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Glasgow Highland Games Gene Flynn sets three World Records & record # of kids compete

The 2013 Glasgow Highland Games were held May 31st through June 2nd at Barren River Lake State Resort Park, Lucas, KY. They produced not only great athletics with three World Records set by Gene Flynn of Nags Head, North Carolina, but also a record of 130 children participating in the children's activities including athletics, arts and crafts and the Alice Wallace Young Children's Tug of War against the Chris Wallace and Donald.

In celebrating the history of your family, the Glasgow Highland Games has made Three Generations a 'movement' and promotion. The response is

exciting to all those involved as grandparents, to mother's and father's to children all came together to learn about and enjoy the wonderment of the Celtic culture and values they are a part of.

As the Glasgow Highland Games explained that three days of cultural entertainment and fun for the whole family is less expensive than taking the family to a movie outing who's significance quickly passing in comparison to an appreciation.

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*Announcing.....Beth's Newfangled Family Tree is now fancy!
We would like to announce our Technical Assistant...
John Taggart, FSA Scot from Charlotte, NC*



This is "Bicket." He gets his name from his color...as he truly is the very same shade of beige as a hot-from-the-oven homemade biscuit.

He was another of our feral cats but you'd never know it today. He and Peggie Hairy are most likely kin to each other.

There was this huge feral Tom who was snow white and who would come and consent to eat if I was inside the house. I could look at him from the window.

I'd bet that he is the father of both cats.

The mother is a cat of mystery.

Both Bicket and Peggie Hairy (Our Golden Boys) have the most wonderful voices.... squeaky and very soft. Bicket never had "terrible twos" or anything at all. Just sweet all the time.

A letter from your editor...

Odds and ends...

and even lettuce grows



Just as I was thinking that InDesign was not quite as awful as I had thought it to be - It ate almost an entire Section A. Gone. Poof. Disappeared.

I am known as a “Compulsive Saver” when I am working on anything that has to do with computers. I know I saved the missing section the last time I had it open working on it. InDesign doesn’t care...it’s gone.

Nothing to do but do it over. Have I mentioned how much I hate to do things over? Grrrr. Rats. Arghhh.

This column was done. I think I had maybe 5 more pages to do before this was done.

Fortunately, I had done the front page and the two picture pages from Glasgow Games on PageMaker, manipulating those pages to pdf files and hooking them to the InDesign file...so, I did not have to do those three pages over again - thank goodness. I’m trying to tell myself that this is just good for me to use the InDesign program. Yeah! Right?

Anyway....

I wanted to tell you all that the Grow Pots I wrote about a couple of months ago are magical. I have tomato plants higher than my head with flowers and wee baby tomatoes everywhere. The squash plants are HUGE and we’ve already had a squash casserole from their branches.

I planted another tomato plant just before we left for five days in Glasgow, Kentucky and when we arrived home, it was taller than the gigantic squash plants. It’s one of those which makes yellow little-bitty tomatoes and it is also filled with blooms.

My strawberry plants are filled with tiny whiteish berries!

The lettuce is amazing. I’ve already been able to go and clip off wonderfully fresh lettuce/spinach for either a salad or to make our gourmet bologna sandwiches into something delicious.

I’ll order ten more Grow Boxes later this year and plan to do the same thing next summer. I think maybe thirty of the planters will really allow us to plant enough to both feed us and allow us to freeze some too.

Did I tell you it’s really fun to watch things just leap up and grow!

Oh, I remember...

I now remember what I wrote this column about before InDesign ate it...

The above photo scared me when I saw it. Egads, had I never combed my hair?

I think/know that the photo was taken when I was doing one of my speeches up in the pavillion at the top of the field at Glasgow.

We truly do have more fun than you’re supposed to have in a genealogy seminar!

I will confess that I have decided to grow out my hair so that I may be able to braid it neatly. I’ve tried a few times before - but two disastrous hair cuts have convinced me to bear up under the mess my hair is until it gets long enough. If I had not “chickened out” on the first try to grow it out, it would already be ready to braid.

My grandmother used to braid my hair every morning. I tell my groups of genealogy talk folks that that is where I learned to love family history...as when my Grannie washed my hair in the kitchen sink, I would wiggle and carry on and not be still at all until she would say the magic words, “Honey, if you will stop that squirming about and carrying on, I’ll tell you a story about when I was a little girl.”

