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Spivey & Wisehart win *Loch n' Roll* piping books this time! Congrats!

In the last segment of our wonderful giveaway of *Loch n' Roll* piping books, Wallace R. Spivey of Statesboro, Georgia and Kevin Wisehart of Norwood, Massachusetts both win copies of Gordon Taylor's fine book.

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The winners will receive their books in a few weeks. Thanks to everyone who has participated in this fun contest.

Glengarry to be Honored Guest at Stone Mtn.

Aeneas Ranald Euan MacDonell and Carolyn, Lady Glengarry, will be in attendance at the 37th annual Stone Mountain Highland Games near Atlanta, Georgia, 16-18 October 2009.

Chief Glengarry is the Honored Guest for the Games. He and Lady Glengarry will be attending the Sponsor's Reception on Friday night, the Games on Saturday and Sunday and the Clan Donald Ceilidh on Saturday evening.

Clan Donald Southeast and Clan Donald Georgia invite all Clan Donald members to Stone Mountain Games to meet and greet Glengarry and Lady Glengarry.

Glengarry and Lady Glengarry have also been invited to be Honored Guests at the Clan Donald Canada AGM the following weekend.



Flag Day is June 14! Fly your flags!

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See our own Flag Day (Scottish Style) celebration - Pages 16 & 17

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Let's talk about Sean (*Sigh!*) Connery...

Award winning actor, passionate Scot and a Knight of the British Realm, Sean Connery has certainly made his mark since his humble beginnings in Edinburgh's Fountainbridge area.

After giving up a career in the Royal Navy due to health problems, he tried his hand at a number of occupations including milk man, coffin polisher, lifeguard and artist's model.

In the early 1950s his enthusiasm for bodybuilding saw him represent Scotland in the Mr. Universe contest where he finished an impressive third. His physique also won him a role in the chorus line of the musical, *South Pacific*.

Some state and television work followed, but it was not until 1962 when he was cast as Ian Fleming's secret agent, James Bond, in the first 007

film, *Dr. No*, that he began his rise to international superstardom.

Connery played Bond seven times. His last appearance was in the 1983 *Never Say Never Again*.

Although a number of actors have taken on the Bond mantle, notably Roger Moore and more recently Pierce Brosnan, Connery remains for many film fans, the definitive 007.

Some of his finest performances have been in other roles. In 1956, he played an army prisoner in the dark and brutal film, *The Hill*, while in 1975, he starred alongside Michael Caine in *The Man Who Would Be King*.

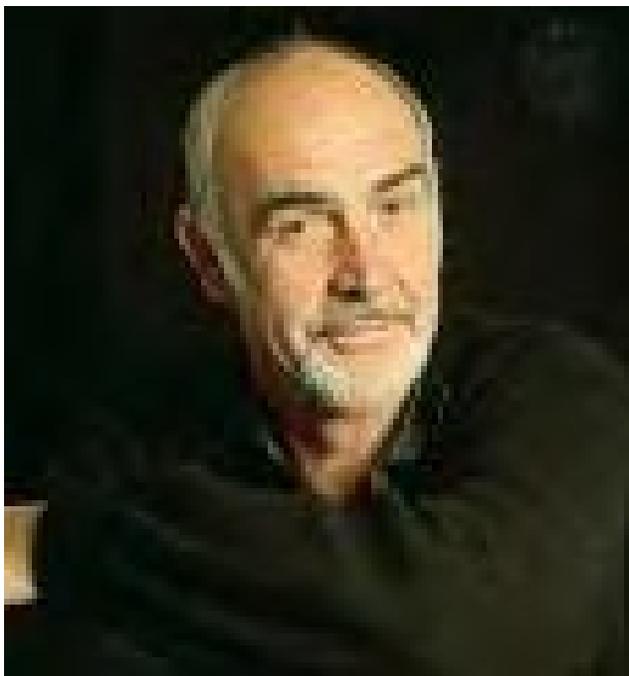
His 1986 performance in *The Name of the*

Rose won him a BAFTA award for Best Actor and in 1987 he won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of an Irish policeman in *The Untouchables*.

He had also starred alongside Harrison Ford in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, opposite Catherine Zeta Douglas in *Entrapment* and as the voice of the dragon in the film *Dragonheart*.

In 1998 Connery hit the headlines after he was left out of the UK's New Year's Honours List. His support for Scottish independence and his financial support of the Scottish National Party was said to be the reason.

He was eventually awarded a knighthood in July 2000 and became Sir Sean Connery. The same month he returned to his hometown to witness the official opening of Scotland's first Parliament in nearly 300 years.



Our visit to Erskine & Glasgow!

Judith Lloyd, President, the Scottish District Families Association

On a visit to Scotland where Larry and I stayed over an extra day at the end of a tour the hotel at the Glasgow Airport had made an error in our reservation, were full, and therefore could not give us a room, so they sent us to Erskine to the Erskine Bridge Hotel which was situated on the upper Clyde just before it becomes the Firth of Clyde.

