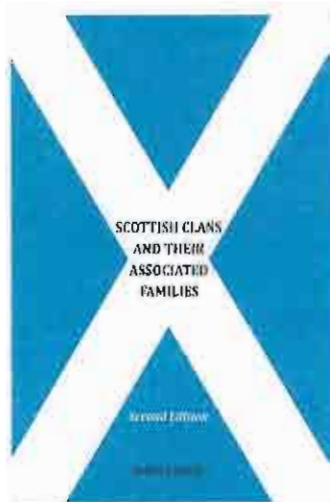




Bob Heston writes a letter to the Scottish Community to say thank you!



I'm writing to thank every Scottish clan, house, and family organization for your support helping me gather all the family surnames associated with them and published under one cover.

As President of COSCA (2000 – 2008) I undertook the task of publishing the

first edition of a reference book titled, *Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families*, it was completed in 2004. Since then, many of you have delved deeper into your history and updated the names associated with your lands, to include spelling variations, which I've included in the second edition that is now available. In this second edition, to further aid you in helping individuals who seek a Scottish connection, I've provided an extensive list of source information to

be shared with them.

The consolidation of family names may be found on the Archway Publishing Bookstore under the title *Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families*.

Please visit: (<https://www.archwaypublishing.com/en/search?query=Scottish+Clans+and+their+Associated+Families>)

I'm proud to say that without your support this book wouldn't have been possible and as such it is now the best available single source focused on identifying family surnames association with every Scottish clan, house, and family. It is truly a reference guide that supports us all at the games.

Another reference book to help us all, and in direct support of the Scottish District Family Association (SDFA), I'm finishing up my work on a reference book for district families. We all know that the majority of those with lines connected to Scotland are not associated with a clan, house, or family. I believe we are all using Dr. Phil Smith's book, *Tartan For Me*, which lists a name linked to one regional tartan leaving us to believe the name is only found in that one area of Scot-

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What we all have been wishing for! Really! It's ours!

Merry Christmas! See page 7



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Newtonmore's Macpherson Museum is now closed for the winter, but will open April 1st



Subject to the Curator's availability, an appointment may be made to visit out of normal hours by special arrangement. Admission is free, but donations in the collection boxes are most welcome.

Assisted Wheelchair Access is certified by Visit Scotland. Disabled facilities include access, parking and toilets. The entire exhibition is at ground floor level. Arrangements to view items not on display may be made by prior appointment with the Curator.

For those who cannot get to Newtonmore, an 'electronic' representation of the physical Museum (the MEM, or Macpherson Electronic Museum) is avail-

able in virtual mode from this page. Its principal purpose is to permit the Clan Macpherson members living in far-flung places around the globe to learn more about their heritage.

The MEM was conceived and implemented by Rod Clarke, a stalwart supporter of the Museum over many years. The Trustees and the Association would like to express their heartfelt thanks to him for this project.

The Clan Macpherson Museum is owned and run by a registered charity, the Clan Macpherson

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CLAN BUCHANAN

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

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



Clan Macpherson Museum,

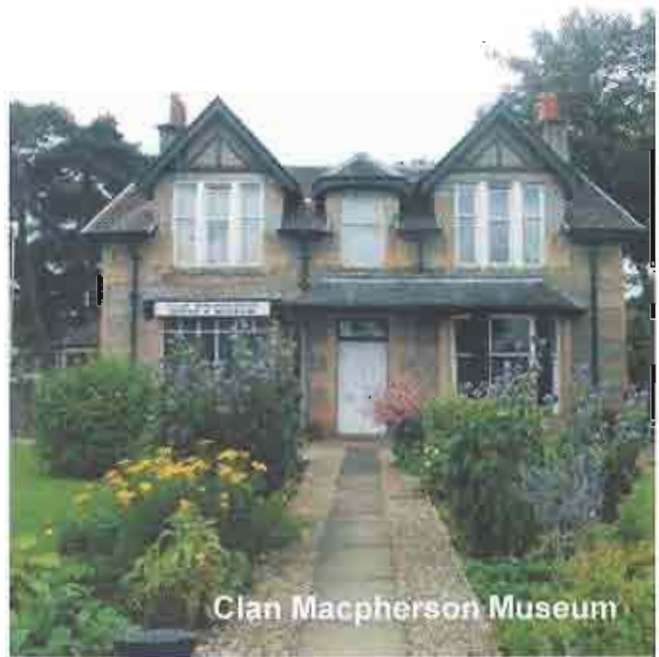
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Museum Trust (registered in Scotland, charity number SC020005). Visitors making use of the Museum either in Newtonmore or via the Web) for research and similar purposes are encouraged to consider making a donation to the Trust. Please send your donation to the Hon. Treasurer, details for whom can be found on the Association Officers page

The Museum is not actively seeking new additions to its collection. To accept a new artefact it must not only be interesting in itself but also have a clear connection with the Clan Macpherson and a story linked to it. If you wish to donate an item, please e-mail the Curator at Museum@clan-macpherson.org and attach a photograph of the item and the story for consideration by the Acquisition and Exhibits Sub-Committees.

