, will look over your submissions and make sure spellings are correct and basic rules of English are observed.

If you don't think you are a writer..just write as if

you were speaking to a friend.

In particular, for any publication, if you send photographs from your phone for publication, first be sure the setting is set for jpeg. If you send photos from your camera, please also send those in jpeg.

When you send information to your editor, secondly, be sure to identify the five W's...of the photos...and also identify the people included in the pictures.

It is very helpful to your editor if you be sure and include the date and at which game the photos were taken.

If you run across articles in other publications or hear/see something interesting on television...jot down the basic information and send it in. Note where/when you found it originally - your editor will try to track it down...and copyright notwithstanding, we can pass on the interesting information to everyone.

Speaking of copyright, that's an entirely separate and complicated subject. In our situation in the Scottish community, if there's something in a clan newsletter and it says "copyright" please contact their editor and get permission. You can NEVER, EVER use anything from Disney, Coca Cola or others of their ilk.

I'm sure there's more to this...and I will pass it on as it comes to my head.

Please take all of this to heart.

It's always amazing to me what happens when folks work together...and a publication is one of the most visible examples of this premise.

When we do work together, we can produce something wonderful!

I used to do seminars about things like this...If you'd like one at your games...where all of the editors and other interested folks may come...just call me and we'll see what we can do.

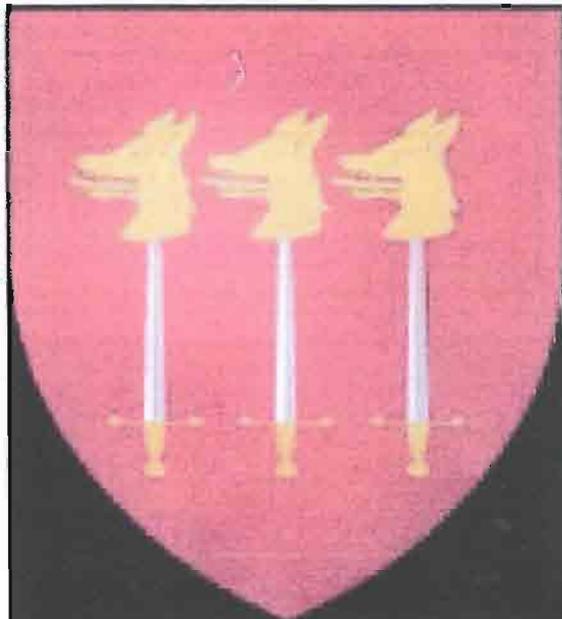


## From the Editor

# The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/CARNIE, CURREHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, HALYARD/HALLYARD, MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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Hello folks,

Forgive me if I have you on here twice, I am combining two lists.

Triad Highland Games is having our Hogmanay January 3rd, 2015 at 5:30 at the Shriner's Club on High Point Road. (High Point, North Carolina)

The tickets are \$30.00 / person ( a reduction from last year). We will have a cash bar for Wine and Beer, and BYOB or flask for anything stronger. We will have our usual program of Toasts, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, a

couple of Raffles (Harold Proctor is working on surprises for these) Music and Dance.

For more information, please contact [cflora.mtc@gmail.com](mailto:cflora.mtc@gmail.com) if you have questions, for reservations, or if you have something to contribute to the Silent Auction.

There is more space at this venue but seats are still limited.

This is the perfect Christmas gift for that hard to shop for Scot on your list! Cindy Flora

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## ***FREE Genealogical Search techniques on the Internet Dec. 13 in Ft. Myers, FL***

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2014  
Speaker: Carol Weidlich, Lee County Genealogical Society – Past President and Webmaster  
Time: 9:30-12:15pm; South Building, 1651 Lee Street; Meeting Rooms A & B

Session One: 9:30-10:45am Search Techniques on the Internet

Session Two: 11:00am-12:15pm Searching Websites Other Than Ancestry.com and Family Search  
The Internet offers a wonderful array of data-

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For more information, email: Bryan L. Mulcahy at [<bmulcahy@leegov.com>](mailto:bmulcahy@leegov.com)

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# Family Stories

**Bryan Mulcahy, MLS**



Family stories can be the most interesting component and a foundation for all genealogical research. While some stories prove to be accurate, many either stretch the truth or turn out to be pure fabrication, as in the following example from one of our recent researchers. Her great-grandfather supposedly was the captain of a sailing vessel which crossed the Atlantic in dangerous storms multiple times in the early 1800s from England to Boston, Massachusetts. Many present-day members of the family liked boating and sailing, and assumed this love of the sea was handed down from their great-grandfather.

The truth turned out to be less dramatic. The great-grandfather had been a captain of a barge which went up and down the Ouse River, outside the port of Boston, located in Lincolnshire, England. Like many family stories there was a kernel of truth, but most of the details were exaggerated. In some cases, the inaccuracies may be deliberate. In most it is simply that over time, we remember past events through “rose colored glasses”. Distant memories are also influenced by subjective opinions that over time become “facts.”

Use caution about stories that touch on the social standing of a family, especially those claiming noble descent. This is where the greatest discrepancies usually occur. The farm laborer becomes a land owner, the sergeant or lieutenant in the army becomes a colonel, or a small house becomes a thirty-room mansion. Someone moves to a new place, job, or church, makes

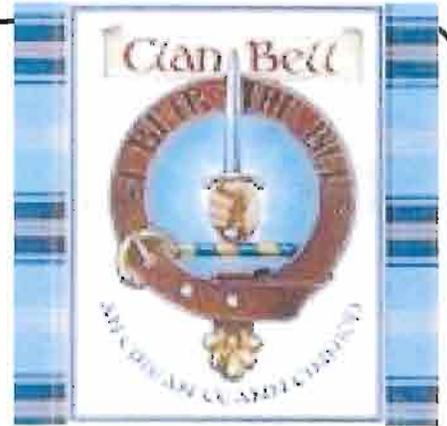
new friends and tries to impress them a little with some slightly exaggerated stories about his or her background. Even the most honest people have been known to enhance their resumes for employment or educational purposes.

