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# Clan MacNicol's Clan Chief celebrates two new grandchildren

Scorrybreac, the Clan MacNicol Chief, wrote, "Our first grandchild, Eve Elizabeth Nicolson, was born in Tweed Heads Hospital, New South Wales, on 19 July 2007. She is a delightful little girl and, of course, our American Clanspeople have that added connection that she has both Australian and USA passports, her mother being from St. Augustine, Florida.

At thirteen months, Eve is already a seasoned traveller having logged 20 flights to date including trips back to the US (Florida, North Carolina and Hawaii) and to Indonesia."

A further message arrived from Scorrybreac earlier in November 2008: "To let you all know that Luke and Kate have a new baby daughter, Willow Skye Nicolson, born November 12, 2008 weighing 8.5 pounds (We can't figure why the weight is important, but everyone seems to want to know!) Parents and child are well and Eve is happy to have a little 'shishter.'"

With thanks to the Clan MacNicol publication, *Scorrybreac*.



*The Clan Jardine gathers with their guest Chief Chinmubbie McIntosh at a recent San Francisco Caledonian Club Highland Games. A Jerry Jardine photo.*

## Jerry Jardine has gone on

Jerry Jardine, longtime member of the San Francisco Caledonian Club and past Clan Chairperson of the Pleasonton Games. He died December 19, 2007 after a long bout with Parkinson's Disease.

He had suffered many years with Parkinson's. He never lost his gentle good humor nor failed to produce a smile for a friend.

Jerry will be missed by his friends in the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, Clan Buchanan and Clan MacLean. He had no blood relatives in the United States and is only survived by a sister in Britain.

Memorials to the Parkinson's Disease Charity or the American Cancer Society are appreciated.

If you think education is expensive - try ignorance! Derek Bok



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# A Letter from your Editor

Guest editors this time - **Rich and Rita Shader** from *Celtic Seasons* in Melbourne, Florida. What better Valentine's subject than...

## **Anam Cara = Soul Friend**

What does it mean and should you have one? Let us take you on a journey that not many people know about and understand. Read and learn more about what your Celtic ancestors knew and loved - an *anam cara*.

In the Celtic tradition, there is a beautiful understanding of love and friendship. The Gaelic term for this is *anam cara*. *Anam* is Gaelic for soul and *cara* is friend in Gaelic, so *anam cara* means "soul friend."

In the early Celtic church, a person who acted as a teacher, companion or spiritual guide was called an *anam cara*. Originally it meant someone in whom you confided or confessed, revealing your innermost feelings. When you have an *anam cara*, you are joined in an ancient and eternal way with the "friend of your soul." The Celtic understanding did not set limitations of space or time on the soul.

In everyone's life, there is a great need for an *anam cara*. In this love, you are understood as you are without mask or pretension. As the superficial, lies and half-truths of social acquaintance fall away, you can be as you really are. When you feel understood, you feel free to release yourself into the trust and shelter of your soul friend.

The *anam cara* can be considered God's gift. Friendship is the nature of God. This perspective discloses the beautiful fulfillment of our immortal longing in the words of Jesus, who said, "Behold, I call you friends." Jesus is the secret *anam cara* of every individual. In friendship with Him, we enter the tender beauty and affection of the Trinity.

In the embrace of this eternal friendship, we dare to be free. A Trinitarian invocation captures this Celtic spirituality thought: "The Sacred Three, My fortress be, Encircling me, Come and be round My hearth and my home."

Where there is a depth of awareness, there is a reverence for presence. Where consciousness is dulled, distant or blind, the presence grows faint and vanishes. Consequently, awareness is one of the greatest gifts you can bring to your soul friend. Many people have an *anam cara* of who they are not truly aware. Their lack of awareness cloaks the friend's presence and causes feelings of distance and absence. Sadly, it is often loss that awakens presence, but



by then it is too late. It is wise to pray for the grace of recognition.

In our culture, people talk incessantly about relationships. You find it everywhere - in TV, radio, film and in the news media. Technology and media want you to believe that they are uniting the world. In reality, all they deliver is a simulated world. Accordingly, they make our human world more anonymous and lonely. In a world where computers replace human encounters and psychology replaces religion, it is no wonder that there is an obsession with relationship.

In the Celtic tradition and especially in the Gaelic language, there is a refined sense of the sacredness that the approach and relationship to another person should embody. The word "hello" does not exist in Gaelic. The way that you encounter someone is through blessing. You say, "Dia Dhuit," God be with you. They respond, "Dia is Muire dhuit," God and Mary be with you. When you are leaving a person, you say, "Go gcumhdai Dia thu," May God come to your assistance - or, "Go Gcoinne Dia thu," May God keep you. The greeting is framed at the beginning and at the end with blessing. Regularly throughout conversation in Gaelic,

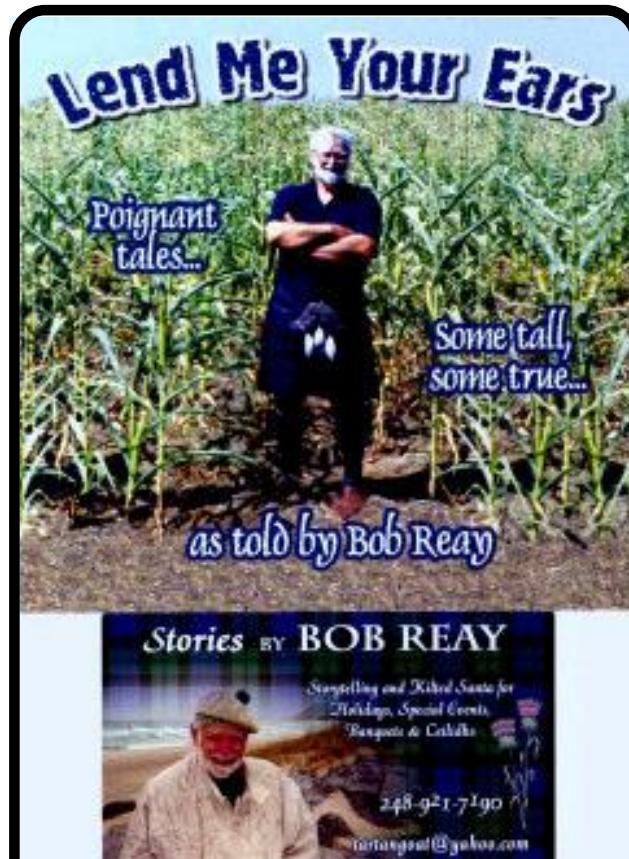
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# Looking for folks in all the RIGHT places!

