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## 101-year-old Scotswoman completes one of Europe's longest zip wires to raise lots o' money for the National Health Service

Margaret McConchie, of Laggan near Gatehouse of Fleet in Dumfries and Galloway, travelled 2,690 ft. down the wire at about 100 ft. above the ground.

The zip wire is one of Europe's longest and people can pick up speeds of up to forty-five miles per hour.

Her aim was to raise £1,919 - to match the year of her birth - for NHS Charities Together but she ended up raising more than £12,000.



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McConchie with her  
grandson Duncan.*

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*A letter from your editor...*

# Good ideas I've never gotten to use...but you can use them if you wish...



Awhile back, Tom and I thought we were going to get to build ourselves a castle. We had such a good time designing the structure and also the grounds that were going to surround it.

I was reminded today when a friend sent me a gorgeous photograph of a "river" of blue flowers.

That was my idea! If you have a castle, you must have a moat, right? My idea was to plant blue flowers all around the house like a river/moat...complete with a bridge or two, complete with "No Fishing" signs...and rocks in beautiful places...with the rocks planted with white flowers frothing about them...just like the froth in a rocky stream! The white flowers would be planted as if they were going with the force of the "water."

It wouldn't be very hard to do that with enough help, would it?

One of the things we thought we had to have when we bought

the land for our castle was a mountain view.

Before Tom's accident, he was a mountain climber and a rock climber and a dedicated camper. He would see a lovely mountain while on a trip - or even a short drive. He would park his car and climb to the top of the mountain to see what he could see...and just loved watching the play of sun, clouds, moon over the landscape.

We didn't get to build the castle and when we did find our Scottish Country Home, we didn't get a mountain view, although we are five minutes from the mountains.

I know this is possible. My friend, Mike, who lives in Ufa, Russia, sent me views of his town that the City does...photographed from a high tower twenty-four hours a day..

Before I knew about that, I thought, "Why can't you have a very tall tower if you are close to the mountains...and install a camera that would simply take pictures night and day, all weathers. At worst,

you could have those pictures for your TV...and at best, you could have a huge TV screen inserted where you'd like a window and decorated like a window...except you'd only see your mountain view all the time thanks to the camera.

I've even thought that cable companies around

the country could do this for mountains, waterfalls, gorgeous scenery all over the country and charge a monthly fee for anyone to get their choice of scenery for their own home.

Back to our castle. Our master bedroom was planned for the second story of the castle which was to have a large deck outside. Tom and I both thought

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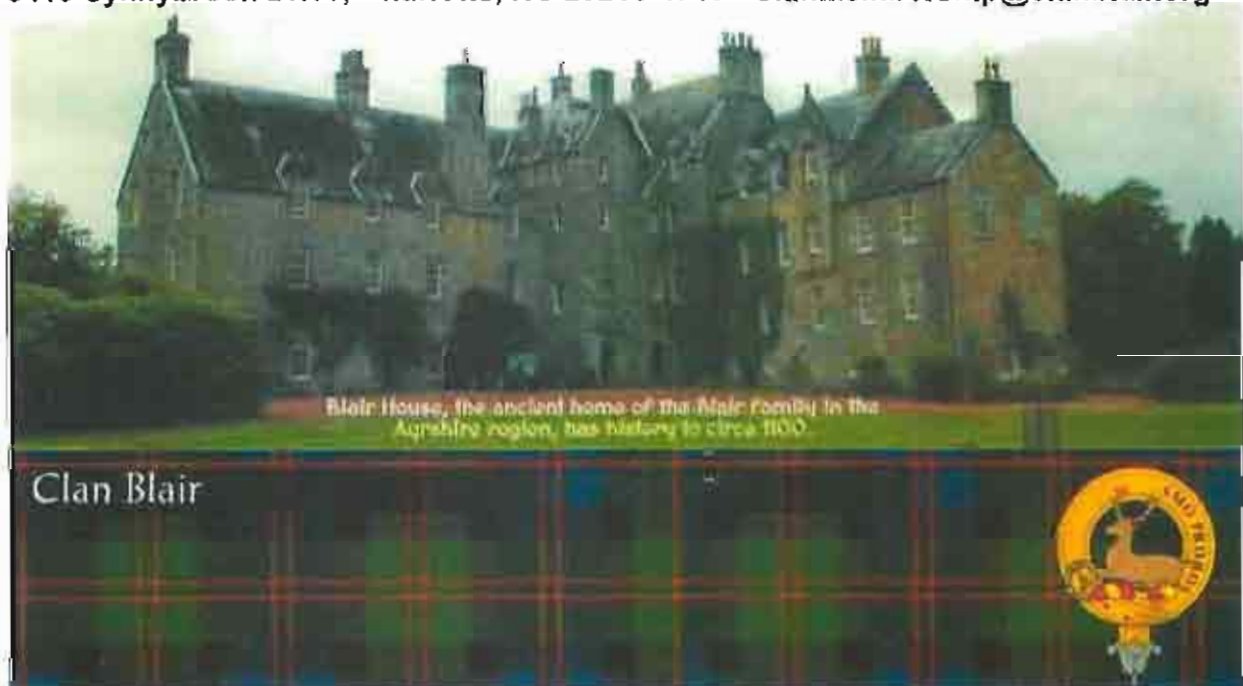
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# "That's What Friends Are For"

## *Ian & Mac Stories*



Margo Fallis

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"Ian, hold this fish," Mac said, handing Ian one of the trout that he'd just caught. "Hold this one too." Soon Ian's arms were full of wriggling, slimy fish. "One more," Mac said, flopping another on top of the pile.

"Mac, I can't see a thing. You've got me carrying so many fish. Please, don't catch any more. You've got enough now to last us all night," Ian pleaded.

Mac stuck his paw into the water. "Just one more, Ian and then I'll stop. I'm feeling a wee bit hungry tonight." He grabbed the fish from the stream and added it to the pile. The fish wiggled about, arching itself and stuck its tail in Ian's mouth.

"Mac, I can't hold all these fish. They're too wiggly," Ian shouted. Just then all the fish started jumping about and Ian couldn't hold them. He fought to keep them in his arms and fell backwards. "YIKES!" he shouted.

The fish went flying into the air. Some of them landed back in the stream and others in the mud. Ian landed right on his back, twisting his leg. "OUCH!"

Mac stood watching, angry that Ian had dropped the fish. "Ian! You've lost our supper. Why didn't you hold them tighter?"

"I hurt my leg, Mac. Ouch. It hurts. I can't move it," Ian cried, rubbing it carefully.

Mac bent down to have a look. "Och, it does look swollen," he sighed, feeling bad for shouting at Ian. "Here, lean on me and I'll help you get up."

"What about the fish?" Ian whined.

"We'll just have to do with berries and nuts for supper again tonight," Mac pouted. "Come on, get up and we'll go back to the tree." Ian struggled to stand and leaned against Mac all the way back to the woods.

"I can't climb the tree," Ian said, looking up at its height.

