

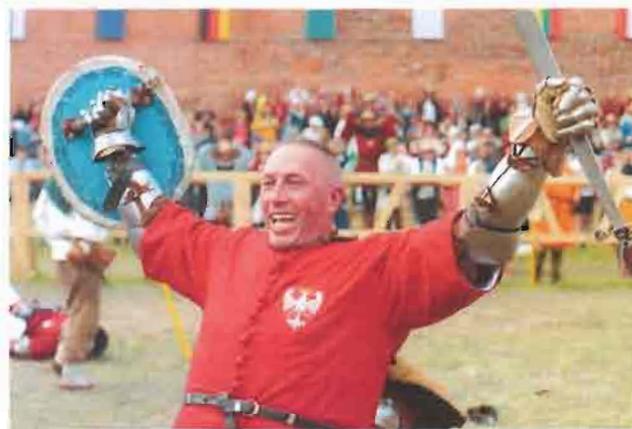
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Poland victorious in 2nd Medieval Combat World Championships

The Polish team won a landslide victory at the 2nd Medieval Combat World Championships, which wrapped up on Sunday at Malbork Castle, northern Poland.

Poland won six gold, two silver and two bronze medals, securing a medal in all of the ten events, which included fights with sword and shield, longsword and halberd (a two-handed pole weapon complete with axe-blade and spike), taking in one-on-one combat and group clashes.

Britain came second in the overall classification – with five medals, followed by Spain, Canada’s Quebec, the United States and Den-



mark – with two medals each.

The event attracted some 500 male and female participants from twenty six countries and drew around 30,000 spectators during the four days, despite inclement weather.

Malbork Castle is the UNESCO-listed former fortress of the Teutonic Knights.

The medieval combat included one-on-one contests to large skirmishes, where teams of 16 people fight with swords, axes, clubs and warhammers.



Glasgow, KY 2017
Games photos here

See lots of photos from the Glasgow, KY Highland Games on pages 8 & 9 of this publication.





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Tracing Immigrant Ancestors Using Social Security Information



Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Tracing immigrant ancestors has always presented challenges. If you are lucky enough to have immigrant ancestors who arrived after 1900 and were still working in America when the Social Security system was implemented in 1936-1937 or later, it might be worth writing for his Social Security application. While there were women in the work force in this era, there were relatively few found in the case of the earliest records for Social Security. Initially, only those working in traditional jobs outside of the home tended to apply. By the beginning of World War II in the 1940s, this would change dramatically.

In the early days of Social Security implementation which began between November 1936 and June 30, 1937. This was the first time the federal government required citizens to prove they were legal citizens of the United States. They had to prove their legal birth or naturalization if applicable to be issued a card. The original Social Security application usually provides the following information:

1. Full Name
2. Full name at birth, including maiden name
3. Present mailing address
4. Age at last birthday
5. Date of birth
6. Place of birth (city, county, and state)
7. Father's full name
8. Mothers full name, including maiden name

9. Sex
10. Race as indicated by applicant
11. Whether applicant ever applied for Social Security or Railroad Retirement previously
12. Name and address of current employer
13. Date Signed
14. Applicants signature

Because of the scrutiny each individual immigrant applicant was subjected to in this era, the details provided on these early applications are often more reliable than those provided in other documents such as death certificates. Unfortunately, many applicants only gave the name of the country of origin, but any clue may better than nothing.

For the most detailed and up to date information on requesting the SS-5 Form which contains the original application information, please visit the links provided below. Please be advised that processing these requests can take several weeks in certain situations.

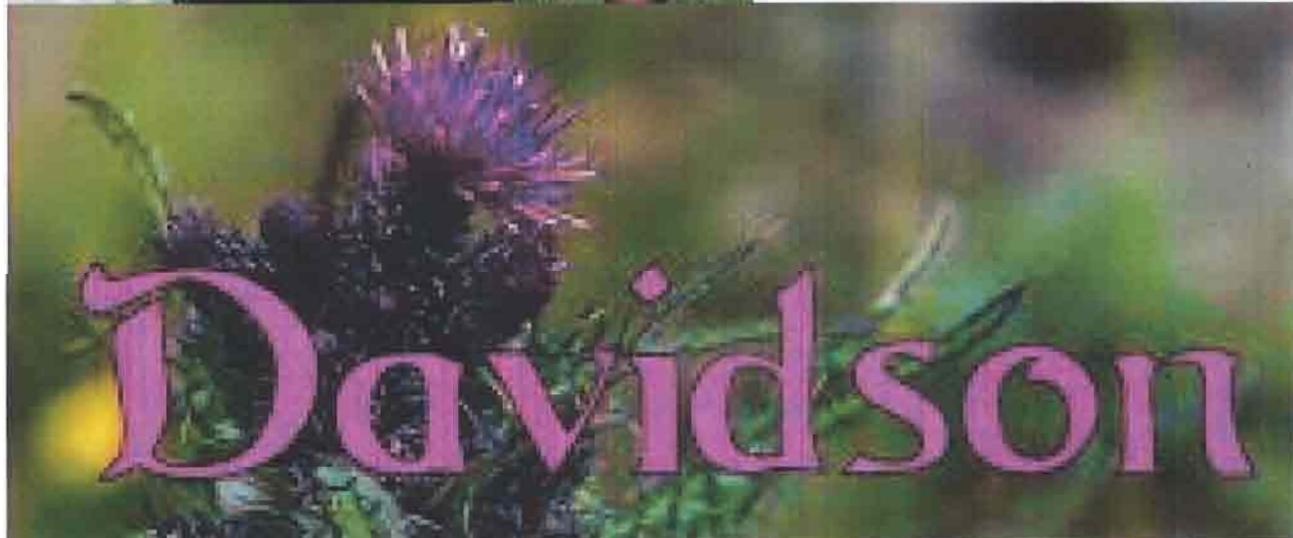
Family Search Wiki – Social Security Records for Genealogists

Visit: <https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Social_Security_Records_for_Genealogists>

FOIA Request – Social Security Administration SS-5 Form

<<https://www.ssa.gov/foia/request.html>> or
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3rd July 1pm - 2pm
Bowling Green Park,
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7th July 7.30pm
Christian Life Center,
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20th July 7.30pm
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Society of Antiquaries Summer Excursion

Low Parks Museum and Hamilton Mausoleum,

South Lanarkshire, Saturday 1st July 2017, 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

Join us on a visit to these Grade A listed buildings, the first dating back to 1696 built as Portland, the private residence of David Crawford, lawyer and secretary to the 3rd Duke and Duchess of Hamilton. Later in 1784, purchased by the 8th Duke of Hamilton and made into a coaching inn housing famous travellers such as Dr Johnson and James Boswell, and Dorothy and William Wordsworth.

We will also have a private tour of Hamilton Mausoleum which was one of the finest private tombs in the country. The chapel has a massive dome, over 36 metres high, magnificent bronze doors, and a stunning floor made up of different marbles from around the world. Built in the grounds of the now-demolished Hamilton Palace, its high stone used to hold the record for the longest reverberation / echo in the world, taking 15 seconds for the sound of a slammed door to decay.