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Bob Heston says thank you, *continued from page 1*
land. I've completed my research of available census, church and parish records and have consolidated those surnames, not associated with clans, and is ready for publication. My research finds surnames having up to six regional associations. So, in the spring of 2023 be looking for the companion book to *Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families* titled, *Scottish District Families*.

It is my belief that these two books, when used in conjunction with *The Surnames of Scotland* by George and Mary Elder Black, will be your best reference books to help those not of your line find theirs.

If you purchase either of these books, please reach out to me at <rheston1947@gmail.com> for any additions, corrections, or updates found since their publication.

Again, Thank You ALL for your support in helping make this all happen for our Scottish-American community.

Yours Aye,

Bob

Robert (Bob) Heston

(703) 447-7554

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Hi All,

We are delighted to report that Finlay is doing extremely well. In the picture above and the video in the below link, you can see how much he has improved.

His muscle coverage has developed greatly, and his coat condition is now superb, and his hair no longer falls out in clumps.

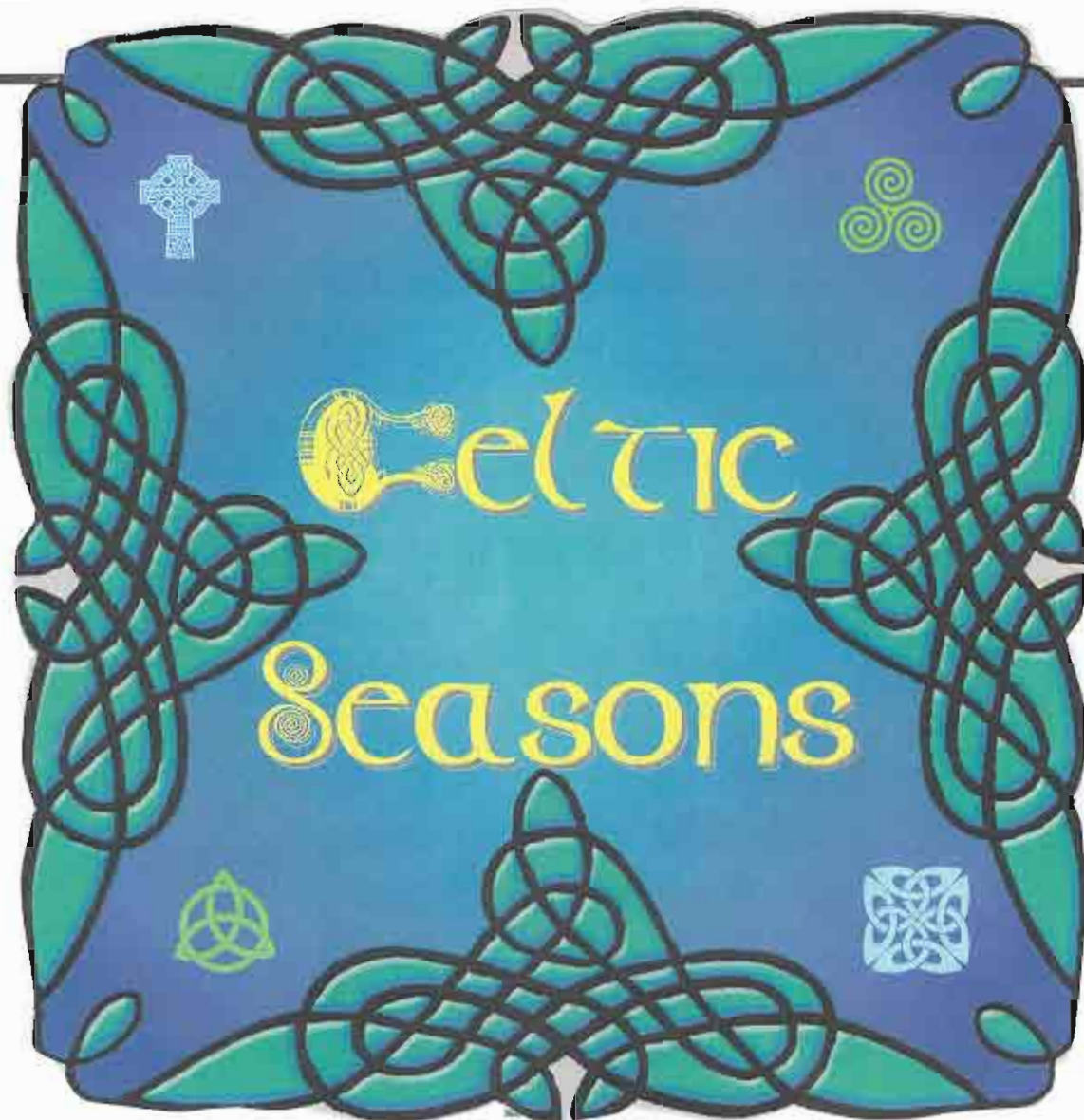
His appetite is fantastic, and in the video, you can see him really tucking into his food. About 10 seconds in, he looks up, and you can see his beautiful face and long white whiskers. He doesn't pause for long, though, before going straight back to his food.

