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## A new Scottish Lord Lyon - Dr. Joe Morrow, sworn in

A new Lord Lyon, Dr. Joe Morrow, was sworn in by the Lord President of the Court of Session in the Supreme Court building in Edinburgh.

He took the Traditional Oath of Allegiance and the Judicial Oath before a large Bench of Judges and a full court of spectators.



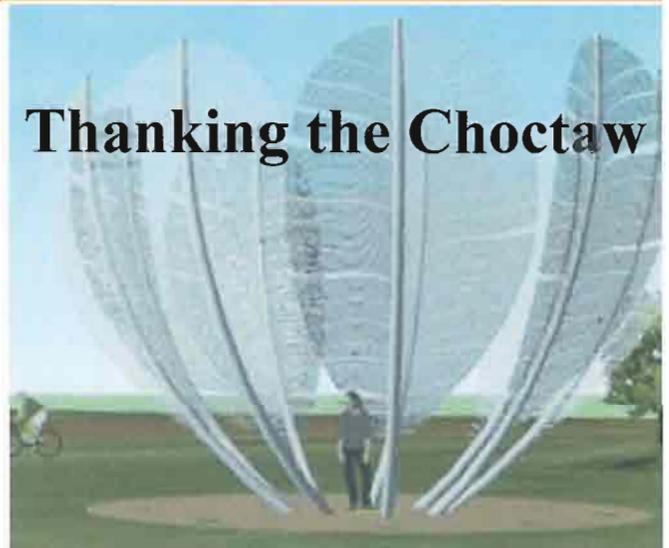
All heraldry in Scotland is controlled by the Lord Lyon. Modern Scots heraldry may be said to have begun in 1672 when a law was passed by the Scots Parliament that set up the 'Public Register of All Armorial Bearings in Scotland' which is called the Lyon Register. This register was set up to enable the Lord Lyon to effectively administer heraldic law by ensuring a central place of record keeping. Unless a coat of arms is registered here it generally has no legal standing in Scotland.

The Officers of Arms in Scotland are:

Dr. Joseph J. Morrow, Lord Lyon King of Arms

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## Thanking the Choctaw



A sculpture of nine eagle feathers will be installed in Bailic Park, in Midleton, County Cork, Ireland, to thank the Choctaw Indians for their kindness and support during the Great Irish Famine.

Despite the oppression faced by the Choctaws in the years preceding the famine, on hearing of the plight and hunger of the Irish people in 1847, they raised \$170 to send to the Irish people and ease their suffering. This figure is equivalent to tens of thousands of dollars in today's currency.

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Here's to many, many more years of us.



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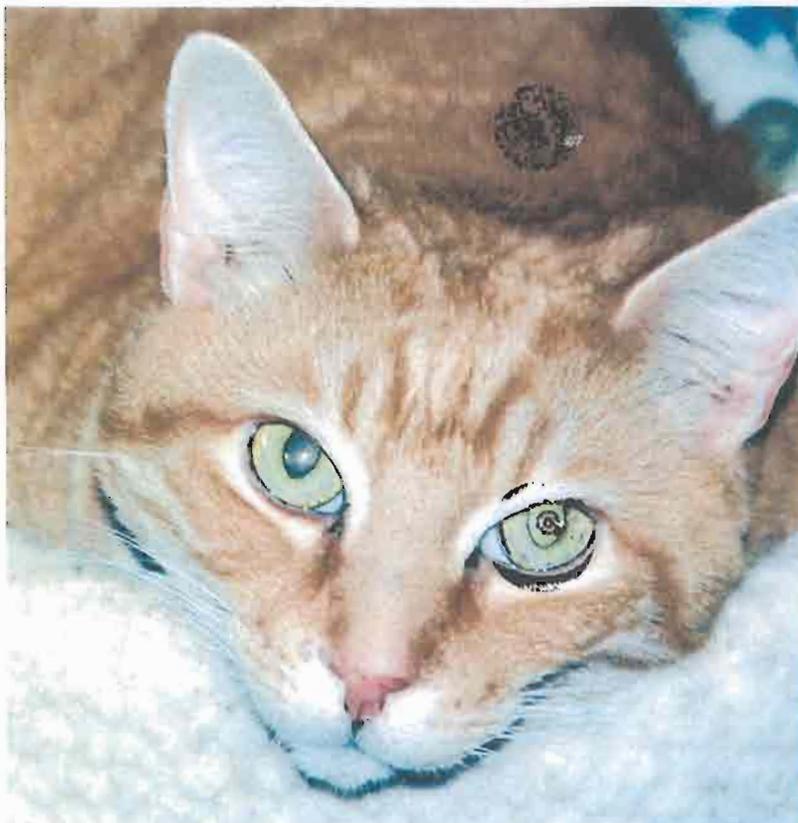
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Our beloved **Peggie Hairy** suffered an aneurysm in the middle of the night last night. He was about twenty years old - having come to live with me when he was a tiny kitten with his eyes just opened.

He was a feral cat who came to be a most wonderful gentleman with impeccable manners. He was very smart and loved being vacuumed with the regular vaccum cleaner (with the little brush thingie).

He would carry on conversations with Tom and me, too. He loved to ride on Tom's knees all over the den and library. Tom says that he was the first cat in his entire life who chose him to be his friend.

Our Walhalla vet kindly put him to sleep 1 May with both of us stroking and telling him how much we loved him.



*A letter from your editor...*

## New parts, old sadnesses

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In preparing this publication for the Internet, my mind has been in a whirl.

On the tenth anniversary of the invention and publication of *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*, I am overcome with good fortune. Yes, good fortune.

My last bit of goodness happening to me might not sound so good...as I have been in the worst pain I've ever known. Remember the little thing going around the Internet some months ago saying when we arrive in heaven, "All of our parts should be thoroughly worn out?"

I have surely fulfilled that requirement with my hips with about 16 years of tap and ballet, playing every sport I could...horseback riding, swimming, running many miles each day, etc.

Six or seven years ago, left hip succumbed to the effects of being thrown from a bareback bronc - hard enough to break my pelvis and "hurt" my left hip.

You know what happened, don't you? Uncle Arthur Itis moved right in the bruised and hurt hip. Years later, the hip was gone. It was replaced and is yet fine.

However, Uncle Arthur moved, when his left hip home was renovated...to the right hip. Right hip disintegrated. So, off again to Dr. Sean McCallum, Orthopaedic Surgeon. Right hip was done in the newfangled way...with a small incision.

Everything awry was my own fault. I insisted on coming straight home instead of

going to rehab. Mistake number one.

When I discovered the pain meds were almost \$200 to fill once, I declined getting it.

Mistake number two.

Yes, I am full of said expensive pain meds at this moment.