Stories can be deliberately fabricated. In some cases, this happens because someone was trying to hide their social status, criminal activities, failed marriages, or hide acts that occurred during controversial time periods in history. Social norms have changed over time. Historical customs such as slavery were once considered appropriate. Many immigrants grew up in poverty and came from repressive areas of Europe and the British Isles. Upon arrival in America, they made every effort to “bury” that past and create a new reality that fit a new country.

Depending on the individual circumstances of your family you should also discover what you can about name changes, naturalization, military service, apprenticeship to a craft, and ethnic background. When discussing a place of birth or origin be sure you get the name right. Double check with one more person at least, and don’t assume the name you have been given is the name of a city or a village. It may be the name of a farm or a district or a county, or the nearest big city rather than that of their small and unknown village. If you are lucky enough to have elderly family members still alive, consider taking the time to interview them. When they die, the stories are buried with them.



# Clan Bell North America, Inc.



This old West Marche Riding Clan, one of the Border Clans from the early 1100s, were retainers of Clan Douglas and also allied with the best Border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive. To survive on the often invaded Borders, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.



Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan were "encouraged" to emigrate to the Ulster Plantation in Northern Ireland after 1610.

After William Bell, called "Redcloak" and Chief of the Clan died in 1627, the chiefship became dormant. Without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell North America is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell Genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBNA cordially invites membership inquiries from persons named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. A quarterly newsletter is published. Tents are hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast in the USA.

President & Membership:

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**clanbell.org**



# Flowers of the Forest

**Malley Lee Gay, Jr.**, age 87, of Jonesboro, GA, passed away Saturday, November 22, 2014.

He was the son of Malley Lee Gay, Sr., and Lucy Clyde Livingston.

He had one brother, Harold Wayne Gayre of Sandy Springs, Georgia.

He was educated in Hapeville, Georgia and graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Business Management.

He was employed by Glidden Paint Company in Atlanta as an Architectural Consultant for forty-one years and then, after retirement, was free-lance Architectural Consultant. He guided architects on proper paint specs and application.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Jonesboro for forty - two years, serving for many years as a Deacon.

He served in the U.S. Navy Sea Bees.

Malley was head of the Clan Gayre in the United States, appointed by the late Clan Chief Lt. Col. Robert Gayre of Gayre and Nigg of Minard Castle on Loch Fyne, Scotland.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years; Betty Gay of Jonesboro, children; Bonnie Lee (Joe) Stone of Stockbridge, Michael (Carol) Gay of Wisconsin, Kathy Lynn (John) Curl of Texas, brother; Harold Wayne (Cheree) Gayre of Sandy Springs, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at First Christian Church of Jonesboro. Rev.

Wade Hall officiating.

Interment was at Camp Memorial Park, Fayetteville, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Samaritan Together for Clayton Co., Main St. Forest Park, GA 30297, 404-361-8848.

**Mary Mitchell Gravely**, 87, died Saturday, November 15, 2014 at her home in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. She was born in Harrodsburg on April 23, 1927 and was the daughter of the late W.T. and Mae Mitchell Wooldridge.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her beloved husband William W. Gravely,

Sr. and her sister Nancy Wooldridge Wilson.

She was a graduate of Harrodsburg High School, Maryville (Tennessee) College, and the University of Kentucky. A proud lifelong member of the United Presbyterian Church of Harrodsburg, she was one of the first woman members of its diaconate.

Mary Mitchell was an educator in both the Harrodsburg and Mercer County school systems, teaching a variety of subjects.

She was a member and former Registrar and Regent of the Jane McAfee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Jamestown Society, Morgan's Men, Boonesborough Society, Ancient Planters, Dames of the Magna Carta,

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# clankeith-usa.org

Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

**Flowers of the Forest**, *continued from page 11*



Washington's Men at Valley Forge, and a former member of Colonial Dames and Daughters of the Confederacy.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary Reinhardt (Craig) of Lexington; two sons, William

Gravely, Jr. (Nancy) of Glasgow and Tom Gravely (Linda) of Edgewood, seven grandchildren, Chris Gravely (Monique), Kirsten Moss (Ben), Nathaniel Gravely, Sarah Gravely, Matthew Gravely, Andrew Reinhardt, and Sam Reinhardt; and three great-grandchildren, Cassidy Moss, Mary Dotson Moss, and Isabel Gravely.

Her son and daughter-in-law, Nancy, are the Sponsors Reception hosts at the Glasgow Highland Games at Barron River State Park, Lucas, Kentucky, in June of each year.

The memorial service was held November 19, 2014, United Presbyterian Church, Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Alternate expressions of sympathy may be directed to the Harrodsburg United Presbyterian Church Academy Fund or Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee.

The Kingdome of Raknar grows smaller on this planet. We send sympathies to the families of Sir Aethelwolf, Knight of the Realm (**James Gunn**) and Sir Hotspur, Knight of the Realm (**Dr. Edward Green**) Sir Donar, Knight of the Realm and Earl (**Lee Morrison**). Our sympathies are extended to Lady of the Kingdome, Lady Iona Keith Hopkins and her family on the death of her husband, **Mark Hopkins**.



*A note from  
Piper  
Extraordinaire,  
Bill Caudill*



I am very happy to announce that i'm going to be appearing as a guest with Jamie Laval for his Celtic Christmas Tour in the coming few weeks!