In Scotland, he would be my GG-Grandfather. His name **JAMES DOUGLASS** (2 s's)-born 1844. He came from Scotland I believe through Canada, Where he married a "ZENITH". He had 3 sons in Ohio, in which he changed his surname to have one "S" saying "Theres no Asses Dougl(ASS) in the Douglas name. He had 3 sons **JAMES DOUGLAS JR.**(info unknown), **EDWARD DOUGLAS, GEORGE ROBERT DOUGLAS**- 20 October 18741 April 1949, who married **GEORIANNA PERKETT**, and **DAISY DOUGLAS**. None of these produced children except **GEORGE ROBERT** who had 4 Children: **BERTHA MAE DOUGLAS** 3 June 1911-2 February 1983, she married **DON GARVIN** - no kids. **LUCILLE DOUGLAS** 1915-1989, married **NIEL ALTHAUS** 1910-1945-no kids, **FLORENCE DOUGLAS**, married **JIM RENO, SR.** - no kids, and my Grandfather **ROBERT GEORGE DOUGLAS** 21 January 1918 -28 November 1973. He married **CLEO JEANETTE RUSSELL** -17 October 1921- 24 August 1993. Now my Grandfather had 3 boys: **GEORGE ROBERT DOUGLAS** -born 23 September 1941, **DENNIS L. DOUGLAS** born 19 April 1946, married **SANDY C. NECOMB**. And my father... **MELVYN ALBERT DOUGLAS** born 04 October 1943 who married my mom, **JUDITH E. SELL BORN 01 FEBRUARY 1943**. Now theres my brother and I: **Melvyn A. Douglas, Jr.** born 08 December 1966, and myself, **Wendy J. Douglas-Winchell** born 18 May 1963. Contact Dubhghlas2@hotmail.com

Searching for children from my purported great-great-uncle, **EDWARD L. MILLER** and my great-great-aunt by marriage, **OLIVE ADAMS PEABODY**. **EDWARD L.** was very likely the son of my great-great-grandfather, **GEORGE C.** (or G.) **MILLER**, a German immigrant, and his first wife?, my unknown great-great-grandmother, and **OLIVE ADAMS PEABODY** was the daugh-

ter of **THOMAS PEABODY** (1801-1870) and **DEBORAH ADAMS PEABODY** (1807 1854), both of Gilead, Maine. **EDWARD L. MILLER** and **OLIVE ADAMS PEABODY** (b. 1839) were probably married in west-central Maine on May 16, 1868. Please contact **Edward W. Carberg, 6 Park St., Salem, MA 01970.**



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# Scorrybreac appoints Harman Nicolson of Balvenie as Chieftain in Clan MacNicol and Chairman of the Highland Clan MacNeacail Federation



## Clan MacNicol



Last October 8, Harman Nicholson of Balvenie's 88th birthday, Chief John MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac honored Harman by appointing him Chieftain in Clan MacNicol and Chairman of the Clan MacNeacail Federation.

Harman has been closely involved with the Clan worldwide since its reemergence in the 1980s. Scorrybreac's father, Iain, appointed him Archivist to the Chief in 1991. At the Federation's inception in 1995, Harman became its first Secretary, in which position he has served until becoming Chairman, succeeding his late brother, Burke Nicholson of Balvenie.

The Clan MacNeacail Federation was established "To include such Societies and Organizations constituted by members of the Clan around the world as approved by the Chief, under his Presidency. He shall exercise sole control over the Federation and membership of the Federation shall be at his gift."

The Lord Lyon King of Arms granted Ensigns Armorial to the Federation in 1997, and a copy of the relevant Letter Patent may be seen on Plate 1 of *The*

*Highland Clan MacNeacail History*. The Federation is among a very small number of clan federations to have received its own Arms. It also became a Founder of the Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, and its name is carved in stone on the wall of the entry foyer.

Clan members have greatly benefited from Harman's contributions through the years. Not only did he serve as Editor of the highly regarded Clan history, *The Highland Clan MacNeacail (MacNicol) A History of the Nicols of Scorrybreac*, his outstanding generosity made it possible for each Clan member worldwide to receive a complimentary copy of the history. The munificence remains available to all newly joining members.

Scorrybreac wrote to Harman that "No clan chief could wish for greater support and loyalty than you and your family have shown me and my father before me." Harman in turn has expressed deep appreciation for Scorrybreac's confidence and looks forward to performing the duties of his new position to the best of his abilities.

## Missing McPersons! Missing McPersons! Missing McPersons!

Desire biography, picture of War of 1812 Navy officer **THOMAS MacDONOUGH** (1783-1825) born Delaware. Ancestor to **MARY BEATRICE PHILLIPS** (1859-1929), Baltimore, Maryland. **J. JOSEPH STRIBLE?** Ditto. British Commodore **DOWNIE!** Contact **Richard Morrissey, 28656 Murrieta, Sun City, CA 92586.**

Need information on **WILLIAM HEROD, Sr.**, born 25 December 1748 Stafford County, Virginia. He died 04 March 1836, Smith County, Tennessee. Please contact **Barbara Helwick, PO Box 50345, Casper, WY 82605-0345.**

# Rules our ancestors used or

## *How to Confuse Your Descendants*

1. Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.

2. Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.

3. Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.

4. Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above list, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey, making them difficult to trace.

5 Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary you may use only initials on legal documents.

6. Thou shalt learn to sign

all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks.

7. Thou shalt, after no more than 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a courthouse fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found.

8. Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, and vague innuendos regarding your place of



origination.

A. You may have come from: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales or Iran.

B. You may have American Indian Ancestry of the ?? tribe.

C. You may have descended from one of three brothers that came from \_\_\_\_.

9. Thou shalt leave NO cemetery record, or headstones with legible names.

10. Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or death.

11. Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart or Alfred.

12. Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making references to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.

13. Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males, and dozens of their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.