So, ten days into recovery, thanks to home health nurses, I am finally making progress...My Tom (Huh! Huh!) and my dear friend, Woody Bowers, have made sure I took everything when I was supposed to take it...and not done things like riding the riding lawn mower.

So, at last I have hopes that I will be ok.

Remember, if you have a hip done - go to professional rehab and take your pain meds.

I always remember my beloved grandmother, Annie Roberta McDonald, who suffered from painful knees her entire life.

Back then, there was nothing really to be done. She kept a small stash of gin and turpentine - not for drinking, but for topical annointment of those aching knees.

Today, no matter what part of you goes wonky, there is a good chance that it can be repaired. What miracles!

We've been so sad at the loss of our wonderful Peggie Hairy. He was with us for about twenty years, which was not nearly long enough.

You'd look into his eyes and think, "Goodness, there's somebody home in there!" And, there was.



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The Scottish Home Picnic – 96 years and still kickin’

This year, the Scottish Home will be holding it's 96th Annual Scottish Home Picnic. Residents, family and friends are warmly invited to enjoy baked goods, beverages and entertainment on the grounds of the Scottish Home in North Riverside, Illinois.

Past attractions have included arts & craft sales, face painting, pony rides, pie eating contests, highland dancing, and much more!

For more information, please visit the Scottish Home.

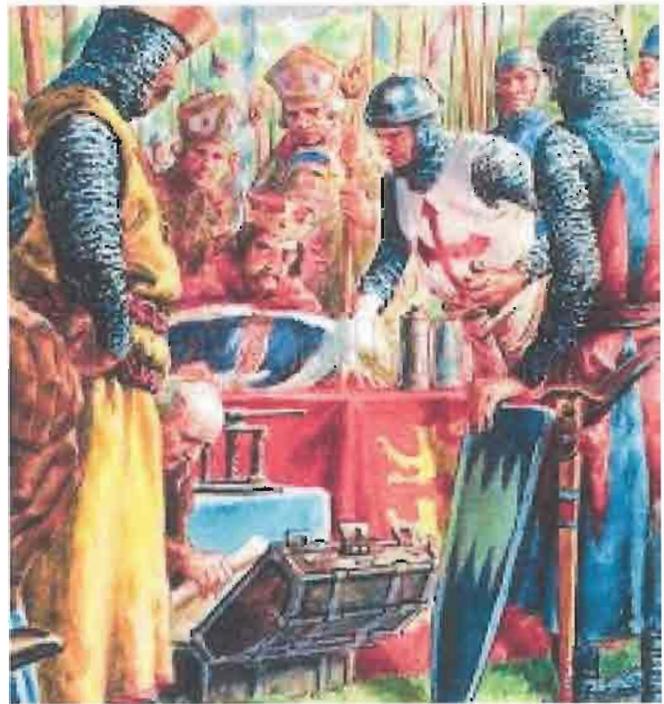
The 96th Annual Scottish Home Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2015 from 10 AM until 4 PM. The event will be on the grounds of the Scottish Home in North Riverside, Illinois located at 2800 Des Plaines Avenue, North Riverside, IL 60546.

The suggested donations are \$5 and \$3 for children.



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## **Every primary school in the UK is to be sent a copy of Magna Carta plus learning aids**

Every primary school in the UK is to be sent a copy of Magna Carta to help pupils learn how the document forms the basis of many modern freedoms.

The aim is to explain the legacy of Magna Carta, as the 800th anniversary nears of its sealing by King John.

The charter is considered a cornerstone of the British constitution.

This is an "epic narrative that continues to shape our world", said Sir Robert Worcester, chairman of the Magna Carta 800th anniversary committee.

As well as a copy of the document, the schools will receive two young person's guides to Magna Carta, explaining its significance to current political events.

These are a timeline wall-chart and a tabloid-style newspaper called the Magna Carta Chronicle, which together set out the history of the past 800 years in "the fight for freedom and rights".

The initiative, led by the Magna Carta Trust and funded by charitable donations to the 800th Anniversary Committee, is part of ongoing celebrations of the document.

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We encourage everyone who is interested in the great Clan Ramsay to join the Clan Ramsay Association of N.A.

Contact David Ramsey: <davidf.ramsey@verizon.net>



### Become a part of Clan Ramsay's DNA Project!

**What is it?** DNA testing is a new and exciting tool for genealogists. It enables people to get an idea of how closely they are related to those of the same last name. The Ramsey/Ramsay DNA Project focuses on testing males of the last name **Ramsey** or **Ramsay**. The results are compiled together with the results from other Ramsey/Ramsay males and we get an idea of who is related to whom and ultimately, we can link different lines together. But, to do that, the project needs lots of people to participate.

### The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project

The Clan Ramsay Genealogy Project's mission is to foster the spirit of kinship and pride existing among all who have Ramsay ancestry, regardless of the spelling. Clan family names include: Ramsay, Ramsey, Dalhousie, Ramsay of Bamff, Ramsay of Balmain, Maule, Brecheen and Brechin. The clan genealogy database was established in 1997 to provide a clearinghouse for Ramsay family data and history.

The Clan Ramsay genealogy database was created using The Master Genealogist, Wholly Genes, Inc., 5144 Flowertuft Court, Columbia, MD 21044. Call 410-715-2260. <http://www.whollygenes.com>

**Sister Associations of Clan Ramsay in Australia, Nova Scotia and Finland!**

**Quarterly Newsletter - *The Ramsay Report* is available to all members!**

**Clan Ramsay represented at Scottish Games and events all over the country**

Clan Ramsay is represented all of the United States at Scottish Games, Gatherings and events. See us at the Loch Norman Highland Games in NC; Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games in OK; Smoky Mountain Highland Games in TN; Gallabrae/Greenville, SC Games; Glasgow Highland Games, KY; Scottish Christmas Walk

of the Clans, VA; Chicago Highland Games, IL; Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC; Colorado Scottish Festival & Rocky Mountain Highland Games, CO; Wichita Highland Games & Celtic Festival, KS; The Caledonian Club of San Francisco's Annual Scottish Gathering and Games, CA; Columbia Scottish Festival, IN; Halifax Celtic Festival, Halifax, NS, Canada; Oklahoma's Premier Celtic Music Festival & Scottish Highland Games, OK; Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, SC; Ligonier Highland Games, PA; McPherson Scottish Festival, KS; Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games and Festival, IN; Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA; Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Scottish Games, TX;

### Clan Ramsay needs YOU!

There are openings available in the state/region commissioners roster where you would be most welcome. Contact David Ramsey at

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for full information and details about the Clan Ramsay Association of North America.





## Congratulations, Clan Colquhoun!

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Colquhoun has  
been awarded the  
Best Clan Tent  
trophy for the  
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Glenmorangie  
Scottish Gath-  
ering and High-  
land Games!



