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## The Scottish community has lost a dear and good friend

It is with sadness we report the death of **Romilly Squire of Rubislaw Order of St. John** on December 6, 2016.

Romilly studied graphic design at the famous Glasgow School of Art and after graduating obtained a Certificate of Education from Jordanhill College.

He was considered to be one of the finest Heraldic artists of his generation and was invited to act as an adviser to the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland in 1998. He was recognized as a leading authority on all matters of heraldry, protocol and ceremony.

He was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, a Fellow of the Society of Arts and served on the committee of the Heraldry Society of Scotland since 1989. He was a member of the Sovereign Military Order of the Knights Templar.

Between 1990 and 1993 he edited the Society's journal *The Double Tressure*. He was co-author of the *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopedia* and *Clans and Tartans* with George Way of Plean. He was illustrator of *Kings and Queens of Europe* by Anne Taute.

In 1991 he was appointed Limner to the Priory of Scotland of the Order of St. John.

He was invited to become a Herald Painter at the Court of the Lord Lyon, a post he held for over twenty years. In 1996 he was invited to participate in the world's

first Heraldic Artists' workshop at the International Heraldic and Genealogical Congress in Ottawa. He was awarded the Corel Prize for excellence in heraldic art. He was Deputy Secretary to the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs for more than twenty-five years.

He was a gifted actor and played several roles in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* as well as theatrical roles and pantomime.

He was Chairman of the Heraldry Society of Scotland and a Board Member of the Society of Scottish Armigers in the United States.

Romilly was skilled in Kendo and studied in Japan for some time.

Romilly often traveled to various Scottish events and Games, both in the UK and the US to help promote and educate people in the proper use and understanding of Heraldry.

He was a longtime and much beloved member of the Kingdom of Raknar, based at the Glasgow, Kentucky, Highland Games.

Romilly's late father was Geoffrey Squire, an honored artist of great note. His mother, Jean Parlett Squire also predeceased him.

The Edinburgh Funeral Service for Romilly Squire of Rubislaw will be Webcast.

<http://obitus.com/>

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Login from 10:50 AM Scottish time 17 Dec. 2016

Live broadcast will end 12 noon. After roughly 48 hours, an edited version will be on the obitus website for 21 days or so.

*"Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?"*  
Robert Burns



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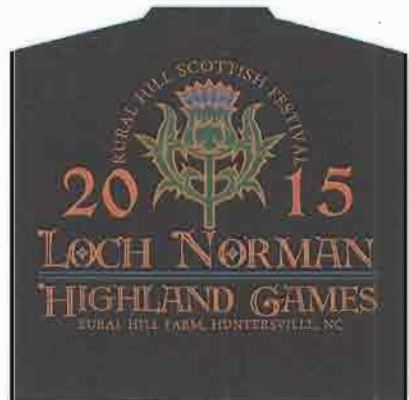
HERALDIC SERVICES  
& GRAPHIC DESIGN

Tom Freeman is a heraldic artist & graphic designer living in Northeast Georgia. He has been working in the Scottish community both in the US & internationally since 1999. He can be reached using the information shown below.

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*New web site will be available early 2017.*



# Chuckles from Australia!

A Scot walks into a bar and orders 10 shots of whisky.

After they are poured he throws them all down quickly one after the other.

The bar tender comments, "Wow, I've never seen anyone drink that much whiskey so fast before!"

The Scot responds mournfully, "Well you would too if you had what I have."

Bartender, "I'm sorry to hear that, what do you have, if I may ask?"  
"Fifty cents."

*Cheers, Merv Grant (Merv is the editor of the Australian Craigellachie, Clan Grant Australia.)*

## Clan Ramsay Association of North America, Inc.,

has changed its name to

## Clan Ramsay International, Inc.

(As of November 21, 2016)



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# Winter Holidays and genealogical research



Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

The winter holiday season is a time when many friends and family get together, exchange greeting cards and/or detailed letters that talk about the highlights of what has happened this past year.

Holidays such as Thanksgiving; Hanukkah (December 24 – January 1); Kwanzaa (December 26-January 1<sup>st</sup>); Christmas, and New Years Day tend to be the most popular dates for these occasions.

While it would not be the primary purpose of these occasions, the winter holiday season may present many social occasions and opportunities for research gathering, especially with aging family members who are often more reflective and approachable during this time frame. Some examples of this process may include:

1. Time of year when people think of holidays past, traditions no longer practiced, and family members long since deceased.

2. Especially stronger as we age, especially after age 50 when we begin losing friends and elderly family members.

3. Nostalgia combined with the holiday season often presents opportunities for motivating them to talk about the past.

4. Many genealogists use this time period to encourage parents and grandparents to write down information pertaining to family holiday traditions.

5. Later, they will discreetly expand this nostalgia to include filling out family group sheets and pedigree charts about the family.

Some of the most popular options that many seasoned genealogists recommend in-

clude the following:

1. Bring photo albums or copies of old family pictures to the get-together for family members to identify. Photocopies of these original pictures that can be written on work well for this purpose. (This has been known to get the ball rolling).

2. Holidays are the occasions for breaking 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.

3. Post Dinner Relaxing Period: 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.

4. Suggest that you would be willing to sit down with them at their convenience and record the information, take any pictures, make any photocopies, or assist with any activities or expenses.



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# LOST TREASURES of the ISLANDS

July 30-August 12, 2017 • 14 days  
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Skye, Lewis & Harris & Orkney

***Please book early as space on the Scottish Islands is limited and fills up quickly.***

**Day 1: Sunday, July 30 International Flight**

Fly into Edinburgh International Airport on overnight flight of your choice.

