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A letter from Bill Caudill concerning the Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews - *Hint*...It's a go! It's a go!



The Administrative Council at St. Andrews Presbyterian College has approved the use of the former Career and Personal Counseling Center on campus for relocation of the Scottish Heritage Center.

We will begin planning and execution of the move immediately and start the process of moving materials later this summer.

We will have approximately 5000 square feet of space to devote to the Scottish Heritage program here at St. Andrews.

Over the past two weeks the building has been re-roofed and thus far has withstood two heavy rains with no leaks.....hopefully problem solved!

A new HVAC system will be installed within a month's time so that we may begin reconditioning the interior for movement of the collections.

A letter to the Scottish Heritage constituancy will be forthcoming announcing this major development as well as other positive news from St. Andrews.

For those who have had interest in locating materials with us, we are now ready to move forward with those plans. Please contact us to pursue these interests. FYI, I have ruptured two disks in my lower back recently and am going in for surgery tomorrow. I will be out of the office for at



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Miss Narra ready for the Fourth of July!

A Letter from Your Editor... Lessons that

As I write this, tomorrow is my birthday. Tom is laughing mysteriously and even giggling sometimes, bless his sweet heart. I'm just caught up in wonder at the number of candles that will have to be on my birthday cake.

It was just recently that I thought about getting older. I never even thought about age or mortality or that one day I would be an adult!

My heart attack of five or six years ago brought me up short. Today there is not a sign that I ever had such. My new stress-free (Well, as much as one can be stress-free.) life is mighty good for me.

My hip surgery made me think too.

I don't know as I have learned all that much in all of this time.

- ♦ I've learned that you don't make long-term plans.
- ♦ I've learned that things you thought were "for sure" most times aren't.
- ♦ I've learned that just because someone family or friend - is supposed to love you - they don't always.
- ♦ I've learned that sometimes people who are supposed to be your friends - aren't.
 - ♦ I've learned that not everyone tells the truth.
- ♦ I've learned it's possible for people you trust to betray you.
 - ♦ I've learned that life is not fair.
- ♦ I've learned that you will live through things so awful you think you will die.
- ♦ I've learned that life has a way of evening things up.
- I've learned to put myself in the hands of a higher power - and to trust that power.
- ♦ I've learned that if you wait long enough, what you thought was really bad only opened doors to good things.

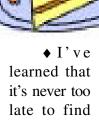




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love and happiness, kindness and compassion and joy.

- ♦ I've learned that money doesn't really matter
- ♦ I've learned that true friends are the greatest wealth.

If you know me, you know that I'm pretty much straightforward. When I love you, I love you and when I don't, you probably know it.

I don't lie and I don't cheat - thanks to my beloved grandmother who taught me that your good name is about all you really have.

"Work hard and do your best and you'll always be all right," my grannie said.

I've always tried to do those things.

I hate to think what would have happened if she had been alive for the things that happened in my life recently - in one case for three decades and more - although nobody knew - and in another case, something that was an ambush.

The betrayals by those who professed to be my friends hurt. The betrayals by those who had professed to love me were worse.

My grandmother would have cleaned house, I'm afraid.

It was a hard, hard time. I wasn't sure I would make it.

I survived and found a wonderful new life.

The happy things continue. We're about to embark on an almost unbelievable new and joyous journey in our lives. I'll tell you about it sometimes soon.

> Love. Bethie

Queries! Queries! Queries!

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Seeking information on KAGEY, FRY, HANSBERGER, LINEWEAVER and KIBLER, and their descendants in the Shenandoah County, Virginia area. Please contact Kathie Jones, 252 Jones Road, Franklin, GA 30217.

Seeking information on any family member of GUSTEDA WREN, born 1899, McClellanville, SC to father SIDNEY WREN. Contact Paula M. Jones, 111 W. Indian Bluff Dr., LaGrange, GA 30240, 706-884-4563, danj@mindspring.com

I am looking for my sister WILLIE LUE ALBERT JONES, last known address, 1626 Amsterdam Ave., Apt. 2 E, New York, NY 10031. Date of birth 12-14-1918, Moultrie, Georgia. She was married to DALLAS JONES (date unknown - Orlando, Florida) Last known address, 1640 Amsterdam Ave., Apt 2C, New York, NY 10031. My last contact with either one was June 1990. Barbara Jean Albert Barber, 122 9th Ave. N.W., Moultrie, GA 31768, telephone 229-985-6108.

