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Actor, George Clooney is half-first cousin to President Abraham Lincoln

After researching more than three centuries of Abraham Lincoln's family tree, Ancestry.com family historians have revealed a Lincoln family secret: famous actor George Clooney is related to the former president.

The family bloodline for both notable figures links to Lincoln's maternal grandmother Lucy Hanks. Due to this common ancestor, Clooney is Lincoln's half-first cousin five times removed. Those interested in the Lincoln-Clooney connection can find a family connection chart at Ancestry.com.

For those more interested in Abraham Lincoln himself, Ancestry.com is offering free access to more than 20,000 documents showcasing Lincoln's life, his family tree and the most pivotal moments of his presidential career.

Lincoln enthusiasts and movie fans can discover a whole new side of the former president and his family, with information spanning the 1700s through the early 1900s. Records featured on the site include:

- Handwritten Civil War documents and records:** One standout document is a personal letter from Lincoln to General Ulysses S. Grant asking for his son to be stationed in a safe location during the Civil War.

- Emancipation Proclamation:** Handwritten drafts and an illustration depicting the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation before the cabinet, which declared that

all slaves residing in Confederate territory were to be free.

- Lincoln's family in 1860:** See how the census has evolved while learning more about Lincoln's family – this 1860 census record includes Lincoln's Springfield address, listing his wife Mary, sons Robert, Willie and Thomas, and two servants living in the household.

- Famous speeches:** Find rare drafts of historic speeches throughout the legendary presidency.

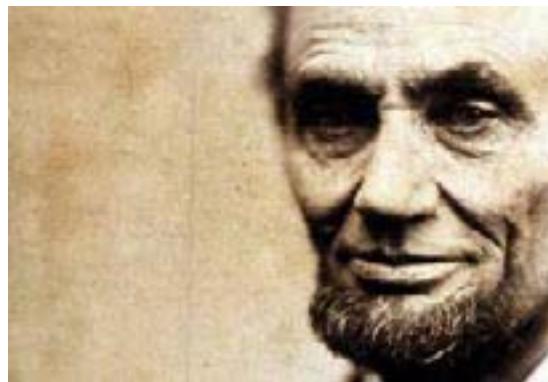
- Rare photos are worth a thousand words:** Images from centuries ago showcasing historical events during Lincoln's life are included in the image gallery.

- Lincoln's Taxes:** The original IRS tax assessment listing Lincoln's presidential salary

as \$25,000 a year in 1861.

"Abraham Lincoln is a monumental figure in America's history. The film 'Lincoln' depicts his historic last few months in the Oval Office and this is a perfect time to make centuries of records pertaining to the popular president available to all those interested in learning more," said Dan Jones, VP of Content at Ancestry.com. "We want these records to give people a new perspective on key public and private moments in Lincoln's life. Hopefully this will encourage people to begin researching their own family history."

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Happy New Year! 2014 Happy New Year! 2014

Wallace Monument Set for 2014 Facelift

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Interpretive exhibition design specialists Campbell & Co. have been appointed to carry out an extensive refurbishment of the interior galleries within one of the most distinctive landmarks on the Stirling skyline - The National Wallace Monument, built to commemorate Sir William Wallace, the Scottish patriot and martyr.

Standing on the rocky outcrop of The Abbey Craig, the Monument overlooks the site of Wallace's victory over the English army of King Edward I at The Battle of Stirling Bridge, one of the most significant encounters in the Wars of Independence.

Built to the design of the distinguished Victorian architect J. T. Rochead, the Monument incorporates three distinctive galleries, each of which will be completely re-modeled prior to the start of the main 2014 visitor season.

The first floor of the Monument, originally known as the Hall of Arms, with its stained glass windows depicting the arms of Great Britain, of Scotland, of Wallace, and of the Burgh of Stirling, will be redesigned to provide visitors with an engaging and authoritative presentation on The Battle of Stirling Bridge. This will draw on research which has been undertaken by eminent historians with specialist knowledge of the mediaeval period. At the heart of this gallery will be one of the most symbolic artifacts housed at the Monument- the Wallace Sword, with which Scotland's national hero struck fear into the hearts of his enemies.

The story of Wallace's life - and of how he has been acclaimed as Scotland's national hero - will be told to visitors in The Hall of Heroes, on the second floor, where busts of Scottish heroes from Robert the Bruce to Robert Burns, celebrate Scotland's contribution to science, engineering, industry and the arts.

On the third floor visitors will be able to discover the amazing story behind the building of the Monument, and the other memorials which have been constructed to pay tribute to William Wallace, since the unveiling of the first significant monument at Dryburgh in the Scottish Borders, in 1814.

David Campbell, Managing Director of Campbell & Co. emphasized the significance of this project to the company: "We are delighted to be appointed as designers for the refurbishment of the National Wallace Monument and

to renew our acquaintance with a building and subject very dear to my heart. For the thousands of visitors who travel every year from all across the world to visit the Monument, the way in which the stories of the Battle of Stirling Bridge and of the life of William Wallace are told is really important - and we want every one of those visitors to have a really memorable experience when they come to Stirling".

The refurbishment of each gallery will involve the installation of new displays - with tablet computers making use of the latest technology, as well as the introduction of new facilities for younger visitors, an important proportion of the many thousands of visitors who come to the Monument every year.

Referring to the importance of providing an exceptional experience for visitors, Stirling District Tourism Director and Chair Zillah Jamieson remarked: "Having completed an upgrading of the facilities and services provided to visitors on arrival at the Monument, we realized that it was important for us to ensure that the

experience of visitors once they reach the inside of the building itself would fully meet, and exceed, their expectations. We also want to ensure that the way in which information is presented to visitors truly enhances the building, and makes the most of its remarkable setting on the Abbey Craig. We're really pleased therefore to be working with David Campbell and his team, to take advantage of their experience and skills in delivering this project".

Whilst the National Wallace Monument is a dominant landmark in Stirling's landscape, it is also a central feature in the city's portfolio of heritage attractions, and following the refurbishment of the Royal Palace at Stirling Castle in 2011, and the redevelopment of Bannockburn (2014), the refurbishment of the National Wallace Monument will mean that the story of Stirling, and of its place at the heart of Scotland's history, will be presented to the city's visitors through three outstanding venues. For further information, contact Ken Thomson, Marketing Manager, Stirling District Tourism, Tel: (01786) 478052; Mobile: (07817) 715113; E-mail: ken.sdtourism@btconnect.com.