"We'll have to stay on the ground for a few days then, until you're better. Now, you lie down and I'll prop your foot up," Mac said, pulling a pile of dried grass over. "Does that feel better?" he asked, setting Ian's swollen leg



down on it.

"Yes, Mac, that's much better. What about supper?" Ian asked.

Mac took a deep breath. "I'll go and fetch us some nuts and berries. They're not as delicious as fish, but will have to do. You just close your eyes and rest and I'll be back in a while." Mac ran into the woods to search for food.

Ian lay quietly, looking around. He'd never had to stay on the ground before. "I hope there aren't any bears or wolves in this part of the woods," he shivered, feeling a bit frightened.

Mac came back a while later. "Here you go, Ian.

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of this idea which was to have our king size comfy bed on tracks that would allow it to go through the large doors outside so we could "camp" under the stars.

We were talking with a contractor at that time, and, believe it or not, he thought that would not be hard to do at all.

Remember, mosquitoes do not fly very high at all. There wouldn't be any critters to bite you.

If you'll come see us, we'll be happy to show you the plans for our castle!

Oh, and then there is an idea I've had for years and years and years that would benefit our beloved Scottish community. You're welcome to it.

When the weather is cold - and we do have very frigid weather in the USA as well as Scotland, some of the kilt-wearing men suffer from the cold on their legs.

I thought of manufacturing a line of 'Warm Legs for Kilted Men.' The never-before-done garment for Scottish men would be similar to ladies pantyhose, except they would be made in flesh tones to match the manly legs...and be made of a light, but warm fabric. Delicately strewn about the entire garment would be dainty silk threads made to match the leg-hair color of menfolk - black, brown, gray, white, orange, tan, etc. and could be custom matched.

Nobody would ever know that the person had on a snuggly warm garment...remember, you normally only see from the knees to the top of the kilt hose.

They would be a hit at Bonnie Knees Contests, wouldn't they?

Lest you think I am new to having ideas, I'll let

you know that I always made my living by having ideas.

Just one idea was my idea of the MOP Country Club. I worked in radio and in Ocala, Florida, there used to be WMOP All American Country Radio. It occurred to me that since we were country music, we could have the WMOP Country Club complete with membership cards.

Our WMOP advertisers offered discounts if folks would visit their places of business and show their WMOP Country Club Membership cards.



*This is "Mighty MOP," a miniature horse born while country music was playing! He came to many, many of our Rollin' Radio Road Shows (broadcasts from all over the Ocala area). He could come inside businesses and greet our visitors. Yes, that IS me during my radio days. WMOP was a wonderful place to work.*

WMOP was sold years ago and is no longer a country station. I looked it up on the Internet, and I am there in the list of "MOP Folk." Well, they spelled my name wrong, Betty Gray instead of Beth Gay...but I **was** the Promotions Director...Lordy, what fun that was.

I don't remember how many thousands of listeners joined, but I do remember what great fun it was for a very long time.

If anyone would like more columns on ideas to share...email [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)

I was in the fifth grade when Peggie McCubbin became my teacher at Ruth N. Upson Grammar School in Jacksonville, Florida, not only for that year, but the next year as well. Miz Peggie taught me something so precious - that it was just fine to have ideas and to do things differently and creatively. She was beloved to me and me to her so long as she lived. I will always miss her.

I was one of those who loved what I did when I worked...so, I have never worked a day in my life.

I still love what I do, so I continue not to work a day anywhere, anyhow.

My days are very, very busy...but always enjoyable to me.





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I've got some nice, juicy raspberries for you, a few blackberries and some hazelnuts. Eat up and then you can rest again." Mac let Ian eat first, until he was full and then finished the rest off. "It will be dark soon. Why don't you try to get to sleep?"

That night Ian tossed and turned. He cried out several times, when he accidentally bumped his foot on the ground. Mac lay awake most of the night, worried about his friend. The next morning he got up bright and early and ran down to the stream. He brought back two fish. "Here you go," he said to Ian, handing him one. "I caught these this morning. Eat up."

Ian gobbled down the fish. Just when Mac was about to eat his, Ian said, "I'm still hungry, Mac. I wish you'd brought me back two fish. If only I'd not slipped, then I could have helped you catch more." He let out a loud sigh.

Mac, feeling guilty, gave Ian his fish, which he devoured without a second thought. "Are you feeling better now?" Mac asked.

"Much. I'll take a wee nap now, if you don't mind," Ian smiled and dozed off. So it went all day long. Ian asked for berries, nuts, acorns, and even had Mac lift stones to find bugs to eat. Mac ran around all day catering to Ian. That night Ian tossed and turned again. By the next morning, Mac was exhausted, but still Ian was full of demands. While Mac was off at the stream catching some more fish, Ian tried to stand up. "Well, well, well, my leg is much better," he said, putting his weight on his foot. "I can walk." He was about to take a few steps when he heard Mac coming back. Quickly he lay back down and propped his foot up. He even moaned a few times for effect.

"Your foot still bothering you?" Mac asked, handing Ian two plump fish. "These will make you feel better. Say, Ian, I'm sorry that I piled all those fish on you the other day. It was my fault that you fell. Next time we'll both carry them. Now, just lie back and take it easy. I'm going to try to take a wee

nap now, if you're all set."

Ian gobbled the fish down and spit out the bones. "Go ahead, Mac. I'll just lie here and enjoy listening to the birds chirp."

Mac shut his eyes and fell asleep. Ian waited a while until Mac was sound asleep and then tried to stand up. "I think I'll not tell Mac that I can walk. It's kind of nice having someone fetch me fish and berries and nuts." Ian took a few steps and realized his foot felt nearly perfect once again.

He was walking about when Mac opened one of his eyes and saw Ian walking about, smiling. He tried very hard not to growl. "I'll let him think I am still asleep," he whispered to himself, though he was seething with anger. A while later he pretended to wake up. Ian had sat back down by then. "That was a nice nap. Did you manage to get a wee rest?" he asked Ian.

"Och, aye, Mac. I listened to the birds sing and watched a few butterflies fluttering past. I wish my leg didn't hurt and that

I could walk so I could go and get another fish. I'm feeling very peckish right now."

Mac burned with anger inside, but didn't let Ian know. He put a smile on his face and said, "Poor Ian. Your leg is so sore and you're in so much pain. You just lie there and rest and I'll go down to the stream and catch you some more fish. Poor Ian."

Mac jumped up and ran off. Ian started to giggle. He thought it was pretty funny that he'd tricked Mac, though a wave of guilt ran through him for taking advantage. When he was sure Mac was out of the way, he stood up. His leg was normal once again. He climbed up the tree and came back down, ran around, jumping over logs and bushes. Mac came back and hid, watching his friend. "Well, let's see what I can do about this," he whispered to himself. He broke a few twigs to alert Ian that he was coming back. "Ian! Ian! Just lie still. I've got an armful of fish for you."



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Ian ran over to the bottom of the tree and propped his leg up. "Ouch. Ouch. Ouch. My poor leg," he moaned.