Erskine which is a fairly new town – originated in the 1970's – is in the area of Renfrewshire.

Once settled in we left the hotel and walked up a "path" (sidewalk) to the bus shelter where we could catch the green and white 23 into Glasgow. Soon we were heading past rows of houses interspersed with long stretches of rolling hills. We got off the bus in the center of Glasgow and walked down to George Square where

we visited the Visitor's Center, took pictures of the statues of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert on horseback standing together facing out of the square, and went into Queens station where there was a charge of 20p to use the restrooms. (I remember back to the days when I was a young girl when some bathrooms in the U.S. required a dime to use the stalls. This was abolished since it was seen as discriminatory against the poor).

We ate at Burger King (yes Burger King while in Scotland) and then got on a Hop On, Hop Off bus. (This means that for the day you can get on and off as many times as you wish at any of its stops).

We were looking for the *Waverly* so got off at Kelvin Grove Park and walked down to her mooring

on the River Clyde only to find she was off for fixing up. Right near there though was a tall ship with tours available. Part of the tour of the ship was a search for Jock the Cat. Walking through the ship we saw basically the same types of accommodations, etc that are found in other such ships that we've toured in the U.S.

The middle deck had nothing in it, however, and gave a good sense for how large the ship really was.

One new and very interesting piece of information that I learned here is that as cargo is removed, ballast in the form of rocks is placed in baskets and lowered into the cargo hold to keep the ship trim in the water.

I found Jock in one of these ballast baskets on the lower deck. After leaving the ship we made reservations for a speed

boat ride on the Clyde. While waiting for our ride I went into the gift shop (to the amusement of the staff) for my reward and certificate for finding Jock. I was given a drumstick (lollipop).

As the pilot was fueling the pontoon boat he told us that it seemed the 5 pounds charge per adult rider was too much, but that the "petrol" was 4 pounds per gallon (that was about \$10.00 in our currency at that time).

Shortly we boarded with a family of one man, two women, and four children. The two women and I were seated by the pilot on one side of the boat with the two men on the other side. The children were settled on a seat in the bow of the boat and in the middle. We slowly headed out past the tall ship and made a left



Our visit to Erskine & Glasgow! *Continued from page 4*

hand turn to head south down the Clyde. We go fairly fast - Larry notes later that we didn't get above 35 mph, but that was definitely fast enough for me. There is a handle next to us that we hold on to (tightly) as we speed up.

With my hair whipping into my face it was a little difficult to see what we are passing.

We stopped at the mark where the river is influenced by the tides, turned, and we sped to the north, stopping to see the oldest steam ship (105 years old). It was quite small, being just slightly longer than the pontoon boat that we were on.

We continued north passing under the arches of car, pedestrian, and railroad bridges. The bridges are wide, solid, concrete and stone structures, that create a dark, soothing sensation as we passed slowly under them. At one bridge we needed to creep through it hugging near the side of the arch to avoid the shallow water there. That was definitely not a soothing feeling.

We stopped again to look at a part of a ship being built. They are built in thirds and then each part is moved and welded together.

We traveled a little further up the Clyde still heading north towards Kilkreggan for a short time and then turned around for the ride south back to the tall ship dock. As we debarked I decided to go over the boat's center ridge. I had one leg over it and was astride, but was having a hard time getting my other leg over the ridge. When Larry told me to come along, I answered that I couldn't get my '... other leg over'. The other adults broke into laughter and told me that that was a very suggestive phrase in Scotland. I did not get a translation of it. I imagine because of the four small pairs of perked ears waiting to hear.

We finally all debarked without further incident and I found that I needed to find my land legs even though we had been on the water for only about 20 minutes or so. We headed back to Kelvin Grove Park where we saw several people bowling on the lawn. It

looked almost like shuffleboard with bowling balls. They didn't appear to have holes in them though. Everyone was dressed in what we would call business clothes - not a pair of jeans in the lot. It was somewhat surreal to actually be at places we'd heard about in song and story.

We walked on down in a slight drizzle to catch the Hop On, Hop Off and returned to our origin in George Square and then back to back to Renfield St. to catch the bus back to our hotel.

The Erskine Bridge Hotel sits right on the Clyde

so we walked on a pathway along the river where there was a sign "Be Careful - Deep Water - Watch Out for Golf Balls". Where there might have been golf balls remains a mystery to me since we did not appear to be near a golf course at all. It was just a little cool and, other than 3 young children in



rollerblades, very quiet. The Clyde was a piece of black glass in the twilight with the structures along and crossing the river casting even darker reflections on the water. There was one especially beautiful area where a power line tower with an Eiffel Tower shape and open iron-work pattern was fully reflected on the river with just slight distortion (and me without my camera). Though we were quite close to Glasgow it was so quiet and serene in this area you would not know there was a big city within miles.

As we continued our walk we started to see a shadowy shape that raised out of the water, exhaled a watery puff of air and submerged again. It didn't travel very far before it repeated this procedure. Even though it was twilight Larry could not recognize what it was, and since his eyesight is better than mine, I definitely could not either. We finally come to the conclusion that the reason no one can find Nessie in Loch Ness is because she has moved to Erskine in the Clyde.