Tickets include return coach transport, the tours, morning refreshments and lunch. To book a place please [book online](http://bookonline) or email your details to: info@socantscot.org or phone 0131 247 4133.

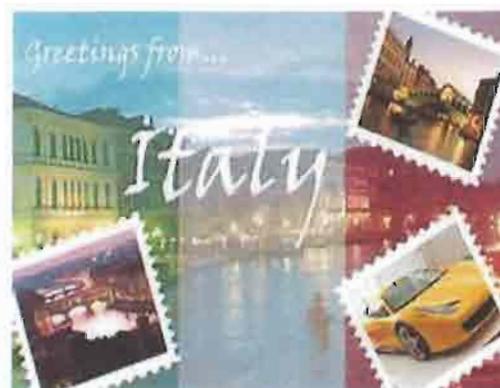
Researching Your Italian Ancestors

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Speaker: John Bifano

Genealogy Volunteer,

Fort Myers Regional Library



Time: 9:30am-12:30pm South Building 1651 Lee Street; Meeting Rooms A & B

Part One: Research Techniques in the United States

Italy is rich in genealogy and family history resources. Since most Italian genealogical records generated in Italy are not available in published or compiled records on the Internet or elsewhere, research must be done in the original birth, marriage, and death records of each town in Italy. It is necessary to know the name of the town before research in Italian records can start. Many of these clues will be found in records generated in the United States.

Part Two: Research Techniques in Italy

Our second seminar will cover research topics covering sources, repositories, and agencies in Italy. Topics discussed will include procedures for obtaining records in Italy via mail, Italian sources within the Family History Library, and specific Italian research sites on the Internet highlighting how to extract pertinent information

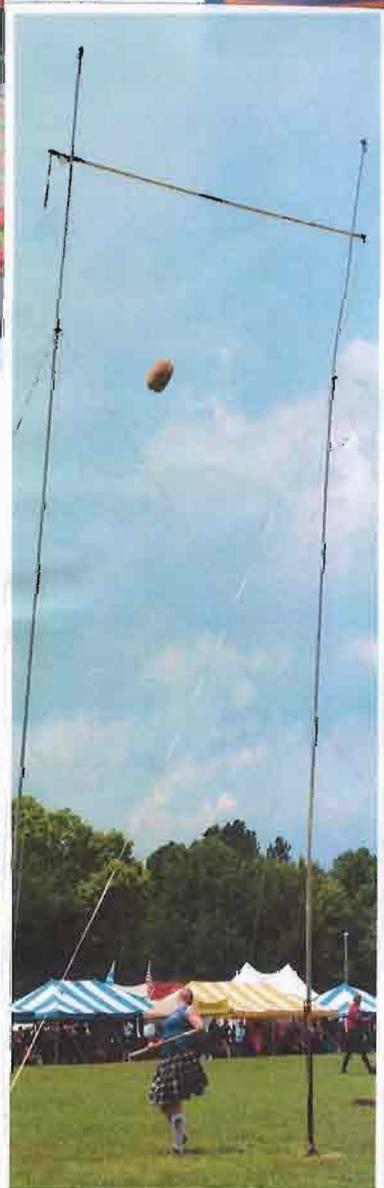
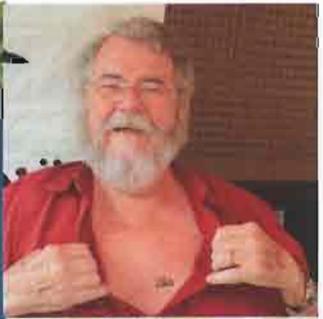
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Sheriff Hutton ruined medieval castle for sale in England

The beautiful ruins of a 14th century castle in north-ern England have gone up for sale. Sheriff Hutton Castle was built by the powerful Neville family around the year 1382, and at times belonged to Warwick the Kingmaker, King Richard III, and King Henry VIII. Richard often stayed at this castle before ascending to the English throne.

However, by the late 16th century the castle was abandoned and soon fell into ruin. It was owned for centuries by the Ingram family, who used to farm around the site. It has since become a protected heritage site – Grade II – and has been repaired by English Heritage. They describe it as:

Sandstone and limestone rubble. Rectangular on plan with 4 corner towers and remains of curtain walls enclosing inner court of 120 x 100 ft. Gatehouse to north of south-eastern tower, with a poorly aligned intermediate tower to north. Substantial remains of corner towers survive, to 4 storeys in places. Some trefoil headed cusped windows survive and several fireplaces. Gatehouse has 4 shields in relief over first floor window opening. Interior contains some surviving tunnel vaulting to ground floor and cellars, that to



north-eastern tower particularly well-preserved.

The property for sale is eleven and a half acres, and also includes a four bedroom Warden's House, a two bedroomed cottage, garage and outbuildings, landscaped gardens, a double moat and natural ramparts.

The property is being sold through Boulton and Cooper Stephenson's. A spokesman for the Estate Agent told the BBC "there's already been a smattering of interest and I fully anticipate it attracting interest from far and wide, possibly even abroad given the connections to Richard III ... I've never sold anything like this before, it's very rare to have something like this come to the market."

World of Whisky

Scotland is home to around 120 malt and grain distilleries, making it the greatest concentration in the world. You can see where they all are on our latest World of Scotch Whisky map.

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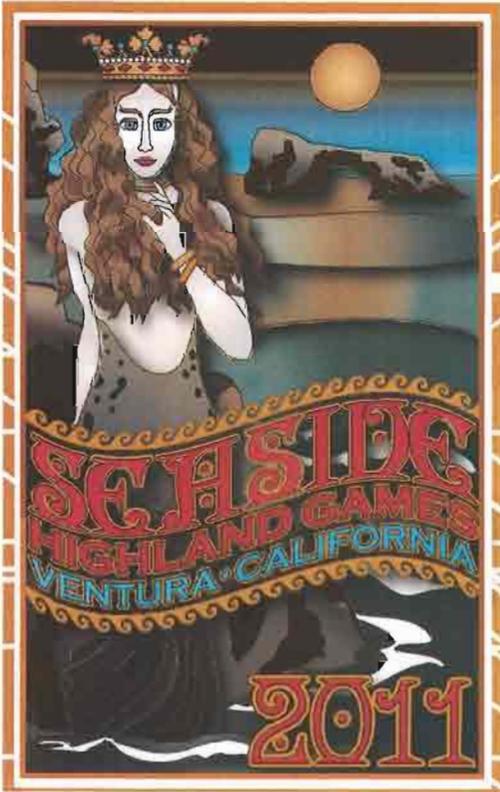
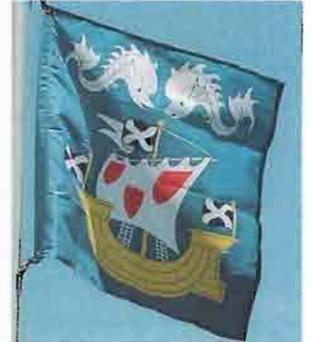


Let's all go "site seeing!"