The National Wallace Monument is operated by Stirling District Tourism Limited.



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I am writing as I have come across your publication and am enquiring whether you may have more details on the passengers of the *Earl of Donegall* voyage that left Belfast 2nd Oct 1767 and arrived at Charleston 22nd Dec 1767. My **SLOANS** and **TAYLORS** were from County Antrim but I have nothing closer to go by. I found this on ancestry.com but it is incomplete. Would you have something more complete? **JOHN SLOAN**, b. 14 Sep 1716 in Erin, County Antrim, d. 26 Dec 1829 at Laurens County, South Carolina. There is a story that his first wife and two children died of smallpox but no mention of names. **WILLIAM TAYLOR**, b. ca 1727 County Antrim, d. 15 May 1804 at Laurens, South Carolina... They were both meant to be on the *Earl of Donegall* and their families intermarried throughout time. *Earl of Donegal* Passenger List According to advertisements and notices of her departure published in the *Belfast Newsletter*, the *Earl of Donegal*, **DUNCAN FERGUSON**, master, left Belfast, Ireland on October 2, 1767. By December 22, 1767, 81 days later, she with about 294 Irish passengers of 64 different surnames had arrived in Charleston, South Carolina. They were sworn to being Protestant (probably Scots-Irish Presbyterians). In the Council Chamber. Tuesday the 22: December 1767 Present His Excellency **GOVERNOR HONORABLE CTHNIEL BEALE, HENRY MIDDLETON, JOHN**



DRAYTON, DANIEL BLAKE, ESQUIRES The Clerk reported to the Board that in pursuance of his Excellency the Governors directions he had been on board the ship *Earl of Donegal*, **DUNCAN FERGUSON** Master and had sworn the Irish Passengers arrived in her to their being Protestants and haveing come over on the encouragement and bounty given by the act of the General Assembly passed the 25th day of July 1761 - agreeable to a List he had delivered in at the Board Petitions praying to be allowed the said Bounty from the undermentioned persons were then presented and read.

Best, Seán Sloane Johnson, Berlin, Germany.
Contact by using urbanmad@gmail.com

A “Thank you!” from the Clan Stewart Society New Region III High Commissioner, Eric King

Thank you Clan Stewart Society of America members in Region III. I sincerely look forward to serving as your RHC. Following in Cathy Stewart Geiger’s footsteps will not be an easy task. The bar she set by her personal attention and love for CSSA, is a very high one. I will indeed, continue to look to Cathy, and Tom, for guidance and advice.

Since I recently retired after 30+ years in marketing and marketing communication, my first priority will be to keep you informed. One of the obvious ways to do that will be this newsletter which we plan to send out every other month to those for whom we have email addresses.

I invite you to participate by sending along an article, a favorite quote by a famous, or infamous, Stewart or a picture from a recent games or trip to Scotland.

In conversations with Curtis Hixon and Greg Houck, we all agree that perhaps putting together local gatherings, maybe by state or area, could be a way to celebrate and share our interest in Stewarts and Scotland. Let us know what you think.

As I begin to get my feet on the ground, I hope to get around to a few Highland games and gatherings to learn more about our Society. In the meantime, please don’t hesitate to contact me: ericking@comcast.net

Stewarts Aye, Eric

Society of Antiquaries has two new books coming out immediately. Don't miss 'em!

The Society of Antiquaries has two new books coming out imminently. Keep an eye on our website (www.socantscot.org) for ordering information as they become available!

Painting the Town: Scottish Urban History in Art will be available for purchase at the Anniversary Meeting

By Patricia Dennison, Stuart Eydmann, Annie Lyell, Michael Lynch and Simon Stronach

ISBN: 9781908332042 Fellows' Price: £20.00

One of the most underused sources for showing glimpses of Scotland's towns and townspeople before the invention of photography is art. *Painting the Town* brings hundreds of paintings, engravings and decorative maps together to show lost buildings, various stages of urban development and both high and low life in Scotland's towns.

Due in December:

An Inherited Place: Broxmouth hillfort and the south-east Scottish Iron Age

By Ian Armit and Jo McKenzie

ISBN: 9781908332059 Fellows' Price: £30.00



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Lincoln records are available from now through February on Ancestry.com for everyone to dig a little deeper into Lincoln's story and impress friends and family with their knowledge.

For those inspired by the records to do more digging into their own history, Ancestry.com offers a [14-day free trial](#) for all new members.

[Discover your family story. Start free trial.](#)

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For the first time ever, the full results of the Broxmouth Project are brought together in order to track the long history of the site from the Early Iron Age through Roman occupation. Remarkably well-preserved roundhouses, elaborate hillfort entrances, and a rare Iron Age cemetery are among the highlights of this exceptional site, all described here in detail.

Christmas orders

Due to staff holidays, our last day to place orders for books will be 15th December. Orders placed on the website before 23:59pm on 15th December will be dispatched on the 16th in time for Christmas (UK customers only; for overseas orders please allow additional time). The shop will remain open over the Christmas period, and all orders placed after 23:59pm on 15th December will be sent out on 6th January 2014.

For more information and to view previous lectures and events please visit our website www.socantscot.org.

DNA tests on SALE right now!

Family Tree DNA 37 DNA Marker test is **on Sale now** and it is at the lowest price in years. The price is **down from \$169 and is on sale for \$119** for 37 markers (**my recommended number of markers**) and I hope you do not miss this opportunity.

Ramsay's: with your pedigree on file and your DNA results, 60 days, we should be in a position to **narrow your search down to just a few families** if not connect you to one or our 5000 Ramsay pedigree files in the Private Ramsay Master Data Base. Other Clans have said we are on the cutting edge of helping Ramsay's connect and DNA is just one part of our process. We also have

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Wallace Scotland Trip Almost Full!

Lois Wallace

Over the period of two days in June of 1314, King Robert I, the Bruce, led his Scots to victory over King Edward II of England just a few miles below Stirling Castle at Bannockburn. Seven hundred years later, Scots from around the globe will congregate near that historic site to celebrate the famous battle.

