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## Jason Sweeney of Coatbridge, Scotland wins Alexander McCall Smith composition prize

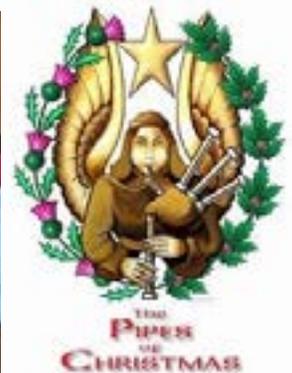
Jason Sweeney, a music student at Edinburgh Napier University has won the inaugural Alexander McCall Smith Prize for Composition. His new song premiered at the 2013 Pipes of Christmas Concerts in New York City this holiday season sponsored by the Clan Currie Society.

Sweeney is from Coatbridge in Lanarkshire, Scotland. Currently in his 3rd year at Edinburgh Napier University studying for the Bachelor of Music with Honours degree, majoring in Composition, Jason hopes to follow his idols, John Williams and Alan Sylvestre, into the world of film scoring.

Of the piece *Christmas Card from Ettrick Bay*, Jason says, "I was inspired by the landmark "Boat on the Shore" of Ettrick Bay on the Isle of Bute, the skeleton of an old wooden boat that lies buried in the sand. Ettrick Bay is a place that I hold dear in my heart and I have many wonderful memories of childhood holidays with my family."

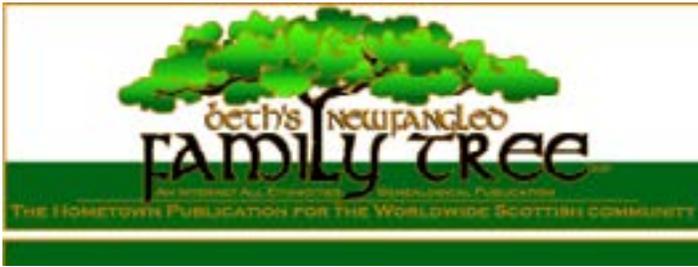
A two-time recipient of the Monklands' Rotary Club Young Musician of the Year Award, Jason is an accomplished musician on both piano and clarinet and performs regularly with the highly-esteemed Motherwell Symphonic Band.

In 2012, Jason was commissioned by North Lanarkshire Council to compose a Fanfare in honour of the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth which premiered at a special concert at Motherwell Civic Hall. Later the same year, the region's education department invited Jason to tutor at a workshop which he had attended as a pupil only two years before. The invitation was then repeated in 2013 and has been extended for 2014.



Ettrick Bay, Isle of Bute, Scotland

**Valentine's Day is 14 February**



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Angus Wangus Dangus Fangus (below)



Bicket, The Kid (above)

Meester Peggie Hairy (below)



These feline members of easy-living have their meals served on time four times each day. Their cat-maid comes in each morning and sweeps their floor, vacuums the sofa and anywhere else they have thrown hair, scrubs anywhere that needs scrubbing. Polices their luxurious bathrooms and gets fresh water and treats for all of them. Guess who their cat-maid is? You're right!

# A letter from your editor... Valentine's Day 2014 - about love n'stuff



I've learned just a few things in my life which I think is pretty good if I have learned anything. I've not been fortunate in so many things - it is lovely to think that some of the things I have

learned are marvelous and happy and wonderful.

Among the amazing things I have learned is that you not only can, but just automatically love many, many people in your life. To explain what that means, I can only think to say that each person is different. It's the same way with love. You can love each person in a different and unique way.

Most all of us love our family members and our parents and the extended aunts and uncles and cousins. That's not very extraordinary.

Think about it now, most of us also love many of our friends. It's a miracle of nature that we can love as many friends as we have and love each one in their own individual way. To me, that IS extraordinary.

In my personal Love List, Tom comes first. He is a real miracle to me. Unexpected and surprising, but a miracle none-the-less. After Tom, the supply of love is unending with myriad kinds and types of love going to other family and friends.

This year, Tom and I had a very quiet Christmas. We had a wonderful time together and enjoyed our Christmas dinner and all the time we had. However, both of us had work to do - so, we each went to our own office to get some things done. I found myself missing my friends. The more I thought about it, the sadder I got. From somewhere came the thought, "Don't be silly, just call everyone!"

So, I gathered together phone numbers and started calling. What a great day I had talking to my dear, old friends. We laughed and talked and it was like we had never been apart. I still feel happy about talking to them.

Have you noticed this in your own life? When

you don't get to be with an old friend for months or even

years...and then you are back in touch with each other...it's like there has been absolutely no break in your friendship at all. So, my Christmas became one I shall never forget, filled with the joy of much giggling with old school friends and newer old friends and new friends, too...all beloved.