**Day 2: Monday July 31, Arrive Edinburgh**

Welcome brunch at the Royal Overseas Club on Princes Street, with a stunning view of the Castle, for those who arrive before noon.

**Day 3: Tuesday, August 1: Edinburgh to Skye**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will waste no time in driving up into the Highlands on our way to the Isle of Skye. Our route will take us through the Rannoch Moor and Glen Coe, the infamous site of the massacre of the MacDonalds by the Campbells. We'll have lunch at the Glen Coe Visitor's Centre.



We'll continue our journey to the Isle of Skye, stopping for a photo op at Eilean Donan Castle. Once on the island, we'll drive up to the charming harbour town of Portree and check in to our hotel. Dinner at local restaurant to enjoy the fresh seafood. Overnight: Portree, tbd.

**Day 4: Wednesday, August 2: Skye to Lewis & Harris** After breakfast at hotel we will take a morning drive around the top of Skye, visiting The Museum of Island Life and the Kilmuir Cemetery, burial place of Flora MacDonald, who saved Bonnie Prince Charlie, and the famous modern couturier designer, Alexander McQueen. Lunch will be on own at little café in Uig.

Then we will catch the Ferry to Tarbet on the Isle of Harris.

Upon arrival, we will visit a Harris Tweed Shop. Some of the South Harris coastline will remind you of Norway, with its sea lochs and fjord fingers. Dinner and overnight: tbd.

**Day 5: Thursday, August 3, Tarbet to Stornaway** After breakfast, we'll head north for the Isle of Lewis' main attraction, the Neolithic standing stones of Callanish. Lunch will be at the little Café in the Callanish Visitor's Centre. It was also on Lewis that the famous 12th Century Lewis Chessmen, many made of walrus ivory, were dug up in 1831. Over half of the collection now resides at the British Museum and the remainder at the National Museum of Scotland, in Edinburgh. Dinner and overnight tbd.

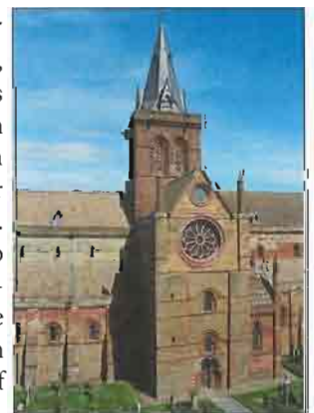
**Day 6: Friday, August 4: Stornaway to Thurso** After breakfast we will spend the morning touring the area, seeing the Lewis Blackhouse, a traditional Hebridean dwelling; The Clach an Trushal, the largest single monolith in northern Scotland; then there is St. Moluag's Church, a Scottish Episcopal Church, whose chapel is from the 12th century. We'll take the ferry to Ullapool and drive to Thurso at the tip of mainland Scotland.

**Day 7: Saturday, August 5: Thurso to Stromness for five days in Orkney** After an early breakfast we will board the ferry for Orkney. At Stromness, we'll visit the museum, have lunch and take a little time to explore before driving on to Kirkwall, our destination for the next four days. Dinner & overnight at the Albert Hotel, Kirkwall, our home until we depart Orkney on August 10.

*"The Orkney Imagination is haunted by time"*

*George Mackay Brown, Orkney Bard*

**Day 8: Sunday, August 6: Kirkwall** After breakfast at the hotel, we'll visit the ruins of the Bishop's Palace and the Earl's Palace. Then those who wish may attend a church service at St. Magnus Cathedral or simply tour this magnificent 12th c. church. In the afternoon we'll go to St. Margaret's Hope, a charming village on South Ronaldsay, near the Churchill Barriers and the Italian Chapel, built by Italian prisoners of war during WWII.



*In 1999, the Neolithic monuments on Orkney were listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.*

**Day 9: Monday, August 7: Neolithic Orkney** After breakfast at the Hotel we'll begin with an overview of the Orkneys with a visit to the Orkney Museum, Tankerness House.



In 2005, archeological investigations between the Neolithic Ring of Brodgar and the Stones of Stennis revealed a hitherto unknown enormous temple complex that has set the archeological world of Great Britain on its heels. It is called The Ness of Brodgar. The digs there are ongoing every summer with more and more remarkable discoveries.

After lunch, we will enjoy a guided tour of the Ness of Brodgar (the day and time depends upon when we can schedule a guided tour). This is now universally recognized as one of the most important if not the most important archeological finds in all of Great Britain, one which is rewriting the history of Neolithic Britain. Lunch and dinner tbd.



**Day 10: Tuesday, August 8: Ancient Orkney** Breakfast at the hotel will be followed by a continuation of our Ancient Islands education, visiting Skara Brae and Maes Howe.

In the winter of 1850, a great storm battered Orkney and revealed one of the then most remarkable prehistoric monuments in Europe, a complex of Neolithic stone dwellings never seen before. We'll follow this by a visit to Maes Howe. Thought to date from around 2700 BC, Maes Howe is one of the monuments that make up the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site. It is a chambered tomb that was known by and visited by the Vikings, who left their own graffiti there! Lunch and dinner tbd.

**Day 11: Wednesday, August 9: Orkney** After breakfast at hotel, we will have the day free. Orkney is known for its creative arts. Included are jewelry, woolens, furniture, pottery and visual arts. Today will give you the opportunity to browse, shop, and also explore Kirkwall.