The National Trust of Scotland will commemorate this 700th Anniversary with 3D and live reenactments of that historic battle, including a clan and medieval village. The Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide has been accepted by the National Trust to represent Clan Wallace at this event. CWSW has organized an official tour to attend this "once in a lifetime" occurrence.

Our visit in 2014 will include the Bannockburn event itself, and visits to several locations connected with Sir



William Wallace; Lanark, the site of William Wallace's earliest exploits and where he killed the sheriff of Clydesdale; Falkirk Kirkyard to view the newly restored Sir John de Graeme's Tomb, Wallace's second in command at the Battle of Falkirk and the only known burial site of a knight who died in that era; Dunfermline Abbey where legend states Margaret Crawford, Wallace's mother, is buried.

King Robert I, the Bruce, is interred within this ancient Abbey. New evidence points to Ayrshire as the birthplace of Sir William Wallace. We will investigate this and more at the Burns Monument Center, Kilmarnock home of the East Ayrshire historical records and research center. Many more Wallace-related sites and events will be explored. As part of our all too brief visit, a banquet is scheduled with Andrew Wallace, Younger of that Ilk, Acting Chief, who will be joining us at the Bannockburn celebration representing his father, Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk, 35th Chief of the Clan and Name of Wallace.

The tour includes all land arrangements, touring, accommodations and transportation in Scotland. A limited number of spaces are left on the tour. Full information is available on the Society's website: clanwallace.org, or from Lois Wallace, lois@shipsandtrips.com, or phone: 775-671-0148.



DNA tests on sale, *continued from page 4*

and outstanding group of volunteer researchers who use the most advanced software and methods to help you in your research.

As you gather for the Holidays I suggest that you **tell the family that you have decided to DNA test** and that you need **their support in the form of a nominal donation** so you do not have to absorb all the costs. You just need six family members to donate \$20 each and you will be on the way to making the biggest genealogical advancement for your family ever. Do not forget I have a team of volunteer researchers willing to help with your family research and **all you need to do is the DNA test**. DNA testing is simply swabbing the inside cheeks of your mouth and send to the sample in the supplies provided in the DNA kit.

Order your kit today at:

http://www.familytreedna.com/holiday-sale.aspx?utm_source=email&utm_medium=banner&utm_content=final&utm_campaign=holiday2013

While we got this article from the Clan Ramsey newsletter, the test works on anyone. This is a real opportunity to save. Come to think of it, it is a wonderful Christmas gift to your entire family!

Flowers of the Forest

Mrs. Winifred "Wini" Melton Steadley-Campbell age 85, died on Thursday, June 6, 2013. She was born April 19, 1928 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Joel Bryan Melton and Viola Hamner Melton.

Mrs. Steadley-Campbell was a resident of Walton County, Florida since 1986. She was Presbyterian by faith and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in DeFuniak Springs, Florida as an ordained Elder.

She worked as a Congressional Staffer for 16 years for the House of Representative in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Business College in Charleston, South Carolina receiving her Bachelor's Degree.

She served as President for the local Pilot Club and was President of the Officer's Wives Club in Long Beach, California. She was also the Chairperson for the Personnel Committee for the Florida Presbytery. She also was an elder delegate for the Grand Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA. She was the moderator for the Presbyterian Women.

She was very gracious hostess and loved entertaining. She was also vice moderator for SYNOD of the South Atlantic.

Mrs. Steadley-Campbell was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Joel Bryan Melton, Jr.

Mrs. Steadley-Campbell is survived by her loving husband of 63 ½ years Bill Steadley-Campbell of Euchee Valley, Florida; three sons Commander Joel F. Steadley and wife Commander Marianne Steadley of Long Beach, California, Daniel Melton Steadley of El Paso, Texas and Hunter Campbell Steadley and wife Katy of Lutherville, Maryland; four grandchildren Dr. Katherine Argyll Steadley of Savannah, Georgia, Hunter William Steadley of New York City, New York, Cameron Steadley of Lutherville, Maryland and Morgan Steadley of New Orleans.

Pallbearers were Tyrone Cosson, Steve Kimmel, Bud Lindsey, Randy McLean, Ralph Proctor and Wade Jackson.

Honorary pallbearers were the DeFuniak Springs Pilot Club Members. Burial followed at the Euchee Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the

Thornell Children's Home at 302 S Broad St, Clinton, SC 29325, First Presbyterian Church at 1063 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435, or Alaqua Animal Refuge at 914 Whitfield Rd Freeport, FL 32439

Forrest Fraser MacDonald died November 14, 2013, after a brief illness. He was 98.

Forrest was born in Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, to Edward MacDonald and Bessie Graham MacDonald. His maternal grandparents and paternal great-grandparents had immigrated to Nova Scotia from the South Uist and Kintail areas of Scotland.

The family moved to Boston in 1925. Forrest graduated from Northeastern University in 1936 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He worked for Stone and Webster as a structural steel designer, then for United Fruit Company

as a structural designer. In 1938 he was sent to Parrita, Costa Rica, by United Fruit Co. for two years to build banana farms, schools, and housing. Forrest also helped design a United Fruit Co. pier in Havana, Cuba. He was drafted into the US Army in February 1941, and sent to Officer Candidate School, Corps of Engineers, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He was stationed at various army facilities including Ft. Knox, Pine Camp, NY and Ft. Ord and Ft. San Luis Obispo in California.

Forrest met Helen Christina Anderson of Boston in 1937 on a blind date just three weeks before she left for Tokyo, Japan, for two years as a teacher. They maintained a correspondence despite being apart for more than three years. They were reunited in Boston, and were married on September 5, 1942, three days after Forrest was commissioned a 2nd Lt. He was sent to Okinawa with the 1344th Combat Engineers Battalion in 1945, returning in early 1946. He was discharged from the army in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

The MacDonalds lived in North Abington, MA, and Forrest rejoined United Fruit Co. He saw an ad in the

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Boston Globe recruiting engineers for the burgeoning aerospace industry in Southern California. He headed west in 1952 with the family in tow (Helen; Karen, 8; Lauren, 6; and Cameron, 2). Daughter Karen remembers that all the family vacations involved water. Helen needed a place to swim, and Forrest needed a place to fish and/or sail. The children became accomplished at all three activities.

