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Largs to Millport ferry cancelled after Covid outbreak among CalMac staff

Jody Harrison **The Herald**



Ferry services between a seaside resort and a popular daytrippers' destination have been cancelled after an outbreak of Covid among CalMac Staff.

Sailings between Largs and Millport were

suspended on Sunday morning following the breakdown of one vessel and the discovery of a cluster of coronavirus cases among the staff on the replacement boat.

The *MV Loch Shira* was withdrawn from service due to a suspected leak within its propulsion system, and was due to be replaced by the *MV Loch Tarbet*.

However, this ferry has also been taken off the route to allow deep cleaning to take place after a number of staff returned positive tests for Covid.

With other members of the crew being identified as close contacts of those already infected, a replacement crew is now being sought.

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Medieval Scot with strong jawbone wasn't a local



Laura Geggel writing for LIVE SCIENCE

The bloke may have grown up in the Hebrides or Ireland.

A medieval man who lived in Scotland, dubbed Blair Atholl Man, wasn't a local to the central Scottish Highlands, chemical analyses reveal.

A medieval man who lived in Scotland, dubbed Blair Atholl Man, wasn't a local to the central Scottish Highlands, a chemical analysis reveals. (Image credit: Christopher Rynn and Hayley Fisher)

A medieval man whose face was immortalized in a striking reconstruction isn't quite who we thought he was. The so-called Blair Atholl Man, who died at the age of 45 and was buried near Blair Atholl in the Scottish Highlands some 1,600 years ago, was not a local, researchers now say.

Instead, Blair Atholl Man likely spent his childhood on the western coast of Scotland, perhaps on one of the islands of the western Hebrides, such as Mull, Iona or Tiree, or maybe he grew up farther away, in Ireland, a chemical

analysis of his remains revealed.

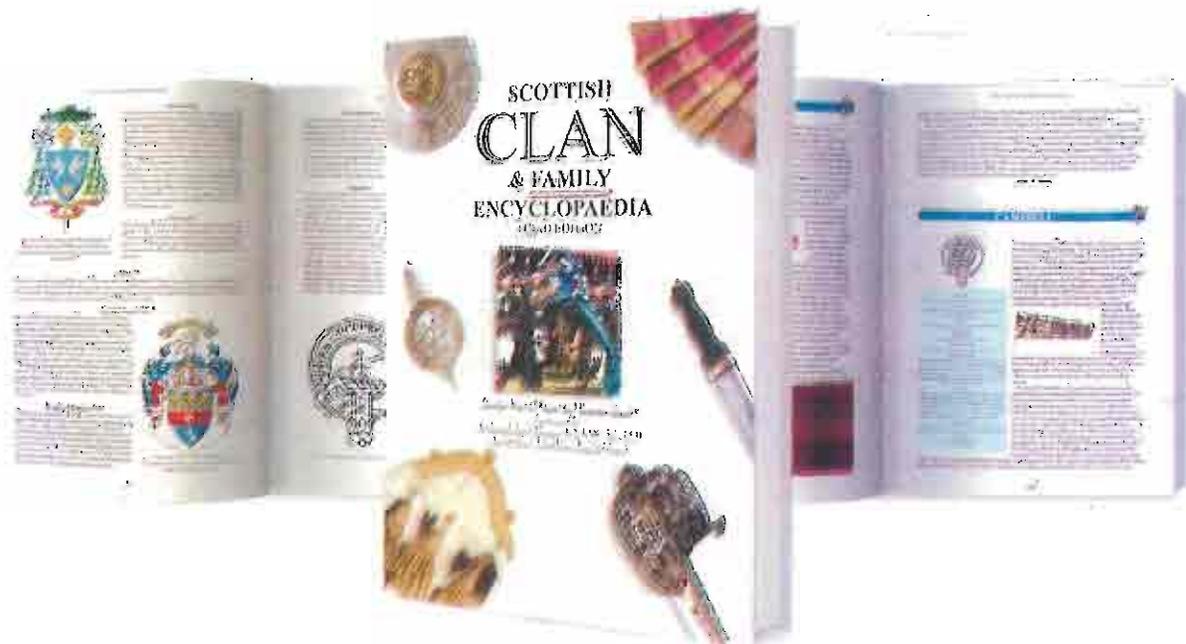
News of this man's journeys adds to a growing line of evidence that people traveled long distances in early medieval Scotland. Research at two other archeological sites — the villages of Lundin Links and Cramond on the eastern coast of Scotland — show "that these types of movements may have not been uncommon," study co-researcher Kate Britton, a professor of archaeological science and head of the Department of Archaeology at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, told Live Science in an email.

It wasn't just men who were journeying to far-flung spots, either. "What is interesting is that at both those east-coast sites [Lundin Links and Cramond], our west-coasters were females, suggesting that both men and women — and perhaps for a variety of reasons — were making these journeys," Britton said.



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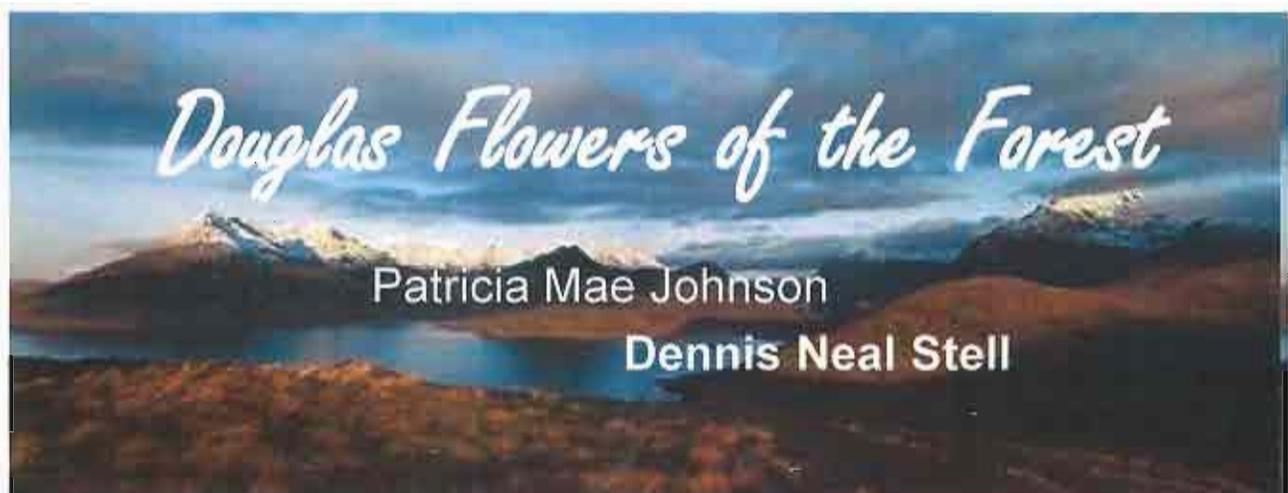
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Patricia Mae Johnson, 82, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, passed away September 2, 2021, at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 9, 1939, in Flint, Michigan to the late Raymond Bugbee and Elsie Mae [DeLong] Bugbee.