I had thought before I called about what I wanted to say, as I figured everyone would be busy. I did not wish to interrupt their celebrations but just to hear their voices and say a few things. I decided I wanted to say, "Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! I wanted to also say, I love you."

Another major lesson I have learned is to be sure and let the people you love **know** that you love them. Getting older teaches you quickly. Now you realize that you are not promised tomorrow - and your beloved friends and family are not promised tomorrow either.

Just recently after searching for a long time, I found the contact information for a lovely friend I have known in the Scottish community. It seemed very important to me to write this dear man and tell him how much it has meant to me to know both he and his late wife and how much I loved and respected them both. I'm so glad I did, as my friend passed away just a few weeks later. See?

There was something going around on the Internet awhile back. I read it and found myself thinking about it a lot. The gist of it was, "Love like you've never been hurt." This is a hard one, but it can be done.

There's another one that I think about a lot that says you should slide into heaven with your body all used up from living life to its fullest. That is now one of my goals.

Our philosophies need not be sophisticated or scholarly...they just need to be things that speak to us.



We encourage everyone who is interested in the great Clan Ramsay to join the **Clan Ramsay Association of North America**. It's easy  
**Contact David Ramsey: davidf.ramsey@verizon.net**



**Become a part of Clan Ramsey's DNA Project!**

*What is it?* DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name **Ramsay** or **Ramsay**. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom, and ultimately we can link different lines together. But to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

**The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project**

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen, and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc.; 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, Maryland 21044; 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

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**Quarterly Newsletter - *The Ramsay Report*** is available to all members!

**Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games & Events all over the country**

Clan Ramsay is represented all over the United States at Scottish Games, Gatherings and Events. See us at The Loch Norman Highland Games in NC; Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games in OK; AGM of the Clan Ramsay Association of Nova Scotia; Smoky Mountain Highland Games in TN; Gallabre - Greenville Scottish Games, SC; Glasgow Highland Games, KY; Chicago Highland Games, IL; Monterey Scottish Games, CA; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC; Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games, CO; Virginia Scottish Games, VA; The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, Annual Scottish High-

**Carl Bailey the founder of Clan Ramsay Association of North America and Clan Chief James Hulbert Ramsay Lord Dalhousie.**



land Games, CA; Columbus Scottish Festival, IN; Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering, SC; Ligonier Highland Games, PA; Scotland County Highland Games, NC; Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, IN; Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA; and The Scottish Christmas Walk of the Clans, VA.

**Clan Ramsay needs YOU!**

There are openings available in the state/region commissioners roster where you would be most welcome. Contact David Ramsey at davidf.ramsey@verizon.net for full information and details about The Clan Ramsay Association of North America.



# Words to *The Last Post* (TAPS)

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which *The Last Post* (TAPS) was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

We have all heard the haunting song, 'The Last Post.' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the American Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted.

Fading light.	Thanks and praise.
Dims the sight.	For our days.
And a star.	Neath the sun
Gems the sky.	Neath the stars.
Gleaming bright.	Neath the sky
From afar.	As we go.
Drawing nigh.	This we know.
Falls the night.	God is nigh



Who has not felt the chills while listening to 'The Last Post'? I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember those lost and harmed while serving their country. Also, remember those who have served and returned, and those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

In our January issue, you'll find an article about how the Dutch honor our service men and women who fought for the freedom of their own country.

Many of you may never have heard *TAPS* played in its entirety and with full orchestra. The original version of *TAPS* was called *The Last Post* and was written by Daniel Butterfield in 1801. It is rather lengthy and formal, as you will hear in the clip, so, in 1862, it was shortened to 24 notes and re-named *TAPS*.

You'll hear young Melissa Venema play *The Last Post* on the trumpet, whereby the original was played on a bugle.

Watch at this site, and go full screen.

<http://www.flixxxy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>

*From your editor: I will share a very personal connection with this hallowed music. For twenty-six years, I played at funerals in Colquitt County, Georgia with the Disabled American Veterans of that county as the Honor Guard. I was so humbled and honored to perform this haunting melody for our former military men.*



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# Flowers of the Forest

## Our Biggest Fan

I'm sorry to tell you all that my father, **Donald McLeod** died earlier today. (January 7, 2014)

While I cannot yet explain my personal feelings of great loss at this moment I would like to share something with you all.

When Struby and I were 13 and 14 years old my dad was our biggest fan. He drove us and our bandmates to all of our first shows and rehearsals in this humongous purple 1970s Plymouth Fury Sedan that we referred to lovingly as "The Hulk".

Though we were all unsure and lacking confidence, experience, and even embarrassed at times, my father was always the opposite. He was so proud. He was excited, positive and always made anyone that listened to us feel like a friend.

Many years later I watched him excitedly help escort our tour bus into a theater parking lot and later personally greet the many ticket buyers in line at the front, enthusiastically greeting each and every one as personal friends and family members.

