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## Big Changes at BNFT in 2023

Beth Gay Freeman

I've done this publication for a very long time and have enjoyed every single minute of it. However, time catches up with us all. For many years, I have done four rather large publications - three of which I have done for free.

Yes, I am proud that I have not been past a deadline in the history of *BNFT*. This publication is done mostly by me, with proofreading and great fun by Tom. There is much technical help from Alastair, too. I have lots of assistance from many kind folks who send in great news for everyone's enjoyment.

I think you all know of Tom's and my amazing romance and of the love, care and concern we have for each other. We know that miracles do happen - and many have happened to us.

For the last two years, I have had sole care of Tom - with the exception of the Wound Care Center who changes his pressure ulcer dressing once a week

and also Habersham Home Health, which does the same up to twice a week.

It is my joy and pleasure - as I'm sure you know - to care for Tom. You all also know that I am not a doctor or nurse nor do I play one on TV.

Tom is a paraplegic since a motorcycle accident in May of 1988.

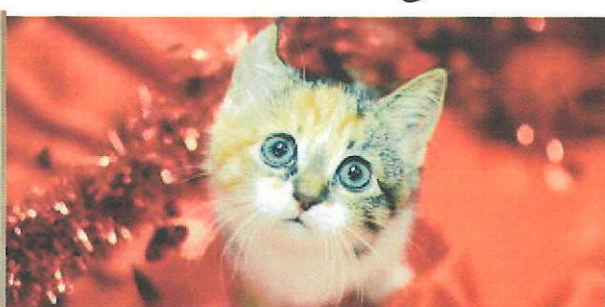
I am somewhat older than Tom and up until just a little while ago, I could not tell that I was. All of a sudden, I felt strange and went to my doctor. I was told I was suffering from exhaustion - a very bad case.

Even though I try to do what the doctor says, this one is hard. I have resigned from all but one of the publications I have done.

I have decided, just to keep my fingers in the Scottish pie, and because I love it so, I will do half of *BNFT* from now until my time is done.

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*From all your feline friends on Valentine's Day 2023*







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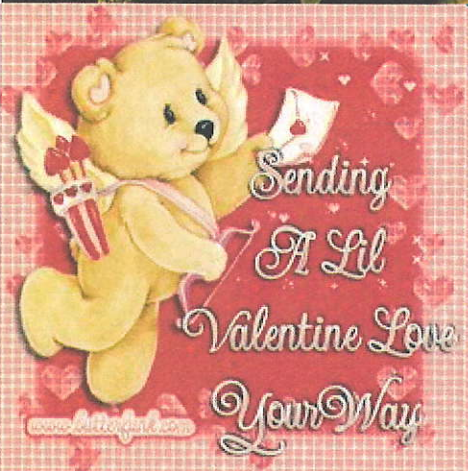
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since 2007

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15<sup>th</sup> of each month.  
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the first of the next month.



Love,  
Beth, Tom and  
Alastair





# A letter from your editor.....

## On enduring friendship



Valentine's Day brings thoughts of loved ones, both romantic images and thoughts of those we cherish because of longtime friendships.

The oldest friends in my life date from grammar school.

It's funny, once I was told that if you are thinking about being friends - or more - with someone you should be sure to ask them a specific question.

When I heard that, I thought, "What kind of a question would be needful in this instance?"

When I found out what the question was, I thought, "It's perfect."

The question? "Tell me about your old friends."

If you don't have old friends, you don't have the capability to sustain relationships. That makes sense to me and it is true.

What wonderful memories I have from Miz Peggie McCubbin's fifth and sixth grade classes at Ruth N. Upson Grammar School in Jacksonville, Florida.

Those classmates have remained friends always.

I wonder if Dwight remembers the report we gave when I talked him into wearing a yellow sheet so he could become "The Sheik of Araby?"

I wonder if Billy remembers playing piano for our class and Mrs. Land's class to square dance to or the time he and I walked down the sidewalk on Astral Street singing at the top of our voices.

It turned out, I can't sing a note properly and Billy spent his career with both the Miami, FL opera and many years with the Metropolitan Opera in NYC.

Does Barbara remember our girlish giggles?

Sweet Admiral was a forever friend throughout his life. He is so greatly missed.

Miz Peggie was beloved from the time I was ten years old. She suffered from Alzheimer's at the end of her life, but when we went to Green Cove Springs for the Northeast Florida Scottish Games we went to see her. She got to meet my Tom and told him in no uncertain terms to "Be Good to Beth!"

He said, "Yes, Ma'm."

I told her I loved her as I always had.

I had an email from Billy this week and Barbara called on the phone.

I've always been so very proud of our band members as there were teachers and musicians and professionals who came out of our little Jacksonville, Florida, group.

Most of us have remained friends as well.

I read somewhere that if you can count just two or three real friends in your life, you are fortunate. By those standards, I am one of the fortunate folks in the world.

Friends made during life have to be remembered, too. Sadly, June is gone as is Jackie and Carlisle - just recently. I will never forget these friends and will always be sad they are gone.

Jeri and her Drysdale and Susan were friends for many, many years. Susan is still with us and that makes me very happy. I always miss Jeri and Drysdale.

My friends have always taught me important things. I learned so much from Jackie. She learned to ride a horse and never, ever fell off. That is amazing.

Our Scottish community has supported my work for many, many years. I must thank each and every person who has become my friend over time. I would not be here today without you. Hopefully, we can hug each other next time we meet.

I truly love my friends as my family. The more time passes, the more I want my friends to know they are loved.

If you are my friend and I have not told you I love you, know that I do. Next time we talk or meet, I will tell you.

Not only on Valentine's Day, but every day, please know that I appreciate all of your kindnesses and do love you all. There's enough love to go around to each and every friend and it is the kind of love that lasts forever.



# Clan Davidson Society USA



[clandavidson-na.org](http://clandavidson-na.org)

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 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.elandavidsonusa.com](http://www.elandavidsonusa.com)] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [[sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net)].





# Edinburgh scientists work on restoring whisky flavours

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NEWS**

Scientists are working on bringing whisky flavours from the early 19th Century back into production.

Researchers at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh are testing how the crops that were common back then respond to modern processing methods.

Over the next six years, they plan to test at least eight heritage barley varieties.

They want to find out whether old species of barley could create distinctive new whiskies.

One of the varieties they will be testing is a 200-year-old Chevallier, said to be the most popular barley in Britain for 100 years.

They will also test Hana, which was originally grown in Czech Moravia and was used to make the first blond Pilsner lager in 1842.