They settled in El Segundo and Forrest began his career at North American Aviation (later Rockwell International, now part of Boeing) as a Senior Designer in the Engineering department with work on Air Force aircraft. He retired in 1975 as Project Engineer and Program Manager, having worked on the X-15 project among others. (Forrest recently participated in the oral history portion of The Aerospace History Project, a collaboration between USC and the Huntington Library. They are collecting the papers and oral histories of individuals and institutions to create a central resource of photos, documents, and recollections of that significant era of Southern California history.)

After retirement Forrest and Helen renewed their great interest in travel. They traveled to Scotland and Sweden several times, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the USSR.

Forrest and Helen moved to Claremont in 2000, and Forrest moved into The Claremont Manor two years after Helen's death in 2008. They were members of Claremont United Methodist Church.

Forrest and Helen started attending Scottish Highland Games in the 1970s, and became very involved in all things Scottish, eventually becoming members of Clan Donald, Clan Donnachaidh, Clan Graham, Clan Fraser, United Scottish Society, and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

Dancing, and especially Scottish country dancing, was a very large part of Forrest and Helen's life together. Their daughter Lauren says that one of the things that impressed Helen when she first met Forrest was that he was a "great dancer." Forrest was also involved in the Clan Donald Trust and a life member of the St. Andrew's Society. He was a director of the Clan Donald Foundation, and elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSA Scot). These connections prompted a great interest in genealogy, which Forrest pursued with a passion, finding family links all the way back to 900 in Scotland.

Forrest was the consummate woodworker, forever



in his workshop fashioning wine racks, coat racks and napkin holders, among other functional pieces. He loved solving design problems with his innovative solutions (a la Rube Goldberg). He even drew an intricate and thoroughly enchanting design of a better mousetrap. He also enjoyed gardening, and produced bumper crops of corn, tomatoes, and cucumbers every summer for more than 65 years.

Forrest is survived by daughters Karen Rosenthal of Claremont (husband Michael); Lauren Cassatt of Snowmass Village, CO; grandchildren Alix Rosenthal and Ariel Rosenthal Parrish (husband David) of San Francisco; Alexander Cassatt of Seattle; Hayley Cassatt of Portland, OR; great-grandson Elliott Parrish; foster son Wolde Meskel Mahetem (wife Yeshi) and family of Fresno, and three nieces and a nephew.

Forrest was preceded in death by his wife Helen, and son Cameron in 1995, and son-in-law Chris Cassatt in 2013.

A memorial celebration will be held at Claremont United Methodist Church at 2 pm on Sunday, January 26, 2014, Forrest's 99th birthday.

Donations in Forrest's memory may be made to The Clan Donald Foundation PO Box 13138, Charleston, SC, 29412, or Claremont United Methodist Church, 211 W. Foothill Blvd., Claremont, CA, 91711.

Clan Donald member, **Rev. Harold B. Riebe** passed away on October 6, 2013 in Tempe, Arizona. He was born February 6, 1915 in Viva, NC. He served 28 years as a United Methodist minister, from 1952 until his retirement from the full-time, active ministry in 1980.

He was married to the former Eloise (Sally) Curtis from 1955 until her death in 2007. He married the former Rosemary Sharpee in 1995 until her death in 2007.

He is survived by two daughters, Rachel (Charles) Turner and Priscilla (John) Westra and three stepsons. He is also survived by grandchildren, great grands and nephews.



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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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The Holiday Season & Genealogical Research



Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library

The Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends are a time when many families get together for a few days or correspond with each other in the form of cards and/or letters. This is the time of year when people think of holidays past, traditions no longer practiced, and family members long since deceased. This seems especially true as we age, especially after age 40 when we begin losing friends and elderly family members.

Nostalgia combined with the holiday season often presents opportunities for motivating elderly family members to talk about the past. Many genealogists use this time period to encourage parents and grandparents to write down information pertaining to family holiday traditions. Later, they will discreetly expand this nostalgia to include filling out family group sheets and pedigree charts about the family. This opportunity may provide a perfect way to fill in some of the blanks in your family history database.

Take time to ask family members some of those questions you have been putting off. Bring or mail photocopies of pictures to the family get-together for relatives to identify. Photocopies of originals work well for this purpose, as relatives can make notes on the copies. Try to interest a parent or grandparent in completing one of the "Grandparent Memory" books. Suggest that you would be willing to sit down with them and record the information, take any pictures, make any photocopies, or assist with any activities or expenses necessary to facilitate the project.

Holidays are the occasions for bringing out special decorations and family keepsakes. Treasured ornaments, special family china and holiday serving pieces, handmade linens, and other items provide

opportunities to share family history information. A handmade ornament may be a family heirloom, and telling the story of its origin reinforces and perpetuates its history from one generation to another.

Photograph albums have proven track records for getting conversations started. Consider placing a single photograph or family album in a prominent place for people to peruse. You will be surprised at the memories and conversations photographs can evoke. Meals are excellent times for telling stories. You pretty much have a captive audience. If you are staying with relatives, the quiet time at the end of the day, just before bedtime, can be great for reminiscing. This is often a time of reflection when family members may talk about all the nice things that happened that day and recall past holidays and family members who are gone. These times strengthen our family relationships and reinforce the memories we share.

Learning about holiday practices and traditions also plays a role in the study and enjoyment of family history. This opportunity often motivates even those family members with no real interest in genealogy or historical appreciation. This helps people from multiple generations connect with those family members who are long gone. Research has shown that many genealogy mailing lists have their highest volume of traffic, especially relating to holiday traditions, this time of year.

Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S., Reference Librarian | Ft. Myers - Lee County Public Library, 2050 Central Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33901-3917. bmulcahy@leegov.com or Voice 239-533-4626 & Fax 239-485-1160 or leelibrary.net



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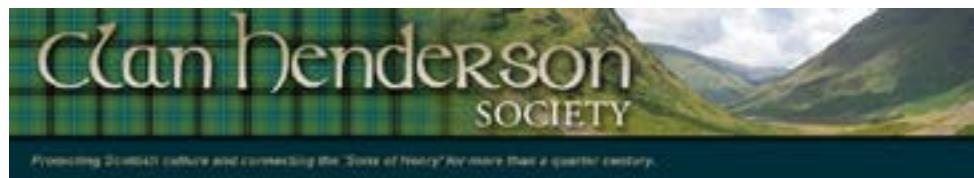
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 - ❖ Assist in “gathering the Clan” from around the world.