Now thinking back to those days in the purple "Hulk," I realize that he never changed from the first day to the last. His love, excitement, pride and positivity was exactly the same. No more, no less.

That's why he's our biggest fan.

I'm sure that any of you that had an opportunity to meet him would agree and remember, he loved you all.

Love you Dad  
Kirk

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**Jeanne Williams**, beloved wife of Lee Williams passed away March 18. Lee and Jeanne participated in the Charleston Highland Games until her health declined. She was a proud member of Clan Ross and The Paisley Family Society. Lee is a descendant of Capt. Robert Pasley.

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Clan Blair Society Member #960- **Phil Blair Hill**, Michigan CBS Commissioner died July 31, 2013 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was the first CBS Commissioner of Michigan. After becoming Commissioner, he hosted a CBS Annual General Meeting and banquet in Lavonia, Michigan. He had two beautifully embroidered flags/banners made and donated them after that AGM to be used at all future CBS AGM's. They traveled to both sides of the USA for several AGM's until the last few years when they were held in Colorado.



Phil was a very devoted caretaker of his wife Donna. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sisters Pat Risdon (Clyde) of Michigan, Carolyn Krone (Geoffrey) of Michigan and daughter Julie Lynn Oring (Rob) of Arizona. All have been members of CBS.

He will always be remembered for his quick smile, twinkle in his eye and quick wit. He loved people and enjoyed sharing his knowledge & experiences with everyone. All who had the pleasure of knowing him will miss him.

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Arizona Clan Blair Society member Jane Shepard-Hall lost her father this past year. She wrapped his urn in the Blair tartan for a very special memorial service.

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Clan Blair Society Member **Curtis Lee Judd**, 52, passed away on the 8th of November, 2013 in the company of his wife and children. He had been fighting Gastric Cancer for several months.

Curtis is survived by his loving wife, Katherine (Katte); his daughters, Jennifer, and Meaghan; and son, Celton. He also leaves behind a sister, Brenda Higgins (John) of Genoa, Colorado, many dear friends including Leslie Blair Gallagher of Colorado Springs, Erin (Gallagher) and Guy Grandison of Reading, England.

He was the embodiment of a "Man of Worth" and a true friend to all. His strength, wisdom and inquiring mind will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



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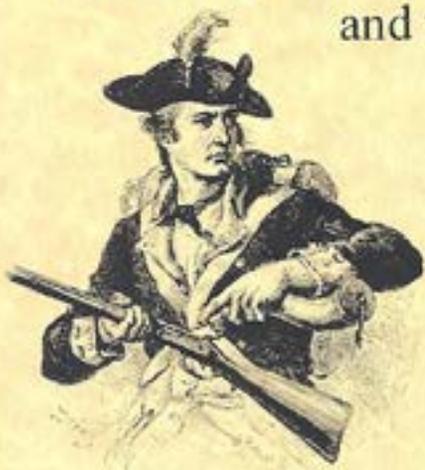
The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



You're welcome to email the Pres.  
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# TAKE NOTICE!

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Revolutionary Days  
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- 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Saturday Morning, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Thirty Historical performers in the Town Square, Mary Willis Library, Robert Toombs House & Washington Historical Museum. Parade will start at 11:30 am behind the Courthouse at Fort Washington Park and end there. A dramatic portrayal of the Battle of Kettle Creek will be presented in Fort Washington Park at 12:00 noon.
- 2:30 p.m. Saturday Afternoon, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Pageantry at the Kettle Creek Battlefield includes Continental Army, Georgia militia, Fife and Drum music, Musket Volley and Wreath Presentations.



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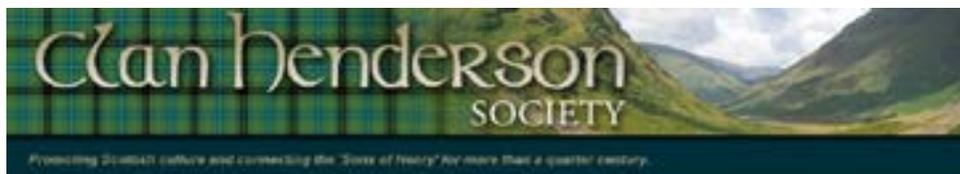
*As a member of the Society you will:*

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  - ❖ *Promote Scottish festivals, games and gatherings.*
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# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

April 20, 1938 - August 18, 2013 The Rev. **John McClure Good** was Chaplain to the Clan MacLeod Society USA for many years, as well as a beloved pastor at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri.

He is survived by children, grandchildren, and one great grandchild, including his son Ian, who is Clan MacLeod Society's USA's Regional VP for the Missouri Valley and is also CMS USA's webmaster.