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Searching for information about ALPHONSO MACDONALD. Please contact Robert W. Macdonald, 2026 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

ROBERTSON, ROBERT: Where in North

Carolina might the ROBERTSON Families coming early from Scotland, I believe from Argyll, have settled? I believe our **ROBERTSON** Families came early to North Carolina, settling on the eastern coast area. I believe as early as 1715 or 1745. Might this be the area the Families settled? My grandfather ROBERT ROBERTSON, one of the youngest, if not the youngest, was born c.1833. No other member of this large family is known. Apparently ROBERT, one of a large family of boys, was orphaned at an early age. According to census records **ROBERT**'s parents too were born in North Carolina. ROBERT and **CATHERINE A. GARBER** married September 3, 1859, Douglas County, Illinois. One son was born in Illinois, five more sons were born in Indiana before the family settled in southeastern Colorado where ROBERT died April 8, 1905. Any help would be very much appreciated. Mabel I. Robison, 2235 Juntura Ct. S.,

BARNWELL, BYRD, STRICKLAND, RUSSELL, WHITE, WATKINS and WEAVER. RUSSELL and STRICKLAND might possibly be Scottish. My my great-grandfather married in Hall County, Georgia, 1824 to MARTHA RUSSELL His brother married a MARY RUSSELL. They came to Georgia from South Carolina. Ms. Marion E. Watkins, 1434 Hawthorne Way, East Point, GA 30344-1749.

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Mary Marchbanks first lady cyclist and other Marjoribanks news...

Among women who were first to do things like pass a driver's test, become an editor, smoke cigarettes, wear a bikini and climb Mount Everest was Mary Marchbank, who in 1842, became the first woman cyclist!

Queen Victoria Marshbanks

While Scots called their children William, Thomas, Robert, George and James, American members of the family in the last century gave their offspring more inspiring names.

There was at least one Columbus Marchbanks, an Andrew Jackson Marchbanks, a Benjamin Franklin Marchbanks and two named George Washington Marshbanks. One lady shone in the reflected light of a royal namesake: Queen Victoria Marshbanks.

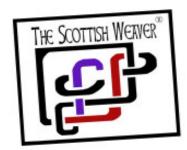
One North Carolinian, however, laboured under the nickname "Buncombe" Marshbanks, not because he was given to spouting empty oratory, claptrap or humbug - the usual dictionary definition of buncombe - but just because he lived at the Forks of Ivy in Buncombe County, North Carolina

The word "buncombe" - later spelled bunkum and then shortened to "bunk" won an enduring place in the English language, thanks to US Congressman Felix Walker who represented Buncombe

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least a week, however can be reached at my home phone by the end of this week to address any questions. My home phone is (910)276-8116.

Needless to say, much of my down time will be spent in planning for the upcoming move.

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County. During an important debate in 1820, Mr. Walker was holding up proceedings with a long and wearisome speech about the virtuous in habitants and the enviable amenities of his home district. When his colleagues begged him to sit down and allow a vote to be taken, he apologized and said, "I have to do it for buncombe."

Within a few years the expression, "speaking for Buncombe" came to mean irrelevant political oratory intended solely to ingratiate the speaker with the folks back home. It eventually came to mean any sort of rhetorical rubbish.

That's a little bit of history. As Henry Ford said, "History is bunk."

With thanks to *The Marjoribanks Letter*, published in the interest of the Marjoribanks family.

Jax Genealogical Society meeting set

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will meet July 12, 2008 at Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd St., Jacksonville, Fl. This is one week earlier than we usually meet as the library has a program scheduled for our normal meeting time.

We are very pleased to have Mr. Louis Zelenka, now retired from the Genealogy Department at the Jacksonville Library, but still working part-time.

Mr. Zelenka will present his program, "A History of Rural Cemeteries in Northeast Florida."

For additional information please contact Mary Chauncey at (904) 781-9300.



Were the progenitors Richard and Henry Lyon Scottish?

Leonard P. Lyon, August 28, 1998

With many thanks to *The Lyons Tale*, publication of theLyon(s) Family Association, Porter A. Lyon, Secretary/Treasurer, 1340 Ethan Ct., Swan Point, MD 20645. http://www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com

The question as to whether brothers Richard and Henry Lyon were Scottish or English has not been resolved. I opt for Scottish because of a deeply-embedded tradition in the families of both Richard and Henry that they were Scottish soldiers in Cromwell's army who were on guard at Whitehall in London on January 31, 1648 (old calendar) or January 31, 1649 (new calendar) and witnessed the beheading of King Charles I by

and so he could not have been present at the regicide. Since he married the granddaughter of John Winthrop, governor of Massachusetts Colony, he was probably an English Puritan. On the other hand, there may have been two men named Thomas Lyon. A man of that name is recorded as having been killed during the battle at Turners Falls near Boston, apparently in the Pequot War of 1667; he could have been the brother Thomas, if there

Cromwell's soldiers. The tradition says that immediately after the regicide, the brothers fled to America. Richard is found in Fairfield CTin 1649; an unveri-

w a s such a brother.

I have tried to discover the origin of the e Scottish Richard and Henry tradition, but appar-

fied account says that Henry joined a church in Milford CT on Feb. 24, 1648. If this date is correct for Henry, it causes a difficulty, since it took far longer than a month to get from London to Connecticut in those days. In view of the strength of the tradition in Henry's family, I believe that the date must be incorrect or was misread — not unusual for early dates — but it is an unresolved problem.