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Flowers of the Forest

Harry McEldowney Matthews died suddenly on November 24 last year in New York City. Born on July 3, 1926 in Pittsburgh, he was a life member of Clan Donald, USA, a founding Board Member of the Clan Donald Foundation and Trustee of the Clan Donald Lands Trust in Scotland. He served CDUSA for many years in various capacities in the Northeast Atlantic Region of CDUSA.

As an avid researcher in Scottish history and culture, he kept an extensive library of rare and contemporary books which reflected this passion. He believed that you should share your Scottish heritage and culture.

Harry Matthews was an accomplished Scottish Country Dancer and a life member of the New York Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society and Scotia Dancers. He was a life member of the St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, as well as a member of the American-Scottish Foundation, the New York Caledonian Club, the National Trust for Scotland, the Scottish Tartan Society and many other Scottish organizations in the United States and in Scotland.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine, and his three sons, Charles, William and James.

Velda Ann Wright-McDonald passed away January 22, 2009 after a nine-month battle with lung cancer. Her husband, Ken McDonald, is the CDUSA treasurer and her daughter, Susan McDonald-Wright, is the Deputy Regional Commissioner for the North Pacific Region.

Velda and Ken joined Clan Donald in 1992 and supported both the Central Pacific and North Pacific

regions generously with their time and talents. They hosted the annual Spring Fling at their home and cooked dinner for the Fall All Clans Banquet for seven years. Velda also served as the Regional Genealogist for the last four years.

Velda was very proud of her heritage and was a loyal member of Clan Donald USA - North Pacific, Clan MacIntyre Society and the Caledonian and St. Andrew's Society.

She co-owned and operated the Dutch Embassy Bed & Breakfast in Tacoma, Washington. She worked part-time for the Tacoma School District as an on-call office administrator.

Before coming to Washington, she worked as an instructor for the Mt. Diablo Unified School District in the Adult Education Program and for the Contra Costa Community College District in the Business Education Department.



The Honorable William Wiseman Huss, Capt. USNR (Ret.), South Pacific Region member of Clan Donald USA, passed away last November of a massive heart attack.

Lenard Earl MacDonald, CDUSA Life Member, passed away last December. He was a member of the South Pacific Region.

Evelyn McDonald, wife of John McDonald of Pasadena, California and mother of John McDonald of South Pasadena, passed away 1st November. The Pasadena Scottish Pipes & Drums performed at her Celebration of Life.

Clan Hamilton Society sets Annual Meeting at Grandfather

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the annual meeting of the Clan Hamilton Society will be held Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 11 AM at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in the Council tent.

We hope that Clan Hamilton members can attend both the games and the meeting; however, if you are unable to attend, please send an "Assignment of Proxy" containing the following information: "I hereby assign the below designated individual to vote as my proxy at the Annual Meeting of the Clan Hamilton Society, the weekend of July 11, 2009.

Please include one and only one person to act as your proxy - Oliver W. Hamilton or Philip K. Dixon or Thomas E. Brock or Robert W. Hamilton. Your



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They tell me...

* A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

* A jiffy is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

* Al Capone's business card said he was a "Used Furniture Dealer."

* Almonds are a member of the peach family.

* Babies are born without kneecaps. The kneecaps don't appear until the child is between 2 and 6 years of age.

* February 1865 is the only month in recorded history that did not have a full moon.

* If the population of China walked past you in a single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

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Baby Blair Caught Speeding by Cops!

Jack R. Blair, Sydney, Australia

My wife, Nanette, and I are the proud grandparents of our third grandchild, *Talulah Esther Blair*, whose manner of birth was a special event we will never forget.

Our daughter, Elissa (Scottish for Elizabeth) and husband, Charles Fairman, currently live with us. When the birth was imminent and the hospital did not have a vacant bed, unbelievably they said do not come until the last moment.

Not to worry, Elissa has had long labours of 24 and 16 - hours previously with Jules 4 and Lola nearly 2. However, Talulah had different ideas.

On Good Friday, the race to the hospital began about 4:30 am, but two cops pulled Charles over going 93 kph (60 mph)! The cops started their lecture on speeding, but Elissa screamed, "The baby's coming now *#!&#!!"

The shocked police radioed an ambulance that surprisingly arrived in a few minutes, but the equally stunned paramedics had no idea it was a live birth and surprisingly, did not know how to deliver a child. They put down a stretcher and Talulah made her appearance.

Charles himself had to cut and tie the umbilical cord! By this time, more cops arrived and Charles found himself being clapped and congratulated by all eight cops – what a typical male thing, while the wife lay on the ground.

The ambulance rushed mother and child to the nearest hospital emergency where post-natal proce-

dures were completed and then taken to Hornsby hospital to register the birth.