Mac came back carrying the fish. He walked up to Ian and stood in front of him. "Here's your fish," he said and started hitting Ian with them. "You've been taking advantage of me, Ian." He hit him with another fish. "You let me wait on you and fuss over you and your leg feels better again. Do you know how cold the water is? I've been standing in it for hours catching fish for you and you have been able to walk and run! I never want to speak to you again!" Mac shouted. He threw all the fish at Ian and walked off into the woods.

Ian sat on the grass. A fish was on his head. Another fish was sticking out of his ear. One was on his tummy and five of them were on his legs, wriggling about. Now he'd done it! Suddenly he felt very bad. He had taken advantage of his friend. It hadn't even been Mac's fault that he'd fallen. It had just been an accident and he'd let him think it was his fault. Ian felt very sad. He started to cry. He sat near the bottom of the tree all day long sobbing. When the sun began to set, he stood up. "I'd better go and find Mac," he pouted. With head hanging low, he walked into the woods. "Mac! Mac!" he shouted. There was no answer.

He walked for hours. The moon came up and

was high in the sky. Stars twinkled above him and owls hooted all around. "Mac! Mac!"

Mac heard Ian calling him but was still feeling rather annoyed, so he didn't answer. A few minutes later he heard some twigs snap behind him. He turned to look. "Oh, it's you. What do you want? I'm not going to get you any more fish," he said to Ian.

Ian came and sat next to him. "I'm sorry, Mac. I did hurt my leg, but I got so used to you doing things for me and I enjoyed it. I liked not having to hunt for my own berries and nuts and fish. I'm sorry though. Will you forgive me?"

Mac didn't answer for a while. He stared at the stars.

"Mac, I'm sorry," Ian said again.

This time Mac answered. "It's all right, Ian. I forgive you."

"Thank you Mac," Ian laughed. "What can I do to make it up to you?"

"Nothing, Ian; nothing at all. Don't worry about it. That's what friends are for. We forgive."

"Now, let's just go home," Mac sighed.

Mac fell asleep quickly. When he woke up, much to his surprise, Ian was sitting on the branch holding four fish. "Here you go, my friend. These are for you," Ian said, handing Mac two of the fish. "I got up early and caught them. You're right, the water is cold."

Mac started to laugh. Ian started to laugh. Together, once again friends, they gobbled down their fish.





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## Mackie's release new square sausage flavour crisps - only 150,000 bags

Scotland's favourite breakfast item is finally getting its own crisp flavour, as Mackie's unveils its latest release - Lorne Sausage and Brown Sauce.

Just 150,000 of the 150g bags are set to hit the shelves around Scotland in the coming weeks, with the unique flavour following on from Mackie's previous special release and world-first, "haggis, neeps and tatties", which launched last December completely selling out.

The brand, which is hailing the new flavour as a "clear and obvious summer successor" to their Burns-inspired creation, believes fans will love the crisps but expects a little bit of argument over the name, with some of the sales team believing it should have been called square sausage, rather than the more "refined", Lorne sausage.

And that's before you get team slice in on the action.

Even the use of brown sauce is likely to cause a divide, with many preferring the more popular red sauce on their roll and square.

Commercial director of the the Perthshire based family business James Taylor said: "We trialled quite a few different concepts, but the Lorne sausage and brown sauce combination became an instant hit with all of our team.

"It really does taste just like the real thing – regardless whether you call it Lorne or square.

"The addition of brown sauce gives it a really savoury and complex flavour profile – and one we hope crisp – and sausage – fans will love in equal

measure.

"We're quickly becoming synonymous for our patriotic limited flavours, but with good reason too. As Scots, we're too quick to put down our traditional foods, but in reality we have amazing produce and dishes we should be fiercely proud of."

It is believed that the Lorne or square sausage, as we know it, developed in the 19th century as improvements to metal making allowed for foods to be easily shaped or baked.

While the origin of the "Lorne" name is disputed, evidence suggests it is not named after Glasgow comedian Tommy Lorne, who made disparaging remarks about the quality of sausages in the city.

The most likely explanation is that it was named after the ancient district of Lorne (now part of Argyll and Bute) or The Marquess of Lorne, who was famous in the 19th century for marrying Princess Louise, the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria.

James added: "It will hit the shops throughout Scotland in the coming weeks and will only be available until the first – and only – batch of 150,000 bags sells out.

"We certainly hope that this new flavour proves as tempting as haggis, neeps and tatties did.

"We have enjoyed working on the development of this new flavour and limited editions will likely continue to play an integral role for our crisps business over the coming years.

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# Please help Paula Hardesty!

I've working on my family tree for a couple of years and am stuck right now on a **JOHN DOUGLAS JONES** who was my ggg grandfather. What a name to research! Born 22 May 1837 Scotland, Died 03 Mar 1895, Posey County, Indiana. Married **MARY JANE CONNERS** from Ireland. My inquiry is where would be the best place to start to try to determine what town, city, area he came from in Scotland? There's no one on Ancestry that really knows anything about him. I've been to every historical library in Posey County, Indiana and the large genealogy library in Fort Wayne, IN several times and not much on his early years. I was able to get a copy of his naturalization certificate from the Indiana Archives and another Posey County notation of his death in 1895 - noting his fathers name - **CURTIS**. I have been to his grave site. He is noted on the 1850 census under a family with a different last name. It shows a **MARGARET MANN** also from Scotland, **JOHN JONES** from Scotland / age 12. The remaining family members noted all born in Indiana and named **MANN**. I am assuming it is him as he named one of his daughters **MARGARET** - which I



assume after his mother. Perhaps his father died and he and his mother traveled to the States and she remarried? Another mystery. Hope this makes sense!

Once I can solve this mystery, I'll move onto another family name - **STEWART** - also on my mothers' side. Nothing like searching really common last names. If you or someone could make any suggestions as to where my next website, library or historical institution might be to research, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance, **Paula Hardesty**.  
Email her at <[zigsamdog@me.com](mailto:zigsamdog@me.com)>

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**Yummy Scottish crisps**, *continued from page 13*

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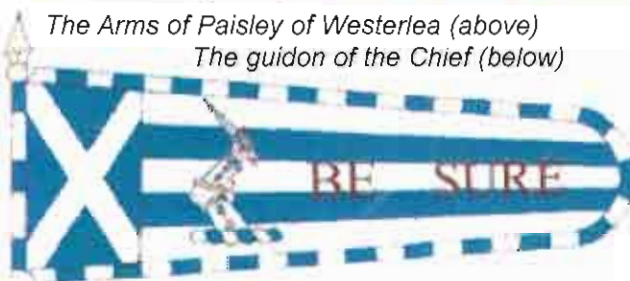


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## Celebrating Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Thanks to the Scots: But There's

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**W**E Americans, celebrate the Fourth of July as Independence Day. We are able to do so thanks to quite a few Scots, Ulster-Scots and Irish Colonial citizens who understood the value of being active participants in the struggle to form a new and free nation! While Patrick Henry and Alexander Hamilton were of Scottish ancestry there were two other gentlemen, actually Scottish born, who bravely stepped forward and signed the *Declaration of Independence*. Reverend John Witherspoon, a graduate of Edinburgh University went on to become the president of a college now known as Princeton University.