*Trophy similar  
to that which  
is pictured.*



## Magna Carta, *con't* from page 5

It was the first formal document to limit the power of the King, stating that a King had to follow the laws of the land and guaranteeing the rights of individuals.

It laid the foundations of trial by jury and of Parliament.

The schools will receive a facsimile of the 1215 edition of Magna Carta from Salisbury Cathedral

Sir Robert said the initiative would give young people the chance to learn more about the history and significance of Magna Carta.

"The fight for freedom and rights and the rule of law is a global story but one that should be extra special to everyone living in the UK, since its origins and dramas - from the freedom to choose our rulers and religion, to equality of opportunity and the right to live with-

out fear of unlawful imprisonment - are so inextricably linked to the history of Britain itself," he said.

"All these, and many other freedoms, are charted in this unique young person's guide in a highly accessible and visually stunning style which all began when the will of the King was first challenged by 25 barons in the water meadow at Runnymede on 15 June 1215."

Christopher Lloyd of publishers What on Earth? designed and wrote the guides in collaboration with illustrator Andy Forshaw.

### Modern freedoms

The guides link Magna Carta with modern struggles for freedoms and rights, for example Malala Yousafzai's campaign for the right of girls across the globe to an education.

The timeline shows the impact of Magna Carta from 1215 to 2015

Mr Lloyd said the aim had been to connect "the fragment of history of the signing of Magna Carta on a piece of parchment and put it into the context of an 800-year story".

He said he wanted the timeline to be like the thread of a necklace with historic moments, which saw modern liberties and freedoms gradually developed over 800 years, like beads on the thread.

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# Flowers of the Forest

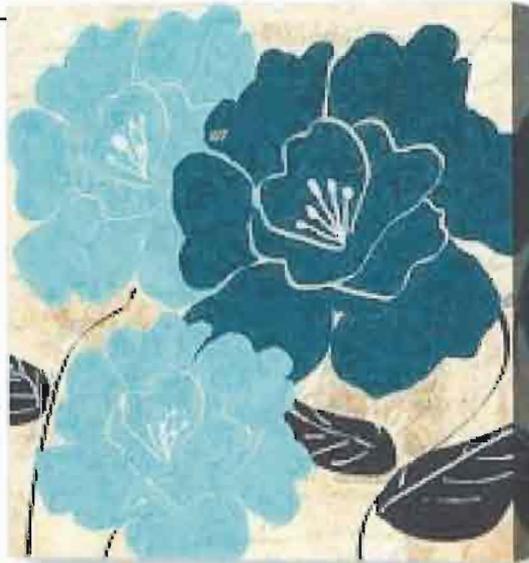
The Clan Sutherland Society mourns **Douglas William Scott Sutherland**, September 16, 1933 - January 8, 2015.

A man of many talents Doug was a passionate husband, father and grandfather who was an avid reader, researcher and driven to make opportunities for his family. He was an Entomologist and active in community affairs. Memorial Contributions can be made in his name to: Orphaned Wildlife Rescue Center in Lusby, MD: <<http://www.orphaned-wildlife-center.com/donate.html>> or the Rockville High School Bagpipe Band: <<http://rhspipeband.org/support>>.



The Clan Sutherland Society mourns **Ann Victoria Berk Sutherland** May 24, 1937 ~ November 30, 2013.

A woman of many talents, Ann was a caring wife, mother and grandmother and was loving to her family and friends. She was a teacher, federal worker at NIH and NSF, and active in community affairs. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Society of Maryland, <[www.alz.org/maryland](http://www.alz.org/maryland)> or League of Women Voters, <[lwvmd.org](http://lwvmd.org)>.



**Douglas Kent Macdonald**, 86, of Concord, NH, died on April 25, 2015 peacefully surrounded by family.

Born in Cambridge, MA and raised in Melrose, MA, the son of Donald Lewis and Bertha Grace McQueen (Robertson) Macdonald.

Beloved husband of the late Natalie Mary (Vinard)

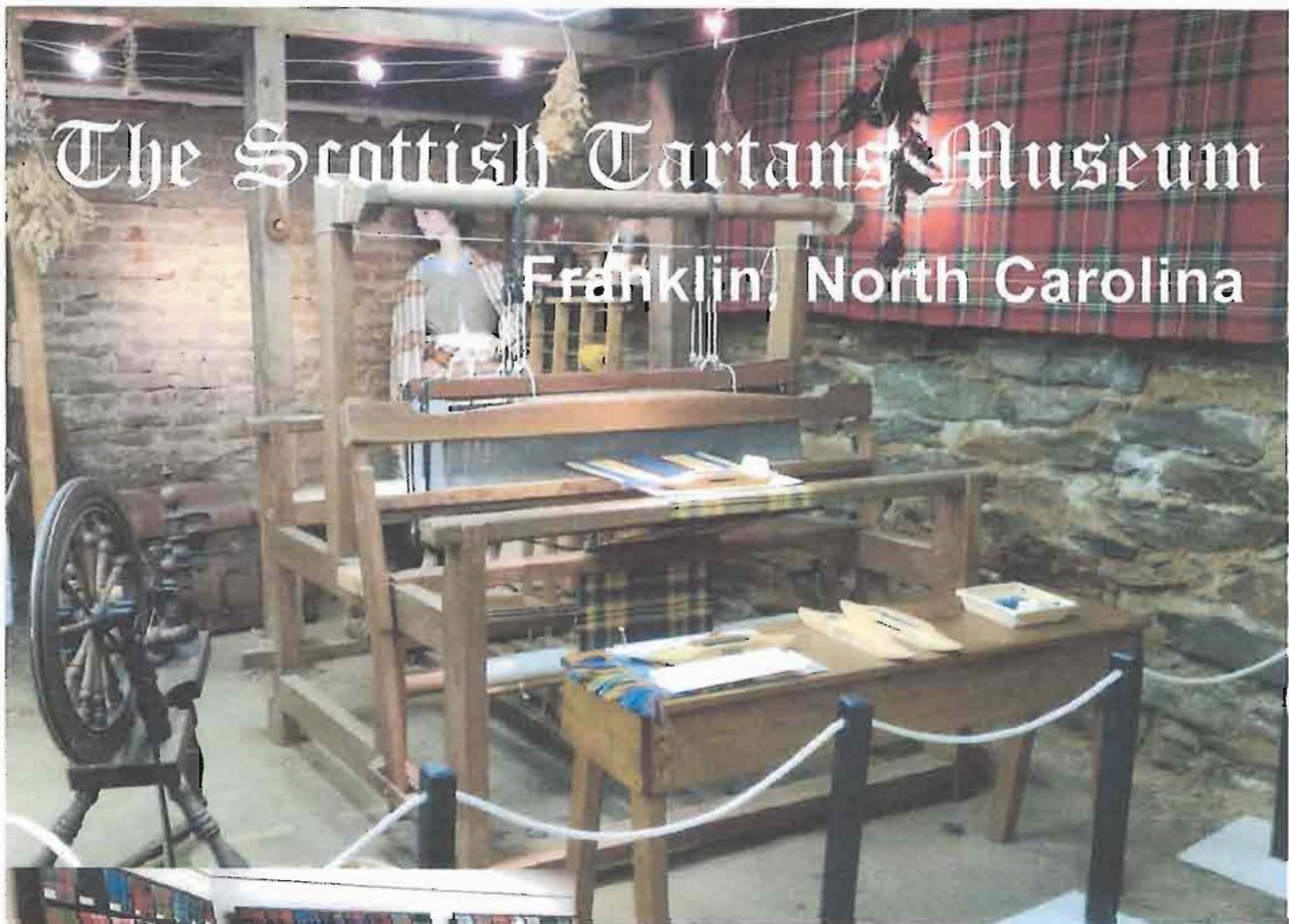
Macdonald, with whom he shared 52 years of marriage. He leaves his children Anne, wife of Sean M. Fisher, of Melrose, MA, Mary of Goffstown, NH, Robert of Tucson, AZ, and John and his wife Maureen (Sheehy) Macdonald of Belmont, NH. He was the devoted grandfather of Catherine and Megan Macdonald of New York, NY and Maryann Macdonald of Columbia, SC. He also leaves several nephews and nieces.