TV stations wanted to cover the event but Elissa and Charles refused. Instead, *The Sydney Daily Telegraph* covered the event with a report, photo and even an editorial. Over Easter, it was in newspapers all around Australia and on the internet.

However, Elissa and Charles were very conscious of the dangers of a roadside birth. As she put it,

"It was just as well the police stopped us for speeding because if it had been 5 minutes longer, we would have been without medical aid." Another couple on the south coast of New

South Wales were similarly unable to reach a hospital and, without medical aid, their baby, sadly, died.

Talulah performed her first charitable deed on her arrival; in all the excitement, the police forgot to issue the \$425 speeding fine. *Clever little girl!*

Our daughter's children use our Blair surname. This matrilineal practice is unusual, but not unheard of. Elissa and Charles are married, but use their own surnames. When the grandchildren are older, they will be able to appreciate their long Blair heritage.

Jack is author of "The Blair Surname, its ancient Scottish origins and the genealogies of three Blair families" available at the CBS Store at www.clanblair.org.

With thanks to *The Blair Bruidhinn*, the newsletter of the Clan Blair Society.





Do you have a family ‘Pfiff?’

In Germany individual families developed a way to recognize one another in a crowd, particularly if a child got lost. This was a very convenient way for families to find one another during WWII when individual family members became separated by evacuations, military service, etc.

It was a simple process of picking the first phrase of a well-known song.

Individuals of the family would whistle that introductory song phrase and any other member of the family hearing it would respond with the same phrase until they could find one another.

The short whistled phrase was known as a ‘pfiff.’

During WWII, Gerda Hamberger and her children had to flee West Prussia where the father worked. They were shifted from Elbing to Dresden, Stargard, Berlin Quedlinburg, Celle and Oldenburg.

At one evacuation overnight stop, the family heard their Pfiff. They looked around and discovered their father standing in the doorway. It did not take long to reunite them, even though they were again separated until the end of the war.

The milk seen in TV commercials is usually really white paint and turpentine.
It's true.

What month is it? In Gaelic!

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

√ **January** -Am Faoilleach - um Feul- yoch

√ **February** -An Gearran - un G-yarran

√ **March** - Am Mart - um Marsht

√ **April** -An Giblean - ung G-yarran

√ **May** - An Ceitean - ung K-yaetchan

√ **June** -An t-Og-mhios - un Tawg-viss

√ **July** - An t-Luchar - un tchoocher

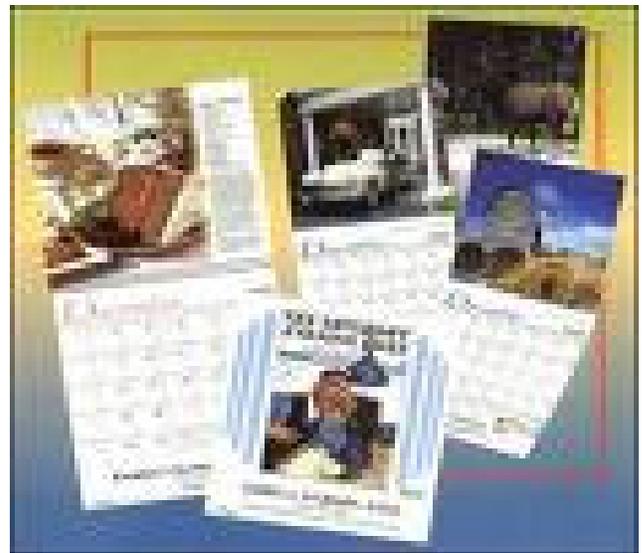
√ **August** - An Lunasdal -un loonuss-dull

√ **September** - An t-Sultain - an tool-teen

√ **October** - An Damhair - un dah-vir

√ **November** - An t-Samhainn - un taveen

√ **December** - An dubhlachd- un doo-lochk



Long Distance Genealogical Research

Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian Fort Myers-Lee County (FL) Library

Genealogical research involves searching multiple varieties of historical record types, manuscripts, documents, and publications. The research process involves searching multiple jurisdictions in different states and overseas. When doing any type of genealogical research, there is no substitute for being present in person at the facility and examining the record yourself or in the presence of a qualified and experienced researcher. However, this is easier said than done. While some genealogists are comfortable financially, retired, and have the spare time to travel to these destinations, many are in the position where this is either cost prohibitive or impossible due to physical/health limitations. Furthermore, for some people, the thought of relying on someone else to locate family information is uncomfortable. Even if you overcome this challenge, knowing what to ask for, and if it is available, can be another source of anxiety.

For this type of research situation, the only option available is long distance research. On Saturday, July 11, 2009, we will conduct a

two hour seminar on this important topic. In order to successfully research ancestors in this manner, the following steps have been recommended in countless seminars and books on the subject. We will go into greater detail on each step in our July seminar.

- ◆ Step One: Learn as much as possible about your ancestors using family sources.
- ◆ Step Two: Determine the various jurisdictions where ancestors resided.
- ◆ Step Three: Make each locality the subject of

a basic search outline.