Thanks to *The Prospector*, PO BOX 1929, Las Vegas, NV 89125-1929.

## Naming order of English & Welsh children, 1700-1879

First daughter- named after the mother's mother (maternal grandmother). Second daughter- named after the father's mother. Third daughter- named after the mother. Fourth daughter- named after the mother's oldest sister. First son - named after the father's father. Second son - named after the mother's father. Third son - named after the father. Fourth son - named after the father's eldest brother.

Exceptions apply if there was a duplication of given name. In that case the practice was to skip to the next name on the list.

Thanks to *Ke Ku'auhau*, PO Box 235039, Honolulu, HI 96823-3500.



# WHAT ROBERT BURNS IS WORTH TO SCOTLAND...

Peter Wright

Possibly the last thing on anyones mind when sitting down to enjoy a Burns Supper is just how economically valuable Robert Burns is to his native land. But thanks to Lesley Campbell, an economist with the World Bank, we know that the continuing appeal of our National Bard is worth some £157 million to the Scottish economy. A remarkable figure when you consider that the Bard, on his death in 1796, left £14 in debt. But like the Elvis industry which has grown up around Graceland, from his death onwards, the Burns cottage at Alloway became a shrine to his memory and is still a mecca to his world-wide admirers.

The Burns connection is worth some £100 million to his native Ayrshire economy alone with a further £50 million or so being generated Scotland-wide through visitor spending and Burns Night fare. Supply of haggis comes into its own over the Burns season. With the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns



*The earliest known portrait of Robert Burns*

birth this year, his annual worth to the Scottish economy should be on a steeply rising curve, giving Scots yet another good reason to Toast the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns.



*Lee County (FL) Reference Librarian, Bryal L. Mulcahy, with Mrs. Flora Koreman at the Christmas and Hannukah Traditions Around the World display, organized by Mulcahy. Mrs. Koreman is the Jewish researcher with the Lee County Genealogical Society.*

**Rich and Rita Shader, continued from page 3** there is explicit recognition that the divine is present in others. This presence is also recognized and embodied in old sayings such as, “the hand of the stranger is the hand of God.” The stranger does not come accidentally; he brings a particular gift and illumination.

If this sounds like a sermon on Celtic spirituality, it was not meant to be one. Many people, upon hearing about the ancient Celts, think of them as savages and illiterate. This Celtic understanding of an *anam cara* proves they had a better understanding of the spiritual realm than some folks have today. So much for being savages and illiterate! As we have said many times before, we can learn a lot from our Celtic ancestors.

*Thank you, Rich and Rita. In thinking of friends with whom I can be myself as described here...I'm so fortunate to have many anam cara's. Of course, from what I read here, an anam cara must be the same understanding friend back. So, for Valentine's and always - I wish you to be - and to have anam cara friendship in your life!*



# Lockheart Castle, Japan; Scottish Castle in Takayamamura

*Deanna Dodd of The American Clan Lockhart Society*

This mock Scottish castle is a hotel set in woodland about 100 miles outside Tokyo. Milton Lockhart House, located a few miles from Carlisle, was the home of John Lockhart, b. in 1794, who wrote the biography of Sir Walter Scott.

About 1987, the remains of Milton Lockhart House were purchased by actor Masahiko Tsugawa.

The castle was disassembled and Tsugawa had to negotiate with then General Secretary of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev for permission to have the castle transported along the

Trans-Siberian Railway on its journey to Japan.

It took three years and thousands of workers to reassemble the castle at Takayama-mura in the Gunma-Ken region.

The new owners renamed it Lockheart Castle. It sits in a park-like setting, contains many shops, and is a popular place for weddings.

The Japanese love notions of a romantic Europe and castles such as this. Many receptions are held in the medieval banqueting halls.

Bill Lockhart has three nephews living close by to the Lockheart Castle in Japan. Google "Lockheart Castle."

With thanks to *The Talisman*, publication of the American Clan Lockhart Society.

# Lunch and great program in Jax February 28, 2K9

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold its Spring seminar February 28, 2009, at Crown Point Baptist Church in Mandarin, 10153 Old St. Augustine Road. Our speaker is Amy Larner Giroux, CG, CGL, Orlando, Fl. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Seminar begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Cost \$35.00 for non-members and \$30.00 for members. Registration applications received prior to Feb. 18, 2009 will include lunch. Registration forms can be found at <http://home.comcast.net/~jaxgen/09semflyer.pdf>

Topics include: Cemetery Research; Listen to the Land—Understanding Your Ancestor's Property Records; Pre-1850 Census Research—Determining Parentage; and Internet Research Techniques and Resources. For additional information please contact Mary Chauncey, (905) 781-9300.



Clan Lamont parades at the 2008 Northeast Florida Highland Games held each year at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Green Cove Springs, Florida. This year's event will be Friday and Saturday, February 27 and 28th.

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- Plato (427? -348? BC)

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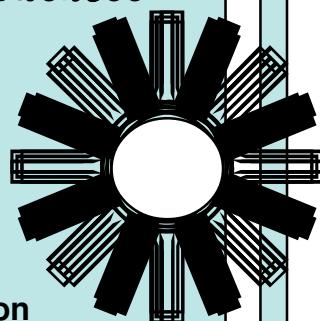
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# Flowers of the Forest

**Frank O. Schooler Jr.**, 84, passed away in Fisherville, Kentucky, on Saturday, January 10, 2009. He resided in Fisherville and Ft. Myers Beach, Florida.

He was preceded in death by Frank O. and Mary Ruth Schooler Sr. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Fisherville, a retired educator and former violinist with the Louisville Philharmonic Orchestra, 30's and 40's and Tin Pin Bowling League for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Imogene Barton Schooler, originally from Glasgow; Kentucky. Children: Leta Schooler Walker (Jerry) of Fisherville, Dr. Julia Schooler Grant-Adams (Colin) of Glasgow, Frank Oldham Schooler III (Susan) of Ballardsville, Kentucky, Alex Elvin Schooler (Kelly) of Centerville, Ohio and grandchildren: Gene Huges, Jerret Walker, Bethany and Shelbi Schooler and Ben and Jake Schooler.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Louisville Orchestra or the Building Fund at First Baptist Church in Fisherville.