Gotta watch this all the way to the end.

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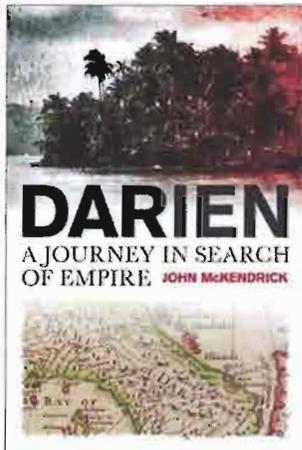




Tom Freeman is a heraldic artist & graphic designer living in Northeast Georgia. He has been working in the Scottish community both in the US & internationally since 1999. He can be reached using the information shown below.

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Darien: A Journey in Search of Empire available at GMHG

A British lawyer and the Attorney General of the British Overseas Territory of Anguilla, John McKendrick, has written an exciting account about the unsuccessful 17th century Scottish venture to establish a trading colony in Panama: *Darien: A Journey In Search of Empire* which was published by **Birlinn** in February 2016.

John grew up in the village of Strathblane, Scotland and was schooled at Kelvinside Academy in Glasgow. He received his further education at the London School of Economics, the University of Leuven, and University of Oxford.

He was called to the English Bar in 1999, the Scottish Bar in 2008, and the Bar of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in 2013.

In 2016 Her Majesty the Queen appointed him Queen's Counsel, and later that year the Foreign and Commonwealth Office appointed him for a two-year term as the Honourable Attorney General of the beautiful Caribbean Island of Anguilla. He was the *London Times* Lawyer of the Week in September 2013, and nominated for *The Lawyer* magazine's Barrister of the Year award for 2016.

John has also had experience in Scottish politics running as the Labour candidate for Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross in 2007 Scottish Parliament elections. In the 2010 General Election, he stood as the Labour candidate for Ross, Skye and Lochaber.

As a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, John travels a lot and during a visit to Panama City and meeting with members of the St Andrews Society, he was inspired to learn about the Darien venture undertaken by Scotland in the late 17th C. This led him to write: *Darien: A Journey in Search of Empire*. Though previous accounts have been written on the subject of Darien, John's historical account of Scotland's unsuccessful attempt to establish a colony on the isthmus of Panama, is combined with his fascinating travelogue to Darien in Panama as well as Darien, Georgia. The impact of the Darien venture had a far-reaching impact on Scottish, British and American history.

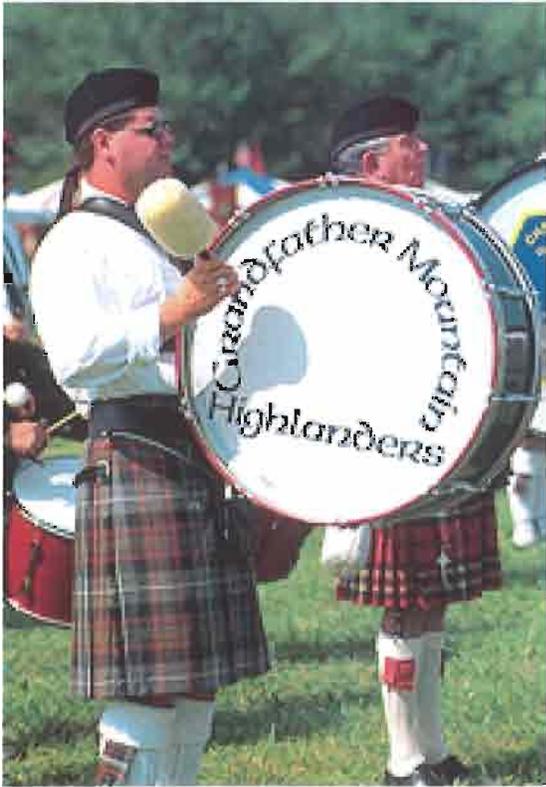
John is a guest of Scottish Heritage USA and will be giving presentations on the Darien venture at the Scottish Cultural Village, which is also generously supported by Scottish Heritage USA.

Signed copies of his book will be available for purchase (\$29.95) at the Scottish Heritage USA tent during the games and on Sunday evening at the members only buffet at the Eseeola Lodge pool house.

It's coming! The 2017 total solar eclipse, which will cross the continental United States Aug. 21

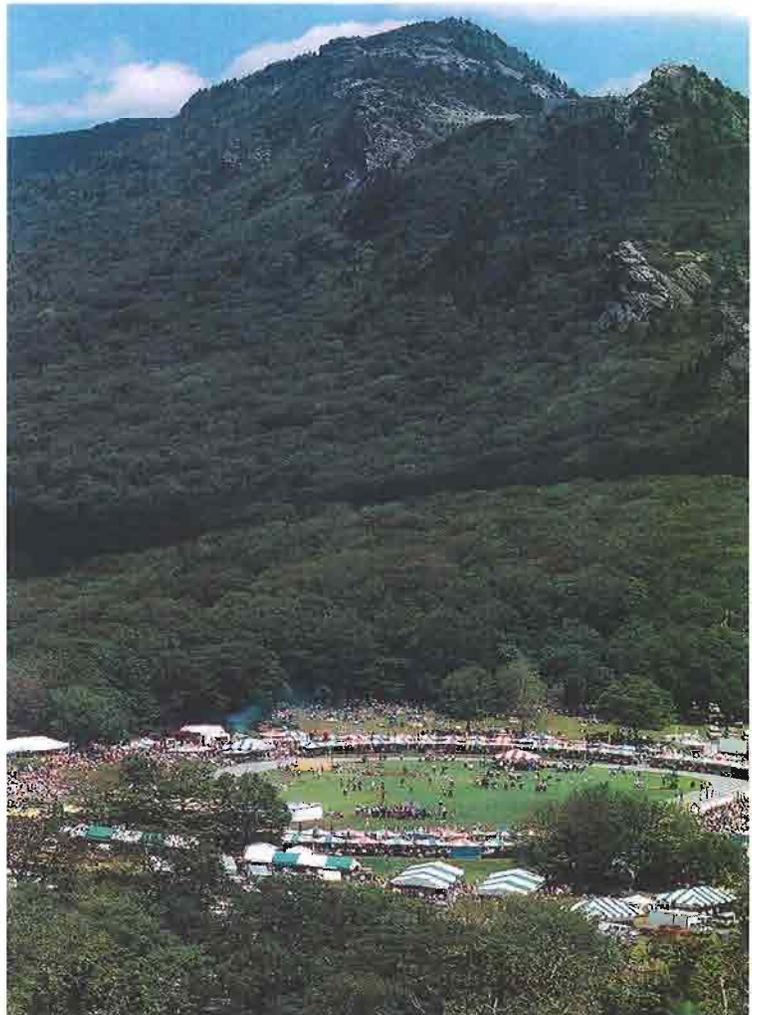


Free Speeches at Stone Mountain Highland Games! Beth has been invited back to Stone Mountain on Friday, 20 October 2017. I am told that there will be a larger room this year - so plan to come! The speeches are at the host hotel, the Hilton Atlanta, NE 770-447-4747. Games & events, October 20 - 22, 2017.