Another is Golden Promise, best known as the barley behind the iconic Macallan bottlings from the 1960s.

The team hopes the research will create new single malts for Edinburgh's Holyrood Distillery.

## ***Flavours and aromas***

Dr Calum Holmes, from Heriot-Watt, said: "New varieties of malting barley are developed regularly to improve processability and agronomic traits, and it's not uncommon to find some predominate the industry for a period of time.

"However, there's increasing interest within the malting and distilling industries to explore a role for older barley varieties.



"There's hope that using these heritage varieties of barley might allow for recovery of favourable aroma characteristics into distillate and some have also displayed potential resilience to stresses that might be expected in a changing climate."

Marc Watson, head of spirit operations at Holyrood Distillery, said: "We think there are clear sensory differences with using heritage barleys, but we wanted to back it up with science.

"It's using innovation to bring back characteristics that have been lost by switching to newer varieties of barley... flavours and aromas that haven't been present in whisky for decades, if not longer."



# The Armstrong Clan Society

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

The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from the United States Federal Income Taxes.

On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms to the right of this paragraph. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."



## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

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

## Membership

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



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

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <[chrisarmys@gmail.com](mailto:chrisarmys@gmail.com)>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!



# Whole busload of Clan Lindsay USA members explored Scotland last summer

This past August a busload of Clan Lindsay USA members took a tour of Scotland. It was a trip of a lifetime as our members toured the relevant Lindsay castles and visited Balcarres House and had wonderful adventures along the way. David Lindsey, Clan Lindsay USA Counselor from Massachusetts has put together a photographic tour for those of us who could not go. (But first just a few reactions from the tour. Read on...

Don Crawford, a member from St. Elmo, Illinois writes, "This was my first trip to Scotland and I had a great time. Couldn't have asked for better weather and the Scottish people were very welcoming. I've started my Scotland fund for a return trip in the future. Probably one event I enjoyed was the visit to Mull, Iona, and Staffa and the ferry rides (never been on a ferry). I could imagine myself living on Iona with my paints and canvases. I also enjoyed visiting the various stately homes and castles on our trip. Dunnottar Castle painfully reminded me that I needed to get back to the gym. Finally, it was nice to be able to meet the people behind the names and faces in the *Clan Lindsay Recorder*.

From Deb Lindsay, Indialantic, Florida

I come from a large family of Lindsays based in Canada, originally Quebec, but now sprinkled across the country. I live in Florida and joined the Clan USA group to foster some additional links. The trip to Scotland was my first but not last. The country is very beautiful and we were blessed with great weather. The circular itinerary from Edinburgh airport, up to St. Andrews, west to the Hebrides islands- particularly the Isle of Staffa and Iona, then south back to Edinburgh, included a terrific combination of castles, diverse scenery and good hotels and food!

We were warmly welcomed to the *Balcarres House and Gardens*. It was truly a stately home, complete with Lindsay family pictures that even included the Queen!

I had looked forward to Edzell Castle but it was 'under repair' so that's something to look forward to next time.

Another highlight was the tour of the Glen Moray Distillery, which I'll have to find at my local shop. I didn't take notes to remember the names of the many many castles we saw but I won't forget the hike down and up from the scenic Dunnottar Castle.

Lastly, the Edinburgh Tattoo was an unforgettable highlight for this fan of bagpipes and massed marching groups. In sum, the organizers put us on a comfortable bus, with a very knowledgeable and entertaining guide who kept the commentary interesting and fun. I would go on another Clan tour in a

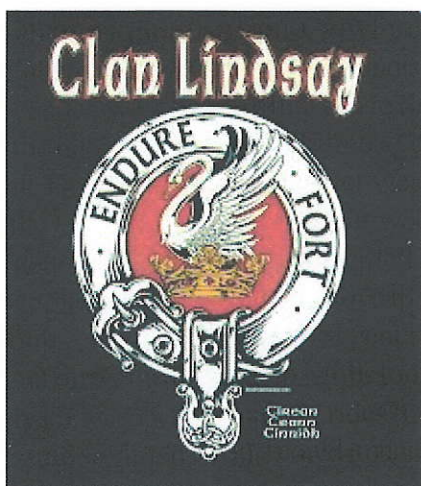
heartbeat. Many thanks.

From John and Jackie Lindsay, Fort Collins, Colorado

The Clan Lindsay Scotland Tour finally took place in August 2022. After a two-year delay, it was a great trip.

Highlights for us had to be visiting Balcarres Castle and seeing Lady Crawford's beautiful gardens. And visiting Hollyrood Castle and then St. Giles Cathedral. Who would have known that two weeks later Queen Elizabeth would lie in state in both.

*Clan Lindsay Recorder*, editor, Sylvia Bridgewater Gaillard, 146 Fort Wayne Court, Waleska, GA 30183 can send you the photographic tour by David Lindsey put together for you if you write to her and ask for it.





# MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc.

of Clan Macfie

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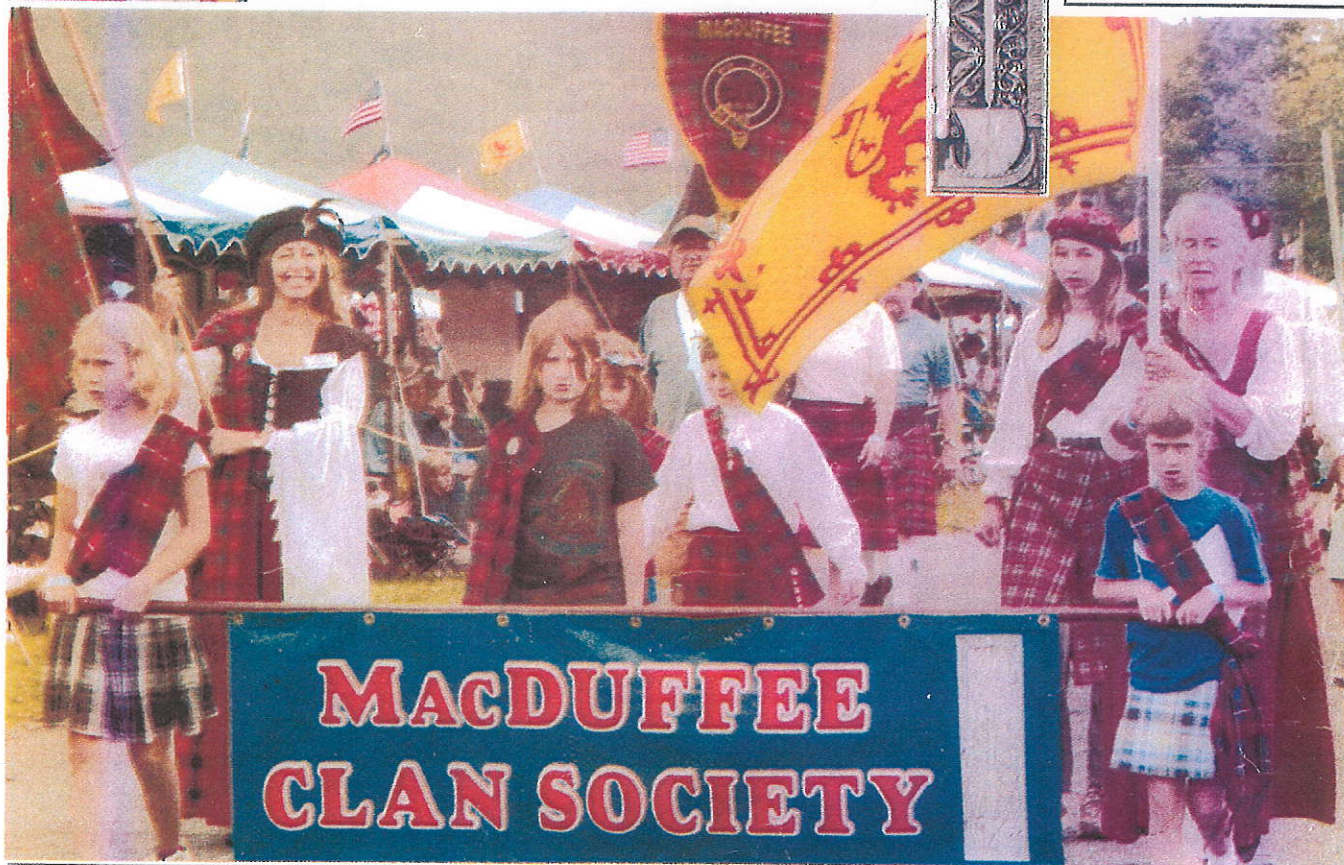
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of America







**Finlay is abso —  
lutely thriving,  
so says  
the vet**

**TWO PHOTOS OF FINLAY**

Hi All. As promised here is an update on Finlay after the visit from the vet yesterday. We are delighted to say that Finlay is absolutely thriving and getting better and better. The vet commented that Finlay has continued to gain muscle mass on his shoulders and rump and that crucially, he now has good muscle and fat coverage over his ribs. The coat condition is noted as being excellent. It is thick, dense and there is now no shedding. His eyes are bright and clear with no discharge, and he is completely alert to any movements in his surroundings. He is still not fully recovered but if his improvement continues as it has been, then we hope he will reach his full potential soon.

Perhaps the most notable observation by the vet, was that Finlay now has at least 50% more body mass than when the vet first saw him in June. That is a crucial observation, as it shows firstly how much Finlay had deteriorated, but secondly it confirms how

well he has responded to the diligent care we have provided. A 50% swing is huge. We cater to all Finlay's needs to the very best of our abilities and we ensure his environment is stimulating and exciting. This of course promotes exploration and muscle development and equally importantly, psychological wellbeing. A happy animal is more likely to be a healthy animal. Finlay is certainly full of life and vigour and is a joy to watch.

We managed to grab this picture of him taking in the morning sun. I am sure you agree that he looks magnificent as he surveys his domain. Eyes focussed, ears pricked forward and ready for action. He certainly has his swagger and confidence back. What a fighter he is, his resilience and ability to survive both being orphaned and then seized, is an inspiration to us all.

As you know, our top priority has been to en-

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# IMPORTANT

**This has become known as a signal for “help me” in any situation.**



**Please alert your children  
and teach them to do this.  
Please alert everyone.**

Visit this YouTube video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ozb1ty5KivE>

*With many thanks to Steve Kelley.*



**Finlay is absolutely thriving**, *continued fom page 9*

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sure Finlay survived his ordeal. In the New Year our attentions will turn to planning Finlay's long-term future. That will involve dialogue with vets, animal behaviourists and others. As we have done since the beginning, we will keep you informed every step of the way. We know how important Finlay is to so many of you.

If you would like to adopt a Scottish Wildcat, this is the link for postal adoption packs:

<KL<https://www.wildcathaven.com/wildcat-adoption/adopt-a-scottish-wildcat>>

This is the link for digital adoption packs:

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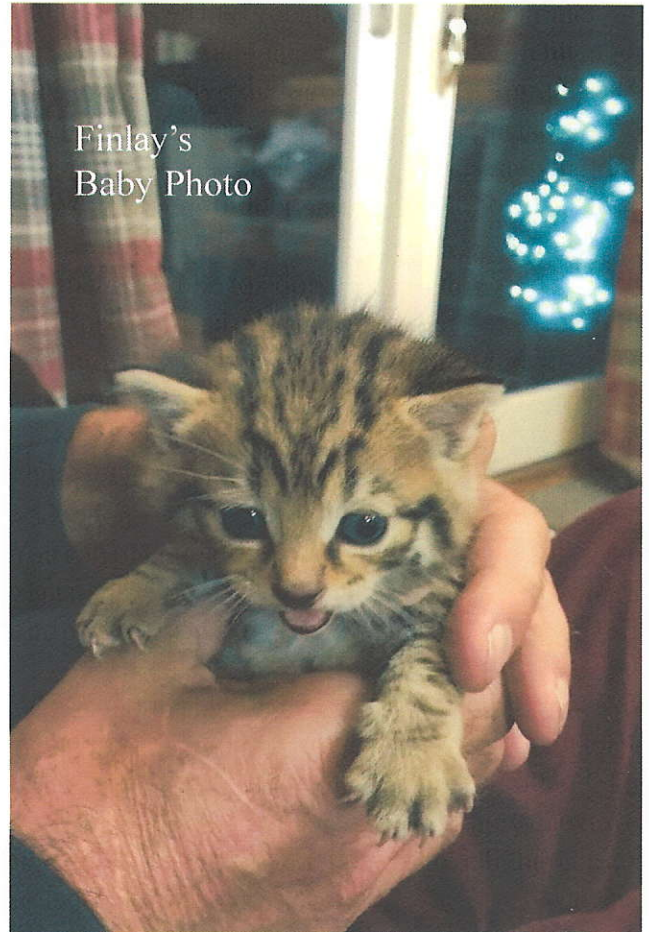
You can of course donate if you wish at the following link:

<<https://www.wildcathaven.com/donations-page>>

We are fighting hard and we are extremely grateful for your continuing support.