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**Carol Ann Maley** passed away Wednesday, 10 December 2008 with her three children, Jamie, Jason and Heather and long time friend, Greg Schwartz, by her side.

Born in Pottsville, Pennsylvania in 1948, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Isabel Henderson Rhoades (who came from Scotland).

She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Minersville and was the Membership Secretary of The Clan Henderson Society of the USA, Inc.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph C. Maley.

She is survived by a daughter, Heather (Michael) Sidella of New Ringgold; sons James C. Maley of Minersville and Jason A. Maley (Denise Saint Clair), and her friend, Gregory Schwartz, Minersville. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Hunter, Gage, Tanner and Conlan.

Member of the Clan Henderson Society of the USA, Inc., **William Grady Henderson** of Loganville, Georgia died last April.

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**Zelma Henderson**, member of The Clan Henderson Society of the USA, Inc., died in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 88. She was the last surviving plaintiff in the 1954 landmark Federal School Desegregation case, *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The case outlawed segregation nationwide in all public schools. The ruling served as a harbinger of the American Civil Rights Movement and paved the way for the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed segregation in all US public facilities.

She is survived by her son, Donald, five grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Her husband, Andrew Henderson, died in 1971 and their daughter, Vicki, died in 1984.

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**Ralph S. Davison**, 86, of Springfield, IL since 1970, died last February. In 1969 and 1970, Mr. Davison was employed by GE in Houston as an engineer on the Apollo Program. From 1970 until retiring in December of 2006, he was employed by the State of Illinois with the Division of Aeronautics as a state contracts manager.

He served in the USAF 1942-1946, and flew combat operations with the 92nd Bomb Group (8th AF from England), completing 28 missions. He served from 1950 until 1969, including service in Korea with the 21st TC Squadron again in the USAF. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Medal for Distinguished Acts (Greece), the Unit Citation and numerous theater and campaign medals.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Davison of Springfield; daughter, Aimee (Mark) Haynes of Maryville, Illinois; son Paul (Georgia) Davison of Perry, Georgia; and four grandchildren.



# DNA Basics

**Dr Knight**

**G**enealogists are rapidly becoming aware that they now have a powerful new means of investigating the past - a system so powerful that genealogy will never be the same again. It's been a long time coming, because without dramatic achievements in computer science and molecular biology, this new venue for genealogical research could never exist.

It all started at the beginning of the 20th century, when scientists began to realize our existence was controlled by chromosomes and something new called "genes." The scientific observations were already reported by Mendel, but it took the emerging technologies of microscopy and the diligent efforts of biochemists to open up new vistas for the field of genetics. While some diseases are inherited according to Mendel's laws, human inheritance patterns were found to be much more complex, or "multifactorial," in many others. Clinicians became fascinated by "inborn errors of metabolism."

The rate of research on the body's building blocks, DNA, began to accelerate in mid-century with the development of the transistor, leading to impressive expansion of capabilities in data acquisition, storage and retrieval. Watson and Crick described the alpha-helix and genetic research and engineering shifted rapidly into a higher gear. As the century ended, the ambitious Human Genome Project met its first goals, but only because technology now made it possible, through on-line sequencing

and databases, to perform and record detailed studies on genomes, transmitting the findings to anyone who was interested and had a computer. Before we realized it, the genetic era has metamorphed into the genomic era.

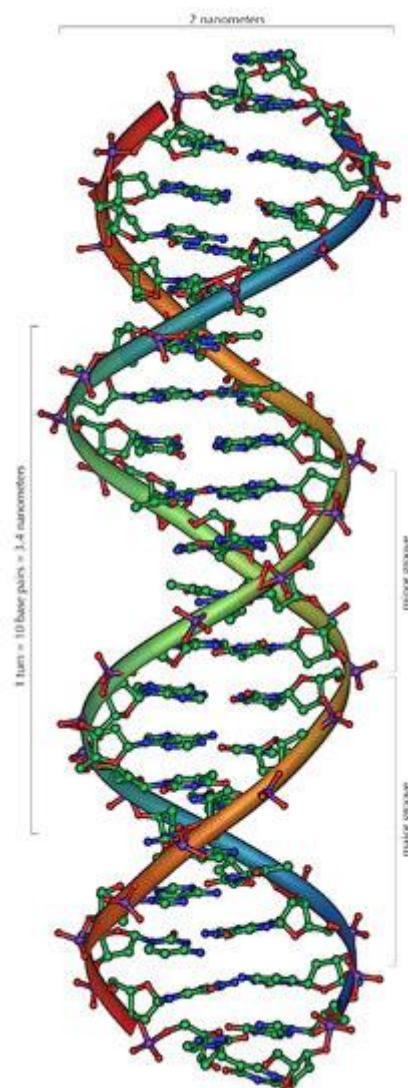
## Benefits for genealogists

Genealogists have benefited greatly from this information explosion in all aspects of their traditional research. Critical research sources, such as census records, vital records, military and pension data and a vast variety of legal documents have become available on the web or recorded on electronic media. Much research can be done successfully on a lap-top computer. It has also been practical to "mind" large written databases for genealogical and related valuable medical information. Inherited human genes offer a marvelous documentation of ancestry, potentially far more reliable than any previous oral or written source.

The result is that genealogy, traditionally a highly respected art, is now also a science. A few genealogists don't realize this yet and have to be dragged, kicking and screaming, into the new millennium. But most are impressed with the potentials this new approach offers. Many are excited about the opportunities to solve

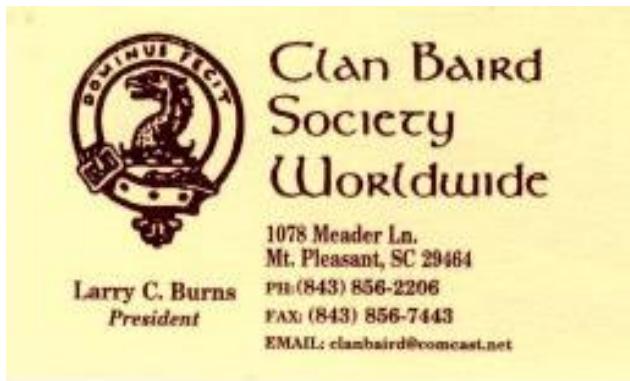
long-standing genealogical mysteries. They're anxious to use these new "tools of the trade," but they have questions, and rightly so. Are genomic studies reliable? Are they affordable? What confidentiality protections