I would be still as a rock while she told me stories of growing up in the wilderness that was West Florida when she was born - in 1888.

I’ve started writing her stories down. One, entitled *I Have a Little Cup That Says Remember Me* has been published in the *Chicken Soup* book, I think in the one that is for folks getting married. No matter whether your family stories are written in lined paper notebooks or done on a computer...or typed on a typewriter...they are too precious to lose. By the way, I cannot read the “remember me” story without ending up crying.

Hopefully, my terrible hair will be grown enough to not be scary as I’m to do a talk on the Friday before Stone Mountain and I don’t want to frighten anyone.

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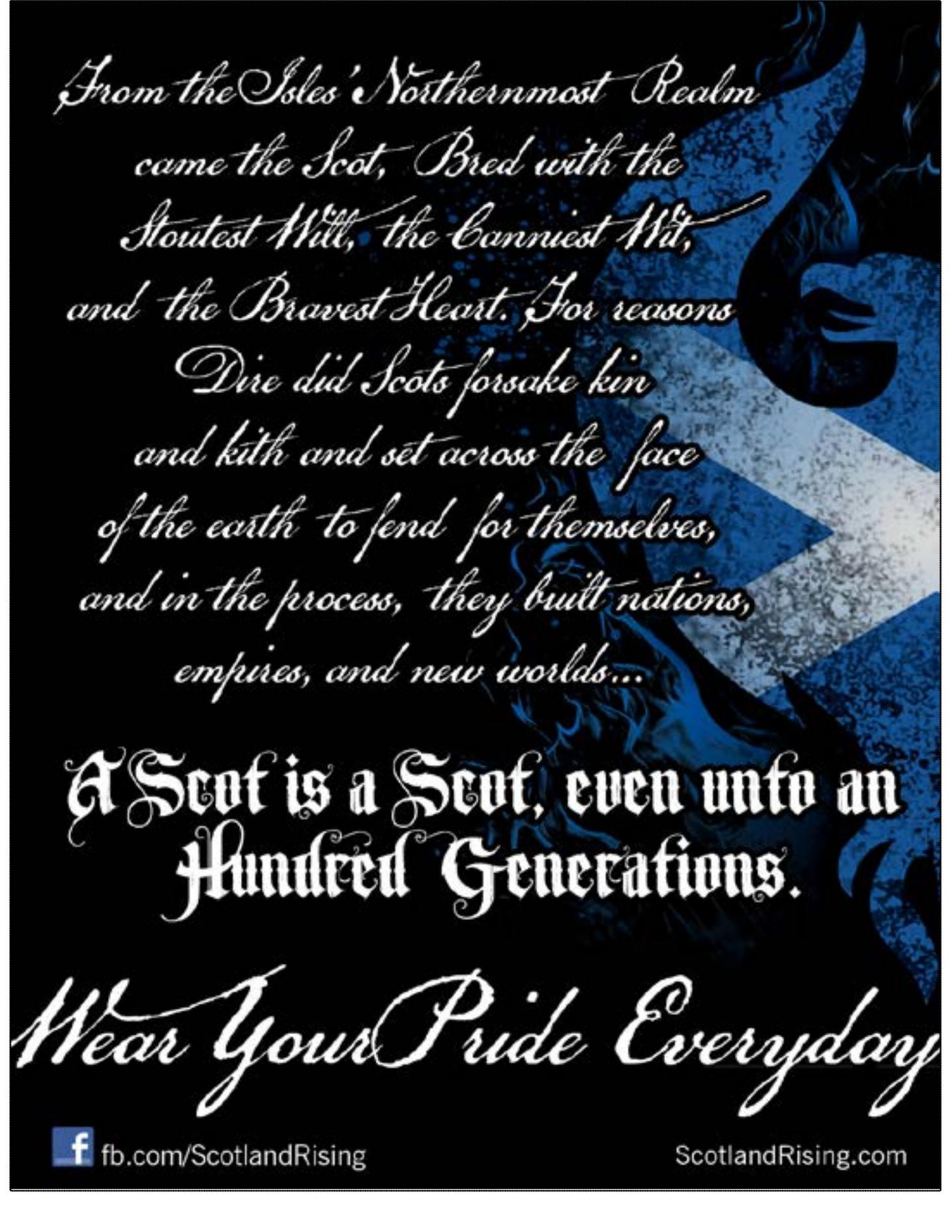
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Using German Gazetteers, Maps, and Street Guides

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To achieve long-term success in tracing German speaking ancestors in Europe, it is essential to know how to utilize gazetteers, maps, and street guides. Maps allow researchers to track ancestors through their various migrations prior to coming to the New World by aiding them in locating tracts of land they may have owned or identifying communities of residence where other types of records may have been generated.