When he was first returned to us, he was listless and had a poor appetite. He is now eating more than twice the amount of food than when we first got him back.

The amount has been gradually increased over time so as not to overwhelm his digestive system.

We are just so pleased that he has recovered from his ordeal. He is a real fighter and never gives up.

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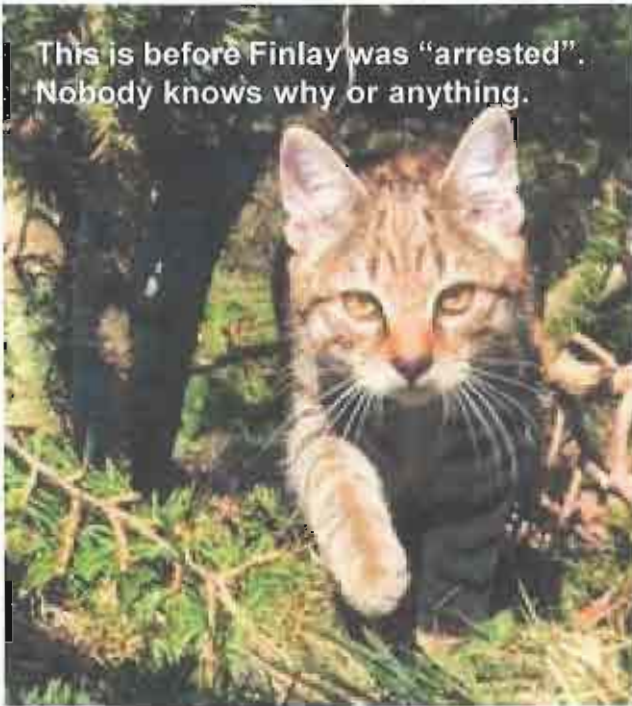
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If you would like to advertise your business or activity,
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An old coal carrier similar to the SS Portugal.

Finlay is thriving! *Continued from page 7*



This is before Finlay was "arrested". Nobody knows why or anything.

He is an inspiration to us all. Such a beautiful boy.

We hope you enjoy seeing these new images of him. The video can be seen at:

<<https://www.wildcathaven.com/news>>

More updates will follow.

Keep watching, and best wishes.

Emily (Director) and Finlay

Folks, when I first read this from the Wildcat Haven, I just cried. I am feeling as if I might cry some more, all in joy.

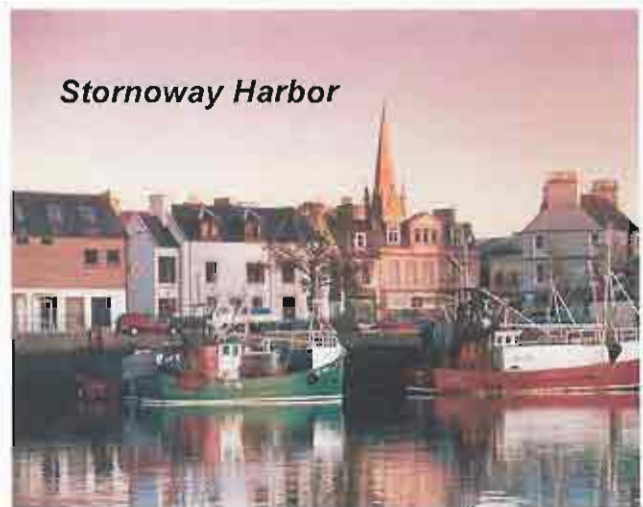
What a gift for us all! beth

P.S. Do you remember last Christmas when the Wildcat Haven Photoshopped a Christmas hat on the beautiful and wild Finlay? They were careful to say in that article that "The Christmas hat is Photoshopped. We are not brave enough for anything else. How lovely!

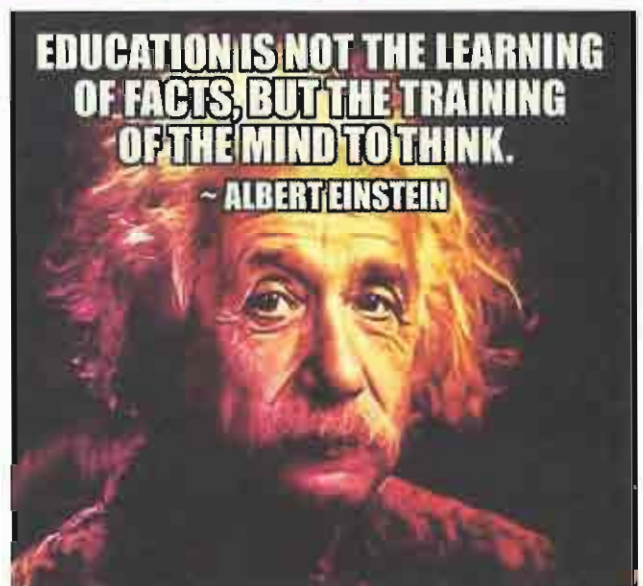
Deep Water Stornoway


Work is underway creating a deep water port at Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis that can accommodate cruise liners and cargo ships.