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# Looking for Henderson's

I am **Ralph Edwin Henderson, Jr.** of Memphis, TN; my father was **RAPLH EDWIN HENDERSON, SR.**, son of **FLOYD HENDERSON**, both of Jackson, TN. I had always heard that my grandfather came to Jackson, TN from Mississippi, but his family was from North Carolina. I am interested in learning of my ancestry and would appreciate your assistance and suggestions. Thank you, Ed Henderson. Contact me at **REHenderson1@aol.com**



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## New From Princeton University Press The Bard – Robert Burns

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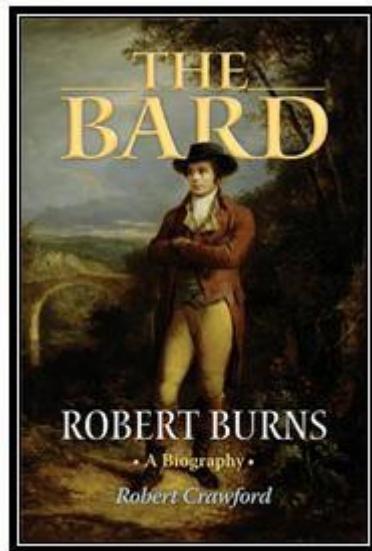
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With a poet's insight and a shrewd sense of human drama, Robert Crawford outlines how Burns combined a childhood steeped in the peasant song-culture of rural Scotland with a consummate linguistic artistry to become not only the world's most popular love poet but also the controversial master poet of modern democracy.

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are in place. Once I have my DNA for study, who owns the data, who has access to the results, and who can use it for research? And what are the best studies to perform for our own family's needs?

Y's and wherewhorens of parentage At this early stage, two very different types of DNA analysis are being used to trace our ancestors. One of these uses the Y chromosome, which is of particular value to genealogists because it is only transmitted by a male to his male offspring and Western culture, rightly or wrongly, has always placed more emphasis on the paternal pedigree. Laboratories are offering comparative studies using various markers which they can identify on these Y chromosomes.

The Y chromosome of a son is not always identical to that of his father, as markers can change, or mutate, from one generation to the next. Markers, or chromosomal changes occurring each generation, include idels: insertions or deletions of DNA; SNP's: unique event polymorphisms or rare single-nucleotide polymorphisms; microsatellites: usually of four nucleotides; and minisatellites; longer sequences of nucleotides.

For example, the Y-specific minisatellite MSY-1, which has a mutation rate of a few percent per generation, can be studied along with less rapidly mutating systems (e.g., microsatellites with rare mutations per generation or extremely rare base substitutions per generation), used in the genealogical approach to Y diversity. The slowly mutating markers define "haplogroups" of chromosomes related by descent and the microsatellites and minisatellite can then be used to study diversity.

Areas of the Y chromosome which mutate extremely slowly have been found to be characteristic of certain geographical areas. Haplotype 1 is especially common in Western Europe and most of these males also have Haplotype 1.5. Haplotype 2.47 and 3.65 are more common in Norway and other Scandinavian countries. It appears that while their haplotypes re-

mained stable, many males migrated.

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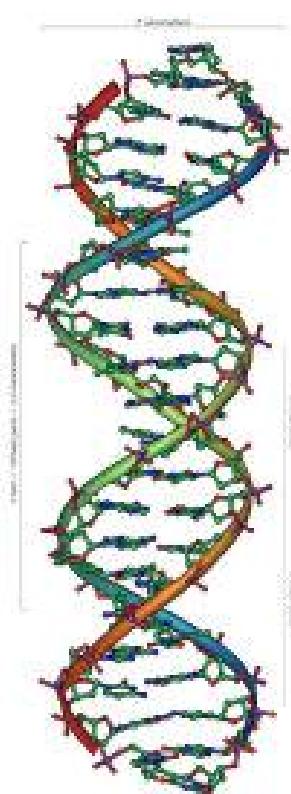
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Haplotypes are comprised of paired genes, or alleles.

Testing these alleles helps to distinguish and separate large numbers of samples. Bryan Sykes refers to the most common European groups as haplotype 1 and haplotype 2. The DNA analysis is then done for microsatellites which mutate frequently and make up most of the chromosome. Each microsatellite is assigned a number. There is no uniformity as to how many of satellites are included in the analyses - it varies from laboratory to laboratory and is continually changing within laboratories. If two samples share similar microsatellites, the statistics strongly favor a common ancestry.

Suppose these microsatellites are almost identical, e.g., 90 our of 100 match. What does that imply? One thing is certain: You have no idea from a single analysis just how long this "mutation" has been there. Was it from a different parent's Y chromosomes or was it a chance random mutation? You can get some idea by comparing the frequency in a control population. If

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the haplotype is very rare in the control population and is seen occasionally within a small, similarly-named group, it's likely that it was a mutation within the group rather than from an interloper. Results of the haplotype analysis can be charted, linking microsatellite test results with their nearest neighbors, or those having similar or just one differing group. These form a related haplotype node. An example of how this methodology is used is the POMEROY-POMROY-POMERY-PUMMERY analysis in the Pomeroy Genetics Project #6. This ongoing project also demonstrates the value of expanding the data base of participants in any study.

**Related studies**  
We can benefit by checking the standards applied in paternity testing, which now uses genome testing to find or exclude parentage. Paternity studies, which include both genetic and non-genetic evidence, calculates a statistical probability or paternity. In most cases, a probability of parentage requires a minimum standard value of 99%. Obviously, these standards established for credibility, must be valid for legal judgements, far exceed those usually required for genealogical "proofs."

Every month, new family studies appear in professional journals or on websites, attesting to the enthusiastic acceptance by genealogists of this new methodology for studying their past family histories. It is of particular value in clarifying fuzzy relationships which just couldn't be resolved with any degree of certainty by usual genealogical methods. But there are other useful applications. Many major population migrations and interactions are also being clarified for the first time by Y

chromosome research.