To achieve the highest level of success using German records, the key element is identifying the ancestor's town of residence and church parish. Since most older records are maintained by the local civil registrar or district, you must be able to identify the specific jurisdiction. From the standpoint of genealogical research, the older maps are far more useful than contemporary maps. In some cases, gazetteers may be the only useful tool because they are indexes of geographical locations. They would be the equivalent of a geographical dictionary.

Gazetteers are like dictionaries of place names. For each locality, they usually list where the nearest parish (Catholic, Lutheran, or other), civil registration, district office, Jewish synagogue, and other offices are located. Since it is important to know which parish or civil office your ancestor's birth, marriage, and death are located in, the ability to use gazetteers is especially crucial for successful research. Gazetteers can help locate towns or communities that may have been too small to appear on standard maps, changed names over time, or may no longer exist.

Two prime examples that many professional genealogists use as evidence of the importance of old maps and gazetteers are Prussia and the Alsace-Lorraine regions. They were once part of Germany, but are now located in Poland, Russia, and France. In the case of East and West Prussia, both regions were divided after World War II. The region of Alsace-Lorraine has been an endless source of disputes between Germany and France. In many older German records, maps and gazetteers, the area may be known as Reichsland Elsass-Lothringen or Elsass-Lothringen. In most German records, specific references to German place names tend to use the governmental jurisdictions that made up the



German Empire from 1871-1918.

German Street Guides are valuable resources for identifying which church or civil records to search for in a large city. These guides are designed to help locate the ancestor's parish and civil registration district in various cities of Germany or former Prussian states that were absorbed into Poland or Russia after World War II. Each street in the city is listed along with the parish and civil registration district to which a street belonged.

Use these guides to determine the parish or civil registration district for the street where your ancestor lived. Although the jurisdictions listed date from the early 1900s, they usually apply for earlier years as well. When you find the street name, look up that street in this register to determine which parish your ancestor attended and in what civil registration district they lived. If the street extended into more than one jurisdiction, you will need to know the house number. In such circumstances, the street name in the register is followed by house numbers.

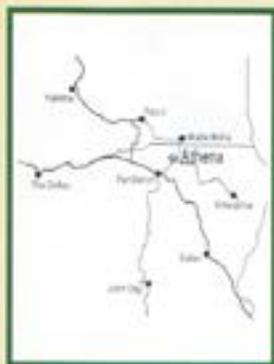
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Pipe Band Entries to date include not only our local St. Andrews University Pipe Band, but also the Savannah Pipe Band in Grade V, the Chattanooga Pipes and Drums from Chattanooga, TN.

Pipe Band folks.....remember that the first 10 bands are eligible for travel funding.

Highland Dancers - note that this will be the ONLY

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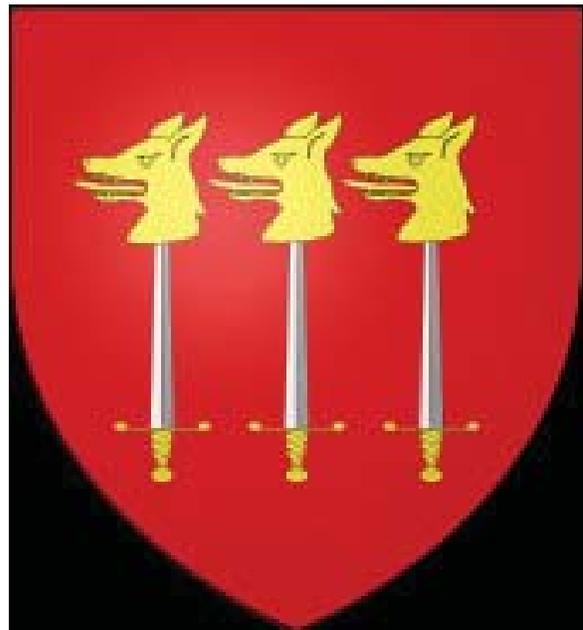
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A tasty article by Linda Frazier from the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee and concerning Marmalade....and more Marmalade...and still more....