**Day 12: Thursday August 10: Depart Orkney for Inverness** After breakfast we'll take the ferry back to Thurso. Then we will begin the trek south to Inverness. We will drive along the coast road to take in the scenery! We'll stop at the magnificent Dunrobin Castle, home of the Earls and Dukes of Sutherland. We'll continue on to Inverness where we will spend the night. Dinner and overnight tbd.

### **Day 13: Friday, August 11: Inverness to Edinburgh**

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll visit our final archeological site, the famous Clava Cairns. We will then drive to Cawdor Castle, set amid beautiful gardens. The castle is built around a 15th-century tower house and is perhaps best known for its literary connection to William Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth. However, the story is highly fictionalised, and the castle was built many years after the life of the 11th-century King Macbeth. Lunch at the Courtyard Café, Cawdor Castle.

We'll then continue the drive south stopping at the House of Bruar, which has an unsurpassed reputation as the preeminent Scottish country clothing provider in the UK. We'll then drive in to Edinburgh to have dinner at the Queensferry Restaurant. Overnight: Premier Inn, Edinburgh Airport

**Day 14: Saturday, August 12: Farewell to All** Breakfast at hotel (time permitting). This morning we will transfer to the airport for the return flight to the States.

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## **TOUR REGISTRATION**

### **The Lost Treasures of the Islands of Scotland**

July 30 – August 12, 2017: \$5,950.00

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#### **For Registration Forms,**

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**Martha Hartzog, US Representative**

(she is keeping a master list!):

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## The Academy of Irish & Celtic Studies announces classes for January - March 2017

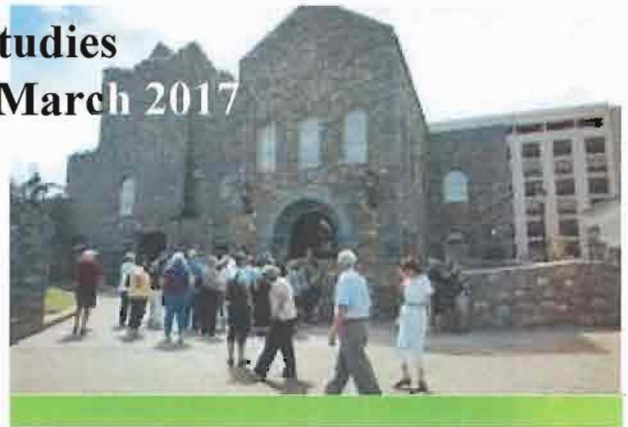
The Academy of Irish and Celtic Studies announces their Term 3 January 10 - March 11, 2017. You may call for details at 602-864-2357 or email <academy@azirish.org> If you like, you may visit: <www.azirish.org> The classes are:

**Scottish Country Dancing:** Tuesdays 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Great Hall

**Irish Language:** Novice Tuesdays 7-8pm, Intermediate Tuesdays 8-9pm, Advanced Wednesdays 6-7pm, Private lessons also available for all levels. Please call for details.

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**Our mailing address is:** Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation, 1106 North Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

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Members of Currach Team Phoenix will have the choice of competitive or recreational rowing, planning and promoting events, learning about the history and culture of the Irish currach, workshops for repair and maintenance of the boats, currach building and helping with the administration of the group.

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## Dugald Skene of Skene, now the Clan Skene chief



*Chief Dugald Skene of Skene, his mother Anne, and his sister Dr. Hannah Skene-Louit)  
Dugald is a practicing architect in the Edinburgh area.*

*Dugald Skene is the Chief of the Clan Skene since the death of his late father, Danus Skene of Skene last summer. With thanks to the Skene Scene, publication of the Clan Skene Association, Inc.*



### Help!

My name is Karen Hess and I purchased an English fowling piece at an auction in NC in the

early 1980s that has a silver plate on the back inscribed 'Henry Henderson 1745' (photos attached).

After looking at the Clan Henderson Society website, I am wondering if you might be able to tell me something about this gun. The maker is Samuel Galton and he made guns around 1765, so I am thinking that this gun was perhaps given to a 'Henry Henderson' to commemorate something that happened in 1745.

Might you have any idea as to the history of this fowling piece? I attached a photo of it and I greatly appreciate any information or leads that you can provide.

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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 president  
Eric Bullard, [goatherd@gmail.com](mailto:goatherd@gmail.com)



**The Reverend Norman Elliot**, February 2, 1919 - September 9, 2016, long time rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Anchorage, Alaska, was a proud member of Clan Bell of North America. He performed the Kirkin' o' the Tartan each year and was always on hand at the Highland Games in Alaska to give the opening prayer and closing benediction.

After he retired in 1990, he served as interim Rector, but no replacement was ever found. He never really left.

He was a Border Reiver descendant.

During his career, he traveled by dog sled and bush plane to tend to Episcopalians and others in remote parts of Alaska.

He earned his pilot's license at Merrill Field in 1952 and used his Piper Pacer - known as the Drunken Canary - to travel between villages.

Tracey Turner, Clan Bell North America Commissioner for Alaska asks that thoughts and prayers be offered to his family, his parish and the community he loved so much and served so well for more than half a century.

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**David Freeland**, Clan Bell of North America member, passed away from heart failure on August 23, 2016 at age 86. He was the beloved father of Karen Frey and was very proud of his Scottish heritage as a descendant of Colin Campbell Bell.

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**Mary Miller** and her husband, Wayne, were Clan Bell of North America Commissioners for the Stone Mountain Games, near Atlanta in Georgia, the Grandfather Mountain Games near Linville, North Carolina and other games for many years.