The work involves breaking up and removing a number of old shipwrecks that have been lying in the mud for years, as far back as the cargo vessel *SS Alabama* that foundered in 1904, and the 50-Year old hulk of the coal carrier *SS Portugal*.



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Conflicting Name Spellings in Genealogy Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

To Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Mulcahy with love!



In today's world the spelling of proper names and surnames tend to be consistent. If circumstances arise causing people to want their names to be changed, they must follow certain legal steps mandated by law. In their daily lives, people can go by any name they want. Names on any legal documents such as applications for drivers licenses, employment, financial loans, passports, school registrations, Social Security or Medicare, etc., must match the name they were given at birth. That is the legal name unless a formal name change was obtained legally in a court of law. Since all records are now computerized, this makes the process of changing a name expensive and cumbersome.

From the early 20th century going back in time, what passed for the correct spelling of names was fluid. There were seldom any legal implications for individuals changing their names according to their circumstances. Modern genealogists, even with the growing advances in technology applicable to indexing, evidence analysis, and digitization of images, encounter the same problems. There are multiple historical factors at work that have contributed to these types of challenges.

Many of our ancestors and the population in general were illiterate by modern standards.

Generally, illiteracy had no impact on the character or capabilities of people.

If the ancestor was unable to read and write, they wouldn't know how to spell their name.

Records we use for research are mostly church records, civil records, wills and census records.

These records were usually compiled by non-family members such as clergyman, census enumerators, and town or county clerks.

Clerks often recorded the names without asking for any verification.

Variant name spellings force genealogists to enhance their evidence analysis and detective skills. As many people progress through their research it becomes obvious that spellings often changed due to multiple circumstances. Some experts recommend recording

the spelling of the name as it was used at the time. The most common examples of name spelling inconsistencies are listed below.

Name spellings have evolved over time.

Family disputes.

Migrations to different localities of residence.

Religious, educational, or occupational issues or opportunities

Personal preferences

Unusual given names were often spelled phonetically in documents

Don't be tied to the way your name is spelled today.

Given names, then as now, often had nicknames.

When it comes to old documents, spelling doesn't count, especially with names. Instead of narrowing the field of research with exact spelling, it is important to enlarge it as much as possible with every possible spelling. In one particular case helping a patron several years ago, she had run into an absolute roadblock looking for her line. She was absolutely certain that the three spelling variations her research turned up had to be correct. When our search session began, there were the three names we used. By the end of our session the patron left with an additional nine names and multiple pages of new records with clues.

When you locate a record with a possible ancestor and the name is right, be sure to carefully analyze the entire record. More often than not, researchers can expect to encounter multiple records with possible candidates and spelling variations. On more than a few occasions, there have been multiple spelling variations within the same record. Once again this is where you must apply the genealogy proof standard to your analysis.

For any readers that run into issues with this topic, feel free to contact me via email at bmulcahy@leegov.com. I have a number of study guides that I can send you electronically that have additional information, links, and professional sources for further reading.