- ◆ Step Four: Determine what types of genealogical records may have been generated by the ancestor and or family.

- ◆ Step Five: Why church records may be your initial source.

- ◆ Step Six: Join a local genealogical society and consider joining a genealogical/historical society in each jurisdiction where you will be searching.

- ◆ Step Seven: Locate some good print and Internet sources to describe the types of records available for a given county or state.

- ◆ Step Eight: Locate the best sources to access information and request copies of ancestral documents and records.

- ◆ Step Nine: Keep track of your research and correspondence.

- ◆ Step Ten: Should I consider hiring a professional genealogist?

As is the case with any type of research process, there are steps that should be followed. While there is no strict rule that each step

needs to be followed in exact sequence, these options are considered the best by many genealogical instructors. There are no guarantees of 100% success in genealogy. However, following these steps will put you in the best possible position for success.

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With many thanks to my lifelong dear friend, George William Brooks King!

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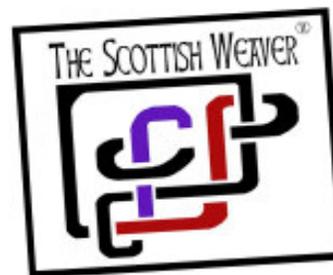


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Flowers of the Forest

BRADFORD - Catherine "Jackie" MacLeod, 82, of Bradford, died Thursday, May 14, 2009, at Concord Hospital after a long period of declining health.

Born in Massachusetts, Jackie moved to Henniker as a toddler with her family. She grew up in Henniker and graduated from Henniker High School in 1945. She was the devoted daughter of Thomas Fisher and Hanorah (Power) Fisher.

Jackie worked as a school bus driver for the Kearsarge Regional School District for almost 30 years, driving bus No. 6. She also worked for 25 years as the baker in the hot lunch program at the New London School. Previously, Jackie, along with her husband, Dick, owned and operated Fisher's Store at Lake Massasecum in Bradford for 23 years, as well as the Laundro-Mac in Henniker.

As a young woman, Jackie worked at the Henniker Pharmacy, K & P Grocery and Grace's Diner, all in Henniker. She worked for Jordan Marsh in downtown Boston, and was a U.S. Census taker. She sold homemade pies, cakes, wedding cakes, fudge, doughnuts and baked beans from her home.

Jackie was a member of St. Theresa's Parish in Henniker for 80 years. She was a member of the Lake Sunapee Grange, a volunteer for the Bradford Rescue Squad, and a supervisor of the checklist for the town of Bradford. She took in, cared for and loved numerous foster babies through New Hampshire

Catholic Charities.

Jackie enjoyed cooking, baking, knitting, braiding rugs and ceramics.

She was deeply devoted to her family, especially her cherished grandchildren and great-granddaughter. Jackie will be profoundly missed by her husband and the family they created together.

She leaves her beloved husband of 60 years, Richard "Dick" MacLeod of Bradford, whom she

married in the summer of 1949. She also leaves her children, Richard P. MacLeod Jr. of Henniker and his children, Richard P. MacLeod III of Bradford, and Jaime MacLeod of Thompson's Station, Tenn.; her son, Robert C. MacLeod, his wife, Georgine, of Boston, Ky., and their children, Shayla and Seamus MacLeod; and her daughter, Maryanne Hanorah Catherine MacLeod, her spouse, Lorraine, of Bradford, and their family, Daniel Vorosmarty and Betty Thornhill. And it broke her heart to leave her beloved



great-granddaughter, Samantha Catherine MacLeod, 3, of Bradford. She is also survived by a brother, Francis Fisher, and his wife, Pat, of Evergreen, Colorado.

She was predeceased by her two brothers, Thomas "Eddy" Fisher and Charles "Buddy" Fisher. She leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as dear friends and neighbors. Finally, she leaves behind her beloved dogs, Max and Cheyenne.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Bradford Rescue Squad in Bradford.

Do you have illegitimate ancestors?

Sooner or later, most genealogists stumble across an illegitimate ancestor. Old parish registers often reveal this information, but there were various ways of expressing illegitimacy, some of them in Latin. In Latin, “ignotus” means unknown. So records sometimes say, “nomine ignoto” meaning the father’s name was unknown.

“Filius Populi” means son of the people. This reference in English records often covers cases where the father was known to be a local man, but might be one of two men. It also can mean that the father was anybody’s guess. “Filius nullius” means son of none. This terminology was used in cases where the father was a stranger (in that parish) or the mother couldn’t or wouldn’t say who he was.

There are other tiny clues to be found in parish records, so it’s important to copy the references exactly. For example, if you find a record that reads something like “Johannes filius Mariae Jones et reputat (ur) de Johanni Smith, it translates to John. Son of Mary Jones and by repute of John Smith. What that means is that the father either admitted paternity or that paternity had been proved. But if the records read “Johannes filius Mariae Jones et imputat de Johanni Smith,” it means the mother claimed the father was John Smith, but he wouldn’t admit it or else the case hadn’t been settled. Other terms you may run into are “ut fertur” meaning as it is said (or believed it if you like), and “dictus” or “p(rea) dictus, meaning the said,

aforsaid (man). “Voctus” means called or known as.