2017 - 62nd Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

July 6-9,
2017 at
MacRae
Meadows on
Grandfather
Mountain near
Linville, NC



Flowers of the Forest



Helen Kerr, age 75, of Lakeville, Minnesota, went home to heaven on February 3, 2017. She passed peacefully at home, surrounded by loving family.

Well known as Gramma Tigger, her family and faith were the most important parts of her life.

She loved to be with family and attend her grandchildren's events, occasionally showing up in a Tigger costume. Helen was always full of joy and up for an adventure. Life with her was fun and the people around her knew that they were loved.

Helen demonstrated her love for God and others through service. She loved her church family at Hope Presbyterian and served there as a deacon and in many other capacities, including lavishly sharing her culinary gifts and skills.

Helen was an exceptional chef and took very seriously Jesus' direction to feed His sheep. She delighted in feeding people and lovingly prepared meals for her church, her family, the homeless and hungry, as well as catering special events.

Helen was especially proud of her family and her Scottish heritage. She served as the president of the Kerr Family Association of North America and faithfully attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Helen was also a talented artist; she painted and taught painting for many years and even had some of her work selected to be part of an exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution.

Helen is survived by her children: Betsie Mills, Camie (Dave) Anderson, Ginnie (Mark) Hoffman, Wilson (Missy) Mills; her grandchildren: John Anderson, Lauren Anderson, Joseph Hoffman, David

Hoffman, Andrew Mills, and Katie Mills; her sisters: Cathie Ingram and Jean Curtright, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Helen left a colorful mark on this world and she will be missed.

Sir Fergus Matheson of Matheson

27th January 2017, in his 90th year, Fergus John, 7th Bt of Lochalsh, greatly loved husband of Jean, father of Matilda, Alexander and Fiona, grandfather of Mara, Charlie, Siena, Andrew, Archie, Louisa, Lucia and Edmund and great-grandfather of Ayana and Atticus.



There was a private family funeral.

Memorial service on Monday 15th May 2017, Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London, SW1.

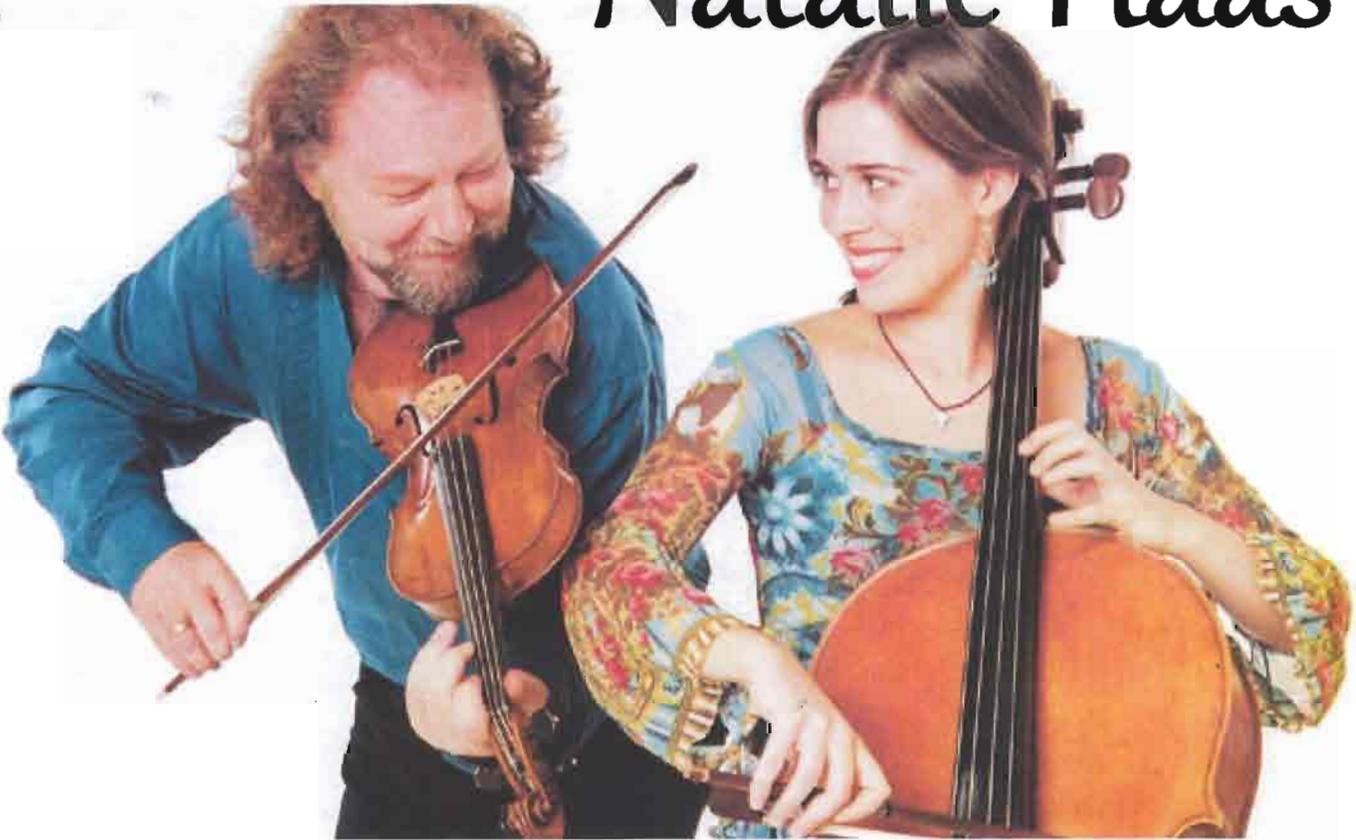
He was commissioned in 1945, in the service of the Coldstream Guards. He retired from the military in 1964, with the rank of Major.

He was Member of the Gentlemen-at-Arms between 1979 and 1997. He was President of St. John Ambulance, Norfolk between 1992 and 1996.

He held the position of Chief of Clan Matheson in 1993.

He succeeded to the title of 7th Baronet Matheson, of Lochalsh, co. Ross [U.K., 1882] in 1993. He was Standard Bearer of the Gentlemen-at-Arms between 1993 and 1997. He was decorated with the award of the Commander, Order of St. John.

Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas



Fiddler Alasdair Fraser and cellist Natalie Haas will perform Scottish and Celtic music at the 2017 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games!

We will update the list of entertainers each issue, but be assured, there will be the finest in Scottish and Celtic music for you at the 62nd Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games!

For more information, visit:

**[https://grandfather.com/events/
grandfather-mountain-highland-games/](https://grandfather.com/events/grandfather-mountain-highland-games/)**

Is your own clan in need of a chief? Read this!

The Court of the Lord Lyon Ad Hoc Derbhfine Meetings

Thanks to:

< www.buchanan-heraldry.net.nz >

Editor's Note Derbhfine is a concept of determining who will inherit the titles, lands, and peerage of a deceased leader.