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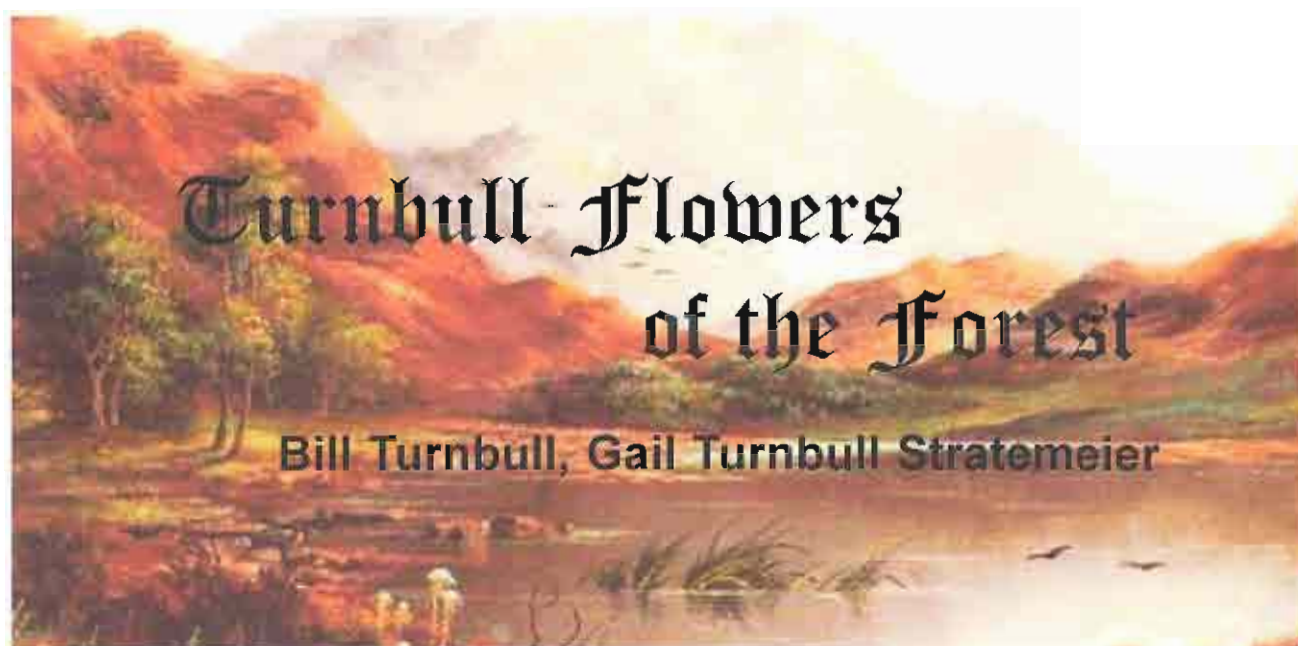
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According to *Vogue Magazine*, vibrant colours and bold patterned fabrics are on trend for interiors this Spring, and what could be better to introduce either of these trends into your home than tartan? Especially as there's over 500 colourways to choose from!





Bill Turnbull, the much-loved former presenter of *BBC Breakfast*, has died at the age of 66.

In 2016, he joined Classic FM as a presenter - and he also commentated on matches at his beloved Wycombe Wanderers.

In November 2017, Bill Turnbull took part in a celebrity edition of 'The Great British Bake Off'. The show was in aid of a charity, 'Stand Up to Cancer'. However, during filming, he also found he had the disease himself.

He admitted that the disease had taken him and his family "to a dark place", and he found work a welcome release. His experience with prostate cancer prompted him to talk about it publicly in the hope it would help other people.

In 2018 he announced he had prostate cancer, taking part in programmes highlighting the signs of the disease. He had been suffering from pains in his legs but hadn't wanted to bother his doctor. Eventually, his son persuaded him to take a blood test.

At the end of the show, Turnbull broadcast an emotional message. He explained that his prostate cancer was terminal and had already spread to his bones. Within months, the number of men seeking a test for the condition increased by 250%.

Early diagnosis, he used to point out, was vital. Men diagnosed late have just a 22% chance of surviving for 10 years. If caught at an early stage, that

rises to 98%.

After Turnbull's programme on the subject, he got many emails from those who'd been inspired to get themselves checked.

According to Public Health England, there were 49,029 cases of prostate cancer diagnosed in 2018 - an increase of 7,828 on the previous year. Many of those cases were treatable.

The honesty, bravery, and public way that he dealt with his cancer will ensure memories are fonder than that.

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Gail Turnbull Stratemeier, 25th April 1950 - 17th September 2022, aged 72.

With great sadness, Gail Robbin Stratemeier, 72, of North Providence, Rhode Island has departed peacefully from this world to join her late husband Bill.

She was surrounded by loved ones and heard her grandkids' last "I love you" and a song sung by one of her granddaughters, "Twinkle Little Star".

She is survived by her two sisters, Barbara and Cheryl; nieces Cassi and Elizabeth, nephews Kyle, Danny, her son, William Warren, his wife Christine and her four adoring grandchildren who kept her on her toes; Isabella 14, Landon 8, Ava 5 and Emma 5.

Gail was born to Andrew and Doris Turnbull on

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CLAN DAVIDSON SOCIETY ELECTIONS:

All Board of Directors & Core Executive Committee Positions

This is a routine election as per Society bylaws.

CANDIDATES RECEIVED & LOCKED IN!

It is with great excitement that we find ourselves in the middle of Clan Davidson Society elections here in North America.

We say that with some glibness as we know the bureaucracy of any Society is not that exciting.

So, after a couple of years of appointed positioning, we are following the Society bylaws and are completing an election of both the Board of Directors and Core Executive Committee before the end of the year.

Gail Turnbull Stratemeier,

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25TH April, 1950, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

She graduated from Madison Township High and attended nursing school while raising her son with her husband Bill.

She was a strong woman who advocated for others and was very organized.

Gail made sacrifices for her family and put others' needs first before herself. If there was an obstacle, she ran through it to accomplish what she wanted in life. She was a nurse, mother, wife and a businesswoman in the Medical Field and dreamt of moving to New York City after her beloved husband passed away.

Gail had a couple of successful careers. One of them as a director of Clinical Systems at the New York University and at the Medical Center.