Finally, we will provide a full update on Finlay next week but just wanted to let everyone know that he is absolutely thriving and continues to delight us with his fantastic progress.

The very best wishes as always  
Emily (Director) and Finlay.



Finlay's  
Baby Photo

Below is another of Finlay's Baby photos





# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!*

**Royal is my Race!**

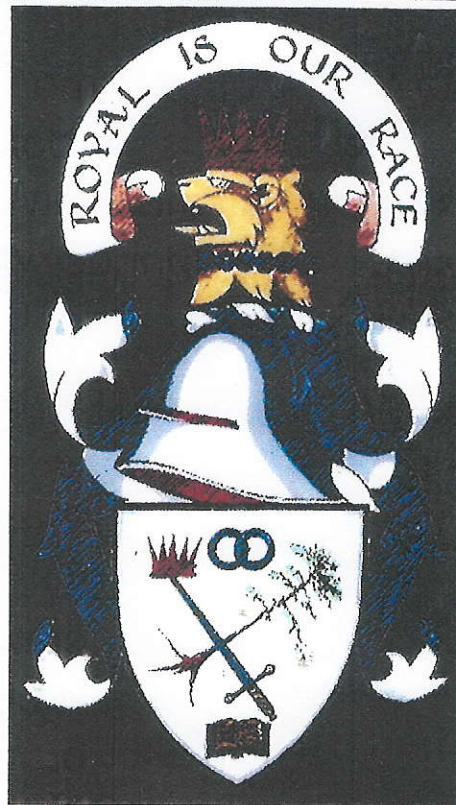
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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**24th Chief of Clan Gregor**

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# MacDonald Flower of the Forest, Carlisle McCall Perrin

Carlisle McCall Perrin, née Dreier, age 75, of Maryville, TN, passed away surrounded by family on December 31, 2022, at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, TN, following a brief illness. Carlisle, born June 13, 1947, was a native of Union, SC. A graduate of Union High School, she completed her education at the University of South Carolina. She was formerly married to Richard Pierson Simon, Sr. Her work over the ensuing decades encompassed a wide range of activities and volunteer efforts. She worked as an Interior Designer, technical writer for Data Southern Corporation, and engaged in the home education of two of her of three sons.

Her greatest work was related to her infectious passion for genealogy, history, and her church. She served the Scottish organization Clan Donald, USA, holding positions of Tennessee Convenor, Tennessee State Commissioner, MidSouth Regional Commissioner, and CDUSA Board of Directors. In recognition of decades of invaluable service to the organization, Carlisle was awarded the title of Regional Commissioner Emeritus by the High Chief of Clan Donald. She was a Lady of the Kingdom of Raknar and the Scottish Ladies United Together Society. She also was active in her parishes, serving in youth min-

istry and on several vestries including St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Dayton, OH and Holy Cross Anglican Church in Farragut, TN. Until the time of her death,

she faithfully served in her current parish of Apostles' Anglican Church, Knoxville, TN. Carlisle held membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Halifax Resolves Chapter, and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

Carlisle was preceded in death by her father Charles Dreier, Jr., mother Lillian Perrin Dreier, sister Henrietta Perrin Abell Wilkinson, and grandmother Henrietta Wade Perrin. She is survived by her sons Richard Pierson Simon, Jr., McCall Perrin Simon, Camden McCall Simon, daughters-in-law Kayla Byerley Simon and Caleigh Melissa Simon, brother Charles Perrin Dreier III, and several nieces and cousins.

Receiving of Friends was held at 4 pm on Friday, January 6, 2023, at Apostles' Anglican Church, 1540 Robinson Road, Knoxville, TN.

Funeral services will be held 11 am on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Apostles' Anglican Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDForg).





# Clan *Blair* Society



Memberships are cordially invited  
for Blair descendants and other  
interested parties.

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Blair House, the ancient home of the Blair family in the Ayrshire region, has history to circa 1100.

Clan Blair





# Dawes Commission and the Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes 1893-1914

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

The Dawes Commission is considered by many historians and human rights activists as one of the most sordid chapters in historical interactions between Native Americans and the United States Government. During the years 1893-1914, Native Americans were subjected to forced enrollment to determine who was qualified for individual land allotments in designated Indian Territories.

The Native American nations that were part of the administrative functions of the commission guidelines were:

1. Cherokees
2. Chickasaws
3. Choctaws
4. Creeks
5. Seminoles

The ultimate objective of the Dawes Commission was to persuade the governments of the Five Civilized Tribes to negotiate themselves out of existence. Government leaders at the time felt this was an essential first step in implementing a policy of ceding land to each individual Indian. Its purpose was to convince the Five Civilized Tribes to agree to cede tribal title of Indian lands under an allotment process.

During this process, the Indian nations were stripped of their communally-held national lands, and the land was divided up into single lots and given to individual members of the nation. However, to establish membership in a given tribe, individuals had to

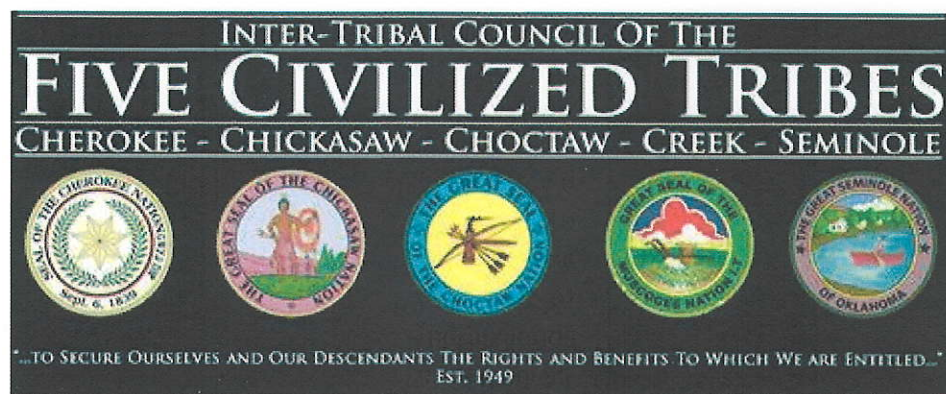
declare allegiance to one and only one tribe to be listed in a national registry known as the Rolls. Many people did not sign up to these Rolls because they feared government persecution if their ethnicity was formally entered into the system.