Some accounts include a presumed brother Thomas (often called "Thomas of Rye") but it seems clear that he was in this country by 1647,

ently no one knows. Most Lyon genealogists of a century ago accepted it without much question, but it is fashionable today to dismiss it as fiction, since it is impossible to prove (one should also note that it is impossible to <u>disprove!</u>). These days, English origin is frequently suggested for the brothers, since the names Richard and Henry were rather uncommon in Scotland (the Scots did not greatly admire the Plantagenet kings, a couple of whom tried to conquer their land), but no convincing evi-

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dence has surfaced. I am swayed by my reading of a copy of Richard's original will, which states that he gave a backsword to one son and a rapier to another. The backsword was primarily a cavalry weapon, a straight predecessor of the curved saber; the rapier is a rather short, thin sword. Both were military weapons of the time, not something a Connecticut farmer would have needed. This convinces me that Richard was indeed a European soldier. Whether Scottish or not has not been proved, but it increases my confidence in the tradition; and there were, even then, a few Scots named Richard or Henry. The Lyon clan seemed to use other non-Scottish names such as John, Matthew, Gilbert, Thomas, and Patrick. As to history, the observation is made that Cromwell and the Scots were enemies, and this is generally true; but at that time, the then-dominant Scottish Covenanter Army (militant Presbyterians) allied itself with Cromwell as long as he tolerated Charles I, who was struggling to save his throne and had promised the Covenanters to make Presbyterianism the state religion of Scotland if he prevailed. The Lyon clan and family were ardent Covenanters. It seems entirely possible that Richard and Henry, following clan and family inclinations, could have allied themselves with Cromwell, either by detail from the Covenanter army or by joining Cromwell's army. But when Cromwell had Charles I executed, the Covenanters were enraged and they stood opposed to

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Don't Shoot McIan - He's Doing His Best!



The late Jamie Scarlett

by James D. Scarlett

Note: As another tribute to my friend Jamie Scarlett, I am making available an article Jamie wrote for me 12 years ago that appeared in Clach na Faire, the Clan Shaw newsletter, Fall, 1996. It is reprinted with the permission of the Editor, Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Dawsonville, GA, USA.

See another tribute with pictures to Jamie Scarlett on www.elctricscotland.com at: http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/frank/jamie scarlett.htm.

The artist McIan does not enjoy a high reputation for accuracy in his representations of tartan. This is undoubtedly due in part to the more than fanciful illustrations in his book, The Clans of the Scottish Highlands, but it also owes something to the discrepancies between what he drew and what his collaborator, James Logan, had previously written about the tartans depicted therein.

The most obvious of these apparent errors is Buchanan tartan, for which Logan had given, in The Scottish Gael (1831), a pattern-table making it a normal reversing type of pattern (although nobody seems to have noticed this until D. C. Stewart pointed it out in The Setts of the Scottish Tartans in 1950) whereas, according to common belief, McIan had drawn a pattern of the same colours and form, but non-reversing.

For the purposes of compiling the patterntables which he included as an appendix to the 'Gael', Logan obtained a large number of tartan samples from the Bannockburn weavers, William Wilson & Son.

Fortunately for posterity, Wilsons' were great record-keepers and made detailed lists of what they supplied, which of them Logan used, which he did not use and, later, what they thought of his efforts; apart, apparently, from one sheet, these all survived and are to be found in the National Museum of Scotland on Queen Street, Edinburgh.

The comments appear to have been made by a different person from he who sent the samples in the first place and seem to show Wilsons' in a not altogether favourable light which is difficult to explain. Logan had sought to record only authentic 'Clan' and 'Family' tartans but, for all that, Wilsons' do not appear to have boggled at sending him several 'fancy' setts, 'Abercromby' for example: for Douglas, they supplied their 'No. 148'. Dalziel was represented by 'our common George IV' and Munro, 'George IV with yellow'; Cummin was 'an imitation of this pattern made with No. 155' and there were others of a somewhat dubious nature.

With one exception, these lists and Wilsons' own pattern books tell us exactly what Logan should have tabulated and he does not show up well. Abercrombie and Cummin bear practically no resemblance to the samples, and both Forbes and MacDougal are at fault. Wilsons' describe Logan's table for Buchanan as 'very defective'.

What Wilsons' describe as a 'correct pattern' was at one time attached to the notes but this is now missing; however, the omission can be supplied from elsewhere in their records and confirms that it should be non-reversing.

When Logan and McIan came together to produce *The Clans of the Scottish Highlands*, Logan handed the samples over to McIan; knowing precisely what they looked like, we can see that he did a pretty good job with two exceptions. His 'Buchanan' is certainly non-reversing but, in the original edition at least, is much more like the 'Earl of Strathearn' tartan which, according to Wilsons', was the "Tartan as worn by the Royals by order of the Duke of Kent'.