A recent study made a significant contribution concerning the diaspora of Jewish populations, starting in 586 BC, and connecting them to modern communities in both the Middle East and Europe. The research by Dr. Michael F. Hammer of the University of Arizona, and his colleagues around the world, also showed that the Y chromosome links widely scattered Jewish communities with each other and with Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese. Dr. Hammer found 19 variations in the Y chromosome family tree which further subdivided the descendants from a single male estimated to have lived 140,000 years ago.

A work in progress  
Genealogists should be aware that this whole field is a very new research and it is continually undergoing changes. Do more markers mean more reliability? At this stage, not necessarily. We are dealing with raw figures, mapped and evaluated by computers which have to be programmed to access the importance of different findings, such as DNA mutations. The exact rates of mutation are not necessarily known for every locus under investigation. Also, there is a growing need to establish criteria which will require the same performance standards and provide similar statistically significant results from all participating laboratories. This is the same scenario which took place among clinical laboratories when the College of American Pathologists developed quality assurance standards so that laboratory results from multiple institutions could be compared because they met similar criteria. Of course, this also means agreement on a uniform nomenclature (or alphanumeric identification) so that we are all talking about the same

genomic jargon! Evaluation of marker validity is an ongoing process and we can expect many new mark-

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ers in the future, plus more precise means of comparative evaluation.

### Mitochondrial DNA

Fortunately for women, the other most useful method for genealogists is mitochondrial DNA, which originates in little power plants located outside of cell nuclei. It differs from Y-chromosome DNA, which comes from within a cell's nucleus, and because this DNA doesn't have to go through the mitotic divisions of nuclear DNA, it gets transmitted directly from a mother to all of her offspring. Only the female offspring can pass it along to their children, so it represents an excellent way of following the maternal, or "umbilical" line of inheritance. Paternal DNA plays no role in offspring because almost all of it manages to be destroyed in the human ovum when it is fertilized by a sperm, although paternal "recombination" does occur regular in plants and some animals.

The first genetic studies traced maternal lines to a woman said to have lived in Africa about 200,000 years ago. Mitochondrial DNA has been sequenced since the 1980s, as its relatively small size made it far simpler than the massive effort required for nuclear DNA. Dating estimates are based upon an assumption that rates of mtDNA mutation remained steady over all this time and that there was no recombination, or influence by paternal DNA during reproduction. Although some questioned this concept, until recently most scientists agreed there was no paternal mtDNA in humans, but a case reported in 2002 by Schwartz and Vissing entitled "Brief report: paternal inheritance or mitochondrial DNA," described a patient with a rare muscular disease whose striated muscles contained only mutated paternal mtDNA. This seems to be a rare occurrence,

but as with other DNA analyses, research is in its infancy on this and related matters.

### Studying the Mitochondrial genome

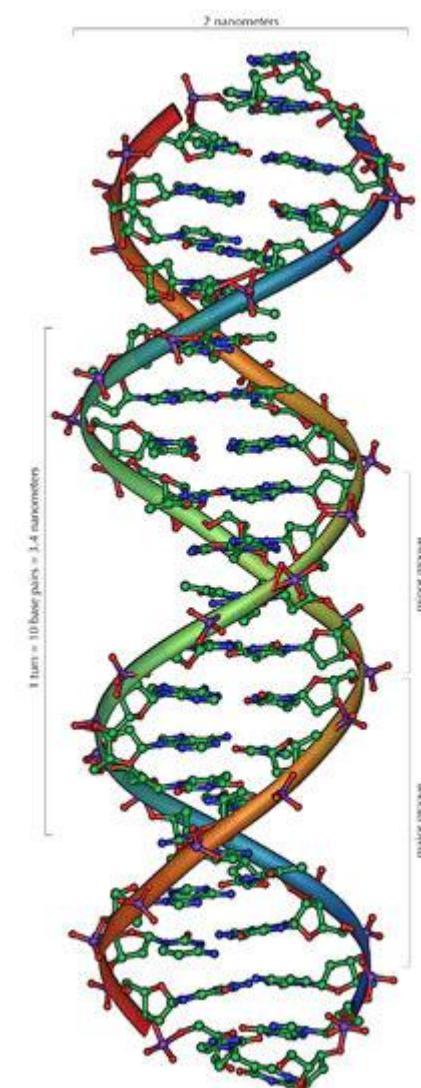
The mitochondrial genome contains 13 protein-coding genes, 22 tRNA's and 2 rRNA's. Studies have focused on polymorphisms in a small area of the Mitochondrial genome called the D-loop, which comprises about 7 % of the mtDNA genome. Earlier studies concentrated on this area because of its high mutation rate, but this may have obscured some of the data. New technology now permits study of the entire genome and is especially useful in the speciality that was called "population genetics" but is now "populations genomics." More recent studies suggest that modern humans appeared in Africa 171,500 years ago, but the recent confirmation of paternal mtDNA influence may necessitate resetting of some Mitochondrial clocks.

Human mtDNA sequences including HV1 and HV2 have been found useful, especially when samples are aged, severely degraded or of limited quantity. Variations can be studied using sequence-specific oligonucleotide (SSO) probes or by denaturing high-performance liquid chromatography which targets the mtDNA control region or the en-

tire mtDNA genome database. Many human remains have been examined using mtDNA and it has been useful in samples as small as a single human hair. It also has been able to show maternal linkage on forensic bone specimens.

A number of investigators have reported extensive studies on female mtDNA genetic trees, including Douglas Wallace and associates at Emory University School of Medicine; Bryan Sykes at Oxford University

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sity; Dr. Cavalli-Sforza at the University of Padua; and William Goodwin at the University of Glasgow. University-based molecular pathology laboratories combined to show that the mtDNA of the Kennewick man, found in the State of Washington, was unrelated to modern Native Americans. The mysteries of the Iceman (found in an Alpine glacier) and Ice Maiden (from the Peruvian Andes) were also solved by mtDNA analyses.

Haplotype data bases are continually being improved, concentrating on geographical areas or attempting to link your family with various ethnic groups. We can expect many innovations in this field and correlations among ethnic predispositions and various medical conditions may prove to be very useful to present and future families. We strongly endorse collection and preservation of DNA from recently deceased persons, especially if they will be cremated, because so much valuable DNA information is now being lost forever - information which could help spare future generations from serious medical problems through early diagnosis, treatment or even prevention.