She always loved showing her Bell of the Borders tartan and was very proud of being an Honorary Lifetime member of Clan Bell of North America.

She passed away in July of 2016.

**Joyce Morrison Krimminger** of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away Friday, April 15, 2016. She was 87. Joyce was born in Cabarrus County and graduated from Bethel School in 1945. She played on the girls basketball team, sang in the glee club, and was a member of the school newspaper.

Joyce was employed with Westinghouse Electric Corporation where she was secretary in the Power Generation Department until she retired.

Joyce enjoyed traveling, which included many family trips to Disney World and multiple states visiting former colleagues. Her favorite travel destinations were Scottish Highland Games.

Her love for baking led to a cake decorating class and eventually linked her two passions together. She became known as the "Official Baker to the Scottish Kingdom."

She was known for sharing her baked goods with everyone, and it was a rite of passage to wear a Morrison Cookie Reiver sticker after sampling.

Joyce was a founding member of the Catawba Valley Scottish Society and regularly convened the Clan Morrison Tent for Highland Games throughout the southeast.

Mama Joyce will always be remembered for her warm smile, loving heart, cheerful personality, and never meeting a stranger.

Daphne, Jonathon, Jamie, Kaley, Bailey, Jesse & Jaden, and the Scottish community will miss her very much!

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## “Missing McPerson!”

### *Can you help?*

My name is **Vera Irene Iles** of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey. If anyone can tell me where in Scotland the **BELLS** and **JACKSONS** were from, I would appreciate it. **GEORGE BELL**, born in Bruce Hall, County Cavan Parish of Killashandra 1757 and died in 1813 of Scottish parents. I would really like to know where in Scotland his parents were from. He married **MARY HINES**, born in 1761 in County Cavan and died in June 1833. Her parents were English. They had: **WILLIAM, MATTIE, GEORGE** (Who fought in the battle of Waterloo), **BESSIE, ANDREW, MARY, JAMES, ABRAHAM** (A bachelor who died in the West Indies.), **THOMAS** (Who also died in the West Indies.). **WILLIAM**, eldest son of **GEORGE**, born in Bruce Hall ca 1787 and died 1829 St. Croix, West Indies, while visiting his brother. His wife, **MARGARET BEATTY**, born in 1789 County Cavan, died 1821. They had **GEORGE**, (Came to America 1828), **WILLIAM**, born ca 1814 in Co. Cavan, Killashandra and comes to America and dies in Virginia 1877, **ANNIE** (Who also comes to America), **MARTHA** who comes to America and marries **THOMAS MOFFATT** in Milwaukee. **ELIZA** dies in infancy, and **THOMAS**, born 14 March 1817 in Killashandra (my ancestor, and **ANDREW** who came to Philadelphia, PA. The **BELLS** were landed proprietors. On the death of **WILLIAM**, eldest son of **GEORGE BELL**, the land was inherited by **ANDREW. THOMAS BELL** (my ancestor) born 14 March 1817 in Killashandra and married a schoolmate, **SARAH JACKSON**, also from Killashandra. She was born 1818. **SARAH JACKSON** and **THOMAS BELL** marry in New York City after they come to America.. This is what I know about the **JACKSON** genealogy. **JOHN JACKSON** was a Scotsman who settled in County Cavan, Parish of Killashandra (Where in Scotland?). He married **MARY JACKSON**, an English widow - widow of another **JOHN JACKSON**, also from England. They had children: **JAMES, ROBERT, FRANK, GEORGE, KITTY, ELLEN, AGNES** and **MARY**. They all married and had children in Ireland. **JAMES**, son of **JOHN JACKSON**, was born in Garhier - Thieve, County Cavan in 1770 and died in the same place in 1844. His first wife was

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**MARGARET BOOTH** of the same county and they had: **ELIZABETH, MARY, MARGARET, JOHN** and **THOMAS** who were twins. All of them married and had families and died in Ireland. **JAMES'** second wife was **JANE FOSTER**, born in the same parish in 1780 and died in 1842. She was the daughter of **HENRY FOSTER** and **MARY BYERS**, who were Scots who had settled in Ireland. **JAMES** and **JANE** had **ANN** (who died in America December 1866), **JENNIE, AGNES, FANNIE, ELLEN, JAMES, KITTY, SARAH** born 25 March 1817, wife of **THOMAS BELL, BELLE, MARTHA**. All not otherwise mentioned, married and had families in Ireland. **JAMES JACKSON** inherits the **JACKSON** lands. Thank you for letting me share my genealogy. Our oral history states the **JACKSONs** were related to President **ANDREW JACKSON**. If anyone has any information or questions, please email **Vera** at [<iirene0061@aol.com>](mailto:iirene0061@aol.com).

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## Jane Haining, The Scot who died at Auschwitz

When one thinks of all the famous Scots down through the years, most everyone remembers Robert the Bruce, MacBeth, William Wallace, James Watt, Sir Walter Scott, John Knox, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Andrew Carnegie, Sean Connery, etc. Please add one additional name that most have never heard of: Jane Haining - The Scot who died at Auschwitz.

Jane Haining was a quiet farmer's daughter from the South of Scotland who ended her life as a slave labourer in the most notorious extermination camp the world has ever known. She is the only Scot to be officially honoured for giving her life for Jews in the Holocaust.

Her life began a long way from the barbed wire fences of Auschwitz.