We will be appearing in

**\* Duluth, Ga. on December 26,**

**\* Asheville, NC on December 27 for**

**two shows**

**\*Tryon, NC on December 29.**

Details can be found at: <http://jamielaval.com/tourdates.html#thismonth>

I'll be playing Scottish smallpipes and a Highland pipe set-up in the key of "A" (yes "A" !!) for these shows....some tunes to finish brushing up on yet, but quite excited.

Ever since I first saw the Tannahill Weavers live in 1981 I thought it would be really cool to do something like that.....hope I'm not too old and that the fingers can keep up!





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# Happy Holidays!

from  
**Clan Ramsay!**

Clan Ramsay <http://clanramsay.org/> is excited to announce the launch of our 2014 *Family Tree DNA* Holiday DNA testing sale <https://www.familytreedna.com/products.aspx>! The promotion was started on November 25th and ends on December 31st @ 11:59PM Central Time.

Other Clans are saying that we are setting the new standard for Genealogical Research. Clan Ramsay has developed a new and exciting process that allows us to use new methods to isolate members of your ancestral family. I urge you to take advantage of the 2014 *Family Tree DNA* Holiday DNA testing sale <https://www.familytreedna.com/products.aspx>. Order your Kit today and then tell your family members that you've decided to DNA test and you need their support in the form of a nominal donation. I recommend the Y37 marker Y-Chromosome DNA test.

If you find money is an issue for testing we have some money that we can donate to your family, call me.

We have the research team to help you and we will do all the work and provide you with your family data but the only this we can't do for you is DNA test. If you test we will do the rest for you.

Let me know how I can help!

Regards,

John Hendrickson

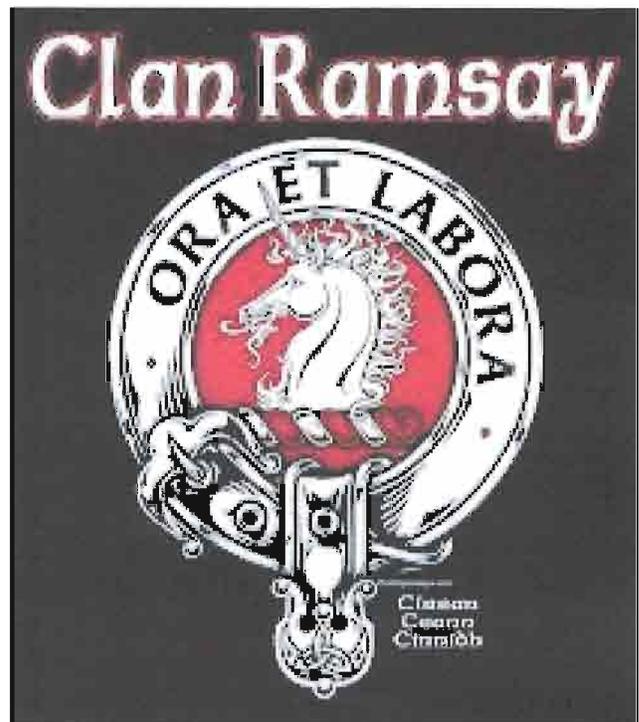
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## **Aye Fellow Clansmen and Clanswomen! Burns Night is coming !**

Todd Coleman founder of Banshee Metal Works, a member of Clan Buchanan Society International and one of the conveners in North Carolina, has planned and organized a celebration of the life of Robert Burns.

An award ceremony is planned during the Burns Night activities.

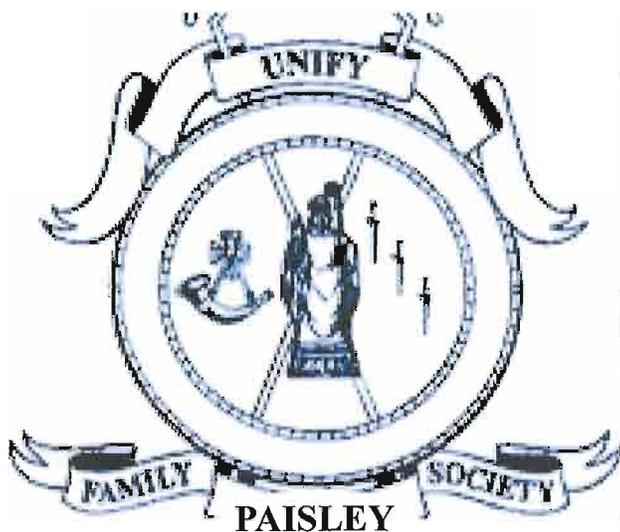
This fine activity will be held on Saturday evening January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Civic Center in Statesville, NC at 6:30 PM.

Statesville is adjacent to the intersection of I-40 and I-77 about midway between South Carolina and Virginia and north of Charlotte.

See the advertisement page 25 of this publication.

Thanks to: Graeme P. Watson – Acting Membership Secretary Clan Buchanan Society International. More information concerning CBSI, call 704-873-9599 or 704-902-5223 (cell).