Ian shared his feelings with clansfolk at the time of his father's passing. "My dad loved that I celebrated our Scottish Heritage and he loved what Clan MacLeod has done for me. He was a proud and loving father who rejoiced in his faith and the knowledge of the serenity that awaited him."

**Murdoch Maclean MacLeod** October 18, 1923 September 21, 2013.

Maclean MacLeod has had a profound effect on the ability of Clan MacLeod to deliver on its mission promise to support Scottish cultural arts.

He will be missed, but as a wise person who helped establish activities that could sustain themselves, his good work will be with us for a long time.

Maclean was a founding member of the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association and the United States Piping Foundation. He acted as its convenor or president for 50 years. He also received many honors internationally for his services to piping.

Personally, he was a talented woodworker, a great storyteller, and a gifted singer.

As friend and collaborator Arthur McAra reminded us, "[He was] always looking for ways to encourage up-and-coming young pipers.

In 1976, Maclean established the MacCrimmon Quaich competition for Grade I Amateur pipers, under the auspices of the Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc. Today, a MacCrimmon Quaich Competition is held in each of the 13 Clan MacLeod Society regions of the United States."

He was born in Ullapool, north of Dunvegan, and after 33 missions with the Royal Air Force in WWII he pursued a career in forestry in Scotland. In 1956, he and his family emigrated to the United States. He helped found the festival that has grown to be the very successful Fairhill Scot-

tish Games, in Fairhill, Delaware.

To remember him, the family requests that those who wish to do make a donation in his memory to a new Maclean Macleod Memorial Scholarship Fund organized by the United States Piping Foundation: Attn: Maclean Macleod Memorial Scholarship Fund, 735 Michell Street, Ridley Park, PA 19078-3721 USA.

**Jean Macaulay Hart-Duling** September 23, 1917 - November 5, 2010.

Jean Macaulay Hart-Duling of Bainbridge Island, Washington was a long time member of the Clan MacLeod. Her parents were Murry D. and Pearl N. (McLeod) Macaulay. As she grew older, she maintained a lively email correspondence with fellow clansfolk.

She left behind a number of family members, including cousin Jim McLeod of Bellingham, Washington.



Their son, Bruce McNichols of Green Valley, Arizona sent the obituaries of both his father and mother: **Bruce Aaron** and **Pauline McNichols**, long time Clan MacNicol members, left us in 2013. They had lost their son, **Mark**, in July of 2012.

Pauline left us at 90 years of age in April of 2013 and Bruce Aaron soon after in late July 2013, also aged 90 years of age.

Bruce and Pauline were married for 71 years.

At high school in Omaha, Nebraska, Bruce was senior class president and they both were the leads in the senior class play.

Bruce served in the 8th Army Air Corps and flew in B-17's over Europe in WWII.

Back home, they started a family which included Brian Allen in 1942, Mark Wayne in 1947 and Bruce Craig in 1949.

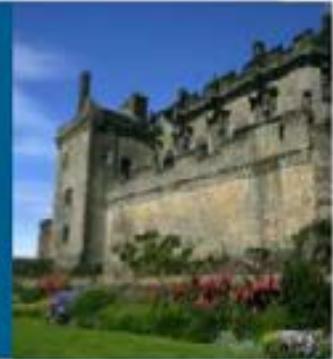
Grandchildren and great-grandchildren abound.

Bruce Aaron was an insurance executive for over 30 years.

He and Pauline traveled to Europe, the Caribbean,

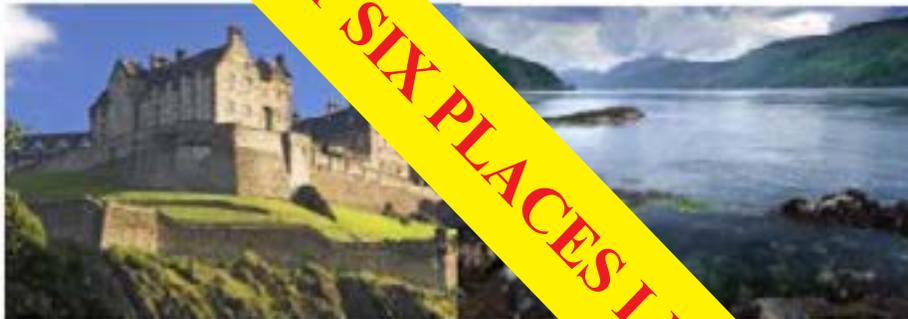
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Scotland  
2014  
Clan Wallace  
International  
Gathering



**June 23- July 1, 2014**  
**\$1,979.00 per person**

Clan Wallace Society Worldwide is once again traveling to Scotland for our Gathering in 2014. This unique customized tour focuses on the known and little known history of Sir William Wallace, along with general Scottish History and culture. We will attend the Scottish National Trust events in commemorating the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn and any Clan activities included. Experiencing Scotland and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of fellow clansmen/women is a life event and promises to be great fun! Please join us.