A common way of showing illegitimate paternity in English records was to give a child his father’s full name and his mother’s surname. The idea was that if the couple married later, the mother’s surname would be dropped. Knowing about the use of double surnames for illegitimate children is very useful to genealogists, but in genealogy, there are always exceptions. In



London, Lancashire, Yorkshire and among nonconformists, the use of a complimentary second surname from the mother’s family, the pastor or a rich uncle, came into vogue in the early 1800s

and again in the later Victorian period.

If you discover a reference to John Jones Smith, and it occurs anywhere but in a recognized gentry family before about 1840 in England, it should alert you to the possibility of illegitimacy, but remember the exceptions. In the late 19th century the English sometimes used hyphenated surnames such as Armstrong-Jones, but for reasons of ancestral snobbery, not illegitimacy, so when researching English records, remember this popularity of double surnames in particular localities and time periods for other reasons that the marital status of a child’s parents before assuming an ancestor was illegitimate.

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Mike Paterson

The power of story is enormous: shared stories mould friendships, communities, nations and empires. The whole science can be thought of as stories in mathematical and academic garb.

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Documents like Scotland's *Declaration of Arbroath* and the *American Declaration of Independence* - both of them stories in their own way — should amply persuade us that words don't need pictures. They don't. But well-chosen images can frame words and draw attention to their significance.

In handling on your stories through a With Love project, you may find that your master copies are helped by including a few pictures. So long as you are not selling copies of your work, you can lift images from almost any source: magazines, postcards, books, the Internet. But you can often make your own.

It is worth experimenting with a photocopier. It is cheap and easy, and the images you can get from repeatedly enlarging or reducing a photocopy of, say, a handful of spring flowers, a piece of fabric, leaves, jewelry or other objects can be dramatic. Try copying objects with the plate cover up as well as down.

Repeatedly enlarge a photograph and it can begin to look like a woodcut. Touch it up as you like, or make a collage, and reduce that image: something new again will emerge.

You can also get good images from computer scanners and digital cameras if you have access to them. But avoid using colour. It almost invariably fades, and different hues can fade at different rates. The most enduring image, short of engraving in tablets of stone

or gold, is produced by the car-bon black of photocopier toner sealed in its jacket of resin.

Experiment, and you are likely to find you can produce all the illustrations with your With Love project stories will need quite cheaply using an enlarging/reducing photocopier. These days, such photocopiers are dotted around in libraries, offices, print shops and photocopy bureaux in almost every community.

Some tips:

- Scale images to sit pleasingly with the design of your master copy pages.

- Most pictures seem to point in a particular direction: the eye is led up, down, left or right. Place pictures to "point" inwards, towards the biggest block of text; never off a page.

- Avoid pictures with big areas of solid black or white; try reducing the size of such pictures.

- Use computer scans .or (from a printer's shop) screened bromides for images where you want reasonably clear detail: a person's portrait, for example.

- If a photograph can equal 1,000 words, 1,000 words can equal a photograph. The current emphasis on image over content and the maelstrom of imagery accompanying the information revolution, have a lot to do with the primitive state "new technology". Just as literacy grew up from and took its place beside pictorial representation, so will words reassert their value in the still forming worlds of the pixilation. Words, and literacy, occupy the very human ground that exists between the fluidity of image and the rigidity of mathematics.

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Family Bible Records

There may be a valuable resource for discovering your family history as near as your bookshelf or attic - the family Bible. The family Bible or prayer book is an important possession among families. Not only was it a source of inspiration for many of our ancestors, but also a place to record birth, deaths, marriages, and other special events.

Most old Bibles will have a registry page in the front, between testaments, or in the back where hopefully someone recorded the names and dates in relation to each event.

Although not all families maintained a family Bible or the records within, it's always a good idea to ask around among your relatives. If you are lucky enough to find one (or more) among your kin, it may contain information unavailable from other sources. Before this century, official birth and death records were rarely kept. When you find this information in an old family Bible, you have found a treasure indeed.

As with any family record, however, your detective instincts will come in handy. If the name and dates appear to have been recorded all at once or all in the same hand-writing, this may indicate that the names and dates were copied from an earlier Bible. It may also mean they were recorded from someone's memory. If the publication date of the Bible is later than the earlier dates on the registry page, this may also show that some or all of the vents weren't recorded as they happened. Use these clues when you decide how much authenticity you lend to the names and dates recorded in these heirlooms.