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Lincoln's great-great-grandfather was Welsh!

If you are interested in the lineage of America's 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, then you might wish to arrange a visit to the small Welsh village of Ysbyty Ifan, near Conway, Wales. You will see an abandoned cottage called Bryngwyn.

That was the home of John Morris, whose daughter, Ellen, emigrated with a group of Quakers to Pennsylvania. Ellen's daughter, Sarah Evans, married John Hanks, father of Nancy Hanks, whose son, Abraham, became the 16th President of the United States.

Locals in Ysbyty Ifan are looking forward to welcoming travelers in search of the home of Lincoln's 2-great grandfather. With thanks to *Six Nations, One Soul*, The Newsletter of the Celtic League American Branch.



Speaking of the Civil War...

Did you know that the motto, "In God We Trust," first appeared on a US coin in 1864. It was on the short-lived two cent piece.

It was created because of its need in the Civil War era. While it did not last long, it is a vital part of our American history.

White Paper produced by Scottish Government concerning Scottish Independence

Alastair McIntyre of electricscotland.com let us know that the Scottish Government has produced a White Paper on Scotland's Future. The complete document is available online. Go to: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/11/9348/0> The complete White Paper is 650 pages long.

If you'd like to read a summary of the lengthy document, just go to http://www.electricscotland.com/independence/26_11_13_scottish_independence.pdf

Rules of grammar they forgot to teach us

1. Don't abbreviate
 2. Check to see if you any words out
 3. Be carefully to use the adjectives and adverbs correct.
 4. When dangling, don't use participles.
 5. Don't use no double negatives
 6. Don't use commas, that aren't necessary
 7. Its important to use the apostrophe's right.
 8. It's better not to unnecessarily split an infinitive.
 9. Only Proper Nouns should be capitalized. also a sentence should begin with a capital and end with a period
 10. In letters compositions reports and things like that we use commas to keep a string of items apart
 11. Watch out for irregular verbs which have crept into our language
 12. Verbs has to agree with their subjects
 13. Avoid unnecessary redundancy.
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Hogmanay traditions in Scotland

In the *Fesse Chequy*,

Newsletter of the Clan Stewart Society in America

by Ferne Arfin

Celebrations, fire festivals and hospitality welcome the New Year!

As Christmas festivities wind down all over the United Kingdom, the really spectacular parties in Scotland are just getting underway. Hogmanay is Scotland's New Year's celebration.

Did you know that this three to five day blast includes a variety of ancient Hogmanay traditions? Among the parties, street festivals, entertainment and wild - occasionally terrifying - fire festivals and the enormous public New Year's events (the biggest and most famous in Edinburgh are holiday traditions that go back for hundreds of years, maybe even more.

Here are five traditions that you might not know.

1. Redding the house:

Like the annual spring cleaning in some communities, or the ritual cleaning of the kitchen for Passover, families traditionally did a major cleanup to ready the house for the New Year. Sweeping out the fireplace was very important and there was a skill in reading the ashes, the way some people read tea leaves. (Don't you remember the "old timers" always saying after a meal, "Well, I have to go "redd up" the kitchen?"

2. First Footing: After the stroke of midnight, neighbors visit each other, bearing traditional symbolic gifts such as shortbread or black bun (a kind of fruit cake). The visitor in turn, is offered a small whisky. A friend of mine who remembers first footing, also remembers that if you had a lot of friends, you'd be offered a great deal of whisky. The first person to enter a house in the New Year, the First Foot, could bring luck for the New Year. The luckiest was a tall, dark and handsome man. The unluckiest, a red head. The unluckiest of all was a redhead woman.

3. Bonfires and Fire Festivals: Scotland's fire

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festivals at Hogmanay and later in January may have pagan or Viking origins. The use of fire to purify and drive away evil spirits is an ancient idea. Fire is at the center of Hogmanay celebrations in Stonehaven, Comrie and Biggar, and has recently become an element in Edinburgh's Hogmanay celebration.

4. The Singing of *Auld Lang Syne*: All over the world, people sing Robert Burns' version of this traditional Scottish air.

How it became the New Year's song is something of a mystery. At Edinburgh's Hogmanay, people join hands for what is reputed to be the world's biggest *Auld Lang Syne*.

5. The Saining of the House:

This is a very old rural tradition that involved blessing the house and livestock with holy water from a local stream. Although it had nearly died out, in recent

years it has experienced a revival. After the blessing with water, the woman of the house was supposed to go from room to room with a smouldering juniper branch, filling the house with purifying smoke. Of course, this being a Scottish celebration, traditional mayhem was sure to follow.

Once everyone in the household was coughing and choking from the smoke, the windows would be thrown open and reviving drams or two drams of whisky would be passed around.

Why is Hogmanay so important to the Scots?

Although some of these traditions are ancient, Hogmanay celebrations were elevated in importance after the banning of Christmas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

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William Wallace the son of Aleyn Waleys of Ayreshire, not Malcolm

This op-ed was researched and reported by Bob Wallace

Late in August of 2013 while searching for a link to Scottish historian Dr. Fiona Watson, Clan Wallace Society webmaster Jim “Bowie” Wallace came across a link to a debate/discussion held in Scotland in August of 2012. Entitled *Sir William Wallace, Scotland and the wider world*, the video presents one English and three Scottish historians discussing the subject in front of a small audience. Among other issues regarding Wallace, how did someone from such a lowly position within Scotland in the 13th century become Guardian of the Realm?

As noted in an earlier issue of *The Guardian* (Clan Wallace’ newsletter), conventional wisdom for 700 years centered on Wallace being born the second son of Malcolm Wallace, a lowly knight from Elderslie. That bit of history was overturned suddenly some years ago when Wallace’s seal on the Lubeck Letter was translated to read that he was “William, son of Alan Wallace.” That letter was one of at least two written at Haddington, east of Edinburgh, by Wallace and Sir Andrew Murray following their victory against the English at Stirling Bridge in September of 1297. Both names appeared on the Lubeck Letter, written October 11, 1297, although Murray succumbed to injuries sustained as part of that battle perhaps a month after those letters were sent on their way. The second letter was sent to officials in Hamburg, merchants in both towns being part of the Hanseatic League.