Reservations for the BURNS NIGHT and ticket purchases are being handled by Todd Coleman. Reach him at [toddecoleman@yahoo.com](mailto:toddecoleman@yahoo.com)



**The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea**

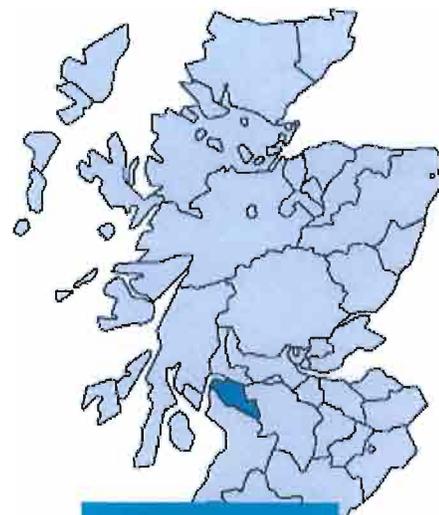


**Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family**

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

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburgshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



**Check us out here, shown at Sterling in June of 2014!**

Email **Martha Brown** at [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com) for more information

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## Clan Sutherland in Virginia for their 2014 AGM



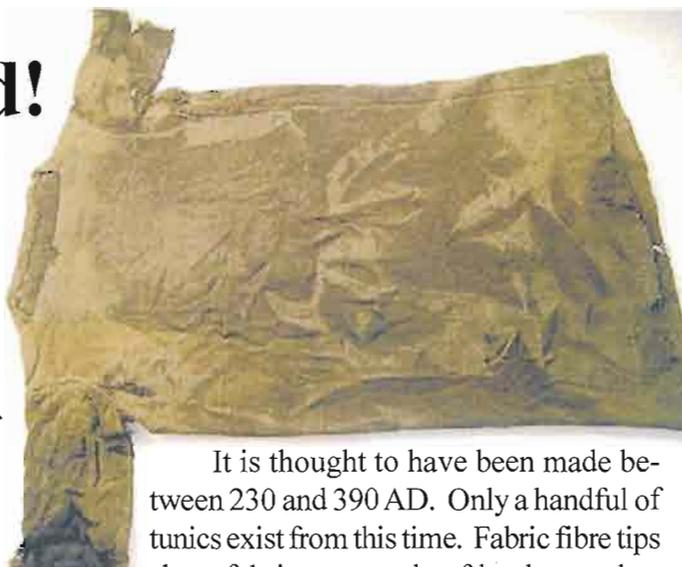
*Clan Sutherland at the 2014 Central Virginian Celtic Fest and Highland Games at Richmond, Virginia. Clan Sutherland held their 2014 AGM at these games...and had a wonderfully large crowd as you can see above. With thanks to the Dunrobin Piper.*

## Ice Age tunic found!

An Ice Age tunic was discovered recently under snow melt in the Norwegian mountains. Also found were Neolithic arrows and bow fragments - thought to be about 6,000 years old.

“The new find is of great significance for dress and textile products and how these reflect the interplay between Northern Europe and the Roman World,” said Marianne Vedeler from the University of Oslo, Norway - who analyzed the garment.

The tunic, found on the Norwegian Landbreen Glacier was partly bleached from the sun, wind and environment. It shows hard wear and tear and had been repaired with two patches.



It is thought to have been made between 230 and 390 AD. Only a handful of tunics exist from this time. Fabric fibre tips show fabric was made of lambs wool or wool from adult sheep.

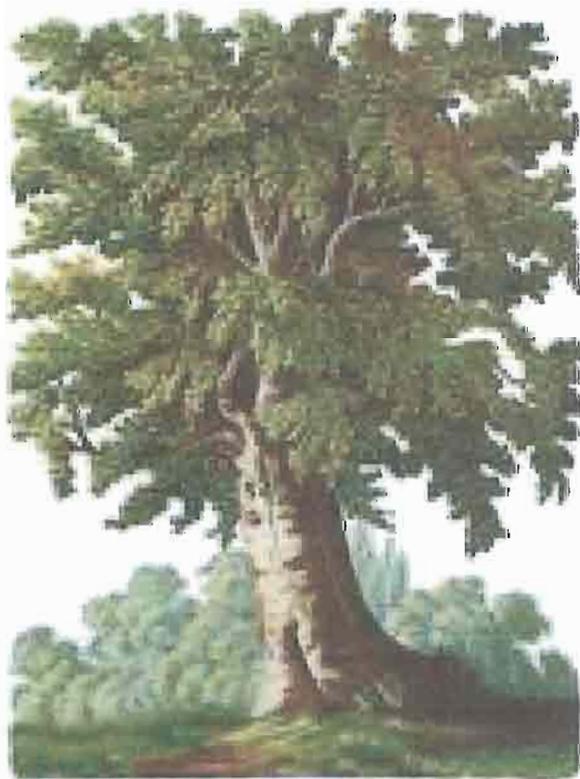


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# Wild turkeys are truly amazingly interesting



Christmas is just around the corner, and as households across the country prepare to serve up mouthwatering feasts, the famed bird at the center of these festivities deserves its time in the spotlight. From their ability to fly to their strange use of stones to break down food, here are six fun facts about turkeys.

## *Wild turkeys can fly*

Because turkeys look so big and awkward, it may seem unlikely that these birds can take to the skies — especially considering how fast they can fly. Over short flights, a wild turkey can top out at about 55 miles per hour (89 km/h), according to the National Wildlife Federation. Domestic turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*), however, can't fly because they are too heavy. These birds have been fattened up over generations for the holiday dinner table.



## *Poop tells the genders apart*

Examining a turkey's droppings can tell you if a male or a female bird passed through the area. The feces of male turkeys are J-shaped, and also straighter and larger than a female's, according to the state of Georgia's wildlife resources division. Hen droppings, on the other hand, look more like a spiral.

## *Wild turkeys can get up trees*

Usually turkeys are spotted eating acorns and other foods close to the ground, which makes it hard to picture them all the way up a tree. But, that's where they prefer to sleep, because their eyesight is so poor, according to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Turkeys typically begin their roost at dusk

and return to the ground at first light.

## *Male turkey heads change color*

The tops of male turkeys are not only colorful, but highly variable. While males normally have almost no feathers on their heads, when it comes time to breed, the colors on their noggins can change between red, white and blue — sometimes within seconds, according to the National Wild Turkey Federation. Generally, the rest of a gobbler's body is green, bronze, gold and red (good for attracting mates), while hens are typically brown or grey (good for hiding, especially while on the nest).