Occasionally, very old Bibles contain records of significance to people not related to or descended from the Bible owner. For example, the Harrison family Bible

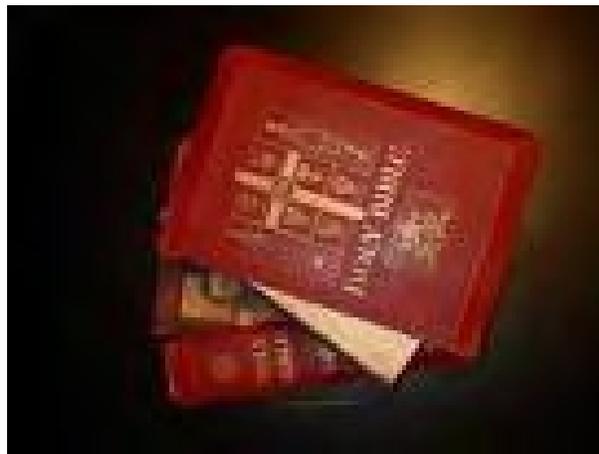
of Franklin, Tennessee contains all the family data from the mid-nineteenth century on its registry pages. It also contains the name and age of each slave and servant in the household, plus their ages, written inside the front and back covers. This is a gold mine for many black genealogists!

Although family Bibles are often very treasured heir-looms, many times they become damaged, lost or destroyed. This results in not only the loss of the book itself, but the genealogical information as well.

To avoid the loss of these special records, several organizations collect and preserve Bible record information collected from the general population. For example, The National Genealogical Society actively solicits photocopies of Bible records to include

in their archives for everyone's use. I encourage you to send you Bible records to NGS, your local historical society, or other organizations which will take an active interest in the safekeeping of your sub-mission. Although you may not intend to actively seek your roots, your children or grandchildren may one day be thrilled to find their ancestor's name and history preserved for them through your initiative.

If you would like to ensure that your own family history as recorded within the pages of your Bible is preserved, send photocopies of the registry pages and title page of the Bible, as well as a typewritten transcription of the information to: The National Genealogical Society, The Glebe House, 4627 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207



Peggy Baker, Clan Blair Rep in Kansas brings *Glencoe Wordsmithing*, Scottish-themed books we will all enjoy! Reviews! Reviews! Reviews!

We are a small book reviewing company, primarily senior publications and small-town Midwest newspapers. We sometimes review Scottish/Celtic-themed books that appeal to fans of Celtic lore. A few current reviews:

***An Irish Country Village* by Patrick Taylor**, Forge Pub. Recent medical-school graduate Barry Laverty has started his assistantship with crusty Dr. Fingal Flahertie in rural Ballybucklebo. He is nervously awaiting the autopsy report on the sudden death of a hypochondriac patient.

Did he dismiss the man's symptoms because of his incessant complaints? If so, will the community ever accept him?

Enlivened with many smaller subplots involving the usual collection of small-town eccentrics, this well-written book is an amalgamation of James Herriott, Marcus Welby, M.D. (that dates me!) and Ballykissangel, currently on PBS.

***The Critic* by Peter May**, Poisoned Pen Press. May, like his protagonist Enzo Macleod, is a Scot living in France. Gil Petty, celebrated wine critic, went missing during a tasting trip in the wine region of Gaillac. Three years later, his body appears in a vineyard, having been preserved in a tank of wine. Petty's word could make or break a winemaker, but no one could decipher Petty's private code and the murder case went cold. Enzo's "hobby" is solving murders, but with the

setting southwest France, what's the Scottish tie? Enzo's brilliant if unusual use of his kilt!

***Death of a Lovable Geek* by Maria Hudgins**, Five Star. Dotsy Lamb, an ancient history teacher, is boarding at Castle Dunlaggan in the Scottish highlands, working at an archeological dig near the historical MacBeth lands. They find a gold coin from that pe-

riod and then one of the excavators is found dead. Shortly thereafter, the brother of the Castle owner dies mysteriously. Is it the Curse of MacBeth or a curse of Shakespeare, who ruined MacBeth's name for posterity?

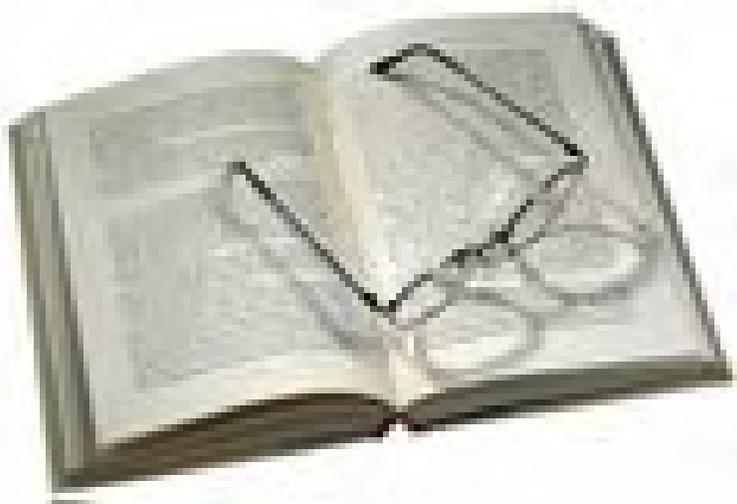
***William Wallace* by James MacKay**, *Braveheart*. Me-

ticulously researched biography of the landless younger son of a minor nobleman, who became the almost mythical leader of Scotland's drive for independence. The famous poem of Blind Harry, the most common cited source, was based on a manuscript by Wallace's chaplain and childhood friend, John Blair. MacKay has delved deeply into very old records to find new important facts.