Where did the term "black market" come from? Check medieval England

In medieval England there were nomadic mercenaries who wandered the countryside and would sell their services to the highest bidder. These were hardened fighters who lived solitary lives in the wilderness. They did not have the luxury of servants to polish their armor and it would oxidize to a blackish hue and they came to be known as black knights.

At local town festivals they would have exhibition jousting matches in which the winner of the fight would win the loser's weapons and armor. The local gentry, softened by the good life, would lose to these black knights. The nomadic knights didn't have much use for an extra set of armor and would sell it back to them immediately after the fight. The losing nobility would be forced to buy back their armor. This after market came to be known as the "Black Market."

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So much for 'Royal' Stuart. McIan's second bloomer was the tartan that came to be know as 'Shaw' but this time he had nothing to copy from.

Logan had recorded that the philabeg worn in the 42nd was blue, black and green with a red line on the blue, but he was reporting only what he saw and did not know that there was a red line on the green hidden in the pleats; there was no sample of this pattern and so McIan had to take Logan's

word. He made a fair job of it but it would have made no difference if he had not. The text of the book is quite specific that the subject of the 'Shaw' plate was Farquhar Shaw of the Black Watch and that he is wearing the regimental philabeg, but the tartan trade did not bother about little details like that; the figure was called 'Shaw' and it was wearing tartan, so the tartan had to be the Shaw tartan.

After all, business is business. (FRS: Fall, 1996)



Flowers of the Forest

Helen Anderson MacDonald, 92, of Claremont, formerly of El Segundo, died of complications of hip surgery June 5, 2008. Helen was born March 7, 1916, in Dorchester, Massachusetts. She was a swim instructor with El Segundo School District for 25 years; a Girl Scout leader; American Field Service "mother"; volunteer with International Student Service at UCLA; member of El Segundo and Claremont United Methodist churches; honorary life member of United Scottish Society, and a longtime member of Clan Donald, serving as Commissioner of the South Pacific Region for three years.

Helen is survived by husband Forrest, daughters Karen M. Rosenthal and family of Claremont and Lauren M. Cassatt and family of Aspen, Colorado; foster son Wolde Meskel Mahetem and family of Fresno. She was predeceased by son Cameron MacDonald in 1995.

A celebration of Helen's life was held Sunday, June 29, 2 pm, at Claremont United Methodist Church, 211 W Foothill Blvd, Claremont, with a reception following the service.

Donations may be made to Clan Donald Foundation, Inc., PO Box 240086, Milwaukee, WI 53224.

Forrest may be reached at ffmac@earthlink.net or 421 Champlain Dr., Claremont, CA 91711.

The family has created a website with photos of Helen and where remembrances may be posted: http://helenmacdonald.blogspot.com

James Carlisle Wroton, Jr ("Jim"), 93, of St Simons Island, died June 8, 2008 at Hospice of the Golden Isles, Brunswick. Born in Hamlet, North Carolina July 27, 1914, he was the son

of Daisy Katherine Watts and James Carlisle Wroton. His early years were spent in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. He served in the Army during World War II, with overseas duty in Germany.



He was married to Frances Jane Gordy almost 59 years, until Frances' death January 15, 2008. Employed 35 years as a Diesel Supervisor with Seaboard Coast Line Railroad, he retired in 1979, relocating to Columbus, GA.

Jim and Frances moved to St Simons in 1987, where he was a charter member of Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica and trustee of Epworth by the Sea. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and various genealogical associations. He served as editor of Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society's Newsletter. In 1980, he organized the Evans' Family Reunion in Providence, SC, which traces its roots to 1750

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Wales. He invested untold hours in family research, compiling dozens of volumes of history of the Wroton, Evans, Gordy and DeLoach family lines. This family research was Jim's pride and joy, an extraordinary legacy for his daughter, Jane and son-in-law, Michel.

Jim loved Wesley at Frederica Wednesday Morning Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast Group.

One of his greatest honors occurred several years ago when the men voted to name the group after him. Jim's family will return the honor by having the Men serve as pall-bearers and honorary pallbearers at his service Saturday.



Jim is survived by his daughter, Jane Gordy Wroton Fraix and son-in-law, Michel Fraix of Duluth, GA, brother Harrison Cahill Wroton of Morrison, CO, and eleven nieces and nephews. His dear son, James Carlisle Wroton, III, passed away in 1990.

Services will be as follows: Visitation Friday, June 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Edo Miller & Sons, Brunswick; Celebration of Life Service Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m., Wesley United Methodist at Frederica; Interment Monday, June 16, 10 a.m., Oglethorpe Memorial Gardens, St Simons.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Hospice of the Golden Isles, Brunswick, Wesley United Methodist Church at Frederica, or Epworth by the Sea, St Simons.