Jane Haining was born in Dunscore in 1897. Her mother died when she was just five years old and she took on much of the care of her younger sisters.

After leaving Dumfries Academy, where she was an excellent student who was good at languages, she took a secretarial job at the huge JP Coats weaving factory in Paisley. While there she attended church at Queen's Park West in the Govanhill area of Glasgow.

That church now has stained glass windows in memory of a woman who was driven by a strong Christian faith.

In 1932, she saw an ad for a job as matron to the Scottish Mission to the Jews in Budapest. Dr. David Kaufman, director of the centre for the study of Modern Conflict at the University of Edinburgh, says the Hungarian city had a burgeoning middle-class Jewish population. He says it was often dubbed "Jewdapest" because 60% of the doctors and half of the lawyers in the city were Jewish.

The life and worship of the Church of Scotland mission school were overtly Christian, but Jewish parents clamored to get their children educated there.

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Rev. Aaron Stevens, minister at the present day St. Columba's Church of Scotland in Budapest, says, "I think it had to do with the quality of the education the girls received and also with the way the girls were accepted. Jewish girls who came here were not seen as second class pupils. They were just welcome."

Rev. Stevens describes Jane's role as the mother for those who were not living at home anymore.

For her pupils, Jane Haining embodied the values of fairness, tolerance and equality that drove the whole Scottish mission.

Less than a year after Jane arrived in Budapest, Hitler was elected Chancellor of Germany. He was the most powerful force in the turning against Jews which occurred across Europe in the 1930s.

The Hungarian political elite tended to gravitate towards Nazi Germany in the 1930s. The Hungarian Jewish population saw themselves as different from the rest of the Jews of Eastern Central Europe. They saw themselves as successfully assimilated within Hungarian culture. In social terms, they were not really accepted because there was still a latent, casual anti-Semitism which pervaded Hungarian society.

In 1939, the Nazis invaded Poland and Britain declared war on Germany. Hungary's Nationalist government began to concede anti-Semitic laws in a bid to undermine its more demanding fascist sympathizers before then allying itself with Germany. They started to detain Jews who had lived in Budapest for decades without citizenship.

As more and more territories fell to the Nazis, Hungary's alliance with Germany kept invasion at bay.

Former pupil, Eve Haller, now a prominent social activist in America, has never forgotten how the Scottish Mission school restored that respect.

However, the Church of Scotland was increasingly alarmed for the safety of its missionaries and sent repeated letters urging Jane Haining to come home. She refused, and wrote, "If these children needed me in the days of sunshine, how much more do they need me in these days of darkness."

"She could not grasp the evil in which she was functioning," says Annette Lantos, former pupil. "It was not part of her ability to understand what she was confronted with. She lived in a different world. A

world that was civilized and reasonable and rational, where people did not kill each other for no reason."

Then, the outlook suddenly darkened further, when Hitler turned his attention to Hungary and its Jews. On a Sunday afternoon, in March 1944, Nazi troops marched into Budapest.

Jane wept as she was forced to sew on the yellow stars to mark her pupils as Jews.

Her open sympathy put Jane in grave danger.

Within weeks of the invasion, Jane scolded the cook's son-in-law for eating food intended for the girls.

He informed on her.

The next morning, a Gestapo police car arrived at the school. Jane was arrested on suspicion of "espionage on behalf of England."

She was originally taken to a local prison, but soon she was taken to Poland to Auschwitz, as the industrial slaughter of Jews was reaching its zenith.

Jane Haining was a political prisoner, so she was taken to the labour camps where inmates were screamed at, beaten and chased by dogs.

She survived only two months.

She was just 47.

According to her death certificate, she died of "cachexia following intestinal catarrh."

Whether Jane died of starvation, illness or disease and died in a hospital or whether she was actually gassed like many women who became too ill to work, cannot be known for sure.