On May 23, 1987, She was married to Perry Johnson.

She was a Free Methodist and enjoyed reading the Bible.

She was a retired High School English and Journalism teacher for Neelyville High School.

She enjoyed reading, editing, diagramming sentences, correcting grammar, photography.

She also enjoyed teaching in a variety of situations for migrant children, diabetes education, adult education, English as a second language, and many other leadership roles.

She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi. Her memberships also included the Clan Douglas Society.

As a child in 1953, she survived the deadliest tornado in Michigan.

She is survived by three children; Timothy Tyler and wife Mary of Fullerton, California, Titus Tyler and wife Kimberly of Fullerton, California and Tonica Winchester of Poplar Bluff, Missouri as well as four grandchildren; Mikayla, Kelsey, and her husband Jake, Alyse, and Brayden.

She was preceded in death by her husband Perry, her parents, and one sister; Esther Jean Burns, and three brothers; Marvin Bugbee, Larry Bugbee and

Thomas Bugbee as well as one son-in-law; DeWayne Winchester.

Dennis Neal Stell, 75, of Shirley, Arkansas gained his wings Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Dennis was born March 30, 1946, in Bastrop, Louisiana to the late Zimry "Jack" and Hazerie (Neal) Stell.

Jack Stell was the Arkansas Commissioner of Aviation for many years. His father being an aviator, Dennis also became a pilot and flew his first solo flight at age 12.

When he was 16, Dennis received his pilot license. It was no surprise to anyone that Dennis later joined the USAir Force and served with honor.

Dennis met Diana Kay Sinks while at college. They were married in 1967. Dennis was a loving husband to Diana and a wonderful, loving father to their three children, Lance, Shauna, and Sherwood Ashley.

He was also a patient and supportive partner of Diana assisting her for many years as she represented Clan Douglas Society. When Diana became the CDSNA President in 2012, Dennis was her greatest supporter going out of his way to proudly mention to anyone listening that "Diana is the 1st female President in Clan Douglas Society North American history." Strong, loving, supportive, honorable; Dennis will be sorely missed.



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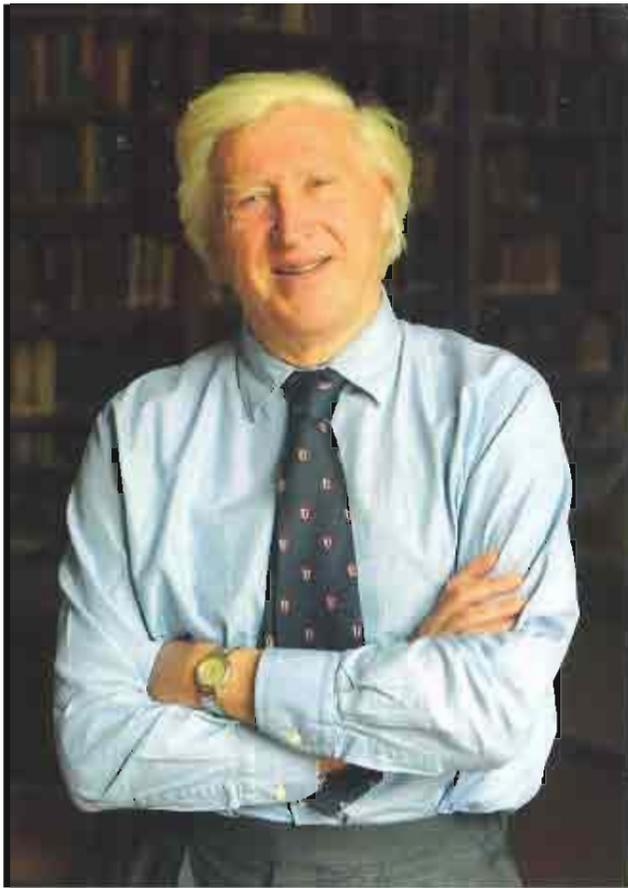
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Sir Drummond Bone has been appointed Chair of the National Library of Scotland.

His first appointment was at the University of Warwick but in 1980 he returned to Glasgow. After 20 years at the University of Glasgow, where latterly he was Senior Vice-Principal, he became Principal at the Royal Holloway University of London, Vice-Chancellor at Liverpool, and Master of Balliol College from which he retired in 2018.

Sir Drummond Bone was President of Universities UK and Chair of the UK Libraries Research Reserve Project. He was Chair of the Liverpool Capital of Culture Company, Vice-Chair of the Northern Way and Chair of its Science and Innovation Committee, sat on the CBI's Technology and Innovation Committee, and has been a consultant to many organizations involved in international Higher Education. He chaired the Arts and Humanities Research Council, retiring in 2021.

He is currently Chair of the Wordsworth Trust. He has MA degrees from Glasgow and Oxford Universities, a D.Univ from Glasgow and a D.Ed from

Clan Blair at the 2021 Stone Mountain Scottish Highland Games



Next year will be the 50th Annual Stone Mountain Games! Clan Blair is hoping for a really good turnout at those games. Plan to attend.

Edinburgh, as well as a number of honorary degrees in literature. He is an Honorary Fellow of Balliol College.

Sir Drummond Bone said: "As a frequent user of the Library last century, I am excited about helping its development in the 21st century, heading towards its centenary in 2025. It's a new world for libraries, with the opportunity in the digital world to reach so many more people, with so much of interest to share."

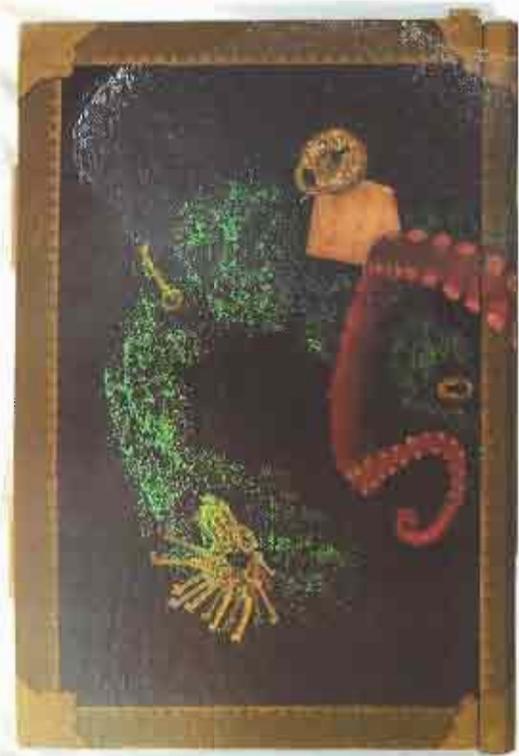
Culture Minister Jenny Gilruth said: "I warmly congratulate Sir Drummond Bone on his appointment as Chair of the National Library of Scotland. He has had an illustrious career as an expert in English literature and is a known specialist on the works of Byron – a legendary writer who spent his childhood in Scotland and who has a strong presence in the National Library's collections.

"Sir Drummond Bone has also held impressive leadership roles in the wider cultural sector and this highly relevant experience will be invaluable to the National Library as it approaches its centenary in 2025."