Oh my. Both Helen MacDonald and Jim and Frances Wroten have been sweet friends of mine more years than I can remember. Helen and Forrest were always so kind and so much fun...and Jim and Frances were like the grandparents everyone dreams of.

As Jim's daughter wrote in a note: "Daddy was almost 94, lived a wonderful life and everybody loved him! What more could a person ask for? He had missed Mother every day since she died January 15. What a glorious reunion there must have been, in heaven early Sunday morning!"

They will always be remembered.

W. Ann **Kline**, 66, of Charlotte passed away peacefully at home on Tuesmorning April 22, 2008. She was a member of Clans Gordon and Donnachaidh, a member of the Catawba Valley Scottish Society

and a volunteer for Rural Hill and the Loch Norman Highland Games from 99 5/8 08.

She was an active member of the Piedmont Civil War Round Table and Order of Confederate Rose. She was also in the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughters, Sheridan Spencer of Atlanta, GA, Heather Reed and her husband, William Reed of Waxhaw, NC; beloved grandson, Devin Reed (Punkin); brother, Henry Aydelott of Tacoma, WA; cousins, Admiral Doug Biesel of Washington, DC and Debbie Wilker of Coudersport, PA.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on June 8, 2008 at 2:00 PM at Historic Rural Hill, 4431 Neck Road, Huntersville, NC (www.ruralhill.net).

Her passion was animal rescue, she loved her dogs.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Carolina Eskie Coalition, 613 Briarwood Drive, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Flowers of the Forest



Charles Lyon, Murray UT, president of the Lyon Family Association from 1979 to 1984, died on January 4, 2008. Interment is in the Murray City Cemetery. He was born in Murray Nov. 21, 1920, and married his wife LaRue Evans Lyon in 1949. Survivors include his wife; a daughter Jan Smith and her husband Blake; three grandchildren; a sister and a brother; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A highlight of Lyon's presidency of the LFA was the republication of *The Lyon Memorial*, Vol. II, which included over 200 pages of new material submitted by members.



Flying Heraldry at the Glasgow Highland Games a few weeks ago in Glasgow, Kentucky. On hand for the event were many who bear arms and are entitled to fly their heraldic devices.

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Cromwell. If Richard and Henry had been associated in some way with Cromwell's army, they would have had good reason to flee after the regicide: friends of the day before would have become enemies today. The point is that one cannot cite history alone to discredit the Scottish Richard/Henry tradition; it could be true, given the obscure enmities and alliances of the period.

There is one aspect of the tradition that I do question. It is said that Richard and Henry, and usually Thomas, were from "Glen Lyon in Perthshire, Scotland." My research on this point has been done in American libraries, not in Scotland; but still there are many references to Glen Lyon. I have found no historical record of persons named Lyon ever having lived in Glen Lyon. Histories of the Glen, back to the beginnings of Scotland, do not show a Lyon or Leonne laird. One has to be skeptical. Rosemary Bigwood, a gene-

alogist in Edinburgh, stated in a letter to me, "Glen Lyon — even today [1985] is a very wild area and is must have been an absolute wilderness in the seventeenth century!" There were Lyons living on the braes and in the lowlands of Angus, further east of Glen Lyon; there is certainly no lack of Lyon history in Scotland, with Glamis Castle as the centerpiece.

To sum up, on one hand we have a startlingly graphic tradition, beyond either proof or disproof at this time. But the Scottish tradition is consistent with the history of the time, and is shared by the Richard and Henry branches of the family. The supposition of English origin has no concrete evidence, only the inferences that, first, there were people named Lyon in England and some of them came to America; and second, the names Richard and Henry sound English, so they must have come from England.

Take your pick. I think the Scottish tradition is more convincing.

What month is it? In Gaelic!

Here are the Gaelic months of the year, with translations and a phonetic version;

January -Am Faoilleach um Feul-yoch
February -An Gearran un G-yarran
March - Am Mart um Marsht
April -An Giblean ung G-yarran
May - An Ceitean ung K-yaetchan
June - An t-Og-mhios un Tawg-viss
July - An t-Luchar un tchoocher
August - An Lunasdal un loonuss-dull
September - An t-Sultain an tool-teen
October - An Damhair un dah-vir
November - An t-Samhainn un taveen
December - An dubhlachd un doo-lochk

Thanks to *The Dunrobin Piper*, Clan Sutherland Society of N.A., 156 New Estate Road, Littleton, MA 01460.



Old whisky casks give Scottish salmon its delicious taste

Where does Scottish salmon get its flavor? There are many uses for those wonderful old Oakwood Whisky containers when the distilleries finish with them.

In the North of Scotland, famous for smoked salmon, the "Smokeries" purchase them and the casks continue to provide, yet again, another "life" in Scottish industries.