Many of us have been lead to believe that Scotland was the birthplace of marmalade.

However, articles have ap-peared in a recent *New York Times* and *Scotland Magazine* and provide scholarly research to debunk this myth.

The oft-repeated story is that James Keiller, a Dundee grocer, heard about a Spanish ship carrying a cargo of Seville sour oranges which had entered the Tay seeking haven from the stormy North Sea. Since the delay caused the fruit to be less than fresh, he got the lot for a bargain and gave it to his wife Janet to process.

The story goes on to say that it got its name because as the fruit was being carried up from the beach by their son he was urged to get more oranges by his mother who said 'Mair, ma lad!'

Elizabeth Field, a freelance writer for the *New York Times*, wrote her dissertation was on the history of marmalade. She fixes the genesis of marmalade to more than 2,000 years ago in ancient Greece as a solid cooked quince and honey paste known as "melomeli" which was used to remedy digestive complaints.

She says in the 10th century the first morphosis of the recipe was when Portuguese, who called it "marmelada" (from the Portuguese "marmelo" for quince) substituted sug-ar for honey.

Field traces its introduction to the British Isles to 1745 when the Portuguese brought the first shipments of marmelada into London where it was, as she claims it was "Fabulously expensive and imbued with purported medical and aphrodisiac powers, it was a popular gift among noble families."

That is not to say Scotland had no role in marmalade as we know it.

First, the Scots changed the method of manufacture to the chip form. Second they converted it from quince to oranges and, most important, changed its use from an after dinner digestive to something served at breakfast and tea time.

"They took a product that was not even culturally

Scottish and made both Keiller and Dundee synonymous with it throughout the British Empire," said Field.

The real story in Scotland, according to Visit Scotland, is that an unmarried James Keiller and his mother Janet ran a small sweet and preserves shop in the Seagate section of Dundee.

In 1797 they opened a factory to produce "Dundee Marmalade" which contained thick chunks of orange rind and was based on Janet's recipe as a new twist on the already well known fruit preserve of orange marmalade.

Scotland Magazine provides its readers with the research from Dr. William Mathew of East Anglia University who says that when the Keillers first started, sugar was expensive, scarce, and most important, highly taxed.

To reduce the need for sugar, only the juice and peel of the orange were used with the skins finely sliced using special hand-worked equipment. This process differs from today's where the whole orange is used.

You can make classic orange marmalade at home but you must start with Seville oranges which are only available for a few weeks in January and February.

Assuming you can find them, here is a marmalade recipe from *Savuer Magazine* adapted from one dating from 1842 from *The Book of Marmalade* by C. Anne Wilson .

Or, if you can find Seville oranges, Mackay offers a choice of some very yummy marmalade infused with whisky from three single malt distillers (Glenfarclas, Tullibardine, Macallan) and one blend, Famous Grouse.

Dundee-Style Marmalade

6 - Seville oranges and sugar

First, weigh the oranges --- you need 1 ½ lbs. of sugar for every 1 lb. of oranges---then remove any wax film and then place the oranges into a large pot and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat

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These games will be held at Great Meadow Park, located forty miles outside of Washington, DC near Warrenton, Virginia on August 31st through September first.

You may visit the games website at <http://www.vas-cottishgames.org>

After the games on Saturday, we will hold our AGM dinner at McMahon's Irish Pub and Restaurant in Warrenton.

We will start with a meet and greet at 6:30 PM and follow with dinner at 7 PM.

You may find directions and menus at www.mcmahonsirishpub.com

The games' host hotel is The Nuevo Inn at www.nuevohotels.com located six miles south of Great Meadow Park. We have reserved a block of rooms with a group rate of \$89 per night that may be reserved by calling 540-349-8900 and specifying the group as "Southerland".

This location in Virginia is ideally situated to see many attractions such as vineyards, Shenandoah National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Civil War Battlefields at Manassas and Bull Run.

The area is also fairly close to the Washington, DC metro area.

There should be plenty to occupy the whole family for several days.

This is the first time hosting our AGM at this location and we look forward to seeing many of you there. If you have plans to attend the AGM and dinner - or, if you have further questions, please contact Bill Sutherland at mrbillm5@carolina.rr.com or by calling 704-598-6872.