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Buchanan Flower of the Forest

Patty Hopkinson

Patricia (Patty) L Hopkinson, Clan Buchanan genealogist, passed away on November 12, 2021, at home in Sunnyvale, California at the age of 59. Patty discovered her passion for genealogy as a teenager. Her brother Jim tells a story of how she once found a license plate that had their last name on it but did not belong to the family; Patty was so intrigued she left a note on the windshield asking for the owner's family tree. A few weeks later, Patty received a letter with a family tree going back three generations. Patty traced the lineage back even further and eventually discovered a distant common ancestor.

Patty's favorite travel destination was Scotland, where in addition to visiting tourist destinations, she explored cemeteries and old churches in search of records that would further her research. It was during one of these many trips that she discovered the Buchanan Society. Patty and her brother later visited a young couple by the name of Michael and Paula. Patty was convinced they had a strong claim to the Chiefship and was thrilled many years later to hear they are now Lord and Lady Buchanan.

The youngest of five children, Patty was



born and raised in Baldwin Park, California to Horace and Dorothy Hopkinson. Before her death, Patty worked as a paralegal for sixteen years specializing in trust and estate planning. She is survived by her sister, two brothers, three nephews, one niece, two grandnieces, and beloved cat Casey

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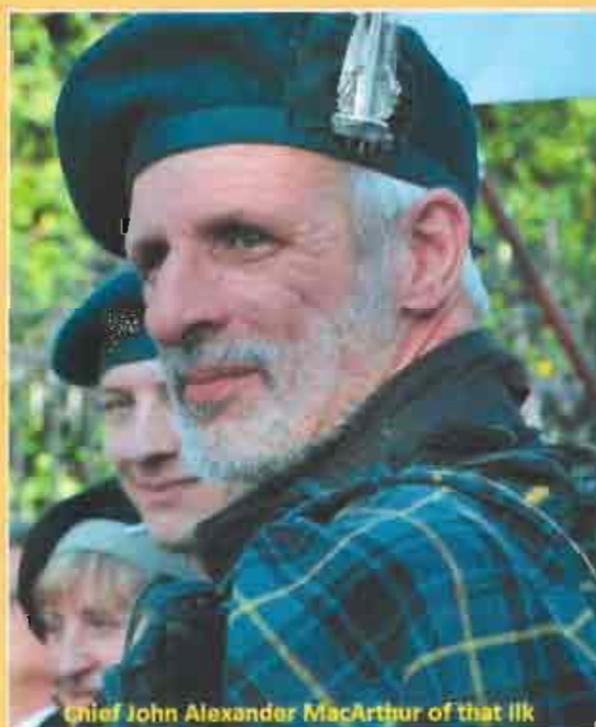
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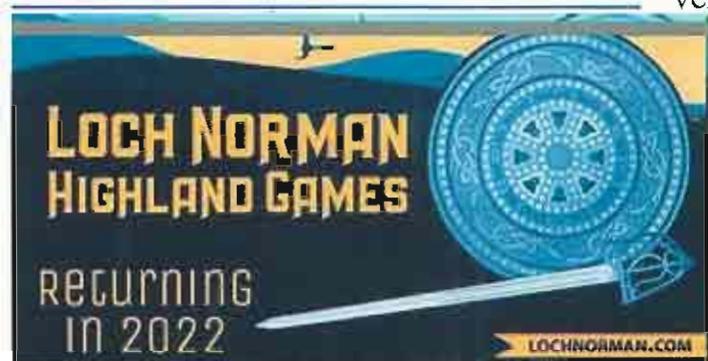
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These are the names of some nearly lost varieties of wheat that are being revived by the Cornish husband and wife team of Will and Larissa Radmore.

Their farming enterprise, Cornish Golden Grains, is marketing "heritage flour" made from these grains, organically grown on their Respareth Farm near Portholland, threshed in a 90-year old machine and ground in a traditional stone mill.

There's Cornish history in each flour sack (available in either whole meal or rustic white), as Orange Devon and Red Lammas were once favored varieties in Cornwall, being well adapted to the peculiarities of the West Country Climate.

With thanks to Six Nations, One Soul, the newsletter of the Celtic League American Branch. Write to Stephen Paul DeVillo, 313 East 201st Street, Bronx, NY 10458. You may email <spdevillo@earthlink.net>



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Clan Ramsay members please remember that we are now on Instagram.

Michaila Jolly-Carswell set up a Clan Ramsay Instagram account back in the summer months but with the Christmas season so close Instagram is the perfect platform to share your Christmas photographs.

Anyone who is interested in following the account can search by typing in the following to locate the account: <@clan_ramsay_usa>

Clan Ramsay members can then tag the account in their posts, with items related to the clan, by using the following tags: #clanramsay or #theramsayclan

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*The Arms of Paisley of Westerlea (above)
The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BUCHANAN INAUGURATION BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Paula, The Lady Buchanan

This Clan Chief Inauguration ceremony itself appears to have developed over many previous millennia. It was strongly based on Clan symbolism, relating to family connections, family traditions (such as special stones where the clan traditionally gathered), and included key items used for defense.

These core symbolic elements acted as a visible way to show the heir's new approved status to both the wider clan and importantly its potential enemies. It also introduced the new Chief to their future responsibilities.

Whilst the symbolism was similar for all clans, different clans evolved their own unique stories, many of which have been preserved in their heraldic arms; heraldry being an early tribal way of documenting family-clan connections as well as a way of remembering key events in the life of the clan and its members.

This Clan Chief Inauguration ceremony was seemingly copied thousands of years later by the first 'Scottish' Kings. Kenneth MacAlpine, considered by many to be the first king, was himself a Clan Chief.

This seems to explain why not only the coronation ceremony of the following Scottish kings but also the subsequent English ones are pretty much the same as the much earlier Clan Chief's Inauguration ceremony.

Since all these ceremonies used the same items of inherited symbolic regalia, including a rod/scepter, a carved chair, a family seal, special headwear, and traditional weapons, superficially a coronation is just a more elaborate and ornate form of Inauguration.

However, these two events differ fundamentally.

While coronations are all about providing leadership for many different family groups, Clan Chief Inaugurations are focused on the importance, well-being, and survival of their particular family clan/tribe.

In ancient times, an Inauguration was triggered following the death of a previous Clan Chief.

The first thing the genealogist and elders of the Clan Court then needed to do was to quickly identify the next legitimate heir from the clan.

In recent times, the Court of Lord Lyon has effectively taken over this role. In our case, this took place in the Lord Lyon court in 2018.

The late Hugh Peskett, our phenomenal genealogist, needed almost two decades to find the extensive legal evidence required to bridge almost three and a half centuries since the passing of the last Buchanan Clan Chief.

Hugh often told us he was driven to do this after one of his Buchanan grand-

mothers told him he needed to find the next Buchanan chief when he was young.

He instinctively acted as a clan elder like all those before him.