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- Portage of one suitcase
- Tips and taxes for included services
- Gratuity included for driver and guide
- Fully Escorted

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Air fares
- Independent Arrival/Departure transfers
- Admissions and meals not listed
- Personal items - Laundry, bar, Room service.
- Itinerary subject to change as events are announced
- Valid US or Canadian Passport Required
- Travel Insurance - details will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration form

Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii.

In 1996, Bruce Aaron and son, Bruce, went to Scotland for three weeks to discover over a thousand years of Clan and Scottish history and sites that seemed to “bring it home for us, starting our involvement in and four our Clan MacNicol. Amazed at the continuity of our clan history and detail, we submitted to include Bruce Aaron’s DNA to the 37 marker level with the Nicolson project at Family Tree DNA. This is a great resource to hopefully fill in the extended family tree.

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**Elizabeth Nicolson**, was known to Clan MacNicol members through her participation at many clan meetings with her husband, Don Nicolson. Don sent her Flowers of the Forest to Clan MacNicol.

Born in Tillsonburg, a daughter of the late Charles and Victoria (nee Ball) Burn, Elizabeth passed away from heart failure at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital on Thursday, August 22, 2013 in her 80th year.

A graduate of the nursing program at Brantford General Hospital and Public Health Nursing at the University of Western Ontario and Health Care Organization, Elizabeth devoted her many managerial and nursing talents to the betterment of health care in Ontario.

She began her career in clinical nursing and in 1962 became the Director of Nursing Service at Brantford General Hospital and in 1971, she was the first Director of the

Home Care Program for Brant County District Health Unit. She became the Assistant Executive Director of Ontario Red Cross Hospitals in 1978 and later moved to the Home Care Division of the Ontario Ministry of Health where she served as Senior Consultant and then the Manager of Systems and Project Development. In 1989, she became the Director of the Home Care Program with the Bruce-Grey Owen Sound Health Unit. Her career was punctuated by her many innovations and successes in the delivery of home health care.

Elizabeth retired in 1993 following a debilitating stroke. In retirement, she continued her love of cooking as well as travelling and seeing as much of the world as possible.

A favorite family trip was when Elizabeth, Don, Margot and Carla - with her children, Tori and Alex, all went to Scotland in 2004 for the MacNicol Clan Gathering on Skye. Elizabeth was particularly pleased to be part of the clan and wore her MacNicol tartan sash with great pride. Elizabeth and Don attended many more Clan Gatherings at home in Canada and in Scotland.

She was the beloved wife of Donald Nicolson of Thornbury and will be remembered as the cherished Mom of Carla Nicolson and her husband, Doug Johnston of Thornbury and Margot Nicolson and her husband, Cam Trott of Collingwood. She was the devoted Grandma of Tori and Alex Johnston and step-grandmother of Weston Trott and his wife, Saren, and their son, Xavier, Courtney Trott and Evan Trott.

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# Stewart/Powell Wedding held at Tallahassee St. Andrew Society Dinner as a big surprise!

Members of the Saint Andrew Society were pleasantly surprised when they arrived at the St. Andrew's Day Celebration on November 30th and found that they were to be witnesses to the wedding ceremony uniting longtime membership chairman, **Barbara (Babs) Stewart**, with her long-ago friend, **Mr. Edward Powell**.

Babs and Ed first became friends during their days together as high school students in Tallahassee.

Beautiful programs designed by Eric King announced the wedding plans.

The centerpieces, created by Carolyn Jensen, depicted the poem by Scottish Poet Robert Burns — *A Red, Red Rose*.

Shortly after the Saint Andrew Day program began at the Maguire Center at Westminster Oaks, four darling young girls (Ed's granddaughters and Babs's grand-niece) came down the aisle in white satin dresses and flowered head wreaths, along with a little ring bearer (Babs's grand-nephew).



Babs was escorted in by her brother, Jim

Stewart, to the tune of *Highland Cathedral*, beautifully played by Joe Ashcraft on the bagpipes, Marilyn Davidson on the organ and Aisha Ivey on the violin.

The bride wore a full-length violet gown decorated with a beautiful Pride of Scotland tartan sash. Other members of Babs & Ed's families, wearing the same tartan plaid, joined the happy couple at the altar.

The Reverend Sudduth Cummings officiated at The Rite of Marriage.