A couple of years later, she decided to retire and resided in Quincy, Massachusetts, before being diagnosed with lung cancer. She was in remission for five years and then the tumor came back.

Cancer did not stop Gail from what she loved doing; crafting, travelling to Disney with her 2 eldest grandchildren and going to Germany.

She attended the Turnbull Reunion in Scotland including seeking a long distant drunken old relative wearing a kilt.

She also travelled to Pennsylvania to visit her dear friends, and enjoyed snuggling with her grandkids holding a 'Dunkin Donut' ice coffee in her hands.

With emails and lettermail going out to membership, current as of the middle of September, we began the process of receiving candidates and compiling information for the membership. Before the middle of November, all eligible members will have received an electronic or lettermail ballot to be returned for the beginning of December. These ballots will contain instructions on how to vote and a little bit about who the candidates are.

The newly elected Directors and Core Executives will begin their new roles at the closure of the election, January 1, 2023.

Great news! We have candidates for all positions and a couple positions with multiple candidates!



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'Extremely rare' 500-year-old textiles stun Antiques Roadshow expert



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This truly is amazing as we know that willing volunteers are the arms and legs of these societies.

A heartfelt thank you to all who put their names forward for the betterment of the Clan Society!

If you have any questions about the process or missed the deadline and are still interested in volunteering, we have many opportunities for active members in tent convening, organization, history, media, and more in the Extended Core Committee; we truly do have a spot for all.

You can find your Directors and Executives at info.clandavidson@gmail.com

Regards,

Clan Davidson Board of Directors

Core Executive Committee

**Alex Smith & PA news agency
BBC News**

An *Antiques Roadshow* expert was left stunned when a never-before-seen Elizabethan textiles collection dating back 500 years appeared during filming.

The items - which included a bedspread and pillowcases sewn by Elizabeth I and her ladies in waiting - were led by an "extremely rare" ivory silk satin sleeve and sleeve support.

They appeared during filming at Grade I listed Wollaton Hall in Nottingham.

Until their discovery, no examples of sleeve supports were known to exist.

The items - thought to be worth a "minimum" of £100,000 - belonged to the Willoughby family at Wollaton Hall, which was built in 1588 by wealthy coal baron Sir Francis Willoughby.

The BBC show said the "unique" sleeve support - known as a farthingale sleeve - had remained in an al-

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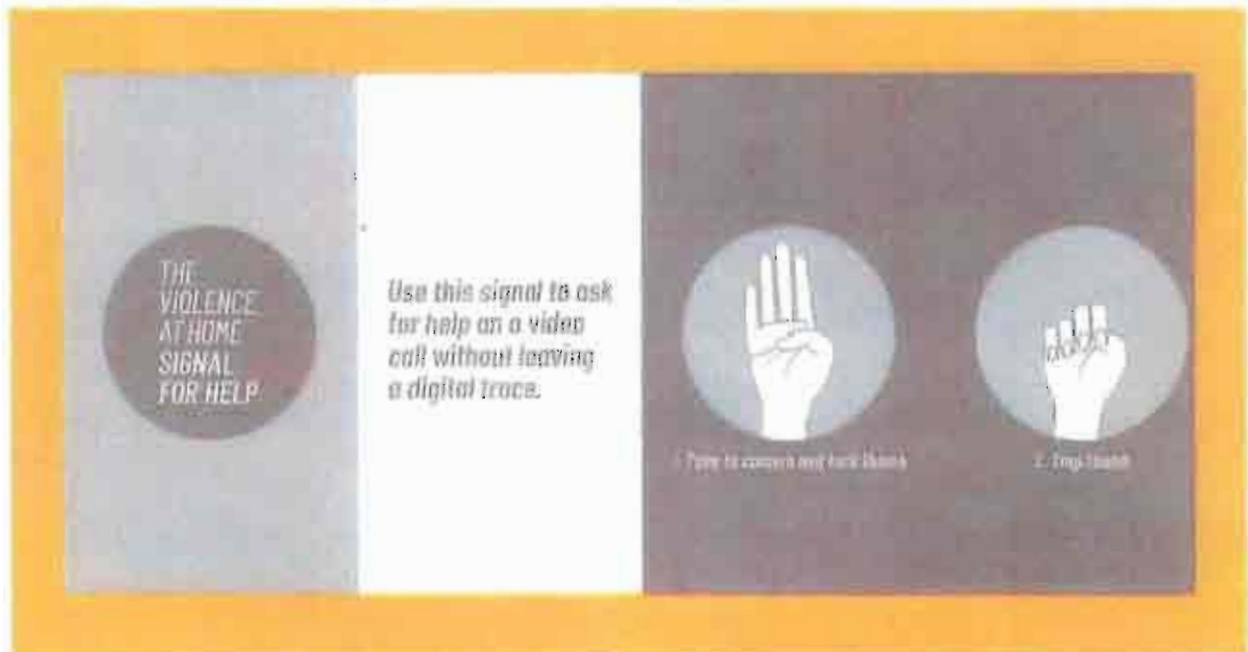
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Antiques Roadshow, *continued from page 17*

most perfect condition along with the satin sleeve it originally supported.