Going back to the historical accounts, once an heir had been recognized, the Clan gathered for the Inauguration itself, where the new Chief was introduced by the court to the whole clan. This, like all good Celtic traditions, was followed by many days of celebrating and feasting.



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Unfortunately, over the past millennia, it is no secret that our common Celtic tribal clan culture has been systemically attacked.

Due to its powerful symbolism, most clan regalia which previously existed, have been destroyed or stolen by those wanting a potent way to increase their own powers.

Famous examples of this include the destruction of the stone Coronation chair of the Celtic Irish O'Neill Clan in the early 17th Century, by Elizabeth 1st English army.

Another was the theft of the Scottish Stone of Destiny by King Edward (Longshanks) of England in the 13th century. Indeed, the potent symbolism of the stone was so important, Edward then designed his own coronation chair so he himself would sit on this stone, effectively giving him symbolic power over the Scots.

This continual targeting and destruction of tribal clan regalia culminated in the 17th and 18th century Jacobite uprisings.

The failure of the 1745 uprising triggered a raft of new prohibitive laws designed to systemically destroy and suppress not only individuals who had taken part in the events but all aspects of clan culture under the pain of death. This seemingly dealt a final blow not only for the Inauguration ceremony but for clan life itself.

Our family was personally affected by this too since Francis Buchanan of Arnprior and Leny, my husband's



**Attainder.* Loss of rights resulting from criminal conviction. In English criminal law, attainder or attinctura was the metaphorical "stain" or "corruption of blood" which arose from being condemned for a serious capital crime (felony or treason). It entailed losing not only one's life, property and hereditary titles, but typically also the right to pass them on to one's heirs. Both men and women condemned of capital crimes could be attainted.

ancestor, was a leading Jacobite.

As the treasurer and armorer of Bonnie Prince Charlie's army, he was considered a chief baddie, deemed attainted* then, and was executed by being hung, drawn, and quartered in England.

Following this, Francis's lands were either confiscated or sold. In addition, our family chest was confiscated by the English courts, put in their treasury, and then lost.

This was also a blow since it contained much of our personal family history and where we fitted in the clan structure in the form of legal written charters.

It also contained an ancient 10th-century silver family sword, previously described as *'The Small Sword of Scotland'*, which represented the ancient ownership of our family clan lands, before even charters were used.

With Francis gone, together with the attainder slur put on his and his Buchanan family's blood, in the

absence of the modern internet, libraries or other clan's or governmental archives and the forced cessation of clan life, our family was prevented from even trying to help restore the clan, even if they were able to.

Despite most of these laws having now been long revoked and while there is no evidence of this punishment having

any effect today, an appeal submitted by other Scottish Jacobite families in 2012, to remove the residual verbal slur of having 'corrupt rebel' blood, appeared to have failed.

This continued perceived grudge, highlights the sheer resilience and motivation of Hugh Peskett, as, without his expertise and motivation, our clan could possibly, like many other clans who lost their chief at this time, still be chiefless.

Despite all this, time has shown that while the gen-

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Every Burns Night is celebrated slightly differently, but it all began when a group of Burns' friends got together at his old cottage to mark the fifth anniversary of his death. They must have thought it a good night, as they decided to form a society and repeat the event six months later, on his birthday.



There were some initial hiccups, such as having the wrong date for Burns' birthday! But from 1803 onward, the society has held a Burns Supper every year on the 25th of January.

The popularity of the original Burns Society was so large, that more and more people heard about the Burns Suppers, and created their own Burns societies and events. Nowadays, Burns Night is celebrated by many in Scotland and across the world.

It's a great night if you like food and literature! Why not organise your own Burns Supper or visit a local Burns Night in 2022 and celebrate this special evening.

Things to know about the Buchanan Inauguration before it happens, *continued on page 22*

eral Clan System was knocked down, it is far from being out. It could be that its natural tribal family origins have not only given it great resilience in helping clans to survive even these major assaults. It has certainly seemed to help clans people not only survive but really thrive globally.

Fortunately, there are still sources that have preserved these and other historic aspects of clan life, such as the previously mentioned book.

While these early ceremonial traditions will remain at the very heart of next year's Buchanan Chief's Inauguration event, the lives of all Buchanan's around the world will not only be fully reflected but also cherished and celebrated.

Indeed, the two Inauguration organizers, Shona and Paul Gibson reflect this Buchanan Clan resilience. They are Australian Buchanan's who have become a vital current and future part of the Buchanan Clan Court. Despite living on the opposite side of the world and the recent covid outbreak and having to deal with fires and

other major weather events local to where they live, they have both already generously volunteered much time, effort, and expertise to bring this specific event to their fellow global clan folk.



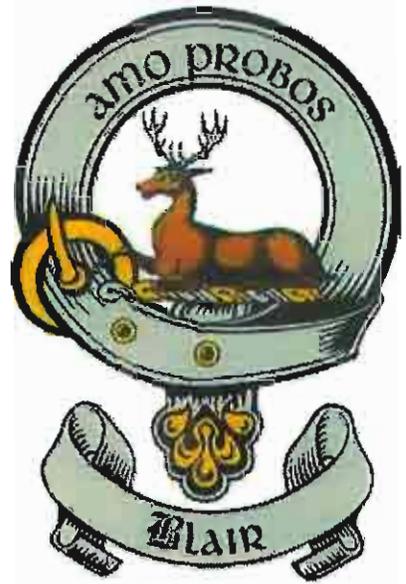
Many others are also playing their own essential role in not only helping to enable this event but to make it a once-in-a-lifetime event to attend.

The Buchanan aims to honor all our shared ancestors who took part in these previous ceremonies and other historic Buchanan Clan traditions.

He is also doing what he can, not only to help recreate them but also to update them to keep them relevant so they are never forgotten again.

The Inauguration is a shared way of offering every Buchanan around the world who hears their ancestral voices calling, to have an opportunity to join us here at Cambusmore, Scotland. By so doing they will not only be making their own personal contribution to creating Buchanan Clan history, but they will also be helping to develop and enhance the Buchanan clan's future!

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

Clan Blair



Up Helly Aa on Shetland not to be missed



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Ever since the 19th century, the people of Shetland have been celebrating their Norse heritage every year by parading through their town centers as Vikings and by setting fire to a longship.

Afterward, locals and visitors alike gather to continue their party by dancing in one of the town's many charming pubs and restaurants until deep into the night.

Shetland was a part of Norway until 1469, but the *Up Helly Aa* celebration is unique to the islands. It's not celebrated anywhere else in Scandinavia or in other former Viking areas. If anything, this wintry fire festival seems to have more similarities with the other Celtic fire festivals on mainland Scotland, such as the Stonehaven Fireballs.

Nevertheless, when the first *Up Helly Aa* parade was held in Lerwick in 1881, it was in-

tended as a celebration of Shetland's Norse heritage.

More Viking elements, such as the burning of the longship, were added in later years.