As part of the discussion by the four historians, it

was noted that learning who Wallace’s father was makes a difference in where William was likely born. Rather than Elderslie, it now appears probable that he may have been born in Ayrshire, perhaps in the Kyle region of Cumnock and the Doon Valley.

Near the end of this discussion, one of the audience members asks if a definitive location for Wallace’s birth is yet known, given that we now know who his father was, maybe know where his father lived. Dr. Fiona Watson indicates that Wallace’s seal states who he is, and that he is the son of Alan Wallace (spelled as Aleyn Waleys in the Ragman Rolls), that if the Alan Wallace found there is William’s father there can be little doubt but that William was born in Ayrshire. (In the Ragman Rolls, five Wallace men are recorded: three in Ayr, one each in Berwick and Fife.)

This discussion also covered safe conduct papers Wallace was said to have been carrying with him at the time of his capture near Robroyston in 1305. Why would Wallace be roaming the countryside with several letters of safe conduct on his person when he was a known fugitive? Speculation here is that it’s highly likely Wallace was on his way out of the country, again, to who knows where. One of the safe conduct letters was signed by the King of France, the other by the King of Norway. Had Wallace not been captured that night, where might he have been going?

The 73-minute film is available on You-Tube at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3DdIHCW52M>



British Car Show Charleston, SC 2013 Games

Flowers of the Forest

This is the eulogy of **Major Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald** as given by Sir Ian Macdonald of Sleat, his nephew. Major Chamberlayne-Macdonald's obituary is on the next page.

We record with sadness the passing on last 15 August, **Major Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald**, aged 86 years, who with his wife Penelope, were Life Members of Clan Donald Society of Edinburgh. The tribute here is by his nephew, Sir Ian Macdonald of Sleat, who delivered the eulogy at the funeral in St. Matthew's Church, Otterbourne, near Winchester, which was attended by nearly 450 people.

"Uncle Nigel was born in 1927 and brought up in the East Riding of Yorkshire, first at Scarborough Hall, a property rented off Lord Hotham. His father, a barrister by profession, was working at the time as Clerk to the County Council and Clerk to the Justices. On the death of his grandfather in 1935, the family moved to Thorpe which had been left to the Macdonalds by William Bosville. He was the youngest of four children, the eldest being Somerled, my father, Jean and Daphne, who is now the surviving member of that generation. Daphne lives now in a retirement community in Pennsylvania, USA and sadly, cannot be with us except in spirit today, though her son, Peter and daughter, Rachel, have made the long journey over from New York, where they live.

Schooling led Uncle Nigel to Radley before joining the Scots Guards in 1946. He served in Italy, Malaysia and the Canal Zone, but his life was not all duty and service to others. Being a true Macdonald, the fairer sex also caught his eye, the young lady being Penelope Mary Alexandra. They were married in April 1958; Nigel left the Army, four children came along, as they do, Alexander, Diana, Frances and Tom, my godson. Francis sadly, left us too early and there is a lovely bronze of her sitting at the top of the gunroom stairs at Cranbury. Diana's marriage to Jamie Lindsey



brought forth great joy and five grandchildren; Francis, Alexandra, William, David and Charlotte. All now a great comfort to their Granny.

When my father died in 1958, I was only eleven years old; traditionally in the Highlands, when a chief is a minor, his Guardian, a close family relative take the title of Tutor. Uncle Nigel became my Tutor as the Tutor of Sleat. In the last five hundred years, this has only happened four times; firstly, in the middle 1500s, Castle Camus for Donald Gorme Og; secondly, in 1718, William of Vallay who helped save the Macdonald Estates with the family lawyer MacKenzie of Delvine following "Donald of the Wars" being attainted as he out at Killiecrankie in 1689 and Sheriffmuir in 1715; being a Jacobite family, it has always surprised me that my Tutor was allowed anywhere near the Royal Household; thirdly, Kingsborough, for Sir James, called the Marcellus; and lastly Nigel who had quite an easy ride with me since my scrapes with school authority never involved upsetting the Crown or government - or,

not to my knowledge.

My dear uncle was also my Godfather, the responsibilities of which he took very seriously. He introduced me to the Wine Society and even marked the wine list. I trusted his judgement explicitly as I saw he had had many years practice in choosing good value clarets.

I remember gin was mostly drunk when he was feeling tired and this happened quite a lot.

My Tutor was fun with a naughty twinkle in his eye; loved his clubs, his family, Scotland, shooting, his horses and Cranbury.

Fishing was perhaps his least successful sport. He once took me somewhere not too far from here to catch a salmon. To my surprise, we first stopped at a fishmongers to buy some prawns to put on a hook - quite illegal. We caught nothing but weeds. We ate the remaining prawns for lunch.

What fun we had together. Dear Uncle Nigel. We shall miss him."

Flowers of the Forest

Maj. Nigel Donald Peter Chamberlayne-Macdonald, CVO, OBE (formerly Macdonald of the Isles), who died 15 Aug, 2013, aged 86, was a scion of the Bosville Macdonald Baronets (Bt, NS, 1625) and was owner of one of Scotland's biggest and famous estates, the 80 square mile Knoydart estate.

A former personal attendant to the Royal Family and usher to the Queen for nearly 20 years died days after he suffered a fall, an inquest heard.

Former Equerry to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, **Major Nigel Chamberlayne-Macdonald CVO, OBE**, fell on to a carpeted floor while on holiday with his wife Penelope but did not think he had suffered any injury.

However, just 24 hours later, after walking his dogs, the 86-year-old complained of a worsening headache and was admitted to neuro intensive care at Southampton General Hospital.

A scan revealed that the major, who owned Cranbury Park estate in Otterbourne, had suffered "catastrophic" bleeding on the brain and he died in hospital on August 15, two days after his fall.

Southampton Coroner's Court heard how the bleed was exacerbated by the fact that he was on blood thinning therapy due to his high risk of a stroke.

Deputy Coroner Gordon Denson said that the cause of death was due to the subdural haematoma and ruled that Major Chamberlayne-Macdonald died an accidental death.

Major Chamberlayne-Macdonald had been Equerry to HRH 1st Duke of Gloucester between 1954 and 1955 and also became his assistant private secretary. He gained the rank of

major in the service of the Scots Guards.