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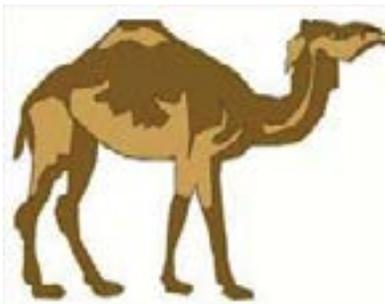
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He was the last born of 11 children of William and the 3rd for Viola. He is the last surviving of the siblings.

The younger sisters all told the story that they spoiled him because three of them were only a few years older and thought he was theirs to play and dress up as a real doll.

Perhaps, that was the beginning training for his independent and indestructible spirit!

As a young man, it was reported he tested the endurance of his abilities as well as the patience of his parents and did not hesitate to pass up any opportunity for adventure.

He joined the Hartford National Guard Unit and was drafted into active duty during World War II. He was in Brussels, & France where he was fascinated with the different lifestyles that he encountered and seemed to admire the ability of the local people to survive under such circumstances on their home ground.

When returning home, he finished his high school education and began farming the family farm.

Shortly after his return, he married Lucille, and had two children while settling into a new home, within eyesight of his birthplace, where he lived until his final days.

He enjoyed watching his cows and looking over his crops from the window of his home. When he decided to retire from farming, he purchased a service station in Hartford and spent many long hours working while making friends with his customers.

He had long, successful days of caring for his cows, overseeing the rental of his land and managing a full

time business. He faced his responsibilities like he did his life...head on and with full energy.

Mr. Palmer led a blessed life by most standards. He had never had a serious illness nor a surgery until his 80th birthday when he had a hip replacement.

A very serious automobile accident a few months later tested his endurance and spirit, but he faced each new challenge with grit, determination and a hearty dose of humor. After some of the more extensive surgeries, everyone was amazed at his ability to swing from the bar over his bed not unlike a little monkey and be well of any projected goals for recovery. His spirit seemed indestructible and depression was not a word he allowed in his vocabulary, although admittedly a lot of other very colorful words might be allowed in his vocabulary to express his frustration at times.

When he was faced with an amputation of his leg at age 87, the family was devastated and so afraid that he just might give up when he was faced with such a handicap.

His reply was that he had been really lucky to have done all that he had done in his life and not have anything worse happen to him.

Needless to say, he was swinging from that trapeze bar over his hospital bed in a very short time, learned to live with the new challenges and was riding his new Gator through the pasture herding cows within a very short time.

When most gentlemen his age would have been content to sit in the wheelchair and let the sun shine on their face while reflecting their past, Mr. Palmer was rolling around in his wheelchair under the pecan trees picking up pecans, cracking and shelling them for sale. Once again, another career change.

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Flowers of the Forest

Donald St. Maur MacDonald, 88, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, died on Friday, December 21, 2012 following a brief illness. Mr. Macdonald was born on May 13, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan to Major Reginald H. Macdonald, RA (ret), OBE and Lady Diana Elizabeth Seymour Macdonald. He was raised in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and educated at the Kent School, Kent, Connecticut and received his Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from Cornell University.

A veteran of WWII, he was a machine gunner in the 104th Infantry Division, , in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany ultimately arriving at the Elbe River.

For his services, he was decorated with the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, , the American Theater Service Medal, the Eastern Mediterranean Theater Service Medal with three Battle Stars, the Victory Medal and the Occupation of Germany Medal.

At the end of hostilities in Europe, he was transferred to California as part of the US forces preparing to invade Japan prior to the Japanese Surrender.

At the start of the Korean War, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery and placed in the Reserve of Officers.

Mr. Macdonald was employed by the Koppers Company of Pittsburgh until his retirement. Toward the end of his career, he was involved in coal gasification re-

search and early computerization of steel manufacturing processes.

The 16th Chieftain of the Family of Kingsburgh and Castle Camus, Mr. Macdonald was a direct descendant of the Scottish heroine, Flora Macdonald.

Active in Scottish-American cultural activities, he was a life member of Clan Donald USA. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust. He was also a member of the Ligonier Highland Games Committee.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 57 years, Myrta R. Macdonald and his three sons: Dr. Allan Macdonald (Echo), the Rev. Canon Dr. John A Macdonald (Gail) and Mr. David F. Macdonald (DEbra). He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Aidan Macdonald Shields.

Russell Hoyt Dabney, 61, of Roswell, Georgia died last January 23 after a short illness. He served as Clan Donald Southeast Georgia Commissioner.