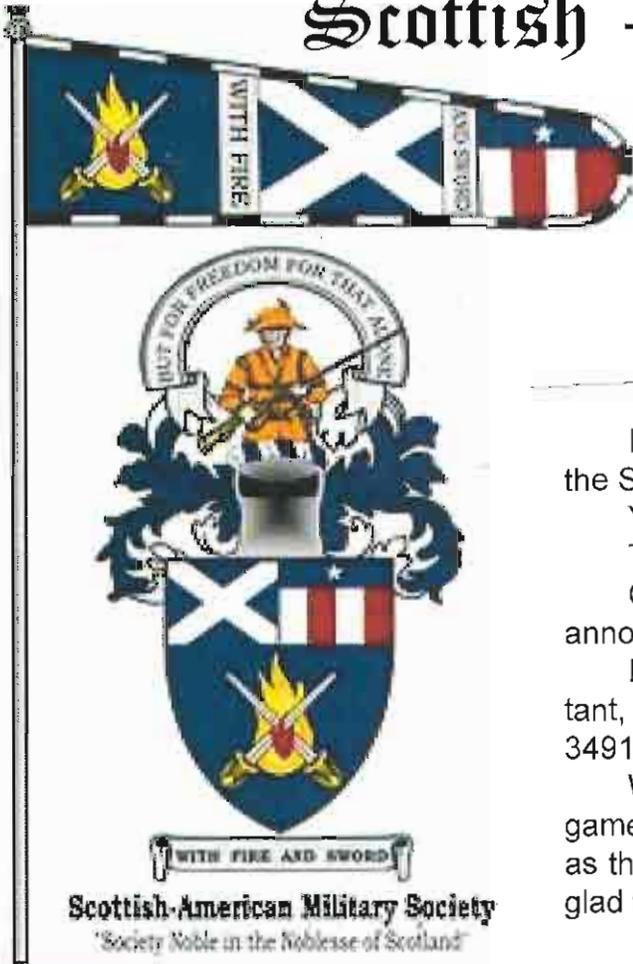
Every community on Shetland organizes their own *Up Helly Aa*, each of which is slightly different. There are 11 in total, taking place between January and March and attracting thousands of visitors every year.

Experience these unique events yourself in 2022. Marvel at the fire parade and party all night with Vikings.

The first *Up Helly Aa* of the year is the Scalloway Fire Festival (second Friday of January) while the largest celebration takes place in Lerwick (final Tuesday of January). There is also the Delting *Up Helly Aa* (third Friday of March) which roughly takes place around the time that the first puffins return to Scotland for the summer.

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

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



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



Happy holidays from Wildcat Haven!

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the latest Wildcat Haven newsletter, we hope everybody has been keeping well. We're very excited to tell you about a number of significant developments which put us in a really strong position to continue our fight to save the Scottish wildcat in the wild.

New evidence uncovered

After 18 months of trying, we now have access to the documents which Vattenfall has been forced to share with us. This is their data of the wildcat surveys carried out in the Clashindarroch.

The data is very clear, as we have been saying all along. It confirms beyond any doubt that the Clashindarroch contains the highest density of wildcats anywhere in Scotland.

This makes the whole forest of both National and International importance.

The analysis demonstrates that 5 or 6 wildcat territories will be directly impacted by this wind farm. To put this in context, with estimates as low as 30 wildcats left in the wild, that amounts to up to 20% of the world population being threatened by this development.

This doesn't include the other potential impacts on more wildcat territories through the noise, disturbance, and displacement of animals

New wildcat found!



Fieldwork season is kicking off and what a way to begin. Our 'wildcat whisperer' Kev Bell has been out and about in a number of locations setting camera traps and we have caught a huge new wildcat on camera! As you can see, it has beautiful body stripes and a thick, black, blunt-tipped tail which are key diagnostic features to look for when identifying wildcats.

Trip to Sweden

This month, members of the team traveled to Sweden to confront Vattenfall, the Swedish company responsible for the wind farm developments in the Clashindarroch.

We have been in touch with a range of environmental groups in Sweden to put in the place the foundations for a media campaign and a series of events in Stockholm. We are hugely encouraged by the response so far and our plans have been met with great enthusiasm.

We'll keep you all updated as we have more to share on this.

Fabulous Finlay

Finlay continues to amaze us as he grows wilder and wilder by the day

He is in magnificent condition, just take a look at his beautiful coat! You can see his beautiful tiger-like stripes and if you look closely you can just observe the black, blunt tip of his tail in the grass.

During autumn his appetite - which has always been huge - has been increasing. It is as though he instinctively knows he needs to bulk up for winter and is doing exactly that. He is

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The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



"O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom you have come.

The Clan Macneil President: Kenneth McNeil,
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Scots Language Names for Landscape Features

with many thanks to The Clan Grant Society (Australia).

<p>BURN (a stream) [from Old Eng burna]</p>  <p>e.g. Burn of Boyndie</p>	<p>KNOCK (isolated hill) [from Gael cnoc]</p>  <p>e.g. Knock Hill, Cornhill e.g. Knock Head, Whitehills</p>	<p>BRAE (hillside, slope) [from Old Norse brá, Old Eng brū, Gael bràighe]</p>  <p>e.g. Braemar</p>
<p>KNOWE (small hillock) [from OE cnoll]</p>  <p>e.g. Golden Knowes, Banff</p>	<p>BEN (peak) and smaller BIN [from gael beinn]</p>  <p>e.g. Ben Nevis, Bin of Cullen</p>	<p>GLEN (steep valley) [from gael gleann]</p>  <p>e.g. Glen More (big Glen)</p>
<p>STRATH (wide valley) [from gael srath]</p>  <p>e.g. Loch of Strathbeg</p>	<p>NESS (a headland of rock) [from Old Norse nes]</p>  <p>e.g. Stake Ness, Whitehills</p>	<p>MIRE (boggy ground) [from Old Norse mýrr]</p>  <p>e.g. Bloodymire, MacDuff</p>
<p>HAUGH (floodplain) [from Old Eng healh]</p>  <p>e.g. Haughs of Cromdale</p>	<p>SHANK (spur or ridge) [from Old Eng scanca]</p>  <p>e.g. Shank of Barry, Cornhill.</p>	<p>HEUGH / HEUCH (crag, cliff) [from Old Eng hūh]</p>  <p>e.g. Slack Heugh Bay, Dumfries and Galloway.</p>

Clan Davidson Society USA



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

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

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

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

For more information, check out our website at [www.elandavidsonusa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].



Scottish wildcats, *continued from page 21*



developing wonderfully. We are extremely excited about his return to the wild in the spring. Check out this new video of him in his enclosure from this month:

Adoption packs

The season is upon us, and if you are searching for a great way to spread some holiday cheer then this may be for you!

If you're looking for a fantastic gift for a loved one then look no further than our Scottish Wildcat adoption packs! Including a certificate, a pin badge, and a wildcat print, these packs are our main avenue for fundraising and we always get amazing feedback on them!

If you'd like to buy one for a loved one (or for yourself!) then please visit: <https://www.wildcathaven.com/wildcat-adoption/adopt-a-scottish-wildcat>

As the nights draw colder and the days shorter, we are entering the season when wildcats are most active in their habitats. This is an extremely exciting time for wildcat fieldwork and we have a lot to come over the coming months, so make sure to keep your eyes and ears peeled for further updates from the team!