Furthermore, people often had mixed blood from several tribes, so 1/4 Cherokee and 1/4 Creek were registered as "1/4 Cherokee", thereby formally losing part of their heritage by governmental decree. Many Indian tribes did not consider blood relationships to be the only criteria as to whether one belonged to a tribe, but the Dawes Commission did. The last blow to logic was that many freedmen or slaves of Native American Indians who were freed after the Civil War, were kept off the rolls. Many Creek freedmen are still fighting this battle today against the Creek Nation, attempting to get benefits the Nation offers its citizens. But it only considers people citizens if they descended from someone on the Dawes Commission Rolls.

The result of the Dawes Commission was that

Indian nations lost most of their national land. This cleared the way for white settlers looking for oil

riches and farm land to come into the territories in areas such as Tulsa, Oklahoma, buy up the small lots from the Indians, and set up towns. The Indians now had more money but had lost their territory to such an

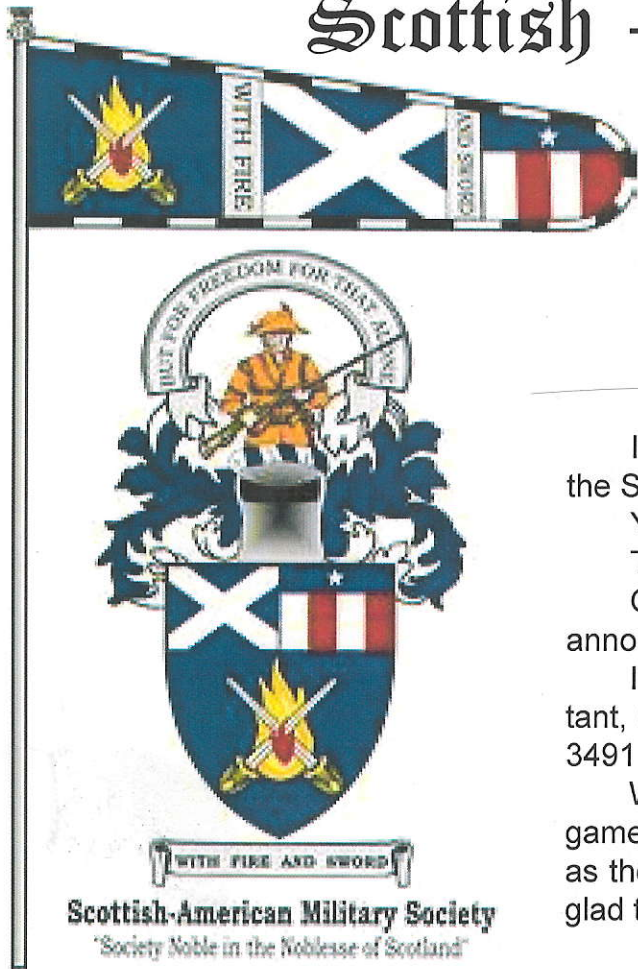


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# Scottish - American Military Society

## General Elijah Clark Post #60



If you are a veteran of Celtic heritage, you can join the Scottish - American Military Society.

You can visit our webpage for more information. The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

Our meeting times, dates and places are to be announced as soon as it is possible.

In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General Elijah Clark Post #60. Call 1-676-873-3491 or visit his email at <[rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)>

When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.



# Scottish - American Military Society



If you would like information on joining the Scottish - American Military Society, please contact: **Rick Conn**, Adjutant, General James Jackson Post #60, 2683 Brocklin Drive, Grayson, GA 30017 -1432. Telephone **678-873-3491**. Email: <[rickconn@bellsouth.net](mailto:rickconn@bellsouth.net)> <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>



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extent that it crippled their Nations for many years to come.

Once the tribes had been relocated to Indian Territory, the United States Government promised that their lands would be free of white settlement. Some settlers violated the agreement with impunity even before 1893, when the government opened up the area known as the Cherokee Strip to outside settlement via the Oklahoma Land Run. In 1907, the Territory of Oklahoma and Indian Territory were merged into the new state of Oklahoma, where ancestors of all the Five Civilized Tribes have a major presence today.

Researchers tracing Native American ancestors should take the time to search the Dawes Rolls. The Dawes Rolls, also known as the "Final Rolls", are the lists of individuals who were accepted as eligible for tribal membership in the "Five Civilized Tribes": Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Seminoles. (It does not include those whose applications were stricken, rejected or judged as doubtful.) Those found eligible for the Final Rolls were entitled to an allotment of land, usually as a homestead. The Rolls contain more than 101,000 names from 1898-1914 (primarily from 1899-1906). They can be searched to discover the enrollee's name, sex, blood degree, and census card number.

Today the five tribes continue to use the Dawes Rolls as the basis for determining tribal membership. They usually require applicants to provide proof of descent from a person who is listed on these rolls. Researchers are advised to contact the individual tribes directly for enrollment information.

For more information on this topic, feel free to request my two study guides that cover this area of research. Both guides include print and Internet sources for further research.

*Native American Research 2022*

*Dawes Commission 2022*

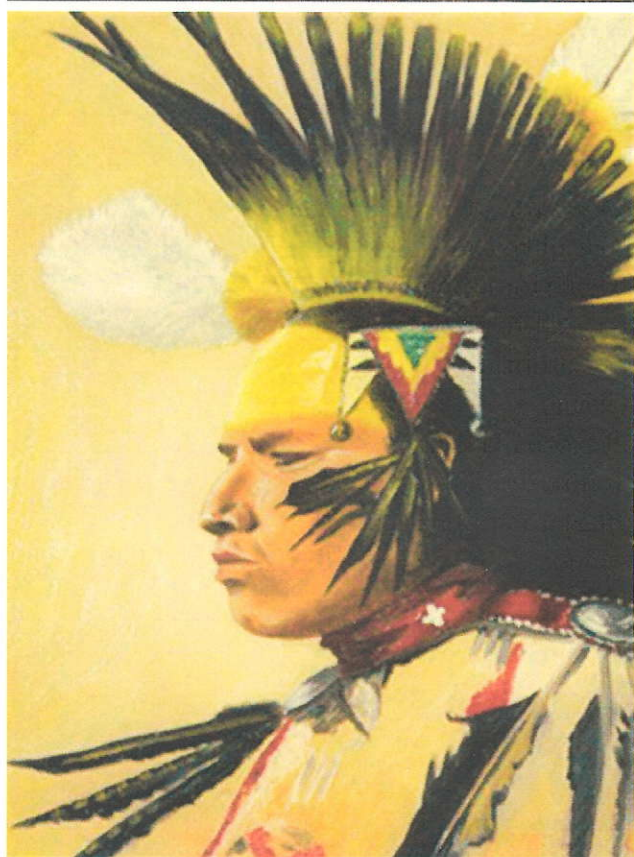
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An Urran Ceann Sinnidh

# Hear Ye, Hear Ye,

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# History Scotland invites you to a Zoom Talk, 17 January

Join *History Scotland* for a fascinating Zoom talk exploring the 16th-century text that may – or may not – have changed history.