Douglas graduated from the Melrose High School class of 1946. He served in the Army during the Korean War as a medic stationed in Iceland. He graduated from Bentley College (now University) in 1955. He began his career with Stone & Webster and held positions at a variety of businesses including Arthur Anderson of Boston, Concord Gas Company of Concord, NH, Buy-Rite of Manchester, NH and he retired as President and

CEO of Concord Electric Company and a member of the board of directors of Unitil. He also served on the Board of Trustees of Concord Hospital.

In retirement he became active in his Scottish heritage with Clan Donald USA and the New Hampshire Highland Games. He served as High Commissioner of Clan Donald New England Region, and Clan Donald USA. He toured Scotland as a member of the crew of the Scottish Galley *Aileach* with his older brother Donald Lewis Macdonald in 1993. He was chieftain of the New Hampshire Highland Games in 2003. He served on the board of the Clan Donald Lands Trust and the Finlaggen Council, both in Scotland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clan Donald Foundation, Inc. in memory of Douglas K. Macdonald, PO Box 13138, Charleston, SC 29412. To leave a condolence online please visit [www.phaneuf.net](http://www.phaneuf.net).



The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of

our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

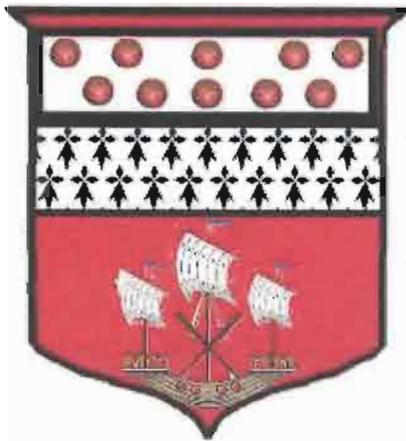
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# The Search for a Crawford chief

– *the next step forward*



**Crawford**

Raymond Crawford  
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Our application to Lord Lyon asking him to call a Family Convention has been accepted. He has appointed

Mrs. Yvonne Holton, whose official title is Dingwall Pursuivant, to be the supervising officer for our Convention, and so the next step is for us to decide on a time and place for us to meet to make our choice of our Chief.

The meeting has to take place in Scotland, though we will arrange video links for those who want to participate but cannot be there in person.

It would be nice if we could have met in the town of Crawford, but there is nowhere very suitable there so

the most practical place for us to meet would be in Edinburgh.

We have to give the Lyon Court at least six months' notice of the meeting, and it would be useful for those coming from a distance if we could hold it at a time when there is a chance of the weather being good enough to enjoy a longer holiday in Scotland.

So we are thinking of the second half of April 2016 or perhaps a little later.

There will be official invitations in due course, but in the meantime, if you would like to attend, could you let Joanne Crawford know as soon as you can (j Crawfordphd@sbcglobal.net) when would suit you best?

## The new Lord Lyon, *continued from page 1*

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Procurator Fiscal to the Court of the Lord Lyon: Alexander M. S. Green, Esq., Advocate in Aberdeen



*Dr. Joseph Morrow, 38th Lord Lyon*

# Clan Davidson Society USA



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

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

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

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

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





# Scots researchers help shed fresh light on October 1641 Northern Ireland Massacre

Eyewitness accounts of the bloody 17th century rebellion that drew the battle lines for Ireland's Catholic-Protestant divide that and claimed the lives of thousands of Scottish Protestants are to be made publicly available for the first time.

A team of scholars, led by researchers from the University of Aberdeen, will mark Tuesday's (October 23) anniversary of the 1641 Irish Catholic uprising in Ulster with the launch of a project to transcribe and digitalise thousands of testimonies by those who lived through the alleged "massacres" 366 years ago.

The huge stockpile of evidence, housed in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, has never been comprehensively analysed, but could hold the key to providing an accurate account of the brutal events that triggered centuries of sectarian divide.

What actually occurred is the subject of one of the bitterest controversies in Irish history.

Some argue that an attempted bloodless rebellion by Catholics quickly spiralled out of control. Others claim that thousands of Scottish and English Protestants were deliberately massacred.

The decade of savage warfare that followed is so deeply etched into the national consciousness that images of the supposed "massacre" are still used on banners by the Orange Order to this day.

But the true course of events has never been fully understood. By making the 19,000 pages of depositions and other documents widely available, the project team, which also includes researchers from Trinity College, Dublin and Cambridge University, hopes to shed light on one of the darkest moments in Ireland's troubled past.

The three-year, Aberdeen-devised project is the most ambitious joint British-Irish collaboration in the humanities ever undertaken and is being supported with over a million dollars of funding from research councils on both sides of the Irish Sea.

Professor Tom Bartlett, Chair in Irish History and principal investigator from the Aberdeen arm of the project team, said: "It's generally now accepted that around 10,000 Protestants died during the uprising, of which two or three thousand were Scots settlers.

"The details in these accounts don't come from Kings and Queens or Princes, but by ordinary folk who were caught up in the horrific events of the 1640s. They recorded what they saw, what they heard, what clothes they were wearing,

whether they saw themselves as Scottish or British, and much more.

"It's an invaluable resource unparalleled anywhere else in Europe and will enable us to build up a picture of what life was like for these people on the ground. In the case of the Scots, they were recent arrivals in Ireland and had brought their own way of life and culture with them.