As always, thanks for the continued support.

The Wildcat Haven team.



A new digital 3D model of Skara Brae on Orkney has been created

THE SUNDAY POST

A new digital 3D model of Skara Brae on Orkney has been created to give 21st century audiences virtual access to the site.

Older than Stonehenge and the Pyramids at Giza, Skara Brae Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is bringing over 5,000 years of history via an immersive digital experience of the Neolithic settlement.

It includes the opportunity to gain virtual access to House 7, the best-preserved house at Skara Brae which is not normally accessible to the public.

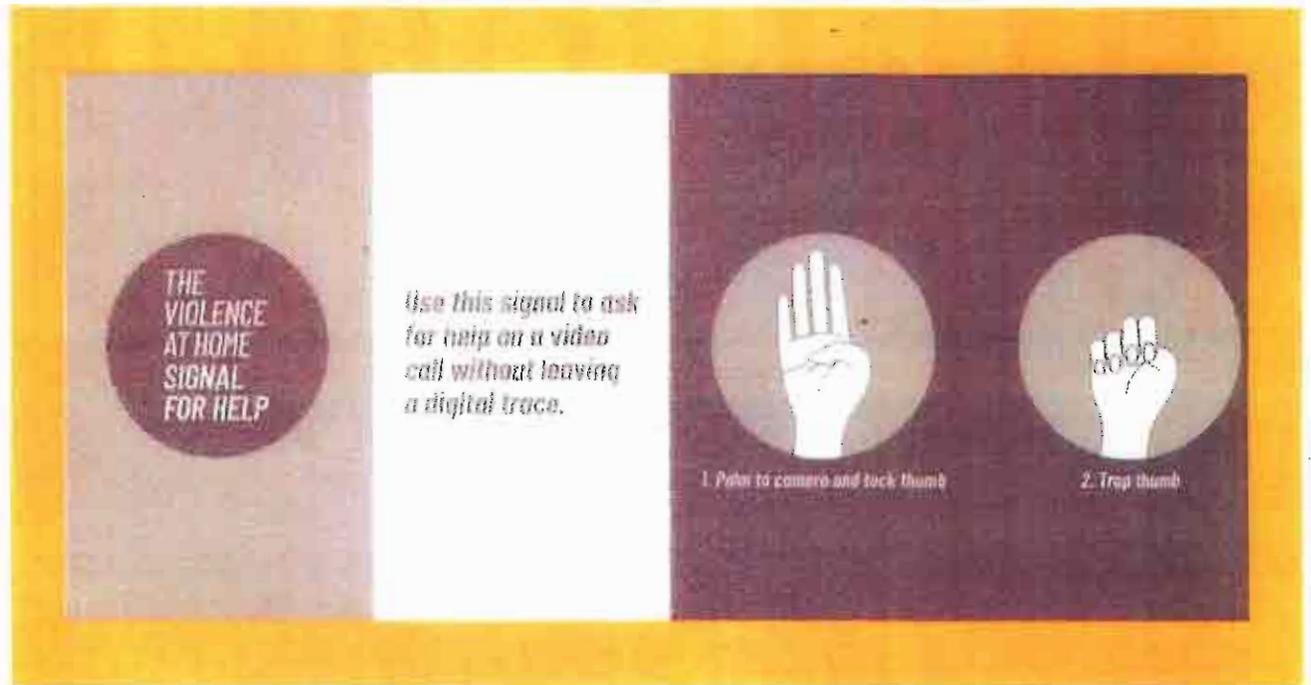
The 3D model has been created through a process of laser scanning, using ultra-fast, high-resolution laser scanners which capture 3D spatial data in the form of a point cloud.

To capture a photorealistic model, hundreds of overlapping images of the site are then combined with the 3D data, in a technique known as photogrammetry.

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IMPORTANT

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



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

Visit this YouTube video at:

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

With many thanks to Steve Kelley

As well as offering a unique perspective on the iconic site, the digital model also allows users to explore how climate change and its impacts have shaped Skara Brae – from its discovery just over 170 years ago as the result of a severe winter storm, to the threat of coastal erosion from rising sea levels and increasingly frequent extreme weather events the site is experiencing today.

Users can also see how HES and its predecessors have responded to those challenges, by exploring the sea wall which was constructed in the 1920s to protect the site from wave and storm damage and which has been extended and repaired numerous times over the decades.

The 3D technology used to create the model also has an important role to play in protecting the site for the future. Since 2010, Skara Brae and the surrounding bay have been laser scanned every two years by HES to monitor coastal change at the site.

The data from this scanning is then used to inform management and maintenance of the site and is shared with Scotland's national coastal mapping project, Dynamic Coast.

Al Rawlinson, Head of Digital Innovation and Learning at HES, said: "We're really pleased to make this 3D model of Skara Brae available, which not only offers an innovative way to access this unique site, but one which also showcases how we are using cutting-edge technology to monitor and maintain our historic environment.

"As we reflect on COP26 and the challenges ahead, we want to demonstrate that in order to protect our past from the impacts of climate change, we must look to the future.

"Digital technology such as this will be a vital tool to help us better understand and manage the climate risks to our historic places, and to share their climate stories."

Dr Alistair Rennie, Dynamic Coast Project Manager, said: "Whilst the challenge posed by

climate change is stark, new technologies like those deployed by HES, increase our ability to monitor, learn, collaborate and find new approaches to become sea-level wise and adapt to our future climate."