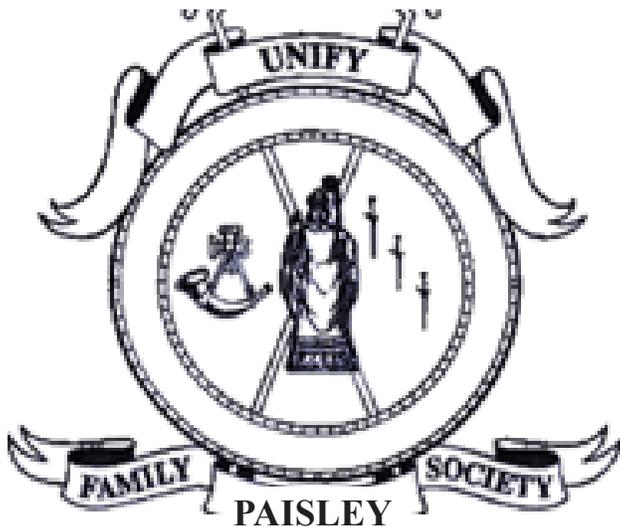
After wedding vows, prayers and blessings, the newly married couple kissed and marched out to the cheers of their gathered friends and family.

A beautiful wedding cake, decorated with Pride of Scotland ribbon, and a groom's cake were enjoyed by all after dinner.

What a wonderful place for this joyful occasion to occur among all of their friends and family members. We all wish them many happy years together!

*Submitted by Jean Holzapfel, Tallahassee, Florida.*





The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

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.



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



#### International Gathering, Scotland 2014

The Paisleys will begin our weekend on **Thursday, June 26** with a dinner at Ardtalla, Slamannen, home of our Chieftain and Lady Jane.

**Friday, June 27** - Pipefest with clans and 1000 pipers marching from Stirling Castle down the hill and around the town.

**Saturday, June 28** - Battle of Bannockburn 700th anniversary and clan gathering. Paisleys meet at the Paisley Society tent. Paisley family buffet dinner at Ardtalla, Slamannen.

**Sunday, June 29** - Paisley gathering at Slamannen for a service at the old village church, a few Paisleys will be manning the tent at Bannockburn, and other events are being planned.

**Monday, June 30** - Paisley historical tour and picnic.

# Raasay house reopens, overcoming many setbacks

Including material found at the *BBC*, *Scotsman*, and *Glasgow Herald* websites from the Clan MacLeod Newsletter.

The work to refurbish Raasay House was finally completed and a formal reopening celebration took place on 20 September 2013.

It was well-covered in the press, and attended by Liberal Democratic British MP Rt. Hon Charles Kennedy. Chief John Macleod of the Macleods of Raasay is the patron of the Raasay House Community Company, which owns the building.

Visiting Raasay and Raasay House is expected to be one of the high points of Parliament 2014.

You may recall that the building was the recipient of a number of grants, which allowed the entire building to be modernised and restored to use. Several small businesses, most notably the Raasay Outdoor Centre, operated out of



the building and collectively employed quite a few residents on the island.

Tragically, right before that first restoration project was about to finish, the building was almost completely destroyed by fire in January 2009. Fortunately no one was seriously injured, and the project was well insured. There were further complications when the contractor, Rok, went “into administration” (bankruptcy) in November 2010. But the

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## **Something learned from Dan Brown's new book, *The Inferno***

In Venice, Italy, in the time of the Black Death, when people figured out that the disease was caused by rats from ships who docked in Venice, a law was passed that ships had to anchor off-shore for forty days. The Italian word for “forty” was “quaranta.”

It is from this word that we get our modern word “quarantine.”

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# Armstrong Clan Society Missing McPersons

**Wayne Wright** is seeking **ancestors** of great grandmother **THOMASINA LOWTHER** born Dumfries, Scotland, July 28, 1854 who married **DAVID ARMSTRONG**, son of **JOHN** and **ANNA SLACK**, on Jan 30, 1877 in Dumfries. Also seeking **decedents** of their children who were all born in Dumfries: **JOHN** born about 1880; **ANNIE** b ca 1882; **THOMAS L.** b ca 1884; **DAVID** b ca 1885; **WILLIAM** b ca 1888 and **JAMES** b ca 1890.

**BRUCE ENOS NIXON** was born Aug 10, 1952. His father was **ENOS OSCAR NIXON** (b Nov, 23 1915 died Mar 15 1993). Grandfather was **OSCAR NIXON**. Has traced his ancestors back to **WILLIAM NYKSON** of Yorkshire (b ca 1395 died unknown). **BRUCE** is seeking any information about **WILLIAM NYKSON** of Yorkshire.

You are asked to please send any replies the above queries to: [billjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:billjohn@hotmail.com) That is the editor of the Clan Armstrong Society newsletter. Your replies will be forwarded to the folks to whom you are writing. (For privacy purposes.)