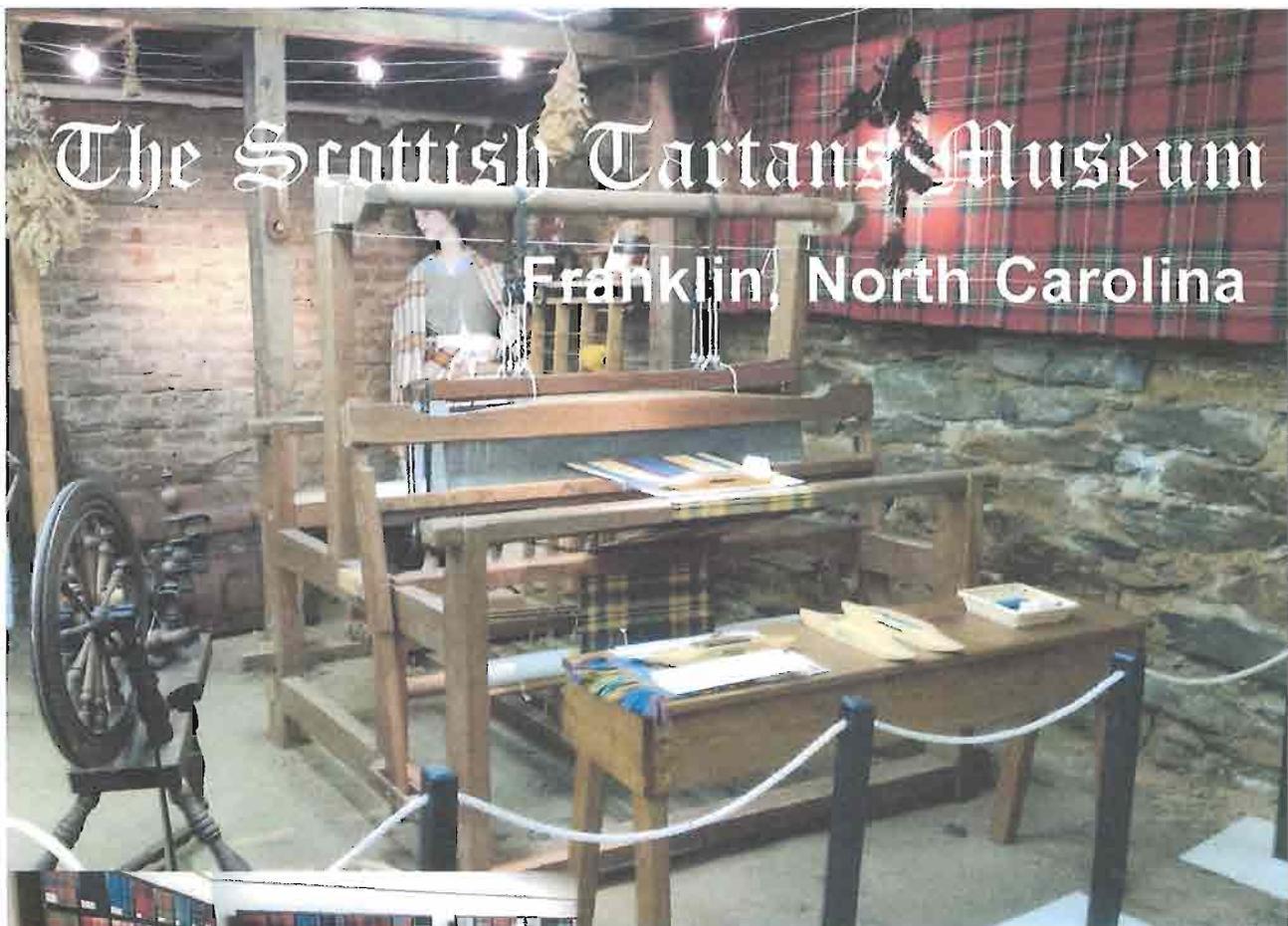
## *Turkeys use stones for digestion*

This part of the turkey may not be so digestible at Thanksgiving: When eating, turkeys ingest small stones that go into a part of their stomachs called the gizzard, which helps the turkey break down food. This process is necessary because turkeys, like all birds, don't have teeth.

In fact, turkeys have two stomachs: the glandular stomach that softens the food with gastric juices, and the gizzard that grinds it up for the intestines or the first stomach, if needed.

## *Only males gobble*

There's a reason that male turkeys are called "gobblers" — they're the only ones that make that noise! Each gobbler has a unique call that he uses to attract females during breeding season. Female turkeys also make distinct noises, but they sound more like chirps and clucks.



The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of

our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM) ) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

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Saturday, January 17, 2015

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Meeting Rooms A & B

Lecture is geared towards beginners who have never tested and want to learn the basics behind why DNA testing is becoming popular and accepted supplementary tool within the research process.

The number of people participating in the testing process has continued to increase. The increased participation has opened up many new options and scenarios that may impact personal research for many genealogists.

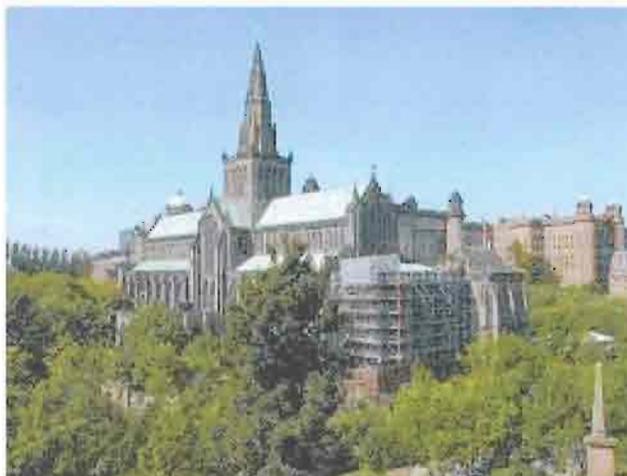
This seminar will prepare you for the more advanced classes taught by our local DNA genealogist, Ms. Kathleen Callanan at a later date.