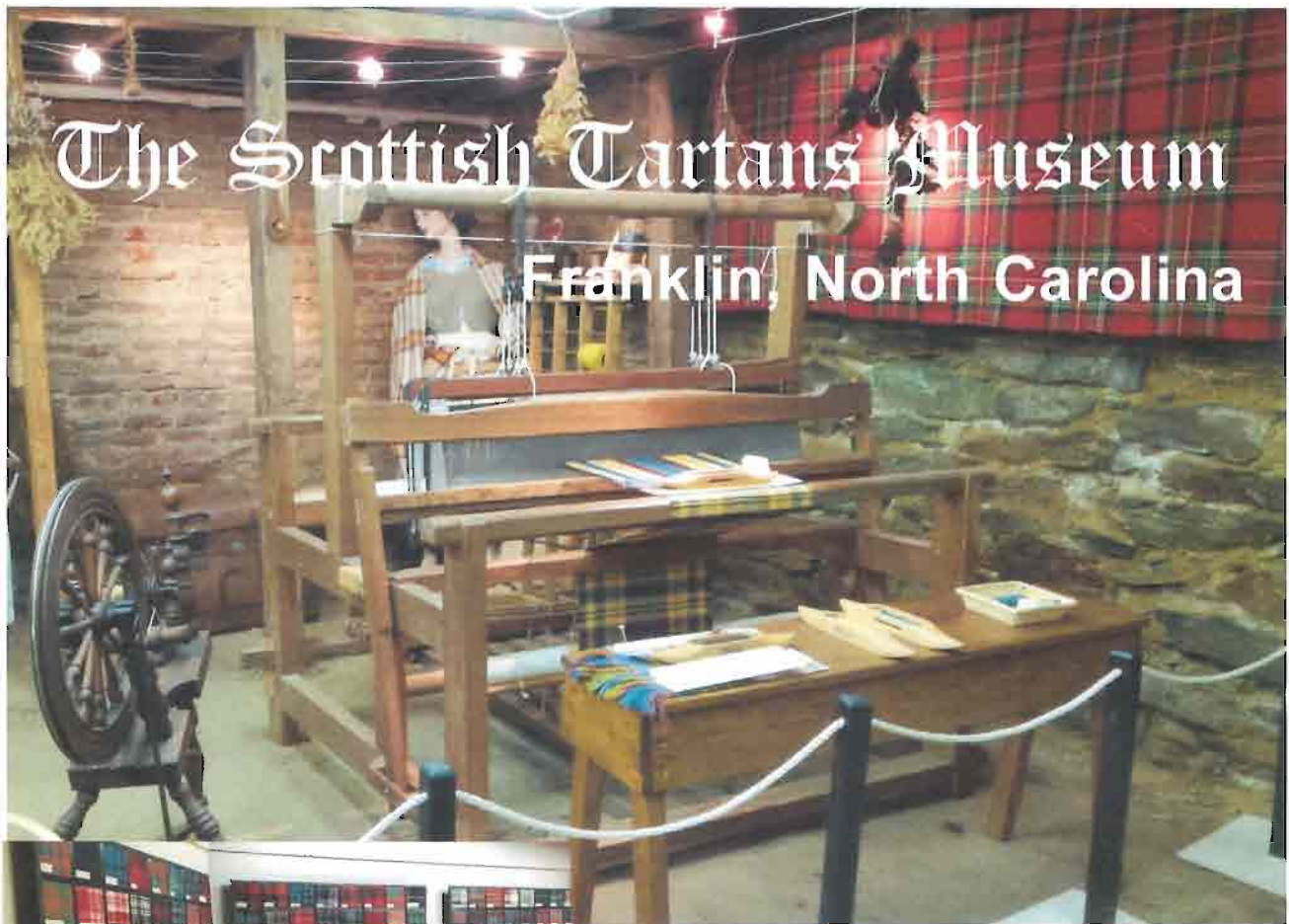
It took a long time before Jane Haining's death was recognized. In 1997, after an initiative from Queen's Park Church, and a ten year investigation by an Israeli board, Jane was named as Righteous Among the Nations in Jerusalem's sacred Yad Vashem, Israel's living memorial to the Holocaust.

In 2010, she was awarded a Hero of the Holocaust medal by the British government.

Her death was anonymous and without show, but her quiet sacrifice for those Jewish children has now been recognized throughout the world.

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# Clan Buchanan 2017 Annual General Meeting set for the Woodland Highland Games & Gathering in California

Clan Buchanan Society, International will hold their 2017 AGM at the Woodlands Highland Games & Gathering, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Woodland Highland Games and Gathering is a fun two day event put on by The Caledonian Club of Sacramento.

You can expect to find a little bit of everything.

For this event the club rents the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland, California.

The weather is usually great for this large west coast event.

There are many pipe bands and drum majors who come from around the world to compete.

Scottish Highland heavy athletics is a big part of the games.

In every exhibition hall, along with the streets inside the fairgrounds, you will find vendors and food booths.

Historical groups are also found such as Mary Queen of Scots' and her court.

Musical groups and dancers appear on several stages over both days on the fairgrounds.

Additionally, you will find scores of Highland ani-



mals and the sheepdog trials at Woodland.

Clan Buchanan for Northern California and Nevada will be playing host to the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

We expect CBSI members from around the world to come to meet our local leaders and CBSI Officers as well as attending the AGM.

We invite all members to jump in and learn to give the weapons presentation to the visitors.

Our clan tent is a busy place. Many visitors enjoy the photo opportunities with the claymores; as well

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**William Charles “Bill” Ramsay**, 86, died Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at his home in Washington, DC, after a long battle with cancer.

Bill was born November 6, 1930 in Jamaica, New York, to Claude Barnett Ramsay and Myrtle Marie (Scott) Ramsay. He grew up in Forest Hills, New York, and then attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he met and married Bertha Thomas in 1951. He earned his bachelor’s degree in English Literature in 1952.

After a stay in Honduras, Bill decided to become a physicist, so they moved to Los Angeles. He and Bertha had Alice, John, and Carol while they lived in LA. He got his doctorate in nuclear physics from UCLA in 1962, did post-doctoral work in La Jolla, and then was an assistant professor in Santa Barbara. In 1965 he and Bertha divorced. He married Margaret Hupp in 1966.

Next he worked on system analysis, and eventually grew interested in the economics of energy use. He and Margaret became the parents of David and then moved to Washington, DC in 1972, where Bill worked at the Atomic Energy Commission, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Resources for the Future, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He wrote several books on the economics of energy use and when he retired, he was able to pursue the writing and composing that he had always longed to do. He and Margaret were divorced in 1980, and he married Charlotte Kidder in 1987.

Several of Bill’s plays were produced in DC theatres. After Charlotte’s death, he and Jane were married in 1997. In 2001, they moved to Santa Barbara, CA, where many of Bill’s musical compositions were performed and appreciated. He also edited an online

fiction magazine and self-published some novels.

Bill was always proud of his Scottish heritage, so when he learned of the Clan Ramsay Association, he joined right away in 1982. When he found out about the Scottish Christmas Walk of the Clans in Alexandria, he joined in with the Clan Ramsay contingent organized by Nancy Harding, bringing as many of his kids with him as he could.