'Literally speechless'

Author and lecturer Hilary Kay said: "It may not look very exciting, but... the hair on the back of my neck is rising. It doesn't get much better than this.

"Exceptional. It is such an exciting moment to be faced with something from the 16th Century which is in such incredible condition."

Meanwhile textile historian Ninya Mikhaila, also known as The Tudor Tailor, said: "The first time I saw the farthingale sleeve, I couldn't believe what I was seeing and was literally speechless."

A replica of the sleeve was made for academics to study as it is too rare to be modelled and was placed into secure storage.

The farthingale sleeve is made from a thick cotton material called fustian, stitched with 14 casings of linen each containing a hoop of baleen, also known as whalebone.

Ms Mikhaila added: "The sleeve is not only an extremely rare survival of an item of English dress from the 16th Century, it also offers us the opportunity to see an example of once common materials such as fustian, and what must have been one of the earliest uses of baleen for stiffening outside of the Royal Wardrobe."



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Travels in and from Scotland



I had a day of lovely day hiking in the Glendevon area of central Scotland on my way south to races at Knockhill. One of the walks is above the quaint little town by the name of Pools of Muckhart (seriously).



There is a lovely gorge in the area known as Rumbling Gorge because of the noise that the water makes as it tumbles through the gorge.



Through various cascades like this one known as the Devil's Mill.



And to allow the road to cross the gorge, there is a very interesting double-decker bridge. You cannot tell how interesting it is unless you climb down into the gorge.



We usually make at least one trip to the Orkney Islands each year, often for the huge vintage car show in August to display our 1948 MG-TC racecar. This year we boarded the Hamnavoe Ferry at Scrabster, just down the road from us in Thurso, and sailed across the Pentland Firth.



We had good sailing with a particularly good view of The Old Man of Hoy, a sea stack along the coast of the island of Hoy.



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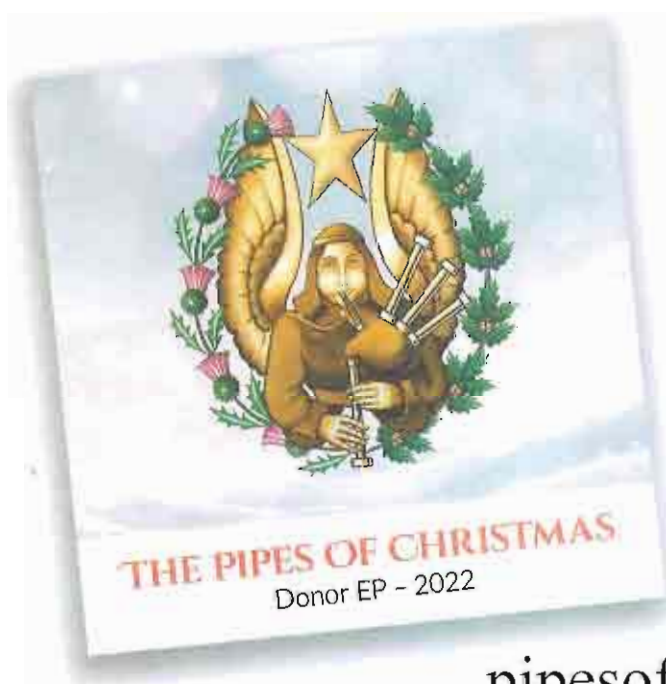
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For those of you not familiar with Orkney, I should relate the legend of how it came to be. Once upon a time, there was a creature known as the Stoor Worm, king of all sea monsters. Ships were dashed to bits by the lash of its tail and with one sweep of its tongue, it could lay waste to a castle or an entire village.

At a loss for what to do, the King sought the guidance of a wizard, who told him that in order to appease the Stoor Worm, the people must feed it seven maidens at dawn every Saturday. And so it was done, and the Stoor Worm's wrath was kept at bay. Yet the beast did not leave, and the people grew tired of giving up any more of their daughters. The King sought the wisdom of the wizard a second time, and was told that in order to truly appease the Stoor Worm, the King would need to feed it the loveliest maiden in the land: his own daughter, the Princess Gemdelovely.

Heart heavy, the King agreed, but before it was done, the king sent out word, seeking a hero who might save his daughter from this terrible fate, promising that such a man would be given the King's legendary sword Sickensnapper, as well as the Princess' hand in marriage.

Far away on a distant farm, the news reached Assipattle, and he knew at once what he must do. Assipattle's father owned the swiftest horse in the land, Teetgong, and he had once overheard his father telling his mother that in order to attain the horse's full speed, the rider must blow smoke in the horse's ear. So Assipattle took a smoldering clod of peat from his fire, carried in a bucket, and was off into the night on Teetgong's back.