The Lord Lyon in 2002 issued new guidelines for the holding of a Derbhfine Meeting.

There are generally five circumstances in which a meeting of the derbhfine might take place. (1) Where the appointment of a Clan Commander is sought. (2) Where a blood link to a past Chief is very likely but is not conclusively proved and it is wished to propose a particular person to be confirmed as Chief. (3) Where the main line of descent from a past Chief has died out and it is wished to confirm the Representor of another line as Chief. (4) Where no identifiable descendant from the last known Chief can be found and it is wished to propose a particular person to be confirmed as Chief. (5) Where a 'clan' which has never had a Chief seeks the appointment of a 'Chief'.

Various factors need to be considered in relation to each of these.

In the case of (1) the genealogy of the applicant is not particularly relevant. What is important is that the applicant has the support of the clan. In the case of (2) and (3) it is more likely that there will not be a derbhfine but that Lyon will be asked to confirm the applicant as Chief for aught yet seen, but the clan may wish the derbhfine to meet. It is important that there should be no known likelihood of a competing claim. In the cases of (2), (3) and (4) it is important that there should be general support from the members of the clan and also that sufficient time has been allowed for any competing claims to emerge and to be dealt with. In the case of (5) there is also the question of whether the group should be accorded the status of a clan.

Two factors have applied in the past. Firstly there has been a rule of thumb that a 20 year period should elapse between the appointment of a Commander and the meeting of the derbhfine to consider a proposal for a Chief.

Secondly the traditional function of a meeting of the derbhfine is a forum to discuss what to do rather than to consider a specific proposal.

Both of these factors require further consideration. The 20 year period between the appointment of a Commander and a proposal for Chief has not always been applied in the past but has been frequently referred to in discussions with applicants.

Many existing Commanders understand it to apply to them. Twenty years seems a very long time in an age of rapid



communication. Five years is probably too short to allow a Commander to establish himself, get an organisation going, make himself known to clan members worldwide and allow clan members to judge whether the Commander is the right person for the job.

But 10 years should be sufficient time for all this to happen. Twenty years seems unreasonable long.

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It will be important, if an application is made for a Commander to be considered for Chief, to know what activities the Commander has undertaken since his appointment and whether there is any dissatisfaction with him as well as whether any alternative candidate may have emerged.

In judging whether the members of the clan are satisfied it will be important to bear in mind that in a number of cases the Commander may have pushed himself forward and may have discouraged other candidates from coming forward as alternatives.

The traditional role of a meeting of the derbhfine as a forum for general discussion is probably now out of date.

At a time when most clan members would have been in Scotland, would have known a large proportion of their kinsmen and would have found it relatively easy to meet together, it made sense to consider calling the principal men in a clan together for a general discussion.

But, now that clan members are scattered all over the world, exist often in substantial numbers and know only relatively few of their kinsmen, it is difficult for members of the derbhfine to be confident that they know the wishes of the clan members in general.

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Tentative Event Schedule for the 2017 GMHG Games

Thursday, July 6th

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 Ceremony:

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

Friday, July 7th

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.

Scottish Cultural Village

Opening Ceremonies

Highland Wrestling Clinic for children

Children's Tent and Field Activities

Harp Workshop

Sheep Herding

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan

Tents

Highland Dancing Pre-Championship

Lochaber Trump Competition in the Harp and Fiddling Tent

4:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for Celtic Rock Concert.



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents: 6:30 - 11 PM *Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae Meadows.*

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents 8:00 PM - 12 AM *Scottish Country Dance Gala*, Williams Gymnasium at Lees-McRae College. \$25 dancers / \$10 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Saturday, July 8th

6:30 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.*

Scottish Cultural Village

Children's Highland Wrestling Competition

Sheep Herding

Massed Bands on track

Opening Ceremonies

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan

Tents

Children's Tent Activities

Celtic Grove Music

Highland Wrestling

Harp Competitions

Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition

NC Provincial Gaelic Mod

Scottish Fiddling Workshop & Jam Session

4:00 Days events end. Preparation for Celtic Jam

6:30 - 10:30 PM Celtic Jam at MacRae Meadows.

\$15 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12

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It is also unreasonable to expect people to travel from distant parts of the world to a clan meeting without their being given a clear idea of why they are being asked to attend and it is desirable for those who are unable to attend to be able to make their views known.

It therefore seems sensible for the role of a meeting of the derbhfine to change to one which has a specific clear purpose and also for a means to be provided for those unable to attend to make known their views.

Procedure to be followed in future: (1) In future there will normally be a minimum period of 10 years between the appointment of a Commander and an application for a person to be considered for Chief.

A Commander will normally be appointed for a 5 year period and re-appointment for a further 5 years will be considered by Lyon without any further derbhfine being required.

Where a 20 year period has been either set down or advised in the past, this will no longer apply.

(2) The following rules must be observed in the conduct of any meeting of the derbhfine. These are designed to ensure that members of a clan generally are aware of what is proposed and have an opportunity to make their views known.

(i) One of HM Officers of Arms, or a person approved by Lyon, must be appointed to supervise the meeting of the derbhfine. This must be arranged before any notice under (iv) below. The fee charged by the supervising officer will be a matter for the clan. (ii) The supervising officer's role is to act as an impartial Chairman and to make an objective report to Lyon. (iii) The members of the derbhfine will be as provided for in Lyons 1992 Rules.

However these new Rules will also provide a means whereby non-armigerous and non-landed clan members can express their views. The supervising officer and the derbhfine will be made aware of these views but the derbhfine will not be bound by them. (iv) Notice of any meeting of the derbhfine, in a form approved by the supervising officer, must be given not less than 6 months prior to the date set for the meeting, in all clan and clan association journals or newsletters and on any clan or clan association website. (v) The notice must state the date and place of the meeting and the purpose for which it is to be held including the name(s) of any candidate(s) to be proposed for appointment. It must give the name and address of the supervising officer to whom further enquiries are to be directed. (vi) A further notice must be given not less than 6 weeks prior to the meeting by public advertisement in a national newspaper circulating in Scotland and the same notice must also be posted on the clan and clan association websites. (vii) The notices referred to in (vi) must give details of the arrangements for views to be submitted by non-armigerous and non-landed clan members.

The supervising officer will require to decide how this is to be done but it should probably involve a paper containing the name, address and signature of the sender being sent to the supervising officer. It is recognised that the collection of views of clan members is not an exact science. It is not the intention that the supervising officer should have to decide whether a person who submits a view is or is not a member of the clan. The purpose of this mechanism is to provide a means for the rank and file to express their views.

The derbhfine and Lyon will have to decide what weight to give to them. (viii) At the meeting of the derbhfine the supervising officer will, prior to any decision being taken, inform the members of the derbhfine of the result of any views by non-armigerous and non-landed members which have been submitted under (vii) above. (ix) Non-members of

the derbhfine may attend and speak but will leave the meeting before any decisions are taken and members of the derbhfine itself will be the only people to take part in any decision of the derbhfine. (x) The report submitted to Lyon by the supervising officer will include details of the various steps taken under the above procedure and in particular, in addition to the decision and views of the derbhfine, will refer to (and if need be comment on) the views of the non-members of the derbhfine as

expressed under (vii).