View the 3D model of Skara Brae on <Sketchfab.skarabrae>



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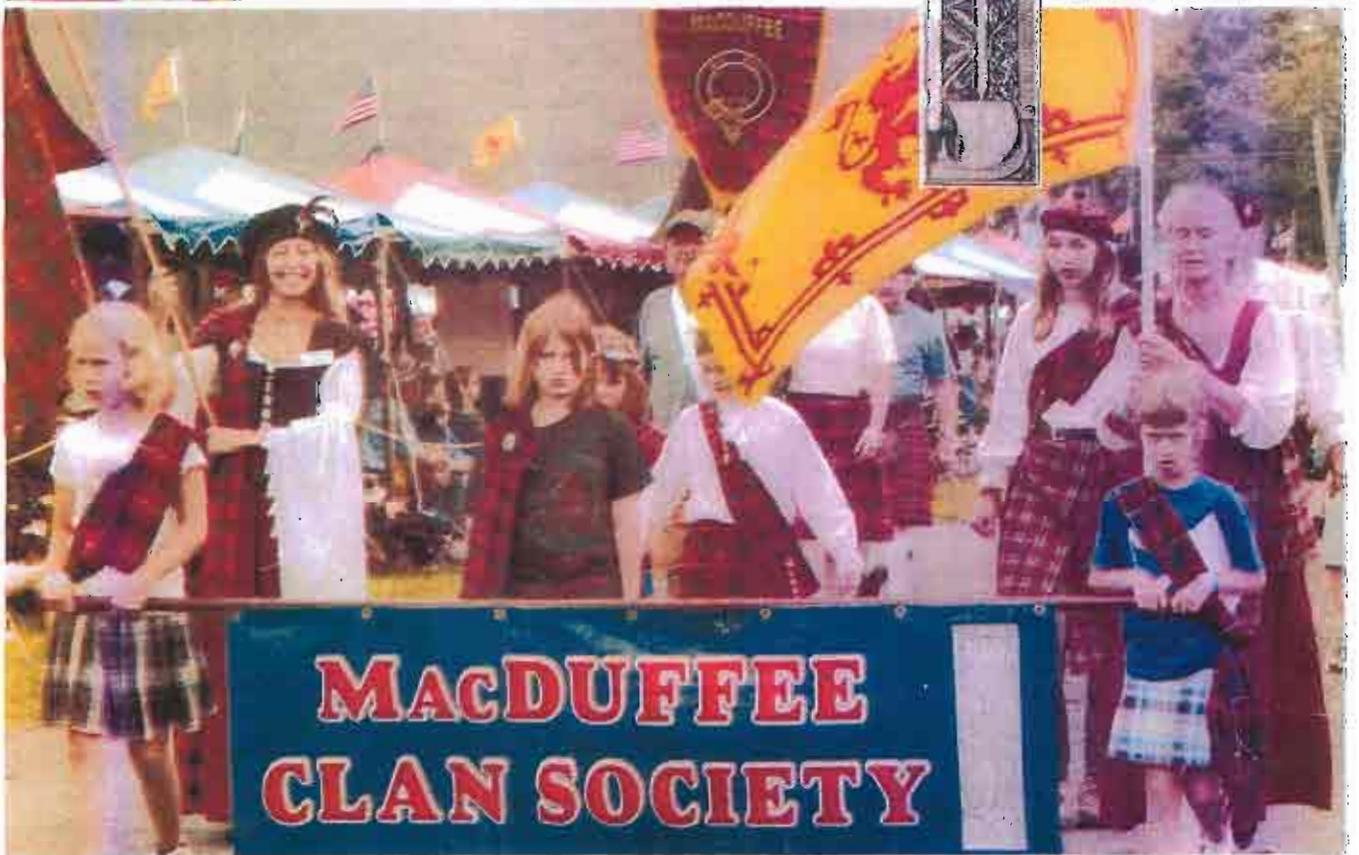
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Is this 16th Century Graveyard where Harry Potter characters are Buried?



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16th Century Greyfriars Kirk and its Kirkyard may be steeped in history, but a closer look and you may spot the inspiration for the Harry Potter world of wizards.

It is in this graveyard that you will find the stones of Tom Riddell, William McGonagall and a certain Robert Potter. Could it be?

Rumor also has it that Hogwarts is based on neighboring George Heriot's school and is Edinburgh's Victoria Street the idea behind Diagon Alley?

Rowling wrote much of the *Philosopher's Stone* book sitting in the Elephant House café, which has sweeping views across Greyfriars.

Thomas Riddell was a general who died in 1806. It is commonly speculated that Thomas' name could have inspired the character of Lord Voldemort (sorry to have written the name) and his real name of Tom Marvolo Riddle.

William McGonagall was known as one of the worst poets in Scotland and he also worked as a weaver. It is thought that his name inspired that of Professor Minerva McGonagall.

There is also a grave belonging to a Mrs. Elizabeth Moodie – maybe 'Mad-Eye' Moody?

Look farther on and you may spot the names of Scrymgeour (Rufus Scrimgeour), Cruikshanks (Hermione's cat Crookshanks), a family of Potters and a family with the name Black.

In addition, the kirkyard is rumored to have been the inspiration behind the final resting place of Harry's parents, Lily and James in Godric's Hall!

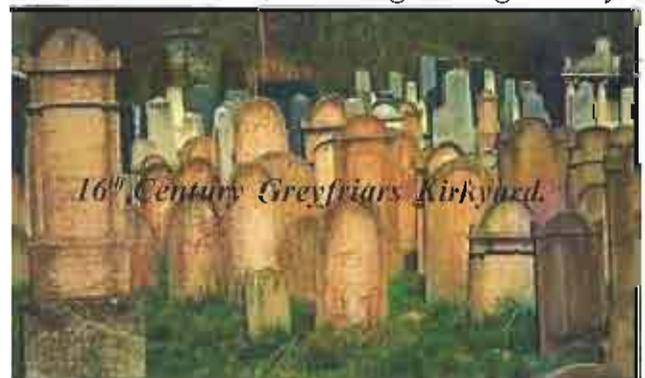
You can decide for yourself when you visit Greyfriars in person or take a virtual tour here: <<https://greyfriarskirk.com/visit/kirkyard/>>



George Heriot's school Hogwarts?



Victoria Street in Edinburgh. Diagon Alley?



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Cloutie Dumpling is the Scottish answer to Christmas pudding and is remarkably similar although not quite as rich. Cloutie packs in raisins, cinnamon, spices, and apples, but is boiled in a clout (cloth). Like many traditional Scottish foods, the recipe varies from family to family and between regions so the exact origin is unknown, but it is thought to date back to the early 1700s.

The dumpling is usually associated with Christmas and Hogmanay and is often home to a few coins or lucky charms for the finder.

It is also welcome to any Burns Night celebration to which you are invited!



Cloutie Dumpling Ingredients

- * 1 1/2 cups plain flour (additional flour will be needed for flouring the cloth)
- * 1 1/2 cups oatmeal
- * 2/3 cups butter
- * 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- * 1 Tsp each: Ground Ginger, Ground Cinnamon, Mixed Spices, Baking powder and Baking Soda

- * 2 medium eggs
- * 3 Tbls black treacle
- * 3/4 cup raisins
- * 3/4 cup currants
- * 2/3 cup milk - used as required
- * Dumpling cloth

Directions

In a large mixing bowl, mix the flour, oatmeal, butter, sugar, spices, currants, raisins, and baking powder, and soda together.

Add the treacle and eggs mixing slowly. It will form a sticky ball. Add a little milk if the mixture seems dry. Just enough for it to seem a little wet.

Put the dumpling cloth in a colander in your sink and pour boiling water over the cloth covering it thoroughly. Squeeze out excess water and place the cloth on a clean, dry surface. Sprinkle the entire surface of the cloth with a thin, even layer of flour. Shake off any excess.

Place the dumpling in the middle of the cloth.

Cut a long piece of string (about a foot or less depending upon the depth of your pot). Draw up the corners and edges of the cloth together to the top of the dumpling, making sure the floured "clout" touches the whole surface of the dumpling. Tie the cloth's edges and corners together tightly with the string, leaving a little space between the top of the dumpling and the knot to allow the pudding to expand.

Place a small heatproof plate on the bottom of the pot. Carefully lift the dumpling and place it in the pot, keeping the extra length of the string to tie to the pot handles to help keep the dumpling in place and submerged in water.

Pour boiling water over the dumpling until it is submerged. The dumpling may float a little but should be underwater. Bring water to a simmer for three hours. Place the lid of the pan at an angle to let steam escape. Make sure the dumpling is submerged at all times adding water as needed. You may place a wooden spoon under the lid to keep the pudding underwater.