## McPersons of another ilk

Looking for any information about **ANNA MORRIS**, born 1805 South Carolina and died ca 1860-70. Her father is said to be **JACOB MORRIS**, but that is all that is known about him. Family lore is that we are somehow kin to **WILLIAM MORRIS** who was an artist in Queen Victoria's time, but, alas, there is no proof. The only thing we do have is that each and every member of the **MORRIS** family, which goes into **PHILLIPS, CONE, STUBBS, McDONALD, HENDERSON, BISHOP**, etc., families, is artistic in one way or another, be it painting, flower arranging, decorating, music, cake decorating or fine handwork. This is truly the search for the needle in the proverbial haystack. If, by some miracle, you know of any of these folks, please email [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)



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<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/tulsa-family-history-fair-tickets-9277602559>

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February 18, 2014  
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### Redding California Family History Faire 2014

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<http://www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org/>  
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# Clan Leslie Society International



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and other spelling variations

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**David Leslie White,  
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# Clan Macpherson Association



## Patrick-MacPherson

Andrew H. MacPherson and Charlene Patrick exchanged vows and were married on October 9, 2011 at the Cloisters Castle outside of Baltimore, Maryland.

Charlene is the daughter of Dennis of Glen Burnie, MD and Carol Patrick of Linthicum, MD.

Andrew is the son of Stuart H. (Membership Secretary) of Derry, NH and Laurie J. MacPherson of Chester, NH.

It was a beautiful and glorious day in the early autumn season in which Andrew chivalrously pulled out his dirk, knelt upon one knee, and swore upon it that he will love her and protect her forever. There were not many dry eyes



*Photo (from left to right): Brother and Usher - Robert, Sister and Bridesmaid - Heather, Father and Best Man - Stuart, Bride - Charlene, Bridegroom - Andrew, Mother - Laurie, Brother and Usher - Alexander.*

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### **Raasay House**, *continued from page 17*

RHCC persevered, found another company to work with, Mansell Construction Services Ltd, and was able to get the project finished.

Raasay House is now a multi-function facility, offering accommodation from “lodge” style to luxury, serving meals, and operating a variety of recreational activities - inside and out, on land and on the water. They also support training and business meetings.

The historic exterior of the building was preserved, and behind it you will now find a stunning interior. There are photos and a more detailed description of their services online at <http://www.raasay-house.co.uk>.

The original mansion was home to the Macleod chiefs of Raasay and was burned to the ground by Hanoverian soldiers in 1746 after the Battle of Culloden. The community had supported Bonnie Prince Charlie, who crossed briefly to Raasay while he was on the run. It was rebuilt in time to receive diarist James Boswell and essayist Samuel Johnson during their celebrated Tour of the Hebrides in 1773.

If you would like to become a member and supporter of the Raasay House Community Company, contact their Administrator, Kate Smith, at [rhccraasay@outlook.com](mailto:rhccraasay@outlook.com).

with the wedding witnesses. Charlene is now married into the Clan.

Andrew and Charlene spent their honeymoon in Scotland by first visiting Aberdeen where Andrew attended graduate school. Then, off to Inverness and a cruise down Loch Ness to Urquhart Castle. They spent a few days around Newtonmore and thoroughly enjoyed Ruiseart’s hospitality at the museum. Then, off to Stirling and Edinburgh to finish the week. The couple resides in Millersville, Maryland where Charlene is a therapist for children and Andrew works for the Department of Defense.

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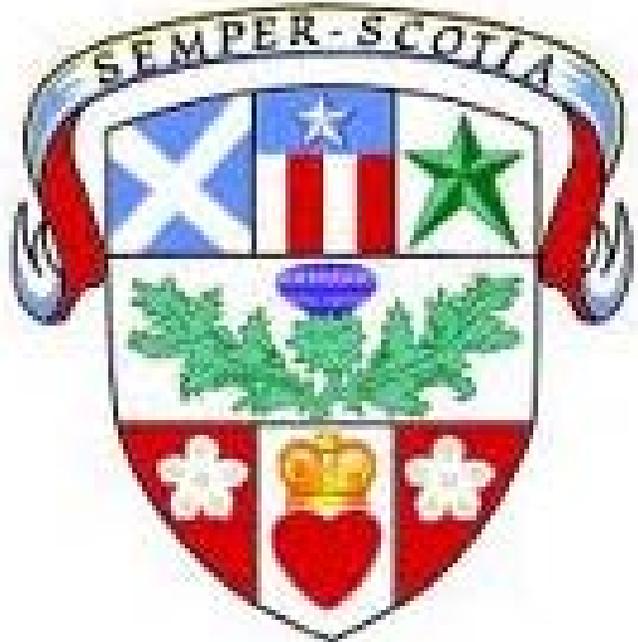
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# 2013 MacLeod Clansperson of the Year, James Blount MacLeod

Clansperson of the Year is the most prestigious award given by the Clan MacLeod USA. This award goes to a Clan MacLeod USA member who has contributed greatly to the goals of the Clan.

The award was established in 1966, and there have only been about 40 recipients. This is an outstanding group of individuals, selected from the thousands of USA members who contribute to the success of our Society.