They are reduced to fine shavings that are then burned beneath the rows of salmon. The rising smoke impregnates the fish, creating the delicious flavor to grace sumptuous and appetizing means throughout the world

Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life, seek to make your life long and of service to your people... Show respect to all people, but grovel to none... Tecumseh



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The Erie Canal and Westward Migration leads you to your own family history Bryan L. Mulcahy

The Erie Canal had a significant impact on New York and America in the 19th century. The canal route which begins in Albany, New York served as a major migration route due to its flow westward from the Hudson River to Lake Erie. This route connected the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean. Construction began in 1817 and was completed in 1825. The project was an enormous undertaking. Work on the canal was carried on by gangs made up, in many cases, of European immigrants. Many of the skilled designers and engineers were also recruited from Europe as well.

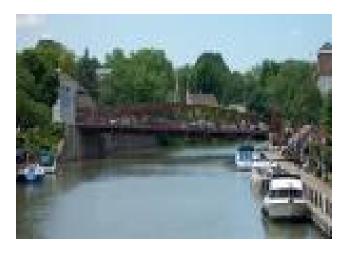
The Erie Canal was the first transportation route between the eastern seaboard and western interior of the United States that was faster than carts pulled by draft animals, and cut transport costs



by about 95%. The Canal resulted in a massive population increase in western New York State and opened regions further west to increased settlement. Completion of the canal played a major

role in the rise of New York City as the chief port of the U.S. The increased flow of commerce and settlers resulted in constant expansion efforts covering the years 1834-1862.

The Erie Canal contributed to the wealth and

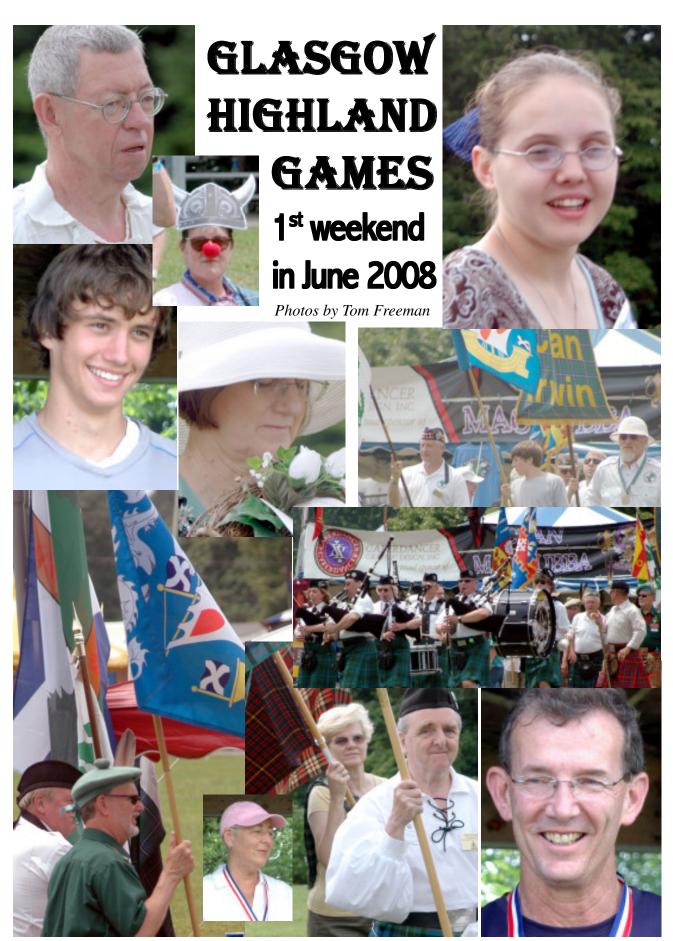


importance of New York City and New York State. Its impact went much further, increasing trade throughout the nation by opening eastern and overseas markets to Midwestern farm products and by enabling migration to the West. New ethnic Irish communities formed in some towns along its route after completion, as Irish immigrants were a large portion of labor force involved in its construction.

Because so many immigrants traveled on the canal, many genealogists would like to find copies of canal passenger lists. Unfortunately, apart from the years 1827-1829, canal boat operators were not required to record or report passenger names to the government, which in this case was the State of New York. Those 1827-1829 passenger lists survive today in the New York State Archives.

The Erie Canal proved to be the key that unlocked an enormous series of social and economic changes in the young nation. The Canal spurred the first great westward movement of American settlers, gave access to the rich land and resources west of the Appalachians and made New York the preeminent commercial city in the United States. At the beginning of the nineteenth century, the Allegheny Mountains were the Western Frontier. The Northwest Territories that would later become Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio were rich in timber, minerals, and fertile land for farming.