It reads well and should be on every Scot's library shelf!

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With thanks to the *Blair Bruidhinn*, newsletter of the Clan Blair Society.

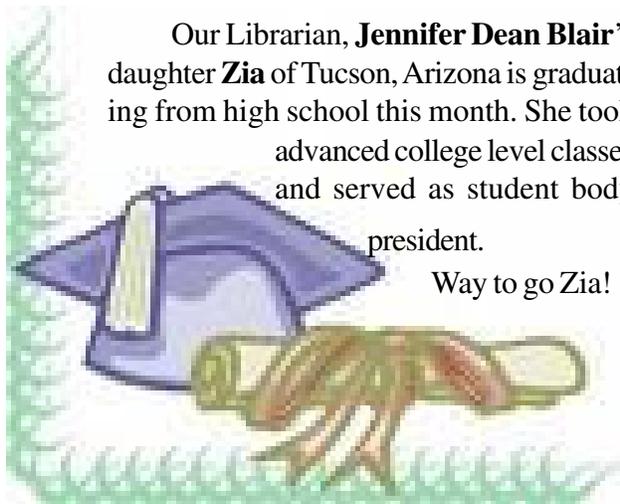


I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.

- Jorge Luis Borges (1899 - 1986)

Congratulations to three special Clan Blair Society members:

Our Librarian, **Jennifer Dean Blair's** daughter **Zia** of Tucson, Arizona is graduating from high school this month. She took advanced college level classes and served as student body president.



Way to go Zia!

Northern New York Commissioner- **Sampson Lee Blair** was part of the 5th Annual Celebration of Academic Excellence on April 7. He received the State University of New York's Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Bravo Sampson!

James Blair of Peoria Arizona, has been a Firefighter for the Gila Indian Reservation for many years and working with the Firefighter Explorer Club for at risk youths. He now has his Hazardous Materials Certification and is on the HazMat team. Good work James!

If you have folks in your group who do wonderful things - or who are recognized for their achievements...let us know!

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How to order *A Historical Handbook to Scotland*

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Forresters want to know! Can you help?

From Andrew Jampoler: "I'm interested in a Royal Navy surgeon of the early 1800's named **JAMES FORRESTER**. He became a ship's surgeon in 1813, and died aboard "Amphitrite" when she ran aground off Boulogne in 1833." Anyone with information that might be helpful, address your responses to the following: **Andrew C.A. Jampoler Outremer Farm, 43351 Spinks Ferry Road, Leesburg, VA 20176 USA**

From **Stephen Finley**: "My name is **STEPHEN FINLEY FORRESTER** - my father was **DALLAS FINLEY FORRESTER**, his father's name was **CLINT FORRESTER**. Six months ago, if I had a son and was telling him about the **FORRESTER** heritage, that would have been what I knew. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to recount one's Family Tree back to a time before time?"

I have read of cultures who can do this, because of the importance placed on - JUST KNOWING.

My father was born in 1922 and his father died in 1926. My grandmother raised 3 children alone and never talked to them or to us grandchildren about her husband - so there is no history.

After meeting members of the **FORRESTER Clan** at the Grandfather Mt. Games I was determined to discover where I came from.

Something that day stirred my blood and brought back a sense that I felt almost forty years ago as I walked the streets and explored the Edinburgh Castle.

Somewhere back there are my roots. First I went to familytreedna.com and did DNA testing for the **FORRESTER** family project.

This turned up a few surprises. Not only did I get returns on **FORRESTERS**, but also on **ARMSTRONGS** and **ROBSONS**.

Reading "The Steel Bonnets" by George MacDonald Fraser confirmed that all these families lived in close proximity along the Borders.

Next using information from a local historian, census records, ancestry.com, family tree maker, and talking to many good people, I have made my way, at least part way, back to Scotland.

Today, if I had a son he would know with certainty these few things: **STEPHEN FINLEY FORRESTER** born 1948; **DALLAS FINLEY FORRESTER** born 1922; **ALFRED CLINTON FORRESTER** born 1887; **ANDREW FORRESTER** born 1828; **JOHN FORRESTER** born 1780. This information is con-

firmed by census records. The following information is not confirmed, but who can say what someone out there knows and is willing to share: **GEORGE FORRESTER & MARGARET McCORD** (parents of **JOHN**); **WILLIAM FORRESTER** and ??? (parents of **GEORGE**); **EBENEZER FORRESTER & ELIZABETH WHITNEY** (parents of **WILLIAM**). My search isn't over yet. There were numerous children born to these people and I have good solid information to share with anyone searching.

I once though SCUBA DIVING was the most exciting thing in the world. Heck, making History is!!!
Stephen Finley Forrester, E-mail: sforrester1@wmconnect.com

Clan Forrester is making plans for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games held July 9 