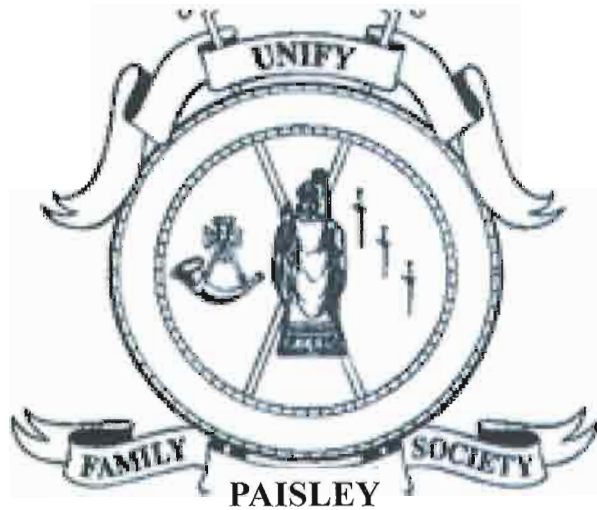
When Nancy was no longer able to carry out this task, Bill took the mantle on his shoulders. For the first few years, Ramsays walked with the Gaelic League group, but Bill got them a slot of their own starting in 1992. Sometimes the group stopped by the Ramsay House and would chant, “Ramsay! Ramsay! Rah, rah, rah!” at Bill’s behest. The Clan Ramsay has continued to be a presence in the Christmas Walk, the tradition carried on by his son David and a group of fellow *Star Wars* fans.

This year, the Clan Ramsay marched in the Alexandria Christmas Walk as a tribute to Bill.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Jane Evans (Coutant) Ramsay; his daughter, Alice Ramsay and her husband, Tony Kordyban (Lombard, IL); his son, John Ramsay and his wife, Evette (San Marino, CA); his daughter, Carol Ramsay-Scott and her husband, Bob Scott (Gilbert, AZ); his son, David Ramsay and his wife, Kimberly (Binghamton, NY); five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his third wife, Charlotte in 1995; and his sister, Jean Claudia (Ramsay) Bower in 2014.

A memorial service is planned for February in Santa Barbara, where a concert of his compositions will be presented. His ashes will be committed at sea the following day.



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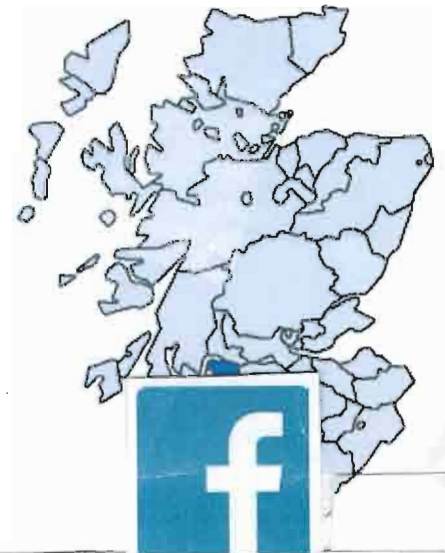


The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



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

Check out the **Paisley Family Society** webpage at [www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilysociety.org.uk) to see what's happening with us in 2017. Contact Martha Brown at [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com). For the Paisley DNA Project, visit [dlangsto@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangsto@yahoo.com)



AGM & Spring Gathering 2015 at Ardtalla, Scotland



# Clan Buchanan Society, International *Flower of the Forest*



**Max Frazee “Mr. Banjo” Morrison** peacefully left this earth Saturday morning, October 29, 2016 at his home. He was 90 years of age.

The fourth of six children, and always the favorite, he was born February 19, 1926 in Brown County, Indiana to parents Dossie D. & Sarah I. (Frazer) Morrison.

Max taught himself to play the banjo by ear and was paid for his first banjo performance when he was 14 years old.

Max proudly served his country by joining the US Army. He was made an Intelligence Scout at the age of 18 and served under General Patton.

He fought in the Battle of the Bulge in Decem-

ber, 1944 where he used his body to shield his buddy from a butterfly bomb that exploded near them taking injuries resulting in his left

arm being completely severed.

The Purple Heart was awarded to him as a sign of valor, service and sacrifice. This would be a fitting description for the type of life that Max embodied. That didn't stop him from doing what he loved. He still enjoyed entertaining people by playing his banjo and was a member of the Sarasota Mummies while he wintered down in Florida at Long Boat Key.

Max was proud to work side by side with his brother Jack to build many houses in the area.

Max was a member of Sertoma for many years. He was very happy to join the Buchanan Clan while attending the Sarasota Highland Games.

He is survived by a cherished friend Renée Schambre and her daughter, Reagan; nephew and niece, Peter & Mary Watts; beloved friend Edith (Dean) Huvler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Max was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 68 years Mary Morrison, his siblings Helen, Glenn, Jack, William and Paul, and son Gregory Max Morrison in 1972.

## **Buchanan 2017 AGM,**

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as learning about Scottish Highlander history.

Woodland is just north of Sacramento, close to Sacramento International Airport.

There are not a lot of hotels in Woodland, so you have to make reservations early to be close to the event. We have secured a block of rooms in Woodland at the new Fairfield Inn & Suites Sacramento Airport. The inn offers shuttles to and from the airport for those flying in. Shuttle reservations are required; phone: +1-530-723-5067. The room rate is \$119 a night if you use the link provided below. Book your room soon, as once they're gone; there is no guarantee we will be able to get more at the same price. Book your group rate for Clan Buchanan at <[www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/Buchanan](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/Buchanan)>.