Remove pudding from the pan and place in a colander in the sink to allow excess water to drain. Do not remove the cloth at this time as it may rip the skin from the pudding.

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.

Once the pudding has drained, place it on a flat surface, cut strings now, and slowly peel back "clout" making sure not to rip the skin of the pudding.

THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!

Royal is my Race!

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

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Cluster and Collateral Research

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

When genealogists run into the inevitable brick walls in their research, one of the most common strategies they turn to is to research the ancestor's siblings, or another collateral ancestor, such as aunts, uncles, or in-laws. By searching "sideways", you can often stumble upon some previously unknown information that might lead you to your most elusive ancestors.

When completing a family tree, researchers tend to spend most of their efforts compiling information on their direct lineage as in parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc. This strategy is the best way to begin since, in most cases, researchers usually know more personal information and specific details about these ancestors. Direct family trees won't show those collateral lines, but they are still very important in the family history.

Everyone has collateral lines in genealogical research. These lines consist of relatives who are not part of direct lineage, but of the same ancestral line. Such ancestors would be the uncles, aunts, granduncles, second cousins, and in-laws of the family. By doing research on those collateral lines it can open up new areas or sources previously not examined about the direct lineage. For example, if a great-granduncle was found to have served in the military during

World War One, his brother, which would be your great-grandfather might have served as well.

Doing detailed research on a relative in the collateral line is very important for not only assisting on the direct lineage but to provide an overall historical story of the family. You may have learned that it was an older brother of your grandmother, who first immigrated to the United States and encouraged his siblings, especially your grandmother, to move permanently. It could have been that brother of your grandmother, a great-uncle, who even paid for her passage. So many lives were interwoven with their extended family that these collateral lines cannot be overlooked.

There may be a family heirloom that was treasured by everyone over the years. It might have a mark of a date or location and nothing more. If you then found a second cousin of your mother had actually lived in that location around that period, it could have originated from that relative.

What is generally not realized is that all the diverse collateral families eventually merge to share a common ancestor. It may be 2 to 5 generations back, but then the common third great-grandparents will be the same for both ances-



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The Armstrong Clan Society

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

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

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

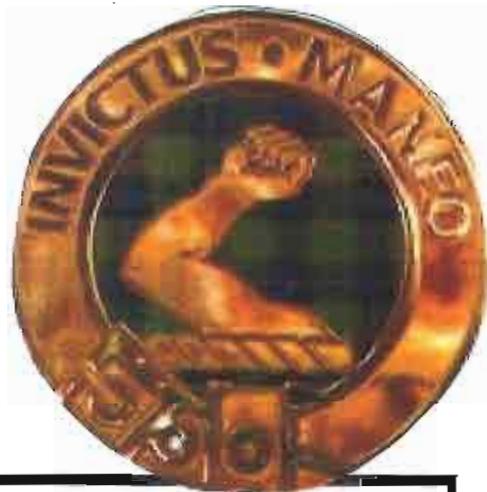


Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

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

Membership

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



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

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

Cluster and Collateral Research,

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tral lines.

Use the U. S. Federal and state censuses to see the names of siblings and other relatives in a household at a given time. The more recent censuses placed the relationship to the head of household. If it stated sister-in-law, then the woman listed was more than likely the wife's sister. If the sister-in-law was unmarried, then there

becomes a clue to the wife's maiden name.

When researching collateral lines, the process will take time and patience. Researchers should remember that it is a mistake to think of our ancestors as having lived their lives in isolation. You may focus on one person,



family, or line, but the reality is that our ancestors, especially those that initially arrived as immigrants, often settled in enclaves within cities and towns and tended to cluster in specific regions. It was common for immigrants, particularly those who did not speak English, to travel together and put down roots among relatives, friends, or neighbors from their native land.

These so-called "cluster communities" offered a place where the immigrants could transplant and preserve their culture, lifestyle, and traditions as best they could in their new surroundings. Seeking to keep their culture as it existed at home, immigrant groups founded their own churches, schools, boarding houses, and fraternal and social organizations. This "clustering" is a plus for genealogists because it gives a wider range of people and records to explore.

Feel free to contact me with any additional questions or comments.

Bryan L. Mulcahy
Reference/Genealogy Librarian
Fort Myers Regional Library



Ferry cancelled, *continued from page 1*

Cal Mac said in a statement: "Due to several crew members returning positive covid tests with current crew being identified as close contacts, *MV Loch Tarbert* requires to be withdrawn from service to allow for the vessel to be cleaned and crew replaced.

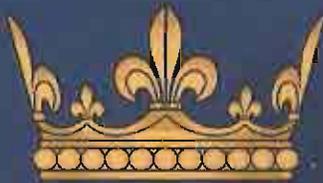
"We are currently working to source replacement crew. When service does resume capacity will be reduced therefore, we would ask passengers to consider their journey and only travel if essential."

LOST CLANS of SCOTLAND

Over the centuries many clans have merged with other groups. Some ancient families have been lost to history but efforts are underway to find the lost clans. Perhaps you know someone who is a member of one of these families.

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Scotland's 'most remote pub' with panoramic views is up for sale

A pub reputed to be the most remote in Scotland is up for sale for just under half a million pounds.

Katharine Hay

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SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

The Old Forge in Knoydart, Mallaig, which comes with a bar, restaurant and accommodation is on the market for £425,000.

The 19th century building, built in 1880, sits on Inverie Bay and Loch Nevis and is a traditional white washed single storey cottage set under a slate roof.

It includes a registered helipad on site.

The Guinness Book of World Records has declared The Old Forge as “the most remote pub



on mainland Britain”.

It is accessible by an 18 mile hike from Glenfinnan, or by a boat service (four per day) from Mallaig or by helicopter.

Recent work has been carried out on the building's restaurant with the addition of a sun room overlooking the bay and the moorings chains and shackles were renewed in April last year.

Further to the pub building itself, which is attached to a cottage with an en-suite, the property also comes with a timber structure with aluminium cladding providing bunkhouse accommodation with a shower room, plus two storage sheds and a metal container.

Knoydart Peninsula covers some 80 square miles and is situated north of Mallaig in the Western Highlands of Scotland.

Knoydart is a popular attraction for walkers, climbers and watersport enthusiasts.

The port of Mallaig is a busy fishing village including a harbour and a range of shops and hotels. It is also the base for ferry services to Skye and the Small Isles within the Outer Hebrides.

Can anyone help Jim Burnette?

I have a stumbling block in my ancestry. I can go back from my father **JAMES RAY BURNETTE**, my grandfather **JOHN ERVIN BURNETT**, my great grandfather **CHARLIE BURNETT**, my great great grandfather **JOHN BURNETT**, born 1831-1921. His father was **VINCENT BURNETT**, born in 1802, married to **NANCY BOETLER** or **BUTLER** in 1828, but can find no records of him and his father. Thanks, **Jim Burnette**, LHB, Lieutenant, Director House of Burnett. Any information appreciated: Please contact: <jimburn570@msn.com>



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