The second Scot, James Wilson, was born near St. Andrews. He came to Pennsylvania and began a law practice which led him to write a legal opinion which stated that Americans should not be taxed by the British Crown when they had no representation in the Parliament. Additionally, Wilson was known to speak on the topic of Judicial Review, a process whereby legislation could be "checked" as to its compatibility with the Constitution. This concept evolved into our Supreme Court and James Wilson served as one of our early Associate Justices. Some of us who are SAST members have ancestors who helped the American Colonies win independence from King George III.

However, not all Scots were so willing to join our Revolution. Some who had earlier sworn allegiance to the Crown of England were most reluctant to violate that oath. Captain Allan MacDonald, a notable one of these, became an officer in the Royal Highland Emigrants leading his men in the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in North Car-

olina. After the Revolution, Captain MacDonald returned to his wife, Flora, and remained with his growing family on the Isle of Skye until his death. For Loyalists, including Scots, returning to the "Old Country" was a hard pill to swallow but was preferable to them compared to staying in a land no longer part of the British Empire. For the over 40,000 Loyalists who chose to leave the 13 Colonies, Canada became a closer and very viable alternative. Governor John Parr in Halifax administered the orders of the British Government in resettling them. Additionally, we can read about Scots who continued their unwavering and steadfast allegiance to their clan which absolutely dictated their side in the war for American independence.

This same variance of loyalties recurred during the American Civil War. Scots, Irish and Ulster-Scots tended to join military units in their state or town of residence. These hearty souls were among the fiercest fighters in their respective armies. For the Ulster Scots this was a continuance of the battlefield prowess they had repeatedly demonstrated during the American Revolution especially in well-known battles in the Carolinas. The bravery and dedication to cause on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line was virtually unequalled.

No doubt there will be some non-traditional celebrations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 2020. Wherever you may be please remember to pause and spend some "Quality time" in recognition and remembrance of Our Scottish and Ulster-Scots ancestors who made extreme sacrifices so that all who followed in their footsteps would have the land that we have come to love and enjoy! People from all over the world still yearn to come here to the United States of America! Please be one of Our Proud SAST Members who will join me in this most worthwhile action!

God Bless America!

Scots Aye!

*Bill Graham*

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# CLAN BUCHANAN

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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.



Write to the president, David Byrne,  
at **<david.byrne@theclanbuchanan.com>**



# Loch Norman Highland Games to Re-launch 2021



Historic Rural Hill has been holding on in hopes that we would be able to present the 2020 Loch Norman Highland Games, and even attempted to reschedule when we were unable to hold them in April. However, we have been informed by Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation that they will not be allowing large gatherings of people until after Labor Day, at the earliest. We understand their position, and have every intention of complying with their decision well as the recommendations of the CDC and other state agencies when proceeding with this and other events at Historic Rural Hill as the safety of our patrons, guests, and staff are paramount to our decisions. Consequently, we have to make the difficult decision to RE-LAUNCH the LNHG look forward to the 2021 Games scheduled for April 17-18, 2021.

Any reservations or purchased tickets, clan tents and other sponsorships, competition registration, or camping will be automatically transferred to 2021, unless you contact us to make other arrangements.

Historic Rural Hill has already purchased and received our 2020 Loch Norman Highland Games pins, so we will be creating a way to purchase those for anyone who might be interested. We will be sending them out to our Life Patrons and anyone who purchased a sponsorship package that normally receives one.

We are sad that we will not be able to see all of our Loch Norman friends until 2021, but we wish you all health and happiness until then!  
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# *Outlander* prequel book about the life of Jamie Fraser's parents confirmed

*The new book will focus on Ellen and Brian Fraser.*



Author Diana Gabaldon confirmed on *Twitter* that a book about Ellen and Brian Fraser was “in progress”.

The response came after a fan asked if she'd ever thought about writing a prequel to *Outlander* about Jamie's parents.

Both Brian and Ellen remain popular, if little seen, characters in both the books and the show, with Jamie even asking Claire to name their first-born child after his father.

The news about the new book has de-

lighted fans, with many speculating what other popular characters might make an appearance.

The popular author however, didn't elaborate on a possible release date for the prequel.

Always busy, she's also currently writing the ninth novel in the *Outlander* series, *Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone*.

Oh, boy! Oh, boy! Your editor will be amongst the first in line for the new works.

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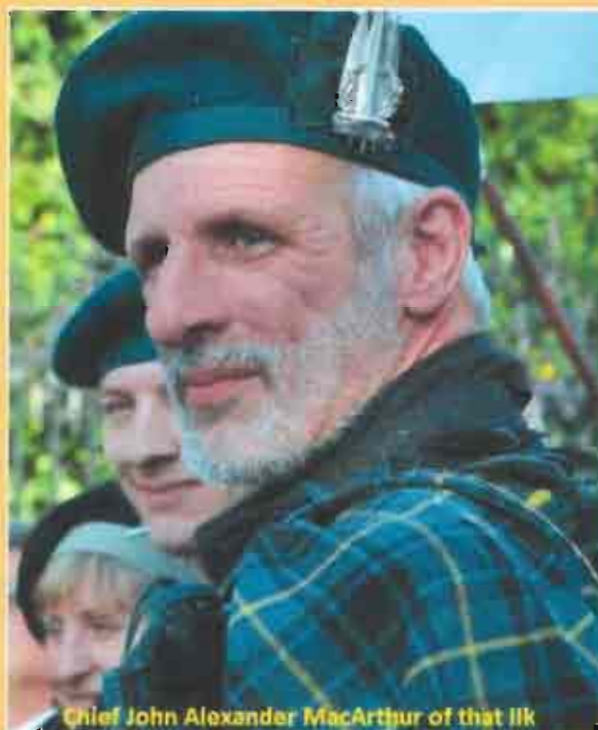
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# Searching for Ancestral Records in Cities, Towns and Rural Areas

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Locating ancestors' places of residence can be both exciting and challenging for genealogists. Being able to locate and visit the areas often provides a closer connection to your ancestors and a deeper understanding of what their lives were like. The following record types and the information listed in each will enhance your ability to identify places of residence in a more efficient manner.