"The material in the witness statements, therefore, will be enormously valuable for those investigating the links between Ireland and Scotland in the 1640s, and for those interested in Scottish-Irish population movements, genealogy, material culture, linguistics and identity in the mid-17th century."

Down the years, propagandists, politicians and historians have all exploited the depositions at different

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# Clan Leslie Society International

**Septs:** Abernethy, Bartholomew,  
Carnie, Laing, and More (Moore)  
and other spelling variations

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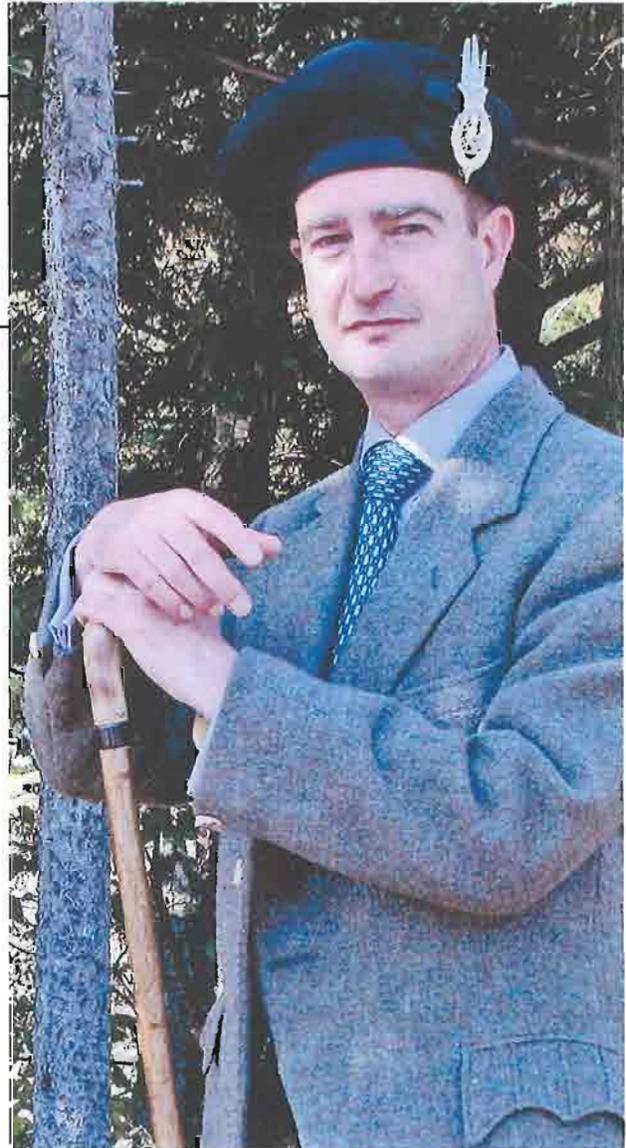
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**The Hon. Alexander Leslie,  
Chief of Clan Leslie**



times. The 1641 massacres, like King William's victory at the Boyne in 1690, have played a key role in creating



and sustaining a collective Protestant and British identity in Ulster," said Professor John Morrill, from the University of Cambridge, who will chair the overall research team.

"Meanwhile in England, the rebellion and subsequent brutal conquest and subjugation by Oliver Cromwell

and his colleagues has been largely airbrushed out of the collective memory.

"As G. K. Chesterton wrote a century ago, the problem with the English conquest of Ireland in the 17th century is that the Irish cannot forget it and the English cannot remember it, but we still don't know what exactly happened."



The years before the 1641 rebellion witnessed a build-up of grudges between the older Catholic population of Ireland and a new generation of Protestant settlers. The Catholic Irish upper classes particularly wanted equal recognition under their Protestant English rulers, who denied them the right to hold offices of state or serve in the military.

Scots researchers help shed fresh light on 1641 massacre.

England was meanwhile on the brink of its own civil war. Events there, particularly plans by King Charles I to raise an Irish army to suppress a rebellion in Scotland, led to the Scots and English Parliamentarians publicly proposing to invade Ireland to subdue Catholicism.

Frightened by this, a group of Catholic Irish gentry

formulated a plan to seize Dublin and other towns in the name of the King.

The Catholics hoped then to force Charles to accept their demands. Instead, they were only partially successful, leading to ethnic hatred and violence, and thousands of deaths on either side.

The depositions at Trinity College Library, Dublin, tell the stories of thousands of Protestant men and women of all classes.

They were collected by government-appointed commissioners and provide the chief evidence for the sharply-disputed claim that the rebellion began with a massacre of Scottish and English Protestant settlers.

The library acquired the documents in 1741, but their poor condition enabled only restricted access and made them very difficult to read. Now researchers will transcribe and digitise all 3,400 depositions, examinations and associated materials. The resulting transcripts and digitised originals will be available online for academics and the general public. They will also be published in book form.

Jane Ohlmeyer, Erasmus Smith's Professor of Irish History at Trinity College Dublin, said: "This body of material, unparalleled elsewhere in early modern Europe, provides a unique source of information for the causes and events surrounding the 1641 rebellion and for the history of 17th century Ireland, England and Scotland."

"By making it easily accessible to a wide audience it will help all traditions in Ireland and in Britain reach a better understanding of their own history."

The project has been funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Library of Trinity College Dublin.

Aberdeen's AHRC Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies has established itself as the leading institute of its kind in Britain.

Director of the centre, Professor Cairns Craig, added: "This very substantial award to the University of Aberdeen by the AHRC confirms Aberdeen's unique position both nationally and internationally as the leading research centre for the study of Irish and Scottish culture."

For more information on the AHRC centre at the University of Aberdeen visit <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/triiss/ahrcentre.shtml>

# GLASGOW HIGHLAND GAMES



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# We are looking for help



We are looking for help as is Tech Sgt. Thomas Lee Creekmore, age 91, who served with the 305th Brigade. His compelling story appeared in the March 2015 issue of the *8th AF News*, page 46.

On April 11, 12 and 13, 1945, the 42nd Infantry Division (Rainbow) captured the city of Schweinfurt and its ball-bearing plants. The 8th Air Force bombed Schweinfurt 15 or 20 times, the first was 17 August '43, with the second on 14 October '43.

The second mission became known as "Black Thursday" and the 305th Brigade lost 13 of 15 aircraft, all but one even before they got to the target.

A captured Nazi flag by the 42nd Infantry Division, which measured 15 x 8 feet, was given to Maj. Gen. Harry Collin, Commander of the 42nd, who sent that flag to Gen. Tooley Spaatz, who in turn delivered it to the Mighty 8th.

The 42nd knew how many 8th Air Force aircraft and personnel were lost in bombing Schweinfurt.

The flag was presented on 2 May '45 to the 305th

Brigade because of their catastrophic losses in the raids on Schweinfurt.