### Unexpected, unwanted outcomes

Researchers in molecular biology have received enthusiastic support from many genealogists and others who are generously making their DNA available for scientific studies, and some of the genomic findings have already rewritten history and heavily pruned some family trees, replacing fiction with facts. Genomics is a two-edged sword, and the findings aren't always those that were expected, were desired, or ones that conform with current definitions of "politically correct." Humans are prone to making mistakes

and all levels of behavior, many of which reshaped some prominent family pedigrees. Like George Washington, genomics may chop down the family's cherry tree, but unlike George, genomics can create new ones.

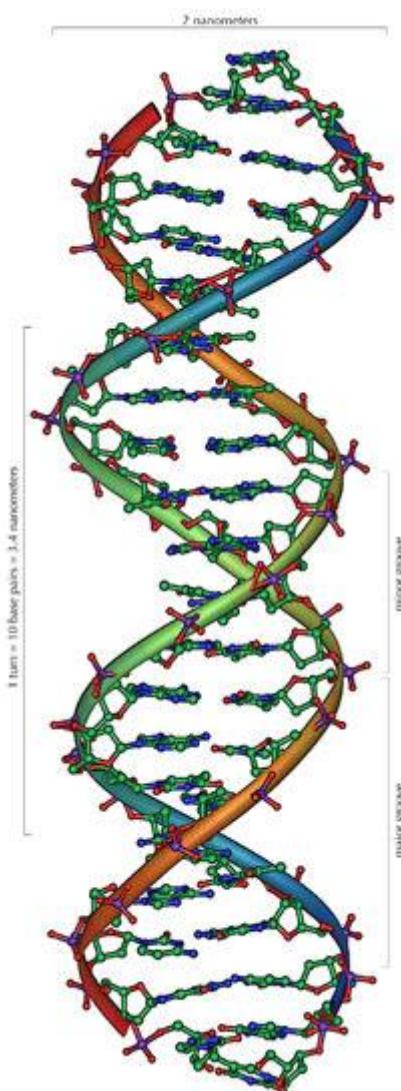
Many of these family trees have flourished, albeit under assumed names. DNA fingerprinting is one of the more highly developed subspecialties of genomics.

Forensic and medical capabilities of DNA interpretations may have progressed farther than is generally appreciated by someone contributing a personal DNA sample to a group study that includes large numbers of total strangers with similar surnames. This tiny sample can provide a wealth of personal information and in the future, even more will become available. Already, DNA can produce a genetic "photofit" which can determine hair color, eye color and ethnic appearance. It can reveal the presence of or predisposition to an ever-increasing number of serious medical diseases involving every body system and predict the manner in which they can be transmitted to future generations. Nuclear DNA abnormalities are most commonly associated with well-recognized disease patterns, as occur in various types of cancer, heart disease, diabetes, neurological and mental disorders, and

diseases of specific organs. Mitochondrial DNA is trickier; because it's involved with providing energy through oxidative phosphorylation, its mutations play roles in diseases affecting organs which require much energy or it works in concert with nuclear DNA to cause complex disease syndromes.

This information can be very useful to a family which is attempting to recognize, treat or prevent a serious medical condition. It also can have devastating

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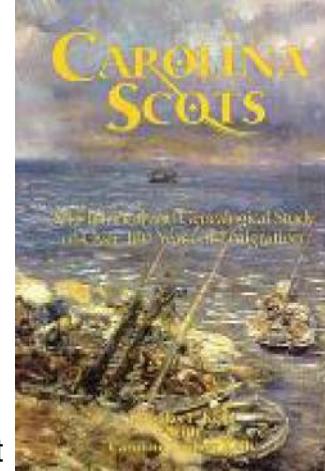
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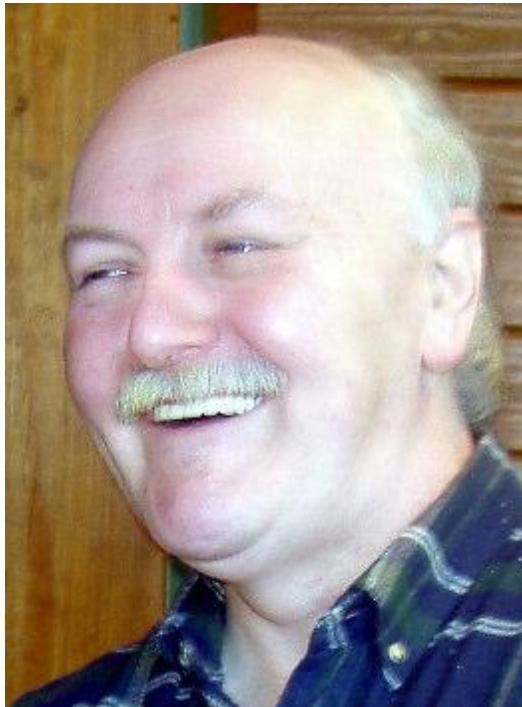
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# Flowers of the Forest

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He is survived by his son, Ian Rice and his wife Margaret, of Olympia, Washington; a daughter, Heather Cornell and her husband Michael of Jacksonville, Florida. He leaves a legacy of lifetime service to the community and three grandchildren, Grace, Robertson and Sawyer. A visitation was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 from 1:00PM-2:00PM at Venice Presbyterian Church with a service following at 2:00PM. Burial was held in Sarasota National Cemetery.

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**Merry Jayne McMichael**, Clan MacNicol pioneer member and offer of Wooster, Ohio, died August of 2007 following a lengthy battle with cancer.

She is survived by her three children and their families, Michelle Dukich, Carl Dukich and Sean Fishbach, as well as her sister Hariette Majoros and Merry Jayne's large extended family.

Merry Jane formally joined the Clan MacNicol

Society in January of 1986 and held the very first numbered membership - No. 100. She was as stalwart for many years representing Clan MacNicol at Scottish games and festivals in Georgia and Ohio, among others. She edited the Clan Society newsletter from 1986 until 1993 when Bill G. Nicol of Springfield took it on.

She helped raise the funds to buy the Clan MacNicol lands on Skye and have the memorial cairn erected. One of the greatest satisfactions of her life was the trip she took to Australia to meet our late Chief Iain MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac.