Cemetery records and tombstone inscriptions can be excellent sources of information for genealogical research. Many older tombstones often contain mini-biographies of the deceased. Cemetery records may contain significant tidbits of information that may or may not appear in the more com-

mon record types. Cemeteries fall into a number of categories:

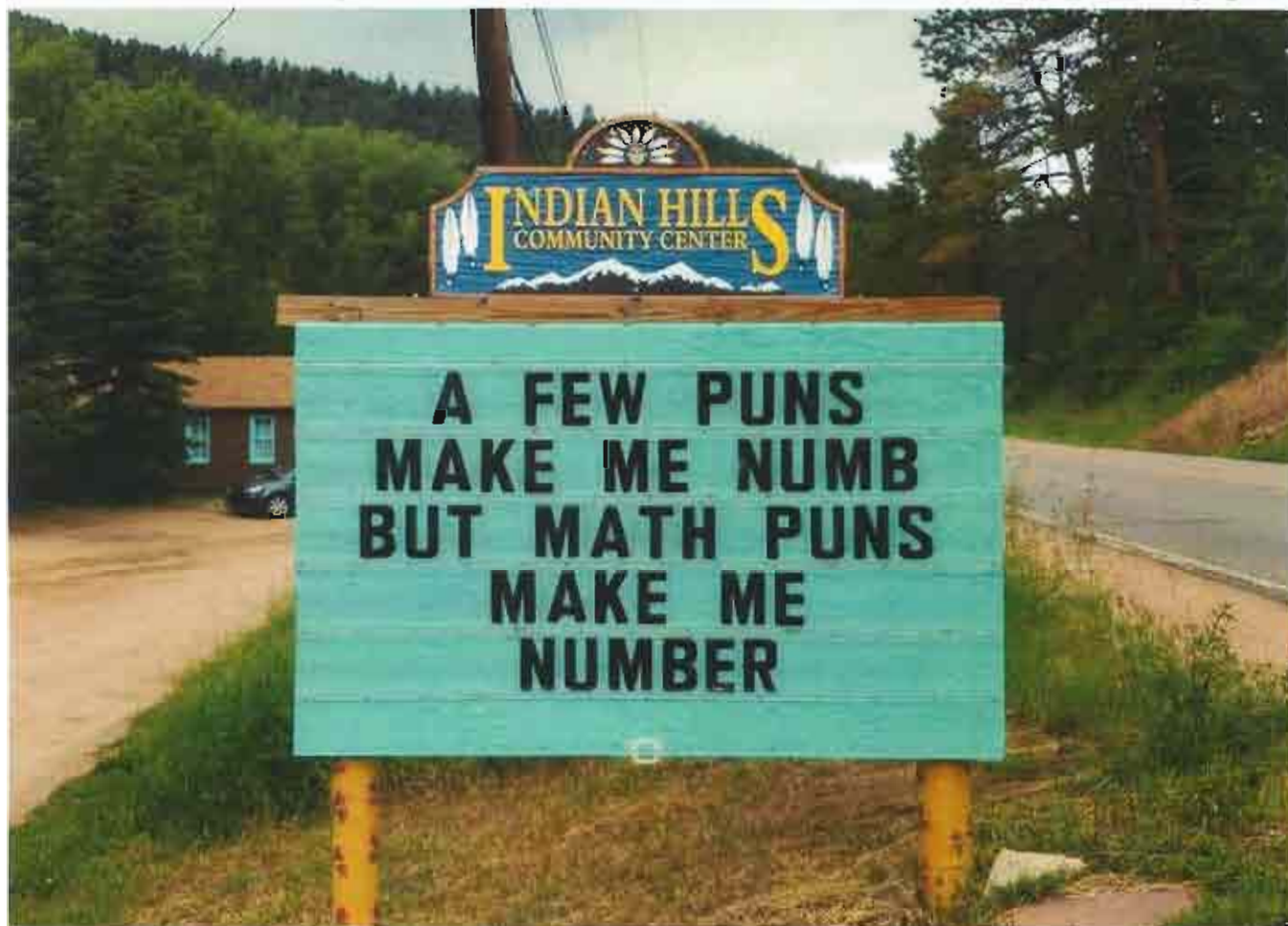
1. **City and County:** Some of these began about 1850, but most of them around 1900, or at the time of state registration.

2. **Federal:** Usually associated with war veterans. You will have to depend upon the sexton's records to find the plots here, because many cemeteries are too large to attempt searching without help.

3. **Private:** These usually begin in the 1900s. You must obtain permission from the landowner to gain access.

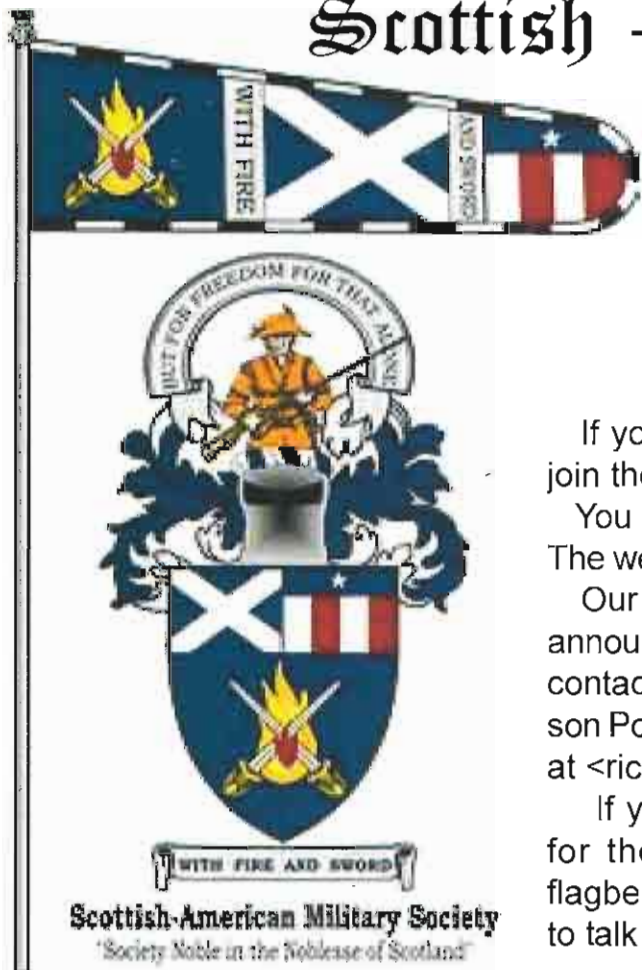
4. **Church:** These are the most common, both

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## General Elijah Clark Post #60



If you are a veteran of Celtic heritage, you can join the Scottish - American Military Society.

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If you attend a Scottish Highland Games look for the SAMS unit which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk with you.



# Scottish - American Military Society



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



in America and in European countries. The records that are classified as Sexton's records are the burial registers, which may not have survived. If there is no stone now, there likely is no record.

**5. Family:** These are numerous in the Eastern and Southern states of the U.S. and some of them exist in foreign countries. You must obtain permission from the landowner to gain access. Often the only record, other than the tombstones, may be the record in a family Bible.

**6. Fraternal Organizations:** Organizations in this category usually have their own private cemeteries or a special section within a larger cemetery. The burial records may or may not be accessible to the public. In some cases, researchers can obtain a copy of the standard death certificate; an official burial record must be obtained from the organization.

**Church records** may include births, christenings, marriages, deaths and burials. Check with the church for cemetery records, as well as the sexton and local funeral directors, especially those who have historically handled church burials for that specific church or denomination. Visit the cemetery and take a picture of the tombstone. Check the obituaries in that period. Be sure you have the correct church/religious denomination. If you're not sure, search the churches closest to the ancestor's home first and then broaden your search in ever-widening circles.