The report will be confidential to Lyon and should contain such information as the supervising officer regards as being of importance to Lyon in reaching a decision.

February 2002 Ad Hoc Derbhfine 1. As from 1st May 1992 where a Chiefship or Commandership is to be determined by means of an ad hoc derbhfine it will be necessary for any candidate selected and recommended to the Lord Lyon King of Arms to have been domiciled and habitually resident in Scotland for a period of three years before such recommendation and submission and he, or she, must be so domiciled or resident at the time recommendation and submission is made.

2. To avoid any possibility of last minute packing of an ad hoc derbhfine I have decided that before any person can take part in a derbhfine a Warrant authorising the preparation of Letters Patent of Arms, or an Interlocutor authorising Matriculation of Arms, must have been signed in favour of such a person at least a year and a day before they take part in the derbhfine.

3. It should be borne in mind that membership of the derbhfine shall consist of those who are in right of a Scottish Coat of Arms (matriculated within the last three generations to cover the holding of the Armorial Bearings on apparenancy), or owning at least a small holding of land outwith a Burgh but which is not a mere building plot. The owner of



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Tentative GMHG Schedule, continued from last page

Sunday, July 9th

8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens
Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration
and Clinic

Prelude Music for Worship Service
Begins

Scottish Worship Service Outside main
gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin 'O'
the Tartans.

Scottish Cultural Village

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 herd-
ing, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish
country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-
of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment contin-
ues.

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan
Tents

Sheep Herding Demonstration

4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies

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information on the events, entertainments, competitions and more.

Flowers of the Forest Clan Henderson

Robert Paul “T.C.” Henderson, age 49, of Resaca, Georgia, departed this life Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the local hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Robert was born March 13, 1968 in Marietta, Georgia, the son of the late Robert Larry Henderson.

Robert worked at RRR Transport, as a truck driver, traveling across the country with his faithful companion “Dillinger”. Robert enjoyed fishing and recently took up hunting.

Robert Paul “T.C.” Henderson is survived by his fiancé, D.J. Holcomb. They were to wed May 20, 2017; son, Dustin Henderson and his girlfriend, Demi McCowan of Resaca, Georgia; daughter, Angel Henderson of Acworth, Georgia; step-sons; Zarek Gill and his fiancé Destiny Cooper; Bradon Gill, all of Resaca, Georgia; mother, Brenda Boswell Henderson Patton and step-dad, Glen Patton; brother, David Henderson of Calhoun, Georgia, special nephew, Cody Adams; cousin, Lynn Morris; grandsons, Landon Chattam, Caleb, Hayden Gregory; granddaughter, Paisley Henderson; mother-in-law,

Brenda Malia.

A service to celebrate the life of Robert Paul “T.C.” Henderson was held, Thursday May 11, 2017, from Ponders Calhoun Chapel, with Reverend Walter Hare officiating. Burial followed at Haven of Rest Cemetery with Dustin Henderson, Cody Adams,

Zarek Gill, Eric Moulder, Bradon Gill and Matt Davis serving as pallbearers.

Dan Bollinger of the North Georgia Pipe Band played Scottish Highland tunes as previously requested by the deceased. *Amazing*

Grace was the family’s favorite. This time-honored song brought a warm, uplifting conclusion to a normally sad occasion. Later, the large extended family met for a reception for good food and great conversation. Robert’s tragic passing became an opportunity to strengthen family ties and to remember their proud Highland heritage.

The family received friends Wednesday and Thursday, May 10th and 11th, 2017 at Ponders Calhoun Chapel

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.pondersfuneralhome.com.



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old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

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

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

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In Memory of our friend, Romilly Squire of Rubislaw

His obituary, published in *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh

Romilly Squire of Rubislaw, heraldic artist. Born 3 April 1953, in Glasgow. Died 7 December 2016, Edinburgh, age 63.

Romilly Squire was a leading heraldic painter of his day, and in his prime, among the world's best.

His talent lay in producing armorial design that was bold and simple, layering his work with energy and elegance. He brought life to colour, cross and creature, imbuing vivacity in the simplest of images. There was never a lion that lacked a glint in his eye, nor a castle where the battlements didn't frown, nor a sabre that was not well-nigh rattled.

Romilly's interest in heraldry developed at an early age. Arthurian legends played an important part in his formative years, sparking a passion for arms and armour, chivalry and heraldry. Above his childhood bed hung Don Pottinger's chart, *Scotland of Old*, firing his imagination with images of romance of a bygone age.

For what he himself described as "an unremarkable education from the High School of Glasgow," Romilly studied graphic design at Glasgow School of Art, being benevolently influenced in choice of higher education by his father, the distinguished portrait painter, Geoffrey Squire, long a lecturer there and later a governor. On graduation and with teacher training behind him, Romilly returned to Glasgow High School to teach art for six years.

Around this time, he turned to heraldry, producing armorial artwork for family, friends and for his own enjoyment, being greatly influenced by the work of Don Pottinger, then the most innovative heraldic artist in a generation. The upshot was that Romilly's work came to the notice of Mr. Pottinger (then Lyon Clerk in the office of the Lord Lyon). Romilly moved to

Edinburgh and became a herald painter, a post he held for some two decades.

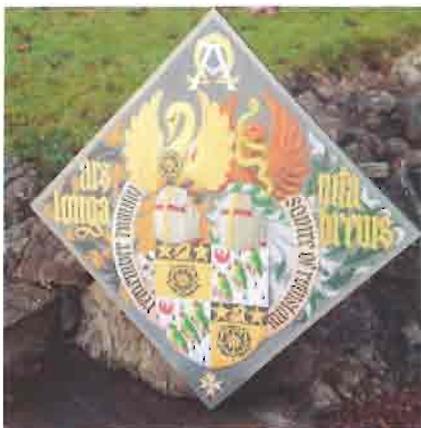
Substantial recognition came to him when in 1996, he was invited to participate in the world's first artists workshop of The International Heraldic and Genealogical Congress in Ottawa - with the outcome being that his work was exhibited in the Ottawa Museum of Civilisation, and he was awarded the Corel Prize. Now considered one of the finest heraldic artists of his generation, he was invited as advisor to the Chief Herald of Ireland on the renaissance of that office in 1998.

Romilly invested passion in his work. He scorned some colours as "too mild" and instigated long-distance searches for special hues of the paints he wanted. Friends visiting mainland Europe would be given the task of tracking down particular brands and tones of locally produced colours.

While his CV reads easily enough - elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and the Royal Society of Arts; serving in the committee of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, editing the HSS Journal *Double Tressure* and the newsletter *Tak Tent*, and ultimately becoming chairman for two terms, 2002-2008; being appointed Officer of the Order of St. John, and taking up post as Limner to the Order in Scotland; and serving as secretary of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs - it masks the man.