Sgt. Creekmore was present in Hanger #2 in Chelveston, home of the 305th, when the flag was presented to them. In the lower right hand corner of that flag was an inscription: "To the 8th Air Force—the Rainbow has avenged your losses at Schweinfurt" (Schweinfurt was misspelled on the flag).

At one time, the Museum in Dayton had a Schweinfurt flag, but it was not 15 x 8 feet and did not have the inscription. It was just another flag the 42nd had collected.

Sgt. Creekmore, who flew 19 missions ending on 19 April '45, wants to find that flag and present it to the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth.

Does anyone know anything about this flag?

Let's help Tom put this issue to bed. —Bob Buck

Contact information: Bob Buck, 8th Air Force Historical Society, The Birthplace Chapter - <rbuck0823@aol.com>



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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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# *Odom Family History in England* notebook found

My name is Les Ricks and I live in Lafayette, Indiana. Most recently, I found a ring binder notebook near my mailbox titled *Odom Family History in England*.

It appears the writings in the book are by a Robert Earl Woodham - who lists himself as Odom Family Historian.

I would like to return this book to the rightful owner.

The three-ring binder has several pages that slip into a plastic sleeve. The first page has a headline "Park Avenue Beginning" followed by *Some of My Memories* by Fred Odom.



There are several names mentioned, one being June Branham-McKinniss.

Please contact me if this book belongs to you. Leslie Ricks, 2930 East 800 South, Lafayette, IN 47909. Phone 765-538-2631. You may also email <lricks@tctc.com>.

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## **MacDuffee Clan Society of America, Inc. sets AGM at GMHG this July**

The Clan MacDuffee Clan Society will convene their 2015 Annual General Meeting at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, which is the 60th year of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The Games will be held July 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Our Clan Society has been on the mountain for every one of the games.

Our annual meeting will be held about 2:30 pm on Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please take a look at the details of the game's website at [www.GMHG.org](http://www.GMHG.org). There is also a ticket order form and schedule of events.



Scottish statutory records of births, marriages and deaths began in 1855 and are available online together with census returns from 1841-1911.

Other records include Old Parish Records of baptisms, marriages and burials, records from Catholic archives and Scottish wills and testaments.

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## Saying Thank You to the Choctaw, *continued from page 1*



The sculpture, consisting of nine giant, stainless steel eagle feathers, is currently being completed by Cork sculptor Alex Pentek. Speaking to the Irish Examiner, Pentek says, "I wanted to show the courage, fragility and humanity that they displayed in my work."

The \$111,000 (€100,000) sculpture will be officially unveiled in a few months and invitations have been sent by Joe McCarthy, East Cork's municipal district officer, to Choctaw leaders.

In what is one of the most surprising and generous contributions to Irish famine relief, a group of Choctaw people gathered in Scullyville, Oklahoma, on March 23, 1847 to collect funds for the starving Irish people. They passed money collected onto a U.S. famine relief organization, in an extraordinary act of kindness from those who already had so little.

Just 16 years prior to this collection, the Choctaws were among one of the so-called "civilized tribes", who were forced off their land by President Andrew Jackson (the son of Irish immigrants) and forced to complete a 500-mile trek to Oklahoma that would become known as the Trail of Tears.

Despite the allegiance shown by the Choctaws to General Jackson during the War of 1812, the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek signed on September 27, 1830, resulted in the Choctaws signing away the remainder of their traditional homelands in Alabama, Mississippi and Florida and undertaking a forced march off the land. Over half the 21,000 Choctaws forced on this march perished on the trail due to malnutrition, disease and exposure. The winter the Choctaws spent on the Trail of

Tears was one of the coldest on record and even those who survived the journey to Oklahoma faced further hardships in creating new communities for themselves, along with new homes, schools, and churches.

It is this terrible journey that inspired Pentek for his creation, "To see members of your family drop to the side of the road and to be powerless. To change that course of history. That stirred my imagination."

The Choctaws themselves felt an affinity with the Irish people because of this hardship and, on hearing of their suffering, they wished to contribute. Both were communities who had fallen foul of the conquests of others which had in turn led to loss of property, forced migration and exile, mass starvation, and cultural suppression (most notably language).

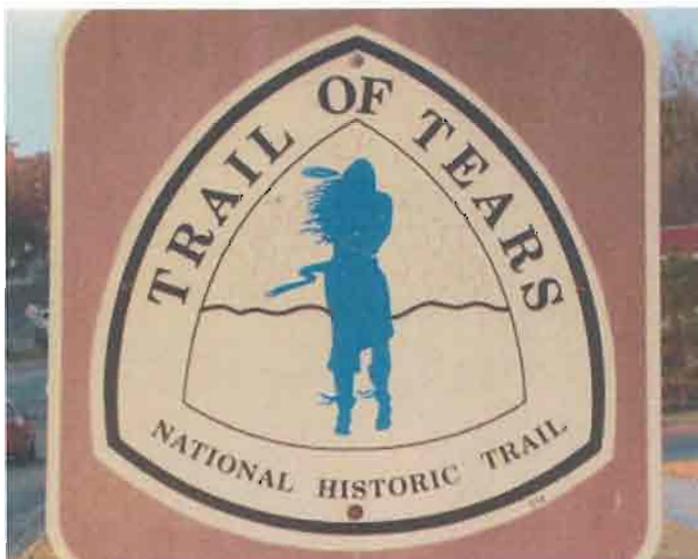
This is not the first time that the Choctaw nation has been honored in Ireland.

In 1990, Choctaw leaders traveled to County Mayo to take part in a reenactment of the desperate walk undertaken by locals to their landlord in 1848. The gesture was returned in 1992, when Irish commemoration leaders took part in a 500 mile trek from Oklahoma to Mis-

issippi. Former Irish President Mary Robinson has also been named an honorary Choctaw chief.

A plaque acknowledging the contribution of the Choctaw people to the one million Irish people starving during Black '47, the worst year of the famine, is mounted in Dublin's Mansion House and reads, "Their humanity calls us to remember the millions of human beings throughout our world today who die of hunger and hunger-related illness in a world of plenty."

With thanks to *Six Nations, One Soul*.



# The Clan Macneil Association of America

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# Peasant Life in Argyllshire in the end of the eighteenth century

Part One (Part Two in Section B, page 29)

With thanks to Alastair McIntyre & electricscotland.com

I WAS born in the year 1774 at Barichreil; a small village of Nether Lorn.

My father was a descendant of that McCallum of Colagin, the sight of whom, as he entered Kilbride Church one Sunday, followed by his twelve sons in order of their age, provoked the Lady of Dunollie to exclaim: 'A third of Albyn were none too much for McCallum of Colagin!'

My mother's family, the Macnabs, belonged to Glenorchy. Her forefathers had been armourers and silversmiths for seven hundred years, the son stepping into the father's place throughout the whole of that long period.