**City or Rural Directories** were published extensively in most cities and towns from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. The information compiled typically lists adults in a city or town, including the occupation and address. Most of the time, wives were listed along with their husbands, though once in a while you will find an instance when only the husband is listed.

**Rural directories** serve the same purpose for many small towns and rural areas. Churches, cemeteries, and major landmarks are often identified on maps that appear in these directories. Some historical directories include brief histories and major industries, thus providing a basic economic profile of the area. Access to city directories is available through local archives, some local public libraries, city halls, and online at databases such as *Ancestry*, *Fold 3*, *Family Search*, *Find My Past*, *Heritage Quest*, and *My Heritage*.

**Death Certificates:** If the person died at home their address should be listed on the death certificate. If they died elsewhere, but the funeral was held at the home or at a local funeral home, the name and sometimes address may be listed in the obituary. Both records usually name the funeral home that handled final arrangements.

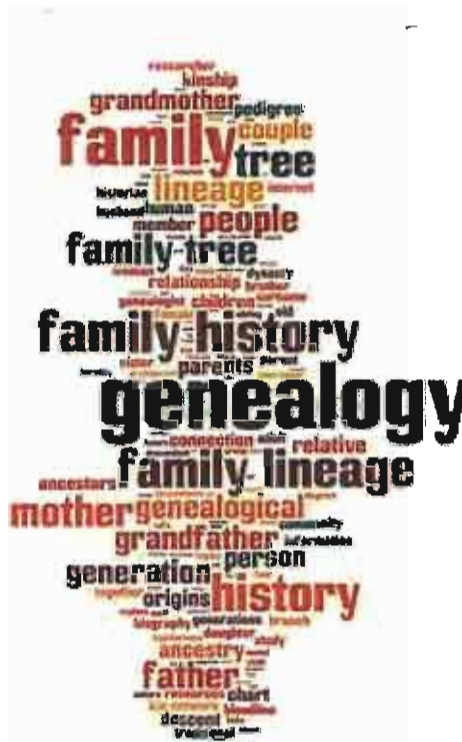
**Funeral Home Records:** Most funeral homes maintain files that include family related information not found in most death certificates or obituaries. This file may contain a register of friends and family members who visited the deceased prior to the funeral. Official copies of

death certificates from the state are issued to the funeral home for distribution to the family.

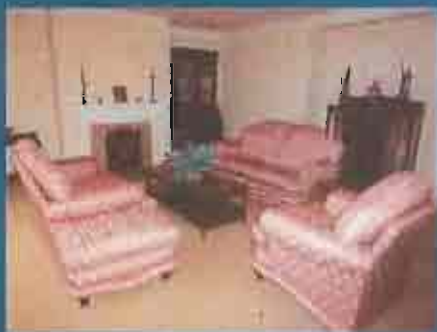
**Libraries:** **Local** history collections for a given area may include old settler files, vertical files containing historical sketches and newspaper clippings of major events and people in the area, family history files, published county histories, city or rural directories, and historical maps. The library may also have a listing of local researchers who can assist with research.

**Maps, Atlases and Gazetteers** may provide useful clues in the search for places of residence.

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Some examples include political and historical facts, regional ethnic and religious demographics, important local geographical details that influenced life decisions and migrations, location of bordering towns and rivers and boundary changes. Be sure the county of residence existed at the time your ancestor resided in the area.

**Newspapers:** While death notices and obituaries are the primary items of interest to genealogists, there are other types of information that can be useful for research purposes. Some of the most useful items for research include birth announcements, baptisms/christenings, weddings, pre-nuptial events (e.g., engagements, bridal showers, etc.), birthday celebrations, anniversaries, etc. Don't forget ethnic or parish/congregational newspapers or bulletins. When searching newspapers, if you don't find them in the locality where they resided, be sure to check newspapers in nearby communities.

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian, Fort Myers Regional Library, <bmulcahy@leegov.com>



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# *Dr. Kevin James has accepted the position of Chair of Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph*

With thanks to Alastair McIntyre, [electricscotland.com](http://electricscotland.com)

Dear members and friends of the Scottish Studies Foundation,

I am pleased to let you know that Dr. Kevin James has accepted the position of Chair of Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph effective June 1, 2020.

After completing his BA in 1996 at McGill University in Montreal, Kevin was awarded the Governor-General's Medal for highest standing in the undergraduate Arts program. Still at McGill, he completed an MA in 1997 under Professor John Zucchi and was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship for PhD study in the United Kingdom, which he took up at the University of Edinburgh in order to work with Professor R.J. Morris in the Department of Economic and Social History.

Kevin joined the University of Guelph's Department of History in 2000 and has been a great advocate of Scottish Studies ever since.

In 2002 and 2003, Kevin was Vice-President of the Scottish Studies Foundation and played a key role in its efforts to establish the actual position of Chair of Scottish Studies at Guelph, which culminated in the appointment in 2004 of Dr. Graeme Morton who served as the first chair until 2013.

Kevin takes over from Dr. James Fraser who took up the position in 2014 but stepped down early this year for health reasons.

James continues to teach and to supervise graduate students in Scottish history at the University of Guelph.

In issuing the announcement about Kevin, Dr. Sofie Lachapelle, Department Chair and Professor in the Department of History at the University of Guelph, stated, "I know I speak for all of us when I say that I look forward to working with and supporting Kevin in his new role as Chair of Scottish Stud-

ies, which has been and continues to be a real strength of our department. He will now bring his professional and scholarly expertise as well as his extensive experience in community and external relations to the position."

All of us on the Board of Directors are delighted with this well deserved appointment and are looking forward to hearing Kevin's plans and wish him

the best of success in this exciting new chapter in his career. He sends you this message of appreciation for your support: "Thank you for your work over many decades to realize our vision of Guelph as the world's leading centre of Scottish Studies outside Scotland. It is humbling but exciting to be entrusted to carry that mandate forward in partnership with you in the years ahead. Thank you also for your

commitment to our community of scholars; please rest assured I will spend my term working to continue to advance the profile and important work of Scottish Studies at Guelph."

The Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph is the oldest and most eminent academic unit in North America to carry out research, graduate training and teaching on Scottish history and Scottish culture, with special emphasis on the history of the Scottish Canadian community. It is thanks to your steadfast and generous support that the reputation of the Scottish Studies Program at Guelph continues to gain an enviable reputation both nationally and abroad, and is helping countless scholars in the pursuit of their academic goals.

So thank you for all your contributions and encouragement. I do hope you keep safe and secure at this challenging time.