**Ethnology  
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5-6 December 2014**

*This conference marks the 25th anniversary of the founding by Professor Alexander Fenton, Hon. FSA Scot (1929-2012) of the European Ethnological Research Centre. The centre is an independent research body within Celtic & Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh, with a focus on the promotion of research into Scottish life and Society.*

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**Glasgow Cathedral, continued from page 1**



was built in the Middle Ages, all others having been either totally destroyed or partly destroyed at the time of the Reformation. The building is essential for an understanding of the origin and development of the city.

Fraser says, "I personally feel that a middle way could be found whereby a sum could be given voluntarily for those visitors who wished to do so. My colleagues, the Blue Badge Guides of Scotland, the country's official guides, would encourage that option."

"It's not possible for non-Brits to sign up on the cathedral petition, but...after some research," Fraser writes, "I have found out that everyone may write the Visit Scotland Chief Executive who is Ian Walford."

**Please just write a letter to him protesting the entrance fee.**

This is his address:

**Ian Walford,  
Chief Executive  
Historic Scotland,  
Salisbury Place,  
Edinburgh, Scotland  
United Kingdom  
EH9 1SH**

*Many thanks, Fraser*

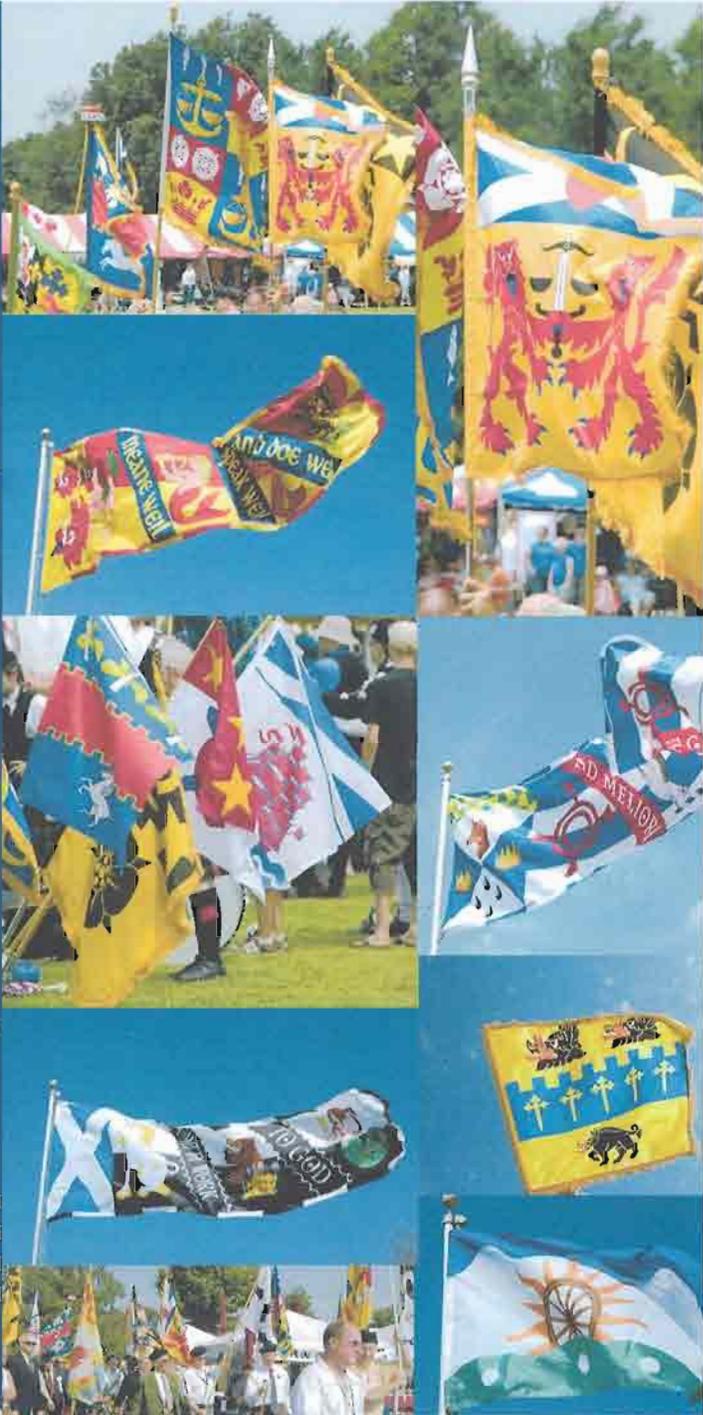


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# *Outlander*'s Gillebrìde MacMillan joins the cast of the 2014 performance of Pipes of Christmas

Celebrated Scots Gaelic singer, Gillebrìde MacMillan, has joined the company of the 2014 edition of the Pipes of Christmas.

The beloved Celtic Christmas concert will celebrate its sixteenth season with performances in New York and New Jersey this December.

MacMillan portrays Gwyllyn the Bard in the smash hit Sony STARZ series, *Outlander*.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

Joining MacMillan in the stellar lineup are James Robinson from the film *Braveheart*, New England fiddle champion Paul Woodiel and *Riverdance* uilleann piper and flutist Christopher Layer (both playing for Sting's *The Last Ship* on Broadway), Gaelic Mod champion harpist Jennifer Port of Golspie, Scotland, guitarist Steve Gibb from Broadway's *Jersey Boys*, and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, California.