My mother had a training such as fell to the lot of few Highland girls of the period in which she lived. In early girlhood she went to live in the family of a relative, whose wife had been educated in one of the best schools in Edinburgh. This lady delighted to teach my mother not only all that a good housewife ought to know but also the spinning of wool and flax, and the working up of both from the raw material to the finished web.

My childhood was cast in that transition period when the domestic life of the Highland people was gradually adapting itself to modern civilisation. To-day one can hardly realise a time when there were no railways, no steamboats, no penny post, no telegraph, no looms driven by machinery, no wheaten bread nor tea in country districts, no newspapers giving us the news of the wide world.

Clive had just laid the foundation of our Indian Empire. Canada had become one of our possessions. The first ominous mutterings were heard of the storm about to break over our American colonies. Australia and New Zealand began to loom on the horizon. That was abroad. At home the forces which were to overturn social life were already set in motion. Watt was busy improving his steam-engine. Arkwright's spinning-jenny had penetrated into the Scottish Lowlands.

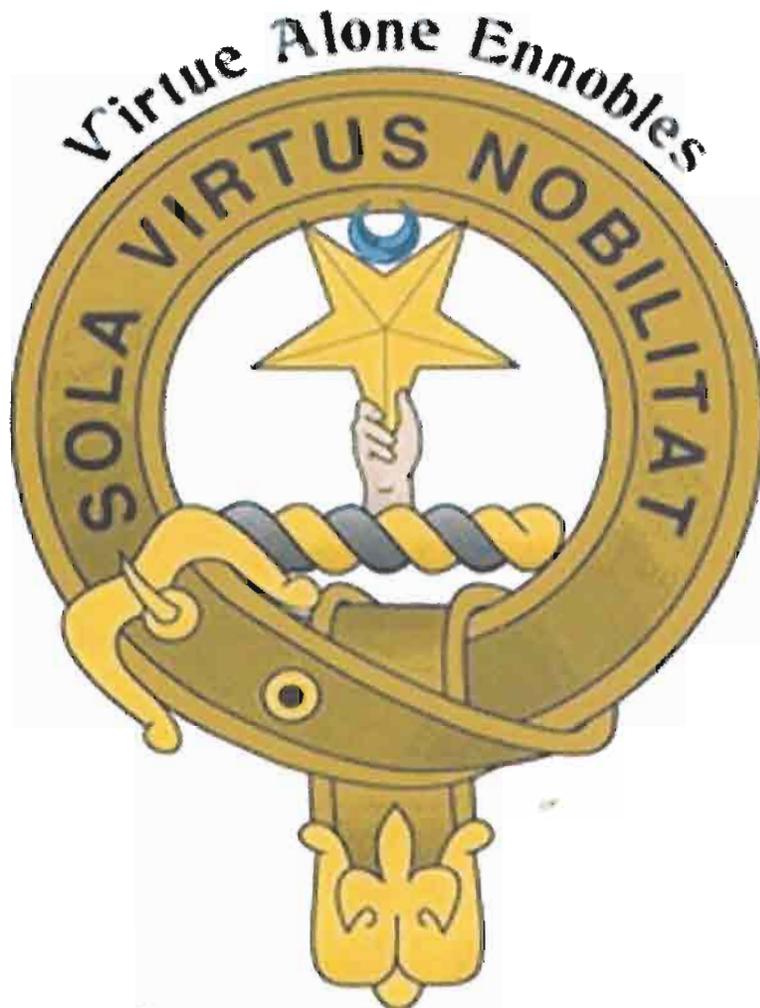
In the Highlands the spinning-wheel was beginning to supersede the spindle and distaff; schools were being established in every parish; the New Testament was translated into Gaelic, and the books of the Old Testament were in capable hands for translation.

At the same time the daily life of the people continued to be what it had been for ages. They had not outlived the simple life which had been theirs from time immemorial; the shielings were still theirs; nor were they restricted from fishing the rivers, or from taking a hare from the hill.

Our village was an important place in its own estimation. It consisted of a group of sixteen thriving families, whose boast was that every known trade required in those days, when to be a first rate tradesman meant that a man possessed a thorough knowledge of every branch of his craft as a master workman is expected

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## An Airean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIan). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

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### Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique

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to have in these days.

The town of Oban did not exist except in the brain of the then Duke of Argyll and his Chamberlan. The first time I walked into Oban there were but three houses on the bay: the Custom House, the Inn, and a farmhouse.

The edict that made the wearing of our national costume punishable made a tailor of my father. The finest linen underwear as well as upper garments were made at that time by the tailor. When some thrifty dame brought a web of linen and another of woollen material to be made up, my father turned the web of linen over to my mother, who could manipulate it as well as any tailor. When, on the other hand, my father was out boarding with a family till all the household sewing was finished, he received 7½d. per day, which sum was considered to be very good pay.

When I was old enough to attend school my brothers pled with mother to allow me to accompany them. It was an unheard of thing for girls except the daughters of 'gentlemen' to be sent to school. But my mother came of a family that loved learning, and she knew how to value education, so it did not take much coaxing to get her to consent to my taking a winter at school.

So I trudged there and back in company with my kind brothers, who, if the weather proved severe, took turns in carrying me, so that I might sit dry and cosy at school.

It was always during the six winter months that we attended school. Each boy carried a peat under his arm to keep the fire blazing. One of the older lads provided a good broom of long, wiry-stemmed moss from the marsh, wherewith to sweep the earthen floor. All had helped to gather the thatch and cover the roof before the winter session began.

That season in school would, I was confident, enable me to go on by myself afterwards, so I made the most of my time. For I doubted whether there would come another opportunity. When could a woman find

time for schooling with the clothing of the whole family dependent upon her knowledge and skill in working wool and flax; even the sewing thread had to be manufactured by her deft fingers. The women had also the care of the cattle to a great extent, and oftentimes they were obliged to grind the meal before baking it. How could time be spared to read and write?

When my eldest brother was old enough he was allowed to go to the harvest work in the Lowlands. On his return he brought with him an English Bible; he read it aloud to us in the evening, not in English but as if written in Gaelic.

My brothers learned trades. John became a farmer; another brother built many of the houses in Oban and the Congregational Chapel, which was the first place of worship in Oban. He erected also the high wall around Iain Ciar's grave.

One morning our quiet village was greatly startled by a rumour that we might have a visit from the press-gang. A friendly warning was sent us to the

effect that the press-gang were in the vicinity and would be certain to pay us a call in the passing as we were quite near the highway.

The good wives of Barichreil were not in the habit of overstepping the bounds of modest conventional womanhood, but on this occasion they took the law into their own hands. The husbands, with all the sons and brothers old enough to be impressed, were ordered off to make peats, and forbidden to return until sent for. Boy scouts were stationed here and there to keep us women informed of the appearance of the enemy, and report his movements. Meanwhile, a supply of ammunition was prepared in the shape of clods and turf.