Son of Sir Alexander Somerled Angus Bosville Macdonald of Sleat, 16th Baronet, he assumed the surname of Chamberlayne in 1958 after his marriage to Penelope, daughter of Tankerville Chamberlayne, of Cranbury Park.

He also held the position of Gentlemen Usher to the Queen from 1979 to 1997 and High Sheriff of Hampshire in 1974.

He leaves four children, Alexander, Diana, Countess of Lindsay, Frances and Tom. His funeral was held at St Matthew's Church, in Otterbourne.





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Clan Wallace Rewards Program honors Robert Wayne Jones from West Virginia

**Captain John R. Wallace,
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The Clan Wallace Society Worldwide Rewards Program has inducted a new Circle of Sir William Wallace Member during this past period. Council Member and Former Society Board Member Robert Wayne Jones of Ranson, West Virginia, achieved this highest Rewards level in June 2013 by exceeding the accumulated \$5000 donation threshold set for this prestigious honor.

The Ceremony was conducted at the Clan Wallace Society Annual Board Meeting held during the 2013 Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering at the Boone Hall Plantation, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Wayne was presented with the Medallion and the Certificate by Society President Larry Slight and the Rewards Program Chair-man John Wallace, making him the fifth Sir William Wallace level member since the start of the program in 2005. Wayne continues to serve the Board in the capacity of newsletter editor.

As always, the Society thanks loyal supporters and members of Clan Wallace for making donations to the Rewards Program. For this continued dedication, the Society President and the Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide extend their highest praise and thanks. The donations from this important pro-gram are utilized

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Brian Ferguson of *The Scotsman* says *Outlander* being filmed now for Starz TV

THE star of US fantasy series *Outlander* believes fans will wrongly believe special effects have been used to make Scotland look so good on screen.

Sam Heughan, the Dumfriesshire actor set to shoot to fame when the time-travel drama airs next year, said he forgotten how beautiful his home country was after 10 years living in London before he started work on the series.

He said he had been amazed at the footage produced from the first few weeks of filming on the show, which is being made by Sony for the Starz cable network in the US, after the cast and crew were shown a special "secret trailer."

The commissioning of the 16-part series is expected to generate at least £20 million for the economy, with the show already billed as Scotland's answer to *Game of Thrones*.

The 33-year-old has already won a mini-army of fans after the winning the part in the adaptation of American author Diana Gabaldon's novels, particularly since he was photographed on set as main character Jamie.

The production has been based at a vast warehouse complex in Cumbernauld with locations including Doune Castle, in Perthshire, which was closed for a month to accommodate filming. The show follows the adventures of married nurse Claire and her entanglements with Jamie after she is mysteriously propelled through time from the Second World War to the time of the Jacobite rebellion.

Heughan, who played Tennant's Lager founder Hugh Tennant in a series of award-winning adverts, said: "It definitely feels like my life has changed with this. I've had to move back to Scotland for a start, but it kind of feels like I've come full circle as I went to drama school in Glasgow and also worked at the Citizens' Theatre.

"Working on *Outlander* has been a delight, it really



Sam Heughan

has. I had kind of forgotten what Scotland was like and I'd turned into a bit of a Londoner.

"We've already been all over Scotland doing location work, including at Doune Castle. Honestly, I think people will think we have used CGI (computer-generated imagery) it looks so incredible, especially with the landscape and the way the trees are looking at the moment, it is so autumnal.

"When you see the amazing costumes in relation to the landscape you just think: 'This is really special.'

"There was a secret trailer made just for the cast and crew, which we got to see in the studio the other day and we were all delighted with it. It's surprising, actually - it actually looks better than you can imagine.

"It's all been pretty full-on filming *Outlander* so far. Anyone who has read the books will know Jamie suffers a lot of punishment, so I've already been beaten up a lot and also had prosthetic work done.

"Jamie has a lot of scarring on his back, as he's been flogged a lot, and also has a dislocated shoulder when we first meet him, and with it being a big-budget production they've really gone to town, so it looks really gruesome."

Heughan's surprise appearance at the Scottish BAFTAs sparked huge excitement online, particularly as he was wearing the tartan he sports on set in *Outlander*.

More than 25 million of Gabaldon's books have been sold around the world so far and the show is being masterminded by former *Star Trek* and *Battlestar Galactica* producer Ron Moore.

Heughan added: "I actually got an initial sense of how big *Outlander* was going to be on twitter. We're all on there to help promote the show and also interact with the fans. There's just this huge fanbase who are really into the books, they know everything about them and have these great discussions.

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"Their enthusiasm has really helped and it's been so exciting to be almost thinking about them when we're filming, about how we can slip something in that they are going to notice and really like.

"Many of the producers working on the show are huge fans and we couldn't really do anything with it that wouldn't be appropriate.

"There are now eight of Diana's books and although we're only making one series at the moment, I'd love to follow them through. It's just such a gift of a part - it's every actor's dream."

Heughan laughed off questions about the reported raunchy nature of some of the scenes the will be filming with co-star Caitriona Balfe.

"It's the 1700s, you know, they didn't have television in those days. We have a good-looking cast, let me just say that. Caitriona is very sexy."

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Pre-Celtic Calendar discovered in Aberdeenshire, Scotland

What archaeologists think may be the world's oldest calendar has been discovered in a field in Aberdeenshire.

Analysis of a group of a dozen pits reveal that they appear to reflect the phases of the moon for the purpose of maintaining a lunular calendar. At an estimated age of about 10,000 years, this "calendar" far predates other time measuring devices.

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Welcome 2014!

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Under Oliver Cromwell, Parliament banned Christmas celebrations in 1647. The ban was lifted after Cromwell's downfall in 1660. In Scotland, the stricter Scottish Presbyterian Church had been discouraging Christmas celebrations as having no basis in the Bible, from as early as 1583. After the Cromwellian ban was lifted elsewhere, Christmas festivities continued to be discouraged in Scotland. In fact, Christmas remained a normal working day in Scotland until 1958 and Boxing Day did not become a National Holiday until much later.

But the impulse to party, and to put the products of Scotland's famous distilleries to good use, could not be repressed. In effect, Hogmanay became Scotland's main outlet for the midwinter impulse to chase away the darkness with light, warmth and festivities.