The Scottish American Cultural Society of Ohio (SACSO) had planned to honor Merry Jayne with one of the Ohio Tartan awards, and will still do so, albeit posthumously. She designed the Ohio State Tartan and was an early member of the SACSO Board of Trustees which has been running the Ohio Games for 31 years.

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**Harry MacIvor Nicolson**, long time Clan MacNicol Society member, died recently. Mr. Nicolson lived in Sacramento, California. He is survived by his widow, June, and her children.

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**Dennis Hagner** passed away last April. He was owner and producer of the Wisconsin Motorsports Show in Milwaukee for years as well as the former President of the Kiltie Drum & Bugle Corps of Racine, Wisconsin. He was instrumental in getting the Corps to adopt the Clan Buchanan kilts and accompanied Bob Cormack to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games to get the Clan Buchanan to appoint the Kilties as their official music unit, making Clan Buchanan the only Clan to have a Drum and Bugle Corps. Since that appointment, Clan Buchanan has made all active members of the Kilties Associate Members of Clan Buchanan.



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ing psychological impacts which require genetic counselling, might affect insurability and have serious legal liabilities.

We are not questioning the motives of the now vast majority of university or commercial laboratories currently engaged in DNA research and analysis, but unfortunately, the paths genealogist are following are full of legal potholes. The genealogist needs to understand the scope and the limitations of any signed "informed consent" and to realize that there is currently no uniformity in state laws controlling medical record confidentiality. There are multiple other legal problems which involve DNA banking, care of DNA samples, limitations on research and dissemination of results, possible subpoena of DNA by courts, etc. Retrieval of DNA samples from a distant central bank by a surviving relative could easily become a complicated matter. There is need for uniformity and a single national policy concerning all these legal matters.

Right now, it's chaotic. Genealogical uses for DNA are not the primary ones, which remain in the fields of medicine and forensic science, but they are nevertheless very valuable and can provide answers to problems that could be solved in no other way. Medical studies have already passed through the genetic phase and now involve genomic phases and post-genomic aspects. We predict that genealogists will depend increasingly upon genomic data for verifying or disproving genealogical concepts. Researching records may be more fun, but

genomic research will be fascinating, too, if only because the outcomes, at least now, are reliable but so unpredictable. Princes may become paupers; paupers may beget princes. The rules of the games haven't changed - we'll just have to play by them more carefully from now on.

One last suggestion

One last suggestion: We are using an emerging technology which is continually improving. Improvements mean changes and changes lead to confusion. Newly discovered loci and mutations will replace some of those in wide current use and the present ones may be assigned new names. New methodology will also affect the reporting format. And, as in the rest of the business world, there are always business failures and corporate mergers, so your favorite laboratory may suddenly disappear. In order to protect all of the time, energy and expense your family has invested in genomic research, you might consider one more step. When DNA samples are submitted, collect one more sample from each participant, but don't submit it. Instead, have it preserved by lyophilization and establish your own private family DNA bank, available for unforeseen future needs. You won't even have to refrigerate the preserved DNA, as room temperature storage will suffice. Someday your family will be glad you saved those previous DNA samples when they were so readily available.

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- ◆ Queen Mary Scottish Festival, 14-15 February, Long Beach, California
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- ◆ NE Florida Highland Games, February 28, 2009 Green Cove Springs, Fl
- ◆ Panama City Highland Games, Panama City, FL 14 March 2009
- ◆ Zephyrhills Celtic Festival & Highland Games, Zephyrhills, FL 7-8 March, 2009
- ◆ Sarasota Highland Games, Sarasota, FL 21 March 2009
- ◆ Verde Valley Highland Games Camp Verde, AZ March 28 2009
- ◆ Mint Hill Highland Games, MintHill, NC 28-29 March
- ◆ Hawaiian Scottish Festival Honolulu, HI 4-5 April 2009
- ◆ Rural Hill Scottish Festival & Loch Norman Highland Games Huntersville, NC April 17, 18, 19
- ◆ Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland, Saint Leonard, MC 26 April
- ◆ Triad Highland Games, Greensboro, NC 1, 2 May 2009
- ◆ Frederick Celtic Festival, Urbana, MD 9 May
- ◆ Savannah Scottish Games, May 9, 2009 Savannah, GA
- ◆ Prescott Highland Games Prescott, AZ 16-May-2009
- ◆ Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games Gatlinburg, TN 15-17 May 2009 Gatlinburg, TN
- ◆ United Scottish Highland Gathering, Costa Mesa, CA 4-25 May
- ◆ Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games, May 28, 29, 30, 31 May Glasgow, KY
- ◆ Greater Greenville Scottish Games Greenville, SC 5-6 June
- ◆ Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Arlington, TX 6-8 June
- ◆ Potomac Celtic Festival Leesburg, VA 13-Jun-2009
- ◆ Kansas City Riverside, MO 12-14 June 2009
- ◆ Indiana Highland Games Fort Wayne, IN 13 Jun-2009
- ◆ Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games, June 13-14, 2009 Blairsville, GA
- ◆ Prosser Scottish Festival, Prosser, WA 20 June
- ◆ Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Linville, NC 8-12 July
- ◆ Arizona Highland Celtic Festival Flagstaff, AZ 19-20 July
- ◆ Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Kalamazoo, MI 22-Jul-2009
- ◆ Monterey Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Salinas, CA July 5-6
- ◆ Edinboro Highland Games, Edinboro, PA 24-25 July
- ◆ The Gathering 2009 Edinburgh, Scotland 24-26 July
- ◆ Michiana Celtic Festival South Bend, IN 29 August
- ◆ Sycamore Shoals Sycamore Shoals, TN 11-13 September 2009
- ◆ Buffalo SW MO Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games Buffalo, MO 5-6 September 2009
- ◆ Capital District Scottish Games Altamont, NY 5-6 Sep 2009
- ◆ Ligonier Highland Games Ligonier, PA 11-13 September 2009
- ◆ Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival & Games Estes Park, CO 10-13 September 2009
- ◆ Radford Highlander Festival Radford, VA 10 October
- ◆ Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival Stone Mountain, GA 17-18 October
- ◆ Tucson Celtic Festival and Highland Games Tucson, AZ 30 Oct -1 November

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