In the winter of 1507-08, two men – Walter Chepman and Andro Myllar – set up a strange device in one of the buildings on Edinburgh's Cowgate. Made of wood, taller than a man, and looking like a cross between a torture implement and a wine press, it was Scotland's first printing press. This exclusive illustrated lecture tells the story of how it came to Scotland and what Chepman and Myllar printed on it.

We'd love to welcome you to this fascinating 45-minute talk, with 30 minutes for audience questions after the presentation.

## EVENT DETAILS

Dr Kelsey Jackson Williams will present a live c.45-minute Zoom talk at 6.30pm (UK time) on 17 January, followed by 30 minutes of questions from the audience. The webinar will be recorded and made available to ticket-holders the following day, valid for 7 days after the broadcast.



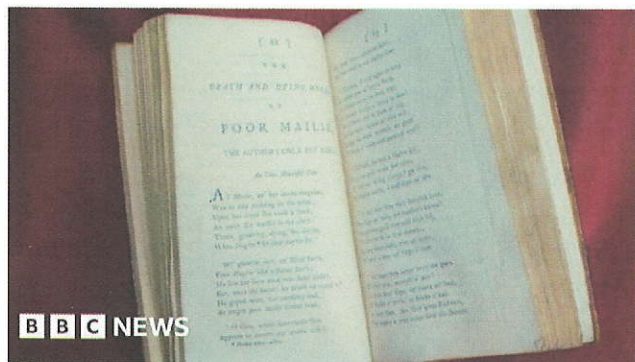
**Dr. Kelsey Jackson Williams**

Got a question? E-mail Rachel Bellerby. <rachelb@warnersgroup.co.uk>

Dr Kelsey Jackson Williams is an Associate Professor of Early Modern Literature at the University of Stirling and studies the intellectual, literary, and material cultures of early modern northern Europe, particularly Scotland.

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## Rare Burns Book Ripped apart in the 1880s, but saved by a collector!



A rare first edition of a book of Robert Burns poems was saved by a collector in the late 1800s as it was being ripped up by a barber to clean razors.

Burns enthusiast John Murison had spotted the book in a dilapidated state at a barber's shop in Shrewsbury.

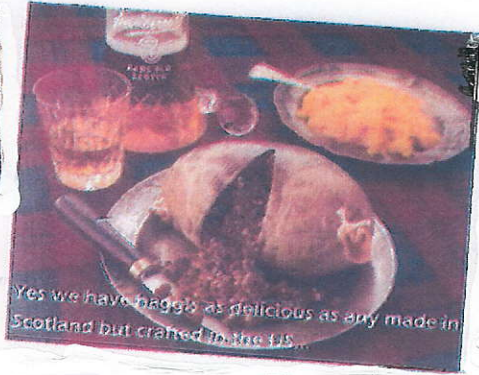
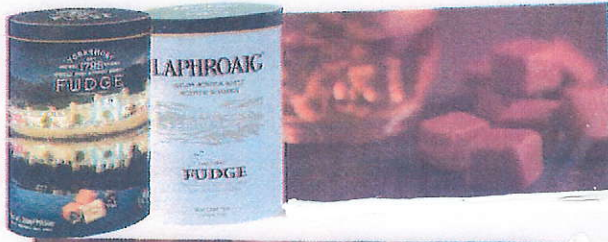
The Glasgow collector stepped in to buy the book, *Poems Chiefly In The Scottish Dialect*.

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*Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect,*  
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It is now on display in Fife, although its first 50 pages are missing.

The exact date Mr Murison rescued the book is not known, but it is thought to have been in the 1880s or 1890s.

The book will be displayed at Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries in Fife, next to the Abbey Church, which Burns visited in 1787.

It will be on show in the reading room from now to 5 February, coinciding with Burns Night on 25 January.

Only 612 copies of Burns's debut collection, commonly known as the *Kilmarnock Edition*, were printed in 1786 and it is thought that only 84 survive worldwide.

Sara Kelly, local studies officer with *OnFife*, the cultural charity which runs the library, said it was a mystery how the book ended up in Shropshire.

"The only noted owner is an Alexander Dick in 1790, so there's more research to be done if we are to chart the book's journey to Shrewsbury," she said.

"It's wonderful that John Murison had the presence of mind to step in and save the book, given that so few of them still exist.

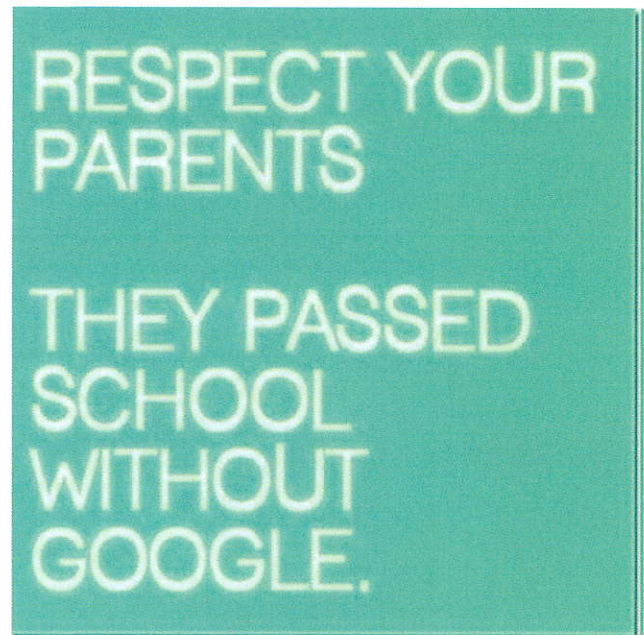
"It doesn't go on show very often because of its condition and rarity."

The truncated edition is part of the John Murison Collection that is looked after by OnFife. Because of its fragile condition, it is housed in a conservation box.

The book will be displayed with other Burns-related material collected by Mr Murison, who visited Shrewsbury when he was working as a travelling seed merchant.

Mr Murison's treasure trove of 1,700 artefacts – considered to be one of the world's finest collections of Burns-related material – was bought by construction mogul Sir Alexander Gibb, who gifted it to Dunfermline Carnegie Library in 1921.