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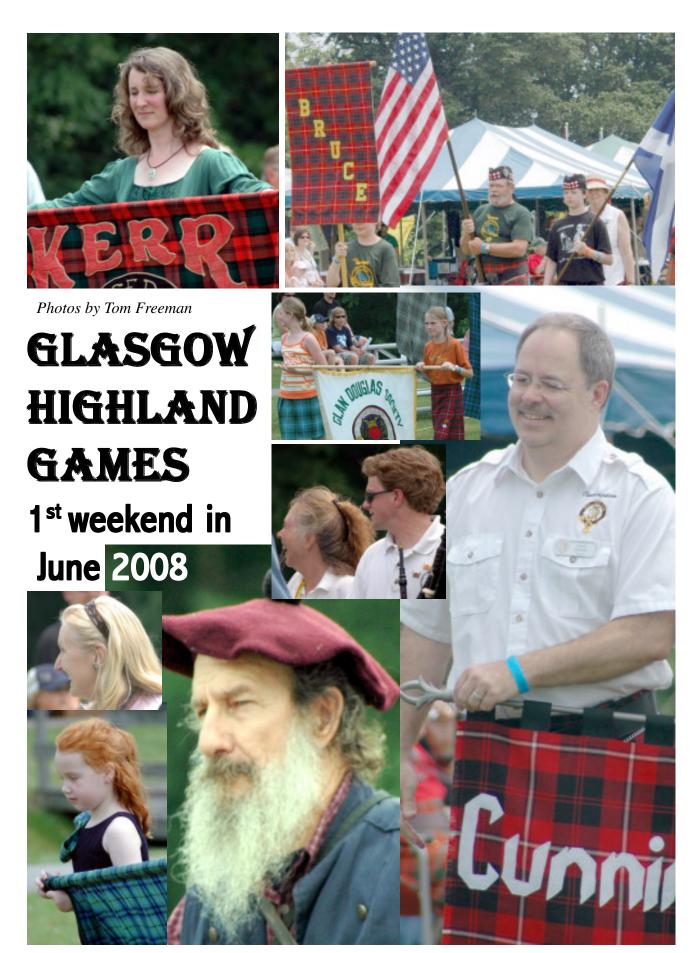
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The Gathering 2009 is set to showcase the very best of the pipes, both traditional and contemporary styles, during the two-day piping spectacular.

We are delighted that the National Piping Centre is working with us to bring you The Gathering 2009 Invitational Piping Competition. On Saturday, eight of the world's best pipers will perform in Piobaireachd, March, Strathspey and Reel, Hornpipe and Jig. The competitors will be invited on the strength of their per-



formances in this year's elite competitions, such as The Glenfiddich Solo Champion, the Piping Live! Masters' Solo competition, The Silver Chanter and the Bratach Gorm.

On Sunday, spectators will be entertained by a more contemporary style with a "Kitchen piping" event, an open stage event where musicians prepare their own take on piping traditions.

Younger talent will have their chance to shine in Pipe Idol, the prestigious Under 18's invitational piping competition, also on the second day of the The Gathering 2009. The players will perform a March, Strathspey and Reel set, one Hornpipe and Jig and a tune of their own selection for 'hidden' judges who are in the audience.

And of course, no Highland games would be complete without the sound of the massed pipes. We are thrilled that the Canadian Massed Pipes and Drums have confirmed they will be performing at The Gathering 2009. We will keep you updated about which other Pipes and Drum bands are taking part as they come on board.

In the meantime, we'd love to hear from other bands who would like to be involved. You'll find an application form by clicking on http://www.clangathering.org/take-part/content/pipers.html

Flights

We are currently liaising with airlines to clarify when exactly flight tickets will go on sale ahead of next year. We believe it will be in August, so please be ready to make your booking. Of course well pass on any further information as we know it.

More information on The Gathering 2009 next page

Tickets

Tickets for the Highland Games will be available online in the late summer. Just a wee reminder that Passports are still available which also allow you to take part in the Clan parade and watch the historic pageant at Edinburgh Castle. However, these are selling fast so please book soon to avoid disappointment. Click on the link below to find out more. http://www.clangathering.org/content/tickets.html

The Gathering Team 2009

As the workload on the production side of our event grows, so does our team! Visit http://www.clangathering.org/content/the-gathering-2009-team.html to see the new faces behind The Gathering 2009.

Highland Dancing

We are working with the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing to create a specially designed International Highland Dance Championship. The two-day competition will range from age 4+ category to the 16+ category dances.

We are expecting between 800 to 1000 dancers to join us and would love you to take part. Spread the word and keep an eye on our website as application forms will go live soon.



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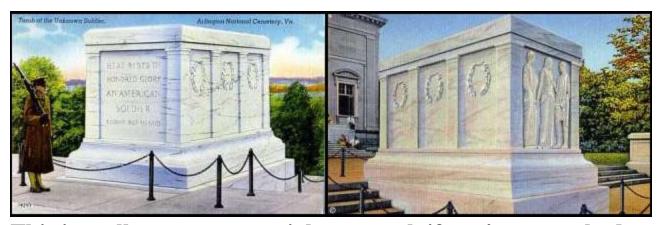


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This is really an awesome sight to watch if you've never had the chance Very fascinating, touching and wonderful...