He had second and third careers as model and actor, in the latter including a part in the film *Monty Python and The Holy Grail*, while the many publications to which he contributed in whole or part included *Gem Pocket Tartans* (Collins), *Kings and Queens of*

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Romilly's hatchment, beautifully painted by Mark Dennis, Ormond Pursuivant himself in the short time since Romilly's death,



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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



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Romilly Squire, *continued from page 23*

Europe and Kings and Queens of Great Britain (Elm Tree Books). *Clans and Tartans* (Harper Collins) and the magisterial *Collins Encyclopedia of the Clans and Families of Scotland*. He also illustrated *Clans and Tartans* (Regency House Publishing), *Scottish Tartan Weddings* (Hippocrene Books, Inc.), and the *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Britain* (Reader's Digest).

He took up sport as a young man, having a fascination for Kendo, the Japanese art of fencing gaining fourth Dan from the All Japan Kendo Federation in 1992 and going on to teach the martial art. He was also an active Freemason, becoming Past Master at the Lodge of Holyroodhouse (St. Lukes) No. 44.

He went abroad regularly - studying foreign heraldry, attending Highland Games to proselytise the cause and lecturing. One of his more memorable presentations was to the Heraldry Society of Scotland when he presented a learned and insightful account of the Japanese system of Mon.

If Romilly had a passion beyond heraldry, it was for orders and decorations - and these he amassed as others might collect stamps. He was an Officer of the Order of St. Lazarus (1998), Grand Officer of the

Imperial Order of Ethiopia (2000), Member of the Noble Compania de Ballesteros Hijosdalgo de San Filipe y Santiago (2010), Knight of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia (2010), Knight of the Imperial Order of St. Anne, Russia (2010), Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael of the Wing of Portugal and many more.

Appearing one year at the annual St. Andrews Dinner of the Heraldry Society of Scotland and being



asked about his impressive line - up of miniature medals, he replied with a wink: "Aye, but these are merely the edited highlights."

Wit, raconteur, bon viveur, Romilly could sometimes enjoy life too much. He became ill within the last year and died after ten days in hospital.

His long-term partner Andrea Seath survives him, as does his sister, Susan.

His legacy is the indelible mark he made on the design and practice of Scots heraldry.

Romilly's love of ceremony was acknowledged by a hatchment displayed at his funeral, a piece painted for him by his friend, Mark Dennis, fellow artist, advocate and herald. GORDON CASELY.

From *The Scotsman*, published Tuesday, 27 December 2016

A few personal reflections...

Romilly Squire for many years was Lord Lyon's indispensable person. He was the Glasgow Highland Games friend and co-author for perhaps the best historical book of Scotland. He was our Historian Lecturer, Protocol Advisor, Guest Speaker and our "Romilly, we need your help" person.

Whatever we asked, he did.

Romilly was an incredibly intelligent man who was deeply respected both here and abroad.

Above all, Romilly Squire was our friend and we will miss him deeply

Robert E. Harrison, President, Glasgow Highland Games

I can't remember when I first met Romilly, but it was a very, very long time ago. For years, he was a "Hi, nice to see you. How're you doing?" acquaintance who I would see all over the place as I traveled about the country to games representing The Odom Library.

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Then, when I became a friend, then more, of Tom's, I learned that Romilly was Tom's mentor in things concerning heraldic art and was honored to get to know Romilly better and better. He became a true friend. He was genuine and real. With all of his honors and titles and "friends in high places," he was never, ever anything but himself; someone you could trust.

He had a wonderful and wicked sense of humor and I always smiled whenever he was mentioned or when I knew we would get to see him...and still do now when I think of him. He was a good person.

Romilly, you will forever be missed and always thought of with deep affection.

Beth Gay Freeman

Romilly Squire was one of the most interesting men

I have ever known. His knowledge of all things Scottish was immense. At one of our first meetings, he admonished me for wearing white socks with my kilt. I have, to this day, never worn them again.

His accomplishments were remarkable and his talent was expansive. At one of the clan receptions, he spilled beer all over my wife and theirs became a long friendship. He spent a lot of time in our little clan tents over the years. Back in 2003/2004, one of our members brought some theatrical masks similar to those seen in Greek tragedies. Romilly joined us to act out some foolish play acting. Just to prove he could really act, he gave us a picture of himself with the stars of the Monty Python film. Romilly was a fascinating person and I'm proud to call him friend.

Ralph Comp, Past President, Clan Skene Association



Romilly on one of his visits to America on a very, very hot day.

Romilly Squire was probably the most charming man I ever met. I was intrigued by his knowledge and his savoir faire. He always came to visit out tent at the Scottish games, not just to say "hello" but to talk with us. He seemed to be genuinely interested in us. Being a small clan, I found this to be so supportive and just plain nice. He was funny, entertaining, welcoming and enlightening. He would tell us all the "gossip" about the upper crust in such an amusing way that it made us feel a part of that rarified group.

A well renowned speaker, he always welcomed me to his presentations, sometimes having me sit in his lap during a presentation. Did I love him? Yes, like a kind guide into the world of mythical Scotland. Do I miss him? Yes, to the point that I am crying as I write this. Romilly, there will never be another man like you.

Dorna Comp, Past President Clan Skene Association

One thing I remember about Romilly is that he loved to have a good time. One year, during our Muster, the Goddesses dressed up Romilly in a purple satin cowboy outfit. Romilly went right along with the whole idea because he liked cowboys and he loved a good joke. I also know that even though he was a true Scot, he loved to drink vodka...and sure enough, he had a glass in his hand the whole time the ladies were dressing him in the outfit...and never spilled a drop. I never laughed so hard. I will never forget that time.

Carolyn of Rural Hill

I would like to think I was a friend to Romilly. At least, I hope so. He was certainly a friend to me. Without his help, I could never have pursued the work in heraldry that I so enjoy now.

Early in our acquaintance, he had come to Atlanta with Elizabeth Roads of Lyon Court to hold a weekend seminar on heraldry. I had recently produced my first heraldic work, a baronial banner and standard for the

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Baron of Cowdenowes. I was only able to accomplish that because I had access to his Letters Patent which showed an image I could work from.

At that time, I had no clue about how to read a Blazon.

Fortune smiled upon me and the seminar gifted me with two treasures: My first serious exposure to the art and science of heraldry and Romilly's hugely generous offer to mentor me in it.

This he did, often at my convenience more than his. He did so graciously and encouragingly from then, years ago, until his death.

Growing up, I had the same penchant for stories and legends about knights. But, being born in South Carolina, USA, I never dreamed, that I might, someday, actually participate in something that figured in those tales.

Romilly made that possible. He also gifted me, and countless others, with his magnificent humor, zest for life and gentle human kindness.

As long as my own days last, I will never raise a toast without, at least, a silent thank you to Romilly Squire.

I will do my best to see that every heraldic commission I undertake results in a piece worthy of the tutelage he so unstintingly gave to me.