He was a great storyteller and loved to weave yarns wherever he went.

He was also the Clan Donald USA National Herald.

He graduated from the Westminster Schools in Atlanta and was an enthusiastic alumnus of the University of Tennessee.

While at college, he was a member of Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity, ODK Honor Society and the University of Tennessee singers.

He was an Eagle Scout and later served 25 years as a Scoutmaster.

He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award.

Elizabeth Ruth Murphy, age 82m beloved wife of Gerald E. Murphy of Lakewood, Ohio, passed away on February 21, 2013. She was the daughter of the late Steve and Elizabeth Kulik Petrocy of Central City, Pennsylvania.

She was the mother of John Staab, Virginia (David) Baldwin, Daniel (Judy) Staab, Joseph Staab, Mary Anne (Joseph) Andreoli and Dolores Staab.

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Few obstacles were too large for him to overcome and he thought nothing of taking off in his electric wheelchair to visit his nephew or his tenants almost a mile away thru pastures or ditches. Ever that adventurous spirit showing itself.

While he will be missed by family and friends, we should all be happy with the life Mr. Palmer was blessed to have lived and wish him well in his next life where hopefully there will be plenty of ice cream and cold beer.

He inspired us all with his self discipline, strong work ethic and sense of humor. It was our priviledge to have had such a positive example of a titanium spirit.

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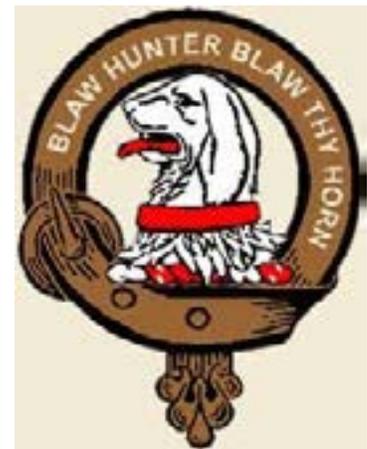
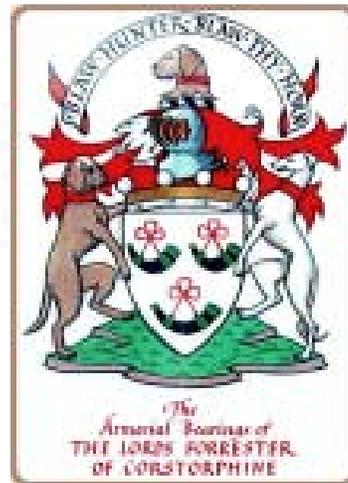


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Clan Stewart Society in America invites you to their AGM to be held in McPherson Kansas in September

The Region Seven family invites you to join in the yearly celebraation of Clan Stewart Society in America held in conjunction with the McPherson Scottish Festival in McPherson, Kansas on September 27, 28, and 29th.

While the Board of Directors convene on September 27th, hosts VP Stewart and Nancy Cummins, RHC Frank and Cecelia Wiesenberger and SC Ryan and Heather Cummins have planned items of interest for those not involved in the leadership meeting.

A block of rooms at the Best Western Holiday Manor, 2211 E. Kansas Street in McPherson, KS.

You may call the hotel at 620-241-5343.

When you call the motel, please ask for the Clan Stewart Society in America room rate.

Attendance at the AGM insures solidarity in this fantastic organization. The leadership would like to extend that feeling to all of our members. Please plan to join us for this special event.

On Friday there will be a Board of Directors Meeting, a President's Tea and the Firing Ceremony. On Saturday everyone will enjoy the McPherson Highland Games, the AGM and Dinner (\$25 per person).

Contact Stewart Cummins, 606 Osage St., Neodesha, KS 66757.

Yummy homemade Marmalade, *con't from page 13*

then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 1 hour.

Drain oranges and set aside until cool enough to handle.

Quarter the oranges lengthwise then squeeze out seeds, juice, and most of the pulp from the oranges, setting peels aside.

Transfer seeds and pulp to a 12" square of cheese-cloth, gather corners together, and tie shut with kitchen twine. Add that pouch to pot (this contains the pectin to get it to gel).

Cut peels in half lengthwise, then thinly slice crosswise and add to pot (I would get as much pith off these at this point in time).

Put the sugar and 2 cups of water into the pot and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring often until sugar dissolves.