If you have news of what your clan or family is doing, if you are celebrating a wedding or graduation or an honor bestowed or have a Flower of the Forest, please write bethscribble@aol.com with your information. Queries are free, too. Send those along to the same address at anytime. This is YOUR publication.

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A short & interesting history of the Celts

Dr. Raymond E. Hunter

Beginning in the 800s BC and lasting through the end of the millennium, a remarkable people spread from the region of southeastern Germany, part of Austria and part of Hungary throughout most of central and western Europe. Known simply as Celts when the expansion began, they differentiated into subgroups as they settled in present day Spain, Portugal, France British Isles, northern Italy, southern Germany, parts of Scandinavia and even parts of western Russia.

The Celtic people were great warriors and great artisans; most of the bronze found across the Mediterranean countries came from Celtic mines and smelters. They provided many of the fine stonemasons who built impressive edifices in the Greek and Roman empires. But, they had one characteristic that has retarded our understanding of the degree to which they dominated European civilization: they believed that a person's word was the most sacred thing on earth, that a man would give his life before he would violate his spoken pledge.

As a result, very few "documents" were put into writing, such as deeds, wills, and the like. Hence, few writings in Celtic have survived and we know about the Celtic people mostly from writings by people in neighboring countries, such as the Greeks and the Romans.

The Celtic people who settled in today's France became known as Gauls. When the Romans invaded Gaul in the first century BC, there ensued a titanic struggle with the Gauls led by Vercingetorix. The fierce independence of the Celtic people worked

to the disadvantage of Vercingetorix, as he had to rely on voluntary support from the independent tribes within Gaul - who were as likely to fight each other as they were to fight the common enemy. Even so, Vercingetorix fought the Romans to a standstill - an accomplishment never before realized during the Roman Empire expansion - until Vercingetorix made a military mistake in splitting his army. He and part of his forces were trapped in Alesia and eventually, to save the townspeople, he surrendered.

He was taken to Rome and tortured to death in 45 BC.



Many of the Gauls fled the region rather than submit to foreign rule. They traveled completely across Europe to settle in what is today central Turkey. The region became known as Galatia, from the word Gaul (cf. Paul's *Letters to the Galatians*).

The Celtic people in the Iberian Peninsula being more thinly spread, were more easily conquered by the Romans, who occupied most of the peninsula in the second century BC. After the Roman Empire began to crumble, the Moors crossed the Straits of Gibraltar to invade Spain in the 700s AD. Again, a titanic struggle ensued, with the moors being eventually pushed out after having held the southern half of the country for many years. The influence of the Moors in the Spanish bloodlines can be seen today, in the rich black hair and flashing eyes of the stereotypical senorita.

There is a substantial percentage of the Spanish people, particularly from the northern region,

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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.



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who have red hair and fair skin - the former in particular being a nearly certain indication of Celtic genes.

It was in the British Isles that the Celts left their biggest mark. The first wave of Celts, in the period of about 600-400 BC, spread across the islands and became known as Gaels. In about 150 BC, a second wave, known as Brythons, spread across southern England. It is from the word "Brython" that we get the names "Briton," for the people in southern and central England and "Breton," for those who fled the Romans and Anglo-Saxons and settled in northern France.

The Romans began their invasion of Britain in 55 BC, but left after two invasion forces had been thoroughly defeated by the Brythonic Celts. They returned in great force a hundred years later, and there ensued a costly and tedious effort to subdue the Celtic tribes in today's England. After nearly a hundred years, the Romans reached the neck of the Island, where Hadrian built the wall known by his name, across approximately the boundary between present-day Scotland and England. That wall was built as protection against the Scots (and/or Picts, as the eastern Scots were sometimes known.)

But, the Romans could not hold the country against the Scots, the frequently rebellious Britons and the Gaels in the western regions, known as Welsh, especially with the new problems of Angles and Saxons raiding the southeastern coastline. In 410 AD, the Romans left for good, telling the Britons to "see to their own defenses." For a period of about 400 years, the Roman Empire had poured a substantial part of their military might into an unsuccessful attempt to conquer the gaels and Brit-

ons - whereas in their other campaigns, they had managed to conquer every country they had invaded in short order.

Editor's Note: The word, "heathan" was applied to the Scots, Britons and Gaels. The word means, "People of the heather who could not be defeated!"

In subsequent years, the increasing pressure of Anglo-Saxon invasions from regions of present-day Germany pushed the Britons Wales, southern Scotland and the Bretonic region of northern France. The Anglo-Saxon approach to conquering a territory was somewhat akin to the Israelites under

Joshua: slay all inhabitants. Hence, there was very little mixing of Celtic genes in the tribes that evolved into the English of today.

The stubborn warrior traits of the Gaels and es-

pecially the Scots, continue down through history. The failure of the Romans to achieve military victory over the Scots portended such events as the defeat by the Scots of the English at the Battle of Bannockburn, where the Scottish army demolished a foe that outnumbered them by about four to one.

Because of the paucity of written records, the scope of Celtic settlement across Europe has not been easy to establish.

One feature already mentioned that is strongly associated with Celtic bloodlines is red hair; a great majority of people in the world who have red hair will be found to have a Celtic ancestor. That feature is not uniquely associated with the Celts, so the spread of Celtic people in such areas as present day Germany and Scandinavia has not been accepted.

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Quidditch Quaich Tournament set for 2014 Central Florida Scottish Highland Games January 18



The first ever Flyin' Lion Quidditch Quake Tournament will be held at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games January 18.

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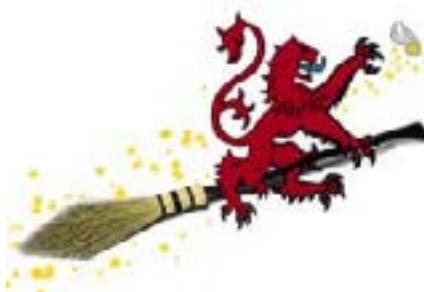
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Who will take home the Quaich? Stop by Central Winds Park in Winter Springs, Florida to find out! For more information about quidditch, visit www.iqaquidditch.com.

The Quidditch Quaich Tournament and the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games will be held at Central Windw Park, Winter Springs, Florida. Turney time is 12 noon.

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