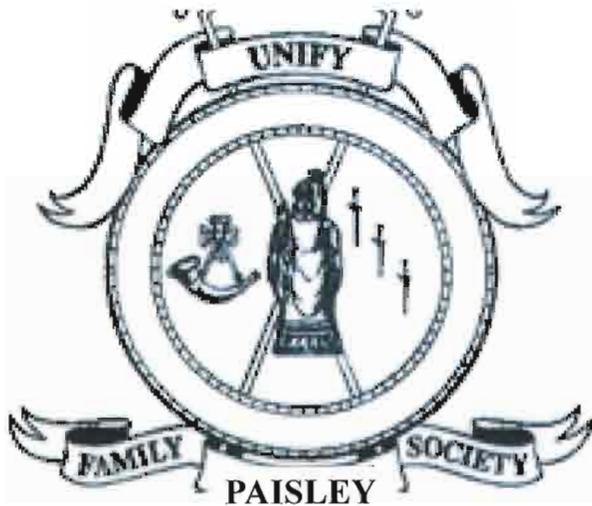
Requiescat in pace, dear friend.

May the pipes play softly in your dreams.*

Tom Freeman, Heraldic Artist and Graphic Designer

* Frank and the Mothers, too.



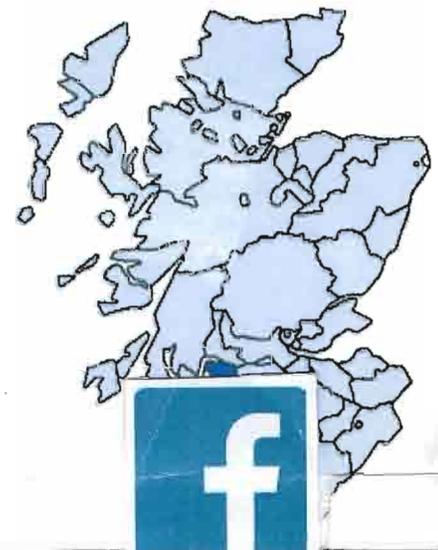


The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

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

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

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

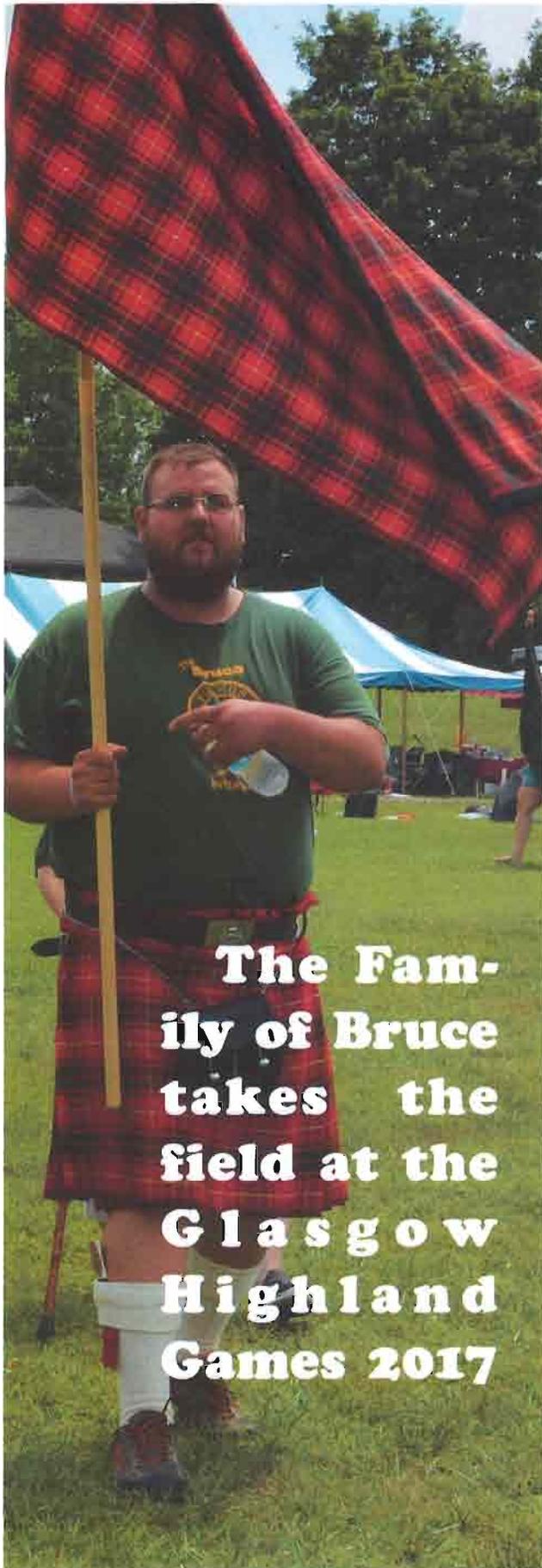


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

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The Family of Bruce takes the field at the Glasgow Highland Games 2017

2017 Clan Buchanan Election Results



The CBSI Election Judge, Beth Gay Freeman, reported the results of the election held for members of the Executive Council to be: President, Lloyd Gibson, 246 votes; 1st VP, Kevin Buchanan, 263 votes; 2nd VP, David Byrne, 259 votes; Secretary, Stacy Harperm 244 votes; Membership Secretary, Graeme Watson, 236 votes; Treasurer - No one was on the ballot .

At the Executive Council meeting on April 29th, 2017, James F. Gibson, the outgoing Treasurer, was appointed Acting Treasurer. James will continue to serve until a Treasure is appointed by the Executive Council or a special election is held.

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the Armorial Bearings, or of the land, will not require to be domiciled/resident in Scotland.

4. It is emphasised that the Armorial Bearings must be Scottish and that those with a Scottish surname, but with Arms granted by the English Kings of Arms, or by the Heraldic Authority of any other State, will not be acceptable. 5. With regard to those with compound surnames, it is the last name of the compound surname that will determine the Family or Clan to which the owner of the compound surname belongs. (*see Findings in Fact (14) and (15) and Findings in Law (2) and (3) in the Petition of Sir Hugh Vere Huntly Duff Munro- Lucas-Tooth, Baronet, 1965 - Scots Law Times - Lyon Court Reports p.3*). 6. Eldest sons of armigers who have a right to the Arms differenced by a label of three points may not vote. The position is frequently found where a tutor or guardian has matriculated Arms for a younger pupil/minor child and in such circumstances such tutor or guardian will not be in a position to record a vote on behalf of their child. Keeping in mind the terms and provisions of *The Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991* the vote of an armigerous child will be receivable on that child attaining 16 years of age. If Armorial Bearings have been matriculated for such a child for a period of a year and a day before the sixteenth birthday that child will be in a position to vote on attaining the age of 16 years. 7. Lyon will only receive a nomination following a derbhfine provided that derbhfine has been supervised by an Officer of Arms or by another person approved by Lyon who will submit to Lyon a Report on the conduct of the proceedings . 8. Where a person has been appointed a Commander for a period of time following a recommendation from an ad hoc derbhfine such a person may be re-selected under the old regulations. It would seem unreasonable for such people to have to seek re-submission under the new rules.

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