Reduce to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until peels are very soft, liquid is deep golden, and temperature reaches 222° on a candy thermometer, about 2 hours. When it is thick enough to set firmly press pouch between two slotted spoons, releasing liquid into pot; discard pouch.

Spoon hot marmalade into 4 hot, sterilized 12-oz. canning jars. Set lids on top and seal. Cool completely, then store in a cool, dark place for at least 2 months before serving (marmalade will keep, uno-pened, for up to 1 year).

Thanks to Linda Frazier from the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida newsletter.



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Mason-Dixon line at least on October 5. Come join US this year!

“Rathkeltair” - with Neil Anderson (et. al) and “The Jamie Laval Band” (including Jamie and E.J. Jones) will be featured at the entertainment tent in the afternoon....and also at this year's ceilidh at Jerry's Deli and Pub....only a mile from the games site - special incentives and events to be offered there for a really fun night of post-Games fun.

The whiskies are being selected for this year's tasting - last year's HIT event. We already are getting registrations for this....and are limited to 50 folks this year, so get your reservation in so you won't miss out!

Not only is there Whisky on Friday, but Gold Medalist Piper Bruce Gandy in Concert that evening.....don't wait til early Saturday morning to drive in.....come on in on Friday!

For more updates, visit www.schgnc.org.



Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2012

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

www.elliotclan.com

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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Boldly and Rightly



Clan Ramsay Association of North America brings the story of Cockpen Church - a true hidden gem

Rosslyn Chapel has brought thousands of visitors to Midlothian since the publication of Dan Brown's novel 'The da Vinci Code'. But it is far from the only attraction in the area. Jim Green traces the fascinating history of the original Cockpen Church, now sadly a crumbling ruin.

Over the last decade it would have been difficult not to have heard of Rosslyn Chapel.

The publicity generated by Dan Brown's novel, "The da Vinci Code" revitalised the little Church with increased visitor numbers from home and abroad, which in turn brought in much needed cash. This can only be good for Midlothian but there are other attractions which, although not quite so well known as Rosslyn, are nevertheless significant in terms of Midlothian's history and heritage.

Crichton Castle and the adjacent Church, St. Nicolas's Church, Dalkeith, Newbattle Abbey, Temple Church, Lasswade Church and Dalhousie Castle are a few of the places of historical interest located within Midlothian.

However, there is one little, hidden gem which was a place of worship for seven hundred years and was probably the site of an even earlier settlement.

This was one of the conclusions of an archaeological dig carried out by the Society of Antiquaries Scotland on the site of the old Cockpen Church in 1993.

The project was sponsored by the then Midlothian Council. Although situated just off the B705 and only a short distance from the present Cockpen Parish Church and Dalhousie Castle, the old ruin remains relatively unknown. This may be the main reason why it is in such a serious run down condition. This, despite the fact that it is a Category B listed building. But it wasn't always so, as the old Cockpen Church had been an established place of worship until it was closed in 1820 and replaced by the present Parish Church. Despite this lengthy period of inactivity the old ruin still has a distinctive ethos of reverence and tranquility.

But the question must be, why then, did it close in 1820? It certainly wasn't caused by a falling population because, ironically, there was dramatic increase in the parish population which saw it almost doubling from 640 in 1755 to 1123 in 1790 and by 1811 only nine years before the church

closed, the population had reached an amazing 2000.

However, it would seem that new settlements, created by an increase in the local coal workings, were situated some distance away from the old church and at a meeting of the Heritors in May 1815, Lord Dalhousie suggested that a new Parish Church and Manse should be built in a more central part of the parish.

The other Heritors agreed and the present Parish Church was built and opened in April 1820. But how much do we know about the old Church before the Reformation of 1860?

We don't know for certain when it was built but the Archaeological dig in 1993 found evidence which confirmed that the original Church was probably built late 11th or early 12th century and had features described as "Romanesque." The present Parish Church was built and opened in April, 1820.

There was also evidence which suggested that there had been an earlier settlement there even before the building of the Medieval Church. The remains of an ancient Watch Tower were also unearthed and a number of old coins were found, the oldest dated 1556?

It was also clear that the site had been used as burial grounds for generations, as human remains were found in and around the old ruin.

There are still a few of the old headstones still standing, dating back to the 1700s. We also know that the Cistercian Brothers of Newbattle Abbey (founded 1140) were given the responsibility of administering the Church by Patrick de Ramsay in 1356.