The recipient is selected yearly, through recommendations made by current members of the Clan Council and Past Presidents. Franklin Wyatt, as a member of the Nominations Committee and Awards Chairman, polls the Council to solicit nominations for "Clansperson of the Year." The results are announced at our annual general meeting.

James has given a great deal to CMSUSA over the years. He has invested his personal time and effort, and has been dedicated to not only the National Society but also to the Dunvegan Foundation and to MacLeod activities on an international level. He was most recently co-author, with Alexander C. McLeod, of an important article on MacLeod genealogy *Y-DNA Evidence for Norse Descent of Leod*. The first part of this article was published in issue #116 of *the Clan MacLeod Magazine*.

James is greatly respected by all members, as well as other organizations closely related to Clan MacLeod. He and his wife, Kathryn, along with other MacLeods, were recently recognized for support of the dancing and piping program at St. Thomas High School in Houston, TX.

In addition to his work on the MacLeod DNA Project, James has positioned the finances of the Dunvegan Foundation for growth and stability for the future while acting as its Treasurer.

The services and thoughtfulness that James Blount MacLeod exhibits at every opportunity embody everything represented by the Clansperson of the Year award.

Also recognized in San Antonio were the 2013 recipients of the President's Award, **Ian Good** and **Tom McLeod**.

The President tries to honor individuals for their extraordinary work on on behalf of the Society. In the case of **Ian Good**, besides being dedicated to his RVP position in



**James Blount MacLeod**

the Missouri Valley, **Ian** took on the added responsibility of revamping and continuing to update our Clan MacLeod USA web site. **Tom McLeod**, who was recruited by Coralane Boyes years ago, has been a Commissioner in Kansas for well over a decade. He received the President's award for his dedicated efforts in that capacity

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# Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.



Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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The **Clan Davidson Society USA** is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the US IRS as a 501 c (3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDA-USA publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40 to 60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [[www.clandavidsonusa.com](http://www.clandavidsonusa.com)] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [[sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net)].





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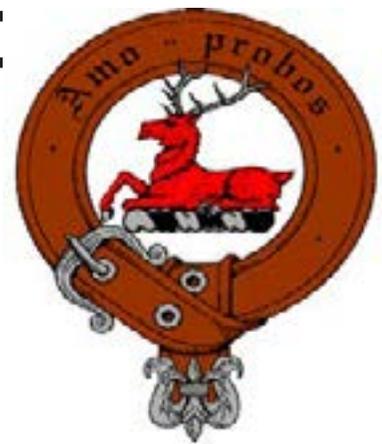
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# JESSE THE CHICKEN PLUCKER

As a boy, Jesse was a chicken plucker. That's right.

He stood on a line in a chicken factory and spent his days pulling the feathers off dead chickens so the rest of us wouldn't have to.

It wasn't much of a job. But at the time, Jesse didn't think he was much of a person.

His father was a brute of a man. His dad was actually thought to be mentally ill. And treated Jesse rough all of his life.

Jesse's older brother wasn't much better. He was always picking on Jesse and beating him up.

Yes, Jesse grew up in a very rough home in West Virginia. Life was anything but easy. And he thought life didn't hold much hope for him. That's why he was standing in this chicken line, doing a job that darn few people wanted.

In addition to all the rough treatment at home, it seems that Jesse was always sick. Sometimes it was real physical illness, But way too often it was all in his head. He was a small child, skinny and meek. That sure didn't help the situation any.

When he started to school, he was the object of every bully on the playground. He was a hypochondriac of the first order.

For Jesse, tomorrow was not always something he looked forward to. But, he had dreams.

He wanted to be a ventriloquist. He found books on ventriloquism. He practiced with sock puppets and saved his hard earned dollars until he could get a real ventriloquist dummy.

When he got old enough, he joined the military. And even though many of his hypochondriac symp-

toms persisted, the military did recognize his talents and put him in the entertainment corp.

That was when his world changed.

He gained confidence. He found that he had a talent for making people laugh, and laugh so hard they often had tears in their eyes.

Yes, little Jesse had found himself.

You know, folks, the history books are full of people who overcame a handicap to go on and make a success of themselves, but Jesse is one of the few I know of who didn't overcome it.

Instead he used his paranoia to make a million dollars, and become one of the best-loved characters of all time in doing it! Yes, that little paranoid hypochondriac, who transferred his nervousness into a successful career, and still holds the record for the most Emmy's given in a single category.

The wonderful, gifted, talented, and nervous comedian who brought us Barney Fife (*The Andy Griffith Show*) was Jesse Don

Knotts.

NOW YOU KNOW, "THE REST OF THE STORY" Jesse Donald 'Don' Knotts (July 21, 1924 - February 24, 2006) There is a street named for him and his statue in Morgantown, West Virginia, his place of birth.





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