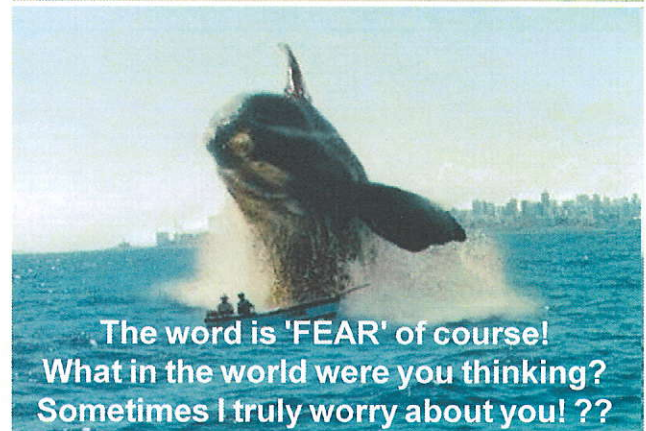
*Poems Chiefly In The Scottish Dialect* was printed by John Wilson of Kilmarnock and the entire print-run sold out within a month.



## The F Word

So, when is it appropriate to use the "F" word?

Quite frankly, the "F" word can be the ONLY word in the English language that accurately describes some situations.







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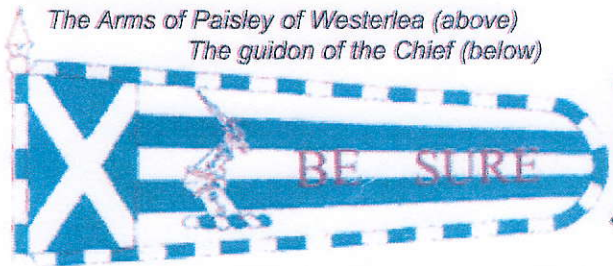
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## Big Changes at BNFT,

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We will continue on electricscotland.com, which pretty well guarantees a big, big readership.

Alastair continues to be a very dear friend whom I will always feel to be part of my wonderful, but not really kin, family, along with so many of you all.

Besides being ordered to bed for the last two years, Tom has been in North East Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, GA for a week.

He is coming home this afternoon and will be home about six weeks giving himself infusions each day. He will return to the Gainesville hospital then to complete the surgery to his pressure ulcer.

If I still had a horse, I would spend a lot of time riding. I do have an art studio set up in our library, and once things are a bit calmer, I may try my hand at painting a wee bit again. I haven't done that since I went to work at the library in Moultrie.

As I remember, that was sometime around 1988 as I worked there for 17 years and ended up in Walhalla, SC in 2005.

On top of all of this, I have lost June and Jackie and Carlisle of my dear and beloved friends recently.

My beloved doctor, Harry McDonald, takes good care of me and says I have some years yet to go. I hope so.

I'm going to try to continue to send you *BNFT* each month, although it will only be one section. We'll see how that goes.

In fact, everything I have written here depends on how everything goes.

I have always written my publications, no matter to whom they go, as if they were always going to dear friends of mine. I hope you enjoy the ones that are left.

Our friend, Steve Smith and his wife, Debbie, are coming over about 3 PM so we can take Tom's Wound Pump to him at the hospital. They won't let Tom come home without it.



# The Highland peatbog seeking worldwide recognition

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The Flow Country is a wide expanse of peatbogs, lochs and mountains

**Steven McKenzie**

BBC Scotland Highlands  
and Islands reporter

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A vast area of peatbog in Scotland's Flow Country could become one of Unesco's newest World Heritage sites. But why do some people believe the landscape deserves the attention?

Heather Jardine was a girl when the machinery arrived to carve up the ground on hills around her home in Sutherland in the 1970s.

She remembers the peatbogs being drained as huge diggers were used to create massive ditches.

The land was being prepared for large blocks of commercial forestry, which involved the planting of millions of non-native trees.

Heather says: "It seemed quite exciting as a young child seeing all the planters and the activity.

"But later it was realised this had been the wrong thing to do.

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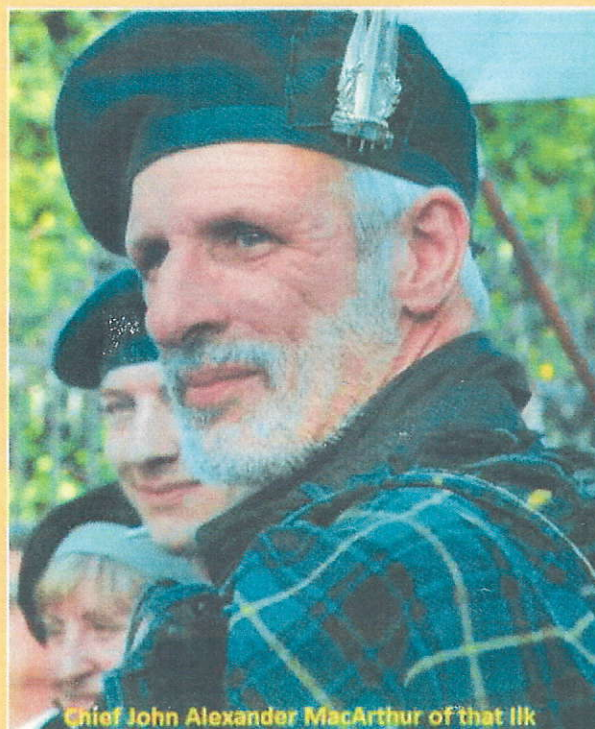
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## The Highland peatbog seeking worldwide recognition, *continued from page 23*

"In the 2000s work started on taking all the forestry down and blocking up the ditches."

In the intervening years, the importance of the environment which had been damaged had become clear. The repair work continues to this day.

The Flow Country is home to diverse wildlife including birds, mammals and plants.

The Flow Country contains the most intact and extensive blanket bog system in the world.

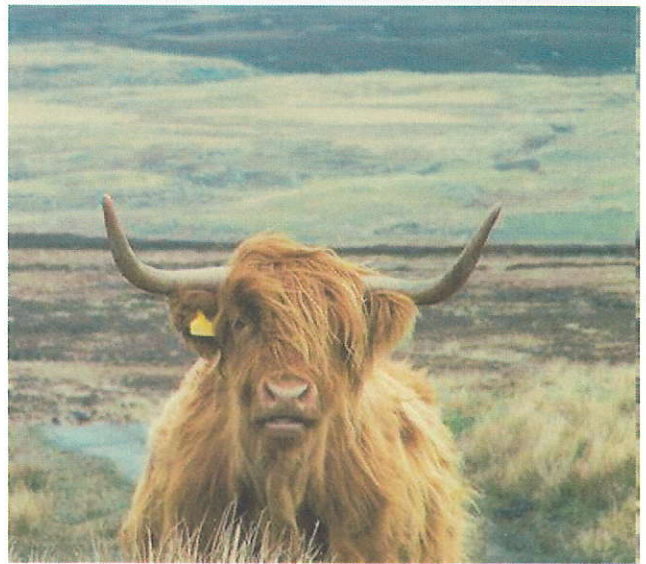
This expanse of peatlands, bogs, pools, lochs, hills and mountains covers large parts Caithness and Sutherland in the north Highlands.