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# Clan Bell International



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Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

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CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

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## National Library of Scotland announces it has added 400 Post Office Directories to their collection that will help YOU!



The November issue of the *National Library of Scotland's Newsletter* reports news sure to be of great interest to all who research their families in Scotland.

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If you are working on your genealogy, on another historical project — or if, like us, you just love maps — this is sure to be an invaluable resource.

Visit the NLS at [www.nls.uk](http://www.nls.uk)

**Fancy folk come visit the Blairs at Estes Park, Colorado last September!** L to R: Whit Young, Brigham Lawyer as William Wallace, Nick Lawyer as Robert the Bruce, Melissa Lawyer as Queen Elizabeth de Burgh, Will Young as Andrew de Moray.



## What a treat for your editor!

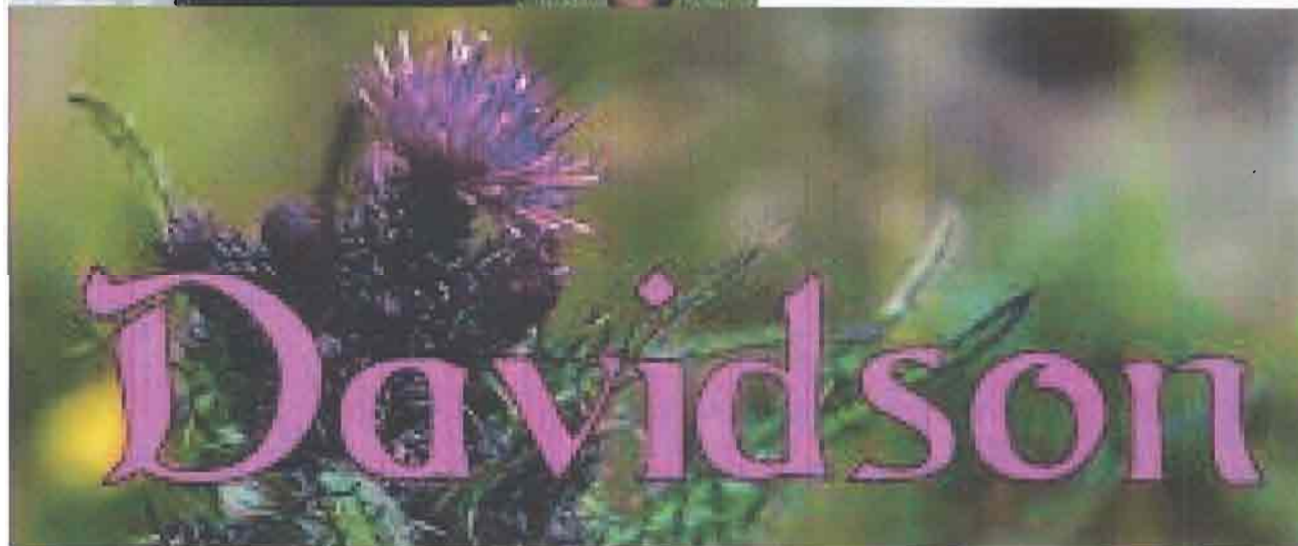
Working on this publication, I received the new *Blair Bruidhinn* and was enjoying all of the news and events in which Clan Blair has taken part...when, to my surprise, there was my dear friend, Jennifer Blair, from Tucson, Arizona, along with her daughter, Zia!

Jennifer went to Scotland on our tours with Marti Van Horn and me every time we went! (I can't remember, was it five times or six?) Zia was barely out of grammar school back then - but look, she is all grown up! Jennifer looks beautiful, exactly the same as she did - all those years ago!

We do still keep in touch...but it was like a surprise visit to just see she and Zia smiling at me from the screen of my computer!



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# The Atlanta Pipe Band 2016

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**Garrett Helmick**

The Atlanta Pipe Band is grateful to have just completed one of its most successful competition seasons ever!

There were two big highlights for us this year. The first being a trip all the way up to Maxville, Ontario to compete at the North American Pipe Band Championships in July!

The band played at a very high level, but didn't make the prize list that day.

With heads held high we moved on to Montreal the next day, Sunday, to compete against some other Grade Three bands hanging around north of the border.

The band was still playing strong and we won the contest!

Afterwards many players went out to dinner in Montreal that night to celebrate, but not everyone as some had to leave at 3 AM for their flights home!

Once back in Georgia the band continued to prepare for the second major highlight of the year, Stone Mountain.

For those who have been to these games you know how dearly loved they are! This year was extra special as it was home to the Southern EUSPBA Pipe Band Championships.

On the warm Fall day everyone was excited, and naturally a wee bit nervous! Marching up to line the shadows of the pine trees were drawing long in the Pipe Band circle.

We had practiced hard, rehearsed, and bonded a lot as a group so we were ready to just relax and play the music. Into the shoot, and about five minutes later it was all over.

A few hours later at the closing ceremonies the time came to announce the band winners. There were

six Grade Three bands total from all over the country.

God blessed and the Atlanta Pipe Band won with straight firsts and four Above Grade Levels!

All this meaning we finished 2016 as EUSPBA Grade Three Points Champions!

Certainly a lot to build on, and the band is already working hard for 2017!

Feel free to check out the band on Facebook to keep up with all the happenings!

The Atlanta Pipe Band would like to wish every reader a very happy a blessed Holiday Season!



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