Sincerely,

David Hunter, President





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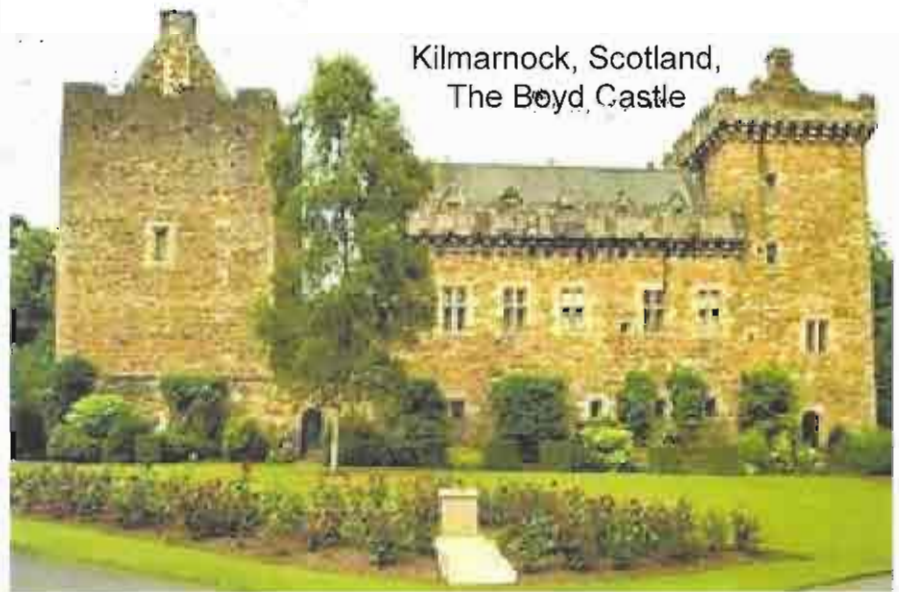


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# Puns? Puns? Who likes puns?

Seems that a Clan Chiefs daughter was offered as a bride to the son of a neighboring Chief in exchange for two cows and four sheep. The big swap was to happen on the shore of the stream that separated the two clans.

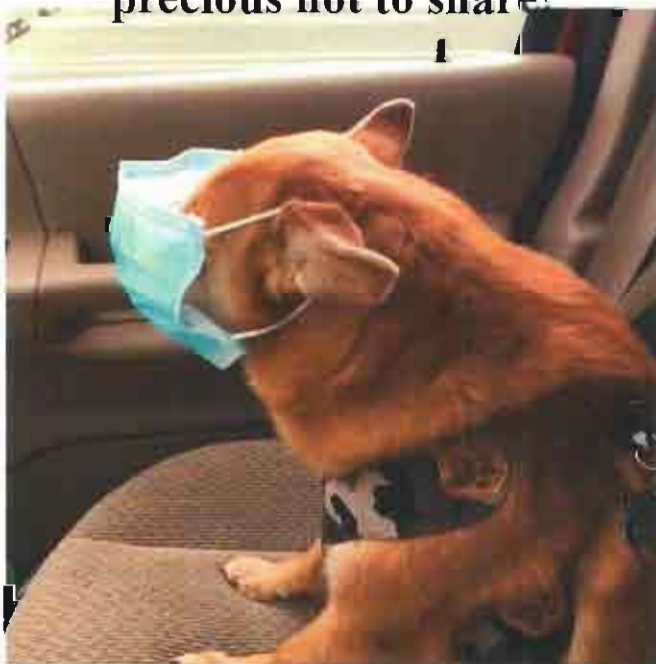
Father and daughter showed up at the appointed time only to discover that the groom and his livestock were on the other side of the stream.

The father grunted, (Here it comes...) "The fool doesn't know which side his bride is bartered on."

Blame the Clan Stewart Society in America newsletter! (It is a fact that smart, intelligent folks love puns!) Write The Clan Stewart Society in America at <membership@clanstewart.org>. If you'd like more information visit <<https://www.clansstewart.org/join>>

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**My friend, June Thompson,  
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precious not to share!**



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## Mock Devonshire Cream



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You'll need: 8 oz. cream cheese, 12 oz. sour cream, the juice of one lemon, 2 tablespoons of Real Vanilla and 2 cups powdered sugar.

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## Top 10 indicators that you've become a Genealo-holic:

10. You introduce your daughter as your descendant.

9. You've never met any of the people you send e-mail to, even though you're related.

8. You can recite your lineage back eight generations, but can't remember your nephew's name.

7. You have more photographs of dead people than of living ones.

6. You take a video recorder and notebook to the family reunion.

5. You've not only *read* the latest GEDCOM standard — you *understand* it.

4. The local genealogy society borrows books from you.

3. The only film you've seen in the last year was the 1880 census index on microfilm.

2. More than half of your CD collection is made up of marriage records or pedigrees.

1. Your elusive ancestor has been spotted in more different places than Elvis!

## Old Scottish trades offer interesting insights...

In "auld Scotland" a *bondager* was a female farm servant, usually employed by a farm tenant or to comply with his contract to supply extra labor.

If you find that an ancestor was a *cordiner* or *cordwainer* or a **Crispinite** - they were shoemakers! The former was because Saint Crispin was the patron saint of shoemakers!

A *hammerman* was a worker of metal.

If your great-great-great-great grandmother was a *howdie* you will know after reading this that she was a midwife.

If you find the term *hynd* or *hind* in your family papers, you'll know that ancestor was a male farm worker, employed for the term of one year.

Your ancestor was a lamplighter if his occupation is listed as a *leerie*.

*Staymaker* was the term used for one who made corsets for a living.

# Look closely!



Have you ever noticed that on a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag?

We'll bet you didn't know that Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciumcula." It can be abbreviated to "L.A."

Did you know that the national anthem of Greece has 158 verses? It is said that nobody in Greece has memorized all of them.

And...Scots are everywhere! Eleanor Roosevelt's secretary was Lizzie McDuffie!

If you find a *tacksman* in your genealogical charts, you'll know that he was the holder of a lease - normally of fishing rights, but could be the rights to a farm or mill. This vocation could also be used to describe one who collected taxes or tolls.

A (my favorite) *tattie-howker* was someone who harvested potatoes!

If you were a *teenie* - that meant you were a young girl who was a maidservant.



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## Scottish epitaphs? They're wonderful!

During the period from about 1600 to about 1850, no self-respecting Scot would allow death to overtake him without first having immortalized himself with a proper epitaph. If circumstances did not permit, the local vicar or some such dignitary would take a stab at it. Basically, the epitaph was meant to give details on the life of the person buried below, but the wit of the Scot made it much more.

From an Aberdeen Churchyard: Here lie the bones of Elizabeth Charlotte, Born a virgin, died a harlot. She was aye a virgin at seventeen, A remarkable thing in Aberdeen.

From a churchyard near Greenock: Here lies, alas! Poor Roger Norton, whose sudden death was oddly brought on! Trying one day his corns to mow off, The razor slipped and cut his toe off! The toe, or rather what it grew to, The part then took to mortifying. Which was the cause of Roger's dying.

From a churchyard in Deer, Aberdeenshire: Here lies an old woman wrapt in her linen, Mother

to James and Thomas Binnen; Who for want of a coffin was buried in a gurnal. The earth got the shell, and the De'il got the gurnal. (A gurnal is a meat chest.)