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

Answer: 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

Answer: 21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

Answer: His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.



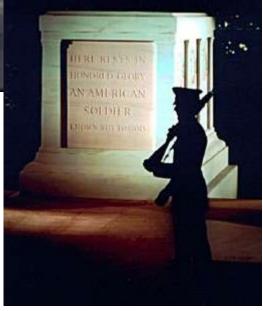
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

Answer: He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Answer: Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited Continued on our next page



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, continued from our last page to?

Answer: For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30." Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform (fighting) or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God Bless and keep them.





July 10 - 13, 2008

MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC

Thursday, July 10th

Picnic, Torchlight Ceremony & Sheep Herding

4:30 PM Picnic -Food concessions are available at MacRae Meadows or you can bring your own.

Scottish Entertainment

Traditional Celtic Music. Performers to be announced Sheep Herding: Sheep Herding with Border Collies on the field. 7 PM The Bear: Assault on Grandfather This five-mile footrace climbs 1,568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather mountain. Over 800 runners will start up the Old Yonahlossee Road from Linville at 7 PM, circle the Highland Games track around 7:15, and head up the Grandfather Mountain summit road

More Sheep Herding

Torchlight Cermony:

Opening ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games

Friday, July 11th

8 AM The Grizzly Bike Race

9 AM MacRae Meadows Opens: Preliminary athletic competition, sheep herding, music/dancing exhibitions. Celtic Groves will be open and other activities will highlight the day. Opening Ceremonies

- Highland Wrestling Clinic for children
- Children's Tent and Field Activities
- Harp Workshop
- Sheep Herding

Tent

- History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents
- Highland Dancing Pre-Championship
- Lochaber Trump Competition in the Harp and Fiddling

3:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for Celtic Jam

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents:

7 - 11 PM Celtic Music Jam Concert tracing the evolution of Celtic Music from the ancient to the contemporary at MacRae Meadows.

8 - 10 PM Ceilidh

Family gathering of Scottish folk music, song and dance. Hayes Auditorium at Lees-McRae College. \$10 adults/\$5 children 12 & under (Tickets sold only at the door).

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents

8:00 PM - 12 AM Scottish Country Dance Gala Williams Gymnasium at Lees-McRae College. \$20 dancers / \$3 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Saturday, July 12th

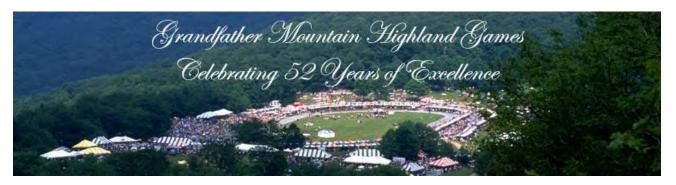
7:00 AM Mountain Marathon begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

7:30 AM MacRae Meadows Opens

- Amateur Heavy Athletic Qualifying Begins
- Competition begins for Highland Dancing Atlantic International Championship, piping, drumming, Scottish athletic events, track & field events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish fiddling, and Scottish harp.
- Children's Highland Wrestling Competition
- Sheep Herding
- Massed Bands on track
- Opening Ceremonies
- History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tent
- Children's Tent Activities



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Grandfather Mountain, continued from page 28

- Celtic Grove Music
- Highland Wrestling
- Harp Competitions
- Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition
- Scottish Fiddling Workshop & Jam Session

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents:

7:00 - 8:30 Piping Concert

Trillium Room, Broyhill Inn & Conference Center, Boone. \$10 (Tickets sold only at the door). Under age 5 free.

7:00 PM Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae Meadows. \$10 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents 8:00 - 10:00 PM Ceilidh

Concert of Scottish folk music, song & dance.

Hayes Auditorium at Lees-McRae College. \$10 adults / \$5 children 12 & under. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents 8:30 PM Alex Beaton & Friends Concert by Scotland's premier entertainer. Trillium Room, Broyhill Inn and Conference Center, Boone, NC. \$10 per person. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Sunday, July 13th

8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens

- Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration and Clinic
- Prelude Music for Worship Service Begins

9:00 AM Scottish Worship Service Outside main gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin' of the Tartans.

Children's Border Collie Demonstration on the main field.

Celtic Grove Entertainment Begins

Parade of Tartans Guests of Honor & Distinguished Guests are introduced as all members of the sponsoring clans are invited to march in the parade behind the massed pipe bands.

Scottish Fiddling Competition

Atlantic International Highland Dance Championship Competition

Competition takes place throughout the day for Scottish athletic events, sheep herding, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment continues.

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents Sheep Herding Demonstration 4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies



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