By now the king had grown desperate and had come to the shore with his great sword, planning to face the monster himself. As the sun rose, the Stoor Worm began to yawn, water rushing into its mouth, and before the King or his attendants could react, Assipattle had leapt into a small boat and had pushed out onto the water. The currents dragged Assipattle and the boat into the Stoor Worm's cavernous mouth, and then down, down into the dark of its belly.

The boat came to rest, and Assipattle knew he had but little time before the Stoor Worm yawned again. He jumped from the boat with his bucket of smoldering peat in hand, and ran faster than he'd ever run in his life. On and on he went, until at last he reached the Stoor Worm's liver. With a large knife, he sliced open the creature's liver and shoved the smoldering peat inside. Then he blew and blew on the peat, and finally it took light. With a spit and a crackle, the monster's liver caught fire, and soon the blaze spread.

Assipattle ran back to the boat and just as he clambered inside, the Stoor Worm gave a huge retch. In one motion Assipattle and his boat were thrown out into the

open air on a tide of brine. The Stoor Worm screamed and writhed in agony, smoke billowing from its mouth. It fell to the sea, its giant tongue cleaving Norway and Sweden from Finland and creating the Baltic Sea. It tossed and thrashed and with each throe of anguish, teeth fell from its mouth. The first group of teeth became the Orkney Isles, the second the Shetland Isles, and the last the Faroe Isles. Then, finally, the Stoor Worm coiled its body up into a tight knot and breathed its last breath. Its body became Iceland, and it is said that the volcanos and hot springs of that land are evidence that deep below the surface, the Stoor Worm is still burning.

And as for Assipattle, the king named him his heir, and there was much rejoicing. Assipattle was married to Princess Gemdelovely in a celebration the likes of which had never been seen. Assipattle grew into a wise and noble king, and they were happy until the end of their days.

And now you know the story of the Orkney Islands.

The vintage car show drew over 400 cars, tractors and motorcycles. And our car got to make friends with some other MGs.



There were many amazing old British cars, like this E Type Jaguar.



There were Rovers and Rileys and an old Bentley Le Mans racer.



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As well as a couple of three-wheelers like this red Messerschmidt and the black Morgan.



This was the 75th anniversary of the Ferguson tractor and there were a huge number of Fergusons and Massey-Fergusons.



But the stars of the show were the huge old pre-1930 steam tractors and trucks. And one modern one that was built kid-sized.



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In one weekend I saw the two biggest races occurring in Scotland. The British Touring Car Championship at Knockhill Raceway. It featured the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) series, the Ginetta Super Cup, Formula 4, Porsche Carrera Cup, Ginetta Juniors, and a series for Minis, all shown below.



And at night I went to Lochgelly Speedway where they were holding the European Championship for 2.0 Hot Rods (the closest thing Britain has to short track late model race cars) and the Scottish Championship for Superstocks (sort of a cross between an American sprint car and a short track modified).



Interestingly, the flagman does not perch in a flagstand, rather, he rides in the pacecar as shown here.



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If you are a frequent reader of this newsletter, then you know that ever since we came to live in the far north of the Scottish Highlands nearly 7 years ago, one of the things we have enjoyed is how easy it is to explore Europe using our home in Caithness as a base.

This summer we explored a number of islands belonging to Portugal. We began in the Azores, a number of volcanic islands smack dab in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, almost midway from Europe to America. The Azores were amazing – a bit like the tropical paradise that you read about in novels.



My favorite stop was Horta on the island of Faial. I had the opportunity to hike on my own, to the top of the extinct volcano just outside of town. The center of the volcano had collapsed to form what is known as a caldera. In this case the caldera had broken down on one side, and the ocean had encroached to form a small bay in the basin. I loved the view from the top. In one direction was a beautiful view of the water filled caldera. In the other direction was a glorious view along the island's coast.



There was a scenic 16th century fort, originally built to defend the town against pirates and corsairs, but later used in defense during an era of European expansion.



The town had just finished an ocean festival, and the decorations were stunning.



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A stop at Prata da Vitória, on the island of Terceira allowed us to visit the Algar do Carvão volcano, which is one of only three in the world where tourists can access lava tubes that drained before they solidified. What an experience! The first picture is our descent into the heart of the volcano.

now quite popular with the locals as a swimming and bathing location.



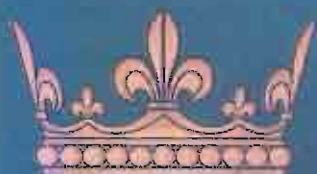
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The next picture gives you an idea of the vast size of the lava tubes deep below ground, and the final photo from the interior is of the unique silicate stalactites, which resemble the limestone stalactites commonly found in the caves of the Americas.

The next picture after that is of an area along the coast where lava flowed right out into the ocean and formed some quite interesting tidal pools which are





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