From Lochtyside: As I was riding along the road, Not kennin' whit was comin' An Auld grey bull a' horny cam' After me a runnin'; He wi' his horny heid struck me He being sore offended I from ma horse was forced to fa' And so, my days were ended.

From Dumfries: Here lies Andrew MacPherson, Who was a peculiar person. He stood six foot two Without his shoe, And he was slew, At Waterloo.

From a churchyard in Torryburn, Fife: In this churchyard lies Eppie Coutts, Either here, or hereabouts; But where it is, none can tell til Eppie rise and tell herself.

If you are traveling one day and see an epitaph that is "interesting," please send it to [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com).



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# Of bagpipes and their riddles & jokes!

While bagpipes sound terrific heard in Highland hills and glens, there are some people who do not respond favourably to the skirl of the pipes and resort to making jokes about them!

(In the spirit of good humor and laughing at ourselves, here are just a few bagpipe jokes to enjoy. **In fact, if you don't love the bagpipes, you're not supposed to read these!**)

This article is great to use at the next ceilidh when you are invited to tell a story or a joke!

Q: What's the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline?

A: *Eventually, people get tired of jumping on a trampoline.*

Q: What's the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline?

A: *You take off your shoes when you jump on a trampoline.*

Q: Why do pipers march while they play?

A: *A moving target is harder to hit*

Q: Why do pipers march while they play?

A: *To get away from the sound.*

Q: If you drop a bagpipe and a watermelon off a tall building, which will hit the ground first?

A: *Who cares?*

Q: What do you call ten bagpipes at the bottom of the ocean?

A: *A start.*

Q: What's the definition of a gentleman?

A: *Someone who knows how to play the bagpipe and doesn't.*

Q: What's the difference between a bagpipe and an onion?

A: *No one cries when you chop up a bagpipe.*

Q: What's the definition of "optimism?"

A: *A person who plays the bagpipes and owns a telephone.*

Q: What do you have when a piper is buried up to his neck in sand?

A: *Not enough sand!*

Q: If you were lost in the woods, who would you trust for directions, an in-tune bagpipe player, an out of tune bagpipe player, or Santa Claus?

A: *The out of tune bagpipe player. The other two indicate you have been hallucinating.*

Q: How many bagpipers does it take to change a light bulb?

A: *Five. One to handle the bulb, the other four to tell him how much better they*

*could have done it.*

## And...the stories...

A Canadian officer, pinned down with his unit in Italy in 1944, urgently signalled his CO - "Need reinforcements to rescue us. Please send six tanks or one piper".

An old Scot, after living for many years in a

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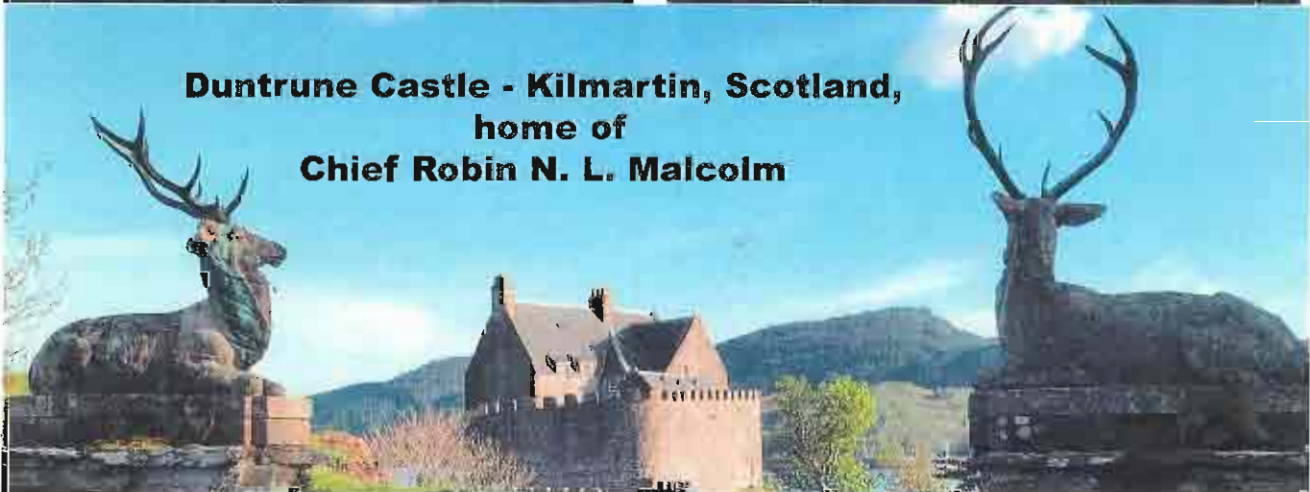
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far-away land, was dying. He called his doctor and asked for one last favour. The doctor agreed and the old Scot said he wanted to hear the pipes played one more time before he died. A piper was duly summoned and marched up and down the hallway playing mightily. In the morning, the old Scot was so invigorated he arose, dressed, and went home.

All of the other patients were dead.

Donald MacDonald from the Isle of Skye (or, maybe it was Neil McNeil from Barra, went to study at an English university and was living in the hall of residence with all the other students there. After he had been there a month, his mother came to visit him (no doubt carrying reinforcements of tatties, salt herring, oatmeal and whisky).

"And how do you find the English students, Donald?" she asked.

"Mother," he replied, "they're such terrible, noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head on the wall and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams all night."

"Oh Donald! How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbours?"

"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them. I just stay here quietly, playing my bagpipes."

This is a true story (reported by *Reuters*).

Daniel McCaig, a worker at the Bombardier aircraft manufacturing plant in Toronto, was annoyed at the move to layoff 130 workers.

So, dressed in his kilt, he hoisted himself three stories into the air on a crane and serenaded the factory with his bagpipes.

He played *Auld Lang Syne* and other favourites for four hours - and responded to requests for par-

ticular tunes from his cheering workmates below.

Afterwards, the company took him to court, claiming that the work stoppage had cost them \$200,000.

However, the judge, exercising a considerable amount of "amazing grace" dismissed the case so long as McCaig did not serenade the Bombardier factory again.

McCaig was helped by five law students from York University in Toronto who drew up a defence based on "constitutional ethnic issues."

Q. What do you throw a drowning bagpiper?

A. *His bagpipes....*

When someone tells a guitarist joke, people laugh. When someone tells a bagpipe joke, people nod in solemn agreement.

A man in a kilt walks into a pub with a plastic bag under his arms and the bartender asks, "What's that?" "Six pounds of Semtex", he answers.

"That's a relief. I thought it was bagpipes."

Then there was the piper who remembered that he had left his pipes in his unlocked car. Rushing back, he opened his car door to find two more sets of pipes in the back seat.

A piper was sick of the band abusing him, and decided to start his own. He walked into a music shop, planning to buy the first instruments he saw. "Give me the red saxophone and that accordion!" he said.

The assistant replied, "You play the pipes, don't you?"

"That's right. Why?"

"Well, the fire extinguisher I can sell you - but the radiator stays."





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