The Newbattle Monks, recognised by most historians as the pioneers of coal mining in Scotland, retained this responsibility until the onset of the Reformation in 1560.

Cockpen Church was one of the many properties, previously owned and managed by the Abbey, which was granted to Mark Kerr and "his heirs" by the young James VI.

This was ratified by an Act of the Scottish Parliament in July, 1587. The first minister to be installed at Cockpen, Post Reformation (1567), was one William Knox, brother, some claim cousin, of John Knox.

OK, this story will be completed in Section B of this publication on page 17

Clan MacCord Society

Invites for membership all spelling variations and descendants of McCord (a)(e)(y).

Also McCourt, McChord, McCoard, Cord(e), McCart, McCort, Cort(e)(s) and Flynn, McFettridge and Kane.

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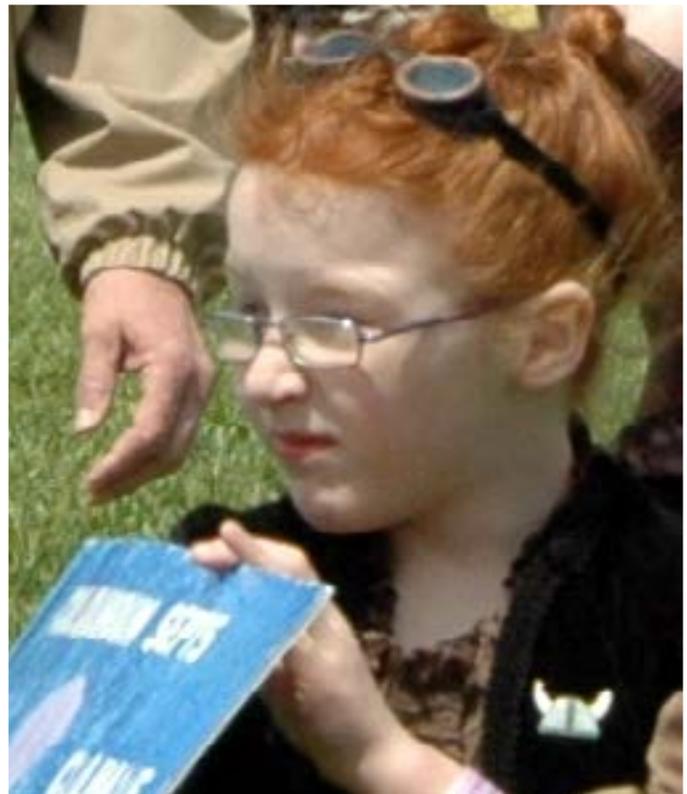
First Clan Colquhoun has been upgraded to Honored Clan at the Grandfather Mountain Games!

This is one of the biggest games of the Southeast and Sir Malcolm will be in attendance.

Second there is a reunion scheduled at Clemson University (SC) for the family of John C. Calhoun and associated families for July 26-28th. You can register for this event here:

<http://www.clemson.edu/alumni/historic-alreunion/>

For more information on both events, please contact <http://www.clancolquhoun.com/>



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If you see the Clan Keith Society USA, Inc. tent at a Highland Games nywhere...be sure and come by to visit.

Alice M. Hattenbrun, Secretary

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In the early days of the Big Wigs

As incredible as it sounds, in the early days, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October).

Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs.

Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes.

The heat would make the wig big and fluffy (not to mention killing any stray bugs, hence the term 'big wig...')



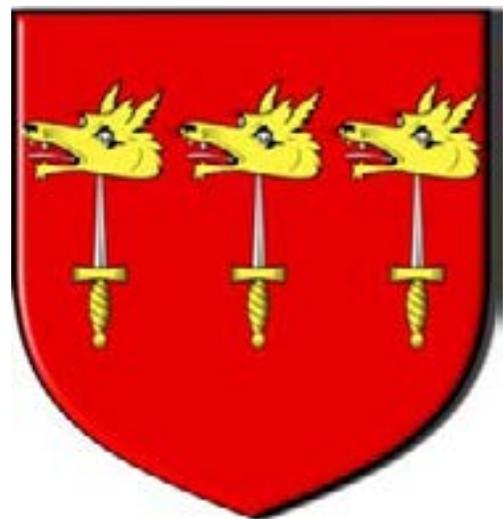
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