## **About Gillebrìde MacMillan**

Gillebrìde MacMillan is one of the most sought after modern Scottish Gaelic singers.

A native Scottish Gaelic speaker from the Outer Hebrides, Gillebrìde is a regular performer at some of the most prestigious Celtic music festivals throughout the world.

He also stars as 'Gwyllyn the Bard' in the Sony Starz TV adaptation of Diana Gabaldon's *Outlander*. As Gwyllyn, he regales those in Castle Leoch with traditional Gaelic songs and tales. MacMillan's role as the Bard has been widely acclaimed for its subtlety, authenticity and musicality.

*Outlander* has been a huge ratings success and the dedicated followers of the books and the TV series have been fulsome in their praise of MacMillan's portrayal of the medieval bard.

Gillebrìde MacMillan is a fluent, first language



Gaelic speaker. Gaelic is the first language and he then learned English in school.

He comes from a family with strong Gaelic song and music traditions as his father was an accomplished piper and his mother has a great knowledge of Gaelic songs and poetry.

As well as being a singer, Gillebrìde MacMillan is also a published writer, songmaker and poet and he has performed his self-penned songs and poetry internationally.

He has also translated many books from English to Gaelic. Amongst his translations are versions of *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Christmas Carol*. He has also translated three *Adventures of Tintin* books.

Gillebrìde MacMillan is fluent in Gaelic, Spanish, Galician and English.

He has also released two critically acclaimed CDs, *Thogainn Ort Fonn* (I'd Sing You a song) and *Air Fòrladh* (On Leave) – both these are available in hard copy or by digital download.

He has also recorded songs on other CDs, notably Mary Ann Kennedy & *Na Seòid* and *Tilleadh Dhachaidh* by Ethel McCallum.

Gillebrìde is also an accomplished song researcher

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# Flower of the Forest

**Gilbert Keith St. Clair**, age 79, passed away Saturday, August 16, 2014 at the Wesleyan on Scenic in Georgetown, Texas, with his wife, Carolyn, and staff by his side. For over three years he had fought a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Gil joined the Clan Sinclair USA family in 2003.

Gilbert was born February 4, 1935 in Macomb, Illinois to the late Gordon Keith St. Clair and Dorothy Fern Points St. Clair.

There were frequent moves around Illinois during his early childhood and in 1945 the family moved to Fayette, Ohio. As a high school student he managed livestock and crops on the family farm, and participated in FFA and 4-H.

He attended Oberlin College in 1953 for one year and then transferred to the University of New Mexico. He participated in Air Force ROTC and The Young Republicans. He graduated with honors and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves. He reported for active duty on December 10, 1957 at Lackland AFB after being selected for navigator training. He received his navigator wings in 1958. In 1966 he was assigned as an instructor in the Navigation Division at the Air Force Academy, which he considered one of his best assignments.

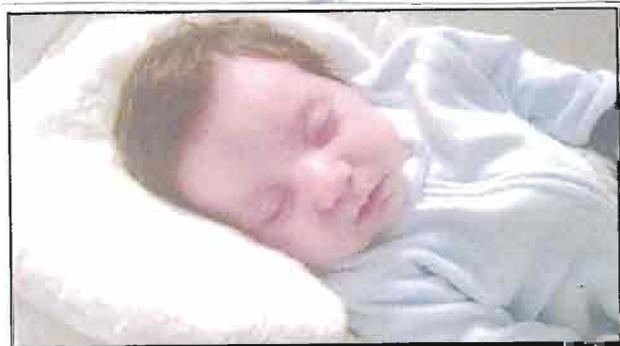
During his Air Force career he had a tour in Vietnam as an Air Operations officer, and he was base commander at RAF Wethersfield, UK and at Cannon AFB, NM. His last assignment was at the Pentagon with the Readiness and Joint Activities Division.

He retired from the Air Force in 1983.

After a military career he worked in economic development in Portales, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque, NM. He had earned his Master of Political Science from Auburn University while stationed at the Air War College at Maxwell

AFB, AL. Having a desire to teach he pursued graduate courses in political science at the University of New Mexico. He received his PhD in 1996.

He taught at the College of Santa Fe, the University of New Mexico, and Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Teaching was his true passion and he always had time to advise students.



**JOHN PAUL GINN** was born on July 3, 2014, weighing in at 7.3 lbs. and 20 inches long. JP is the son of proud parents, Bryan and Amy Ginn and the grandson of *Yours Aye*, Clan Sinclair newsletter editor Bud Ginn and wife AJ Ginn, Membership Secretary and Store Manager for the Sinclairs.

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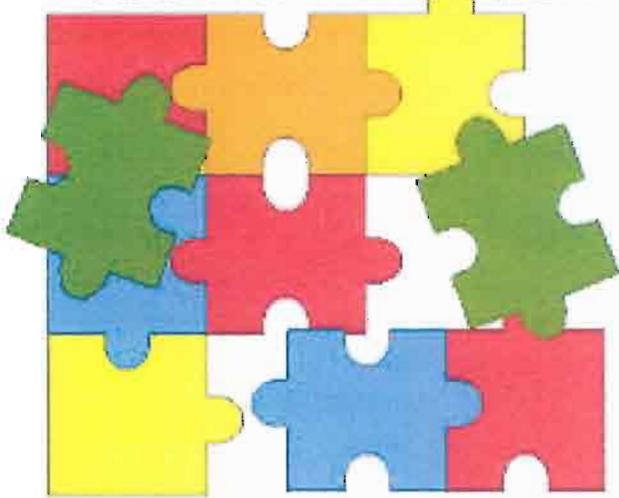
~ A Pipers Creed ~



Through howl of wind and showers of rain,  
We play for the living, the dead and the slain,  
Our notes they are the sound of an angels swoon  
For our enemies the sound of their coming doom  
Be you married or buried our pipes sound true  
Whenever we're needed we'll play there for you

~ PIPE ON ~

## Pieces of the Puzzle



### *Upcoming Genealogical Events*

**December 7 - 13, 2014:** Salt Lake City, Utah <https://sites.google.com/site/saltlakechristmastour/>

**January 31, 2015:** Whittier Genealogical Society Annual Seminar Whittier, CA. Contact: <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags/seminar.html>

**May 13 – 16, 2015:** National Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference, St Charles, MO. For more information, you may wish to contact <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

With thanks to *The Dunrobin Piper*, from the Clan Sutherland Society for the genealogical events and the “A Piper’s Creed” on the preceding page.