At length the press-gang arrived, and looked greatly astonished on finding a village composed of women and children only. Before they had time to ask, 'Where are the men?' the wives attacked them with such a volley of clods and turf that they wheeled right about and marched off. the officer saying he 'wasn't going to fight with

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women,' and there was no time to go about the hills searching for the men.

Our village lay in a green glade, flanked by two low, brown hills. The houses were clustered on both sides of a burn that divided the glade in two and fell into the river Euachir just below the highway. The Euachir is a fine salmon stream running through a deep channel between steep banks covered with birch and hazel.

My brothers were keen fishers. There was a beautiful salmon that haunted a deep pool in the Euachir; all the fishermen about had tried in vain to catch it. My brothers were determined not to be baffled; they would blaze the river. They got up during the night and sallied forth with torches and fish-spears. I was suddenly awakened at daybreak by the call, 'Get up and see our fishing!' In a twinkling I was up, dressed, and in their midst. There among smaller fish was the great big beauty!

Salmon was so plentiful that when a farmer engaged a ploughman he was bound to promise not to give him salmon oftener than four days in the week.

Each family in Barichreil owned a few sheep and cows. The sheep provided us with wool for clothing, the cows with milk, butter and cheese.

The sheep were the native sheep of the Highlands; small, intelligent creatures covered with fine wool, each answering to its name, and milked as well as the cows. We were obliged to fold them at night, because of the numerous foxes and wild cats that prowled about freely. Our fowls, too, had to be carefully closed in for protection.

Our household utensils were made of wood and a few of pewter. Bowls of all sizes were made of hard wood, preferably birch, because of its sweetness, also because it was easily kept clear. Tubs, too, were of all sizes; shallow tubs for holding milk and for working butter in, as well as wash-tubs such as are still in use. There were cogues for milking, luggies for feeding calves, pails and stoups for bringing water from the well. Our spoons were of horn, some thin and finely ornamented, and used only on special occasions.

Each croft had a plot set apart for the cultivation of

flax. On it we depended for linen for household use as well as for underwear.

The cloth of which the men's suits were made was very much the same as that called tweed or homespun nowadays. The women wore drugget. Their best dresses, as well as the cloaks of the men, consisted of a firm shiny material called temin, which lasted a lifetime, being manufactured of the longest and finest wool, and treated in the working exactly as flax was. The temin for dresses was often watered to look like silk. A softer cloth was called caimleid, which was as fine as temin. It was, however, dyed in the web, and dressed so as to have a nap on the cloth.

The dye-stuffs for all kinds of cloth were gathered, each in its season, all the year round. Berries, flowers, leaves, bark, roots, heather, and lichens formed our princ'pal stores of dyes. There was hardly a plant on hill or meadow that was not laid under contribution for dye, or medicine, or food. Even the autumn crowfoot had its use as a substitute for rennet, when no rennet could be had; nettles were prized when the 'curly kale' was exhausted in spring.

The fulling of a web of woollen material was the least agreeable as also the most toilsome labour connected with the manufacture of cloth. When the web came home from the weaver, word was sent out to the most experienced women and girls to the number of from sixteen to eighteen. A fulling-frame of fine wicker—the common property of the village—was set on trestles of the proper height. It was from two-and-a-half to three feet wide, and eight or nine feet long. The most experienced and careful woman was installed mistress of ceremonies at the head of the frame, to deal out the web and watch over the working.

Seven women stood on each side of the frame, care being taken that each couple were of the same length of arm. There was one at the foot of the frame to fold the cloth as it was passed along, and to attend to it being kept soaked with liquid as it was being thickened.

About a yard of the cloth was unrolled to begin with, by her who stood at the head. It was soaked at

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Rarely seen **American ghost orchid** (*Dendrophylax lindenii*) is a leafless orchid that grows in the Bahamas, Cuba and Florida. The plants anchor themselves to trees and the roots themselves are photosynthetic. This flower was featured in the movie and book a few years ago, *The Orchid Thief*. Your editor was fascinated by the book...but I understand that the movie was very different.

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once with ammoniated liquid, then drawn slantwise across the frame; that is No. one on the hither side worked with No. two on the opposite side—not with the woman directly in front of her, for that would bring no nap on the cloth, and it would be streaky, because the treatment would not be equal. Then the cloth was rubbed and pounded to thicken it, and drawn backwards and forwards till it was ready to be passed on for the next two couples to thump, and rub and see-saw it and pass it down farther to undergo the same process.

The whole of this toil was set to music. Every movement of the hand was regulated by a waulking-song, sung in perfect tune by all. If a part (or the whole) of the cloth needed more working, the women never said, ‘It



will take another half-hour, or hour’s work,’ but ‘It will take another song,’ or ‘It will take so many more songs.’

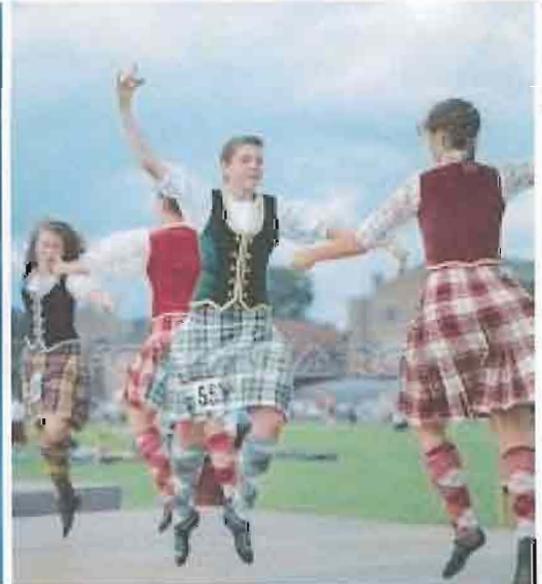
The tweed being thickened and smoothed to the satisfaction of the experts, a thin straight board three inches wide was brought, on which to wind the web. This process was called “winding the cloth into a candle.” The board was necessarily a little longer than the width of the cloth. The winding of the web was done with the minutest care, lest there should be a crease or a wrinkle or an unequal overlapping of the selvages anywhere. In this winding the cloth, the women kept slapping every inch of each fold with all their might, with the open palms of their hands. The song during this performance required a different measure from the other. It was called Portnam-has, the palm-chant, or rather palming-chant. Those who sang it were well acquainted with the gossip of the countryside. They knew who was the favoured laddie of each lassie, present or absent. In the song the names of the maidens and their real or supposed sweethearts were coupled, thus adding to the merriment and the interest. Such songs are termed ‘pairing’ songs. The candle of the cloth was left lying as it was till next day, when it was soused in water and left to dry.

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