It is about 50 miles across - roughly the distance from Glasgow to Edinburgh - and covers almost a million acres of land.

The peatlands, which have been growing for 10,000 years, are formed by layers of waterlogged mosses and other vegetation as they die off.

The plant life does not fully decay due to acidic conditions, so the material retains some of the carbon it absorbed when at the surface of the bog.

In places, the peat is 10m thick - deep enough to submerge two double decker buses stacked on top of one another.





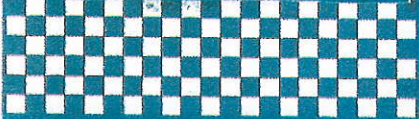


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# Mickey Slippin'

Beth Gay Freeman



This is a true story about a silky black Labrador Retriever who grew up about halfway to town from my house when I lived near Moultrie, Georgia, actually in a teenie little place called New Elm, Georgia.

It was a mobile home where the dog lived very close to New Elm.

It was a modest little place, but neat and clean and the home of a lovely black Labrador Retriever I had watched grow from a lanky pup into a handsome big dog.

Each day, on the way to and from work, the black dog would be visible around the yard. Playing or sleeping. He never strayed.

I worried about the lack of fence, but he seemed to be well-trained about the road. I never saw people, only the shiny black dog.

One winter morning, driving to work, I noticed the black dog uncharacteristically out of his yard, sitting by the mailbox within a few feet of big trucks and cars whizzing by. I was surprised to see that the mobile home was gone. It was missing. It was not there. Where it had been, was empty space.

I thought, "They will be back for him later today. He will be fine.

That night, there he sat in the very same place with that hopeful Lab look on his face.

He was there the next morning. He was there that night and the next morning, too. He continued to smile his Labrador smile and look hopeful.

It was cold that year with freezing nighttime temperatures.

The next morning, I could not stand it. I took some dry food on the way to work. I stopped, thinking the dog would be happy to see anyone, especially with food. No. He was frightened and ran into the bushes. I left the food for him. I could not get within a dozen feet of the hungry dog. He was really skittish.

This was our routine for the next week: I'd bring food and water morning and night and just leave it for him. After a day or two of him shying away from me, he would sit very carefully just

out of my my arm's reach.

What to do? The best I could come up with was if I could catch him and take him home, I could feed him and care for him and find him a new family.

I called my long-time veterinarian when I got home late that afternoon. "Doc," I need to catch a dog who is afraid of me." I told him the story of the abandoned dog."

The vet did have an idea. "Why don't you slip him a mickey" in a hotdog?" he asked.

"A mickey?"

"Yeah, Beth, you've seen it done in the movies to people and animals. It's just a little white pill you can put in a hotdog and hotdog bun."

Next morning, I took a Hebrew National hot dog along with me, all neat in a tinfoil square. (Hebrew National hot dogs have help from a Higher Power according to the package notes.)

I dutifully fed the dog on the way to town that morning and then stopped by the vet's office to get the "mickey."

I left work an hour early since it was dark by 5:30 PM that time of year.

I pulled into the dog's driveway by quarter of five.

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The pill was hidden by the hot dog. I put the entire thing down on the ground for the Lab.

"Gulp!" the hot dog was swallowed whole.

I thought, "He'll go to sleep right now!"

Nope. He just sat there and since I sat there, we stared at each other. I tried to explain to him what was happening, but it fell on deaf dog's ears. He soon became accustomed to me being there and started his routine of examining each blackberry bush and every tree for signs of another dog.

I followed that dog through the thickets and through the bushes and through the sticky weeds. It was getting darker and darker and he was a very black dog.

He's gonna fall over and I won't be able to find him!" I thought, wondering how in the world I had come to be following a stray black dog through jungle on the coldest night of the year?

The dog was not in a hurry to go to la-la-land. He wandered over what felt like a million acres of brush land - land that I was increasingly sure had many, many snakes living on it. The dog just chased a mouse and generally had a wonderful time playing. I gamely followed.

"Can I leave?" I thought. "No. He could fall over on the road and get run over."

I remembered my tiny flashlight on my key ring and went to retrieve that. It put out a beam the size of a really skinny bit of spaghetti. That was fine for finding a keyhole, but not a bit of good for finding a black dog on a black night.

Our game of "Find the Black Dog" continued for another hour. It was freezing cold - and did I forget to say I had a terrible case of flu? How did I get here? Why was I here? Would I ever get home? I was sneezing and coughing and dripping and both tired and miserable - and cold. The dog was running in circles having a fine time. He thought we were playing "chase," I reckon.



Finally, I heard a big "clump." That was a sound that could be a big dog collapsing on the ground. After a ten-minute search, there he was - peacefully sleeping in the midst of brambles and stinging nettles.

"ZZZZZZZZZZ," said the dog.

"Hurrah," sez me.

Have you ever tried to lift a heavy and limp dog from amongst thorny bushes that made you itch?

The dog had passed out as far away from my car as he possibly could and still be within the same county. It was like trying to lift seventy pounds of loose sand enclosed in a lumpy, doggy smelling and leggy fur sack.

"ZZZZZZZZZZ" continued the dog.

I was confident of lifting fifty pounds as that is what a sack of horse feed weighs - but this stray dog - thanks to me - had been eating goooooood. I grunted and groaned and struggled and strained and finally succeeded in wrapping what seemed to be dozens

of limp feet and legs and a huge body in my arms. Then, we struggled through all of the bushes and thorns and over the uneven ground using the headlights of the traffic on the road as a way to more or less see where we were going.

Finally, we found the car and I sort of poured him into the back seat. Then, at last, we went the rest of the way home. I did have a dog collar and leash in the car which were promptly installed around the dog's large and fat neck.

"ZZZZZZZZZZ," said the dog as I struggled to get him into my house. Half carried, half dragged he was, but he didn't seem to care at all.

His comment? "ZZZZZZZZZZ."

I took my shower and fixed supper. Supper over, I read a little while.

"ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ," said the dog.

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