## **Maj. Jennifer St. Clair!**

After a six month deployment to Qatar and Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, MAJ Jennifer St. Clair (U.S. Army) returns to D.C. and her waiting family - Lin and Linden St. Clair.

Lin reports that in advance of her return, he and Linden feverishly raced around the house to put the clothes away, patch the holes in the walls (if there were any) and cover the stains with a fresh coat of paint!

With many thanks to *Yours Aye*, the publication of the Clan Sinclair!

**The Pipes of Christmas**, *continued from page 23*

and expert and in 2013 he produced a CD of traditional songs from his native South Uist.

One reviewer described MacMillan as having “a voice that wine writers would love to set their vocabularies loose on – mahogany richness with hints of sea salt, perhaps – and he has a way of singing in Gaelic that conveys the gist and tone of a song by subtle inflection.”

Another reviewer commented that his CD, “*Air Fòrladh* is full of excellent songs sung by one of Gaeldom’s best singers.”

MacMillan has performed widely for BBC music shows.

MacMillan also was part of the Clan Currie Society’s 2014 MacMhuirich Symposium last June where he sang a selection of MacMhuirich/ Currie poetry accompanied by harper Simon Chadwick.

These performances can be viewed on Clan Currie’s YouTube Channel.

This is his first visit to *Pipes of Christmas*.

Produced by the Clan Currie Society, the 2014 season opens on Saturday, December 20 at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73 Street) with performances at 2 and 7PM. The concert moves across the Hudson River on Sunday, December 21 to Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ for a 2 PM performance.

**Proceeds Support Scholarships and More**

Proceeds from the concert support an extensive

music scholarship program which includes annual gifts to the National Piping Centre and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (both located in Glasgow,) the Gaelic College of Nova Scotia and Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas.

Proceeds also support the Society’s sponsorship of the US National Scottish Harp Championship, the Gaelic Literature Competition at the Royal National Mod and an annual academic research prize at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Scotland’s Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye.

The Clan Currie Society also hosts an annual academic symposium which

brings together top scholars and historians to explore the history and contributions of Scotland’s Gaelic culture. In addition, the Society hosts the annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island observances (estimated to be the largest

Tartan Day event in the world) and the Harp Glen – a festival of the Scottish harp – at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, CA.

Commenting on the Society’s music scholarship program, stage and screen star and former Honorary Chairman of the concerts, Alan Cumming said, “I am delighted that proceeds from the Pipes of Christmas will result in these important gifts which ensure that the future of Scottish culture is safer with these generous scholarships.”

Named one of New York City’s “Top Ten” holiday events, the concert is made possible by a gener-

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General admission tickets start at \$50 and are available via mail order. A downloadable ticket order form can be found on the concert's website at [www.pipesofchristmas.com](http://www.pipesofchristmas.com).

Tickets for the NY concert may also be purchased online through SmartTix at [www.smarttix.com](http://www.smarttix.com) or by phone at (212) 868-4444.

Reserved patron seats are available at both venues.

#### **About *The Pipes of Christmas***

Since making its debut in 1999, *The Pipes of Christmas* has played to standing room only audiences.

Now a cherished holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit.

Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that *The Pipes of Christmas* has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim.

In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth." The Westfield Leader described the concert as "a unique sound of power and glory nowhere else to be found."

#### **About the Clan Currie Society**

The Clan Currie Society, based in Summit, NJ and Edinburgh, Scotland is an international, non-profit cultural and educational organization.

It is the preeminent Scottish-American cultural society in preserving and promoting Highland heritage at Scottish Games, ethnic festivals, as well as community groups and classrooms.

The Society has over 2,000 members worldwide that gather via the Society's website and at special events and clan gatherings.

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 Society is a respected producer of programs and events to honor Scotland's rich culture and heritage. The Society's signature events include *The Pipes of Christmas*, the annual observance of Tartan Day on Ellis Island – the largest attended Tartan Day event in the world, and the annual MacMhuirich Academic Symposium.

The Society is also a founding member of the NY Tartan Week Alliance with oversight for many of the anchor events.

The Society's growing scholarship program provides financial support for students wishing to further their studies in music, poetry, and Gaelic history.

The Society has spearheaded the construction of two permanent clan monuments in Scotland. A MacMhuirich Memorial Cairn has been built adjacent to the 15 century ruins of Bale nam Bàrd, the Chief Bard's home at Stilligarry on the Island of South Uist.

A carved stone, commemorating the bard Lachlan Mòr MacMhuirich, has been installed at Makars Court alongside the Scottish Writers Museum in Edinburgh.

Clan Currie is an outstanding producer of exhibitions and documentary films.

The Arms of the Society were granted by the Court of the Lord Lyon, Edinburgh, Scotland on June 30, 2006. The star, or mullet, is a heraldic symbol frequently found on individual Currie family coats of arms in Scotland. The thistle wreath, or chaplet, represents the international community the Society has created in "promoting Scottish heritage in general and Clan Currie heritage in particular, involving domestic and international matters."

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*December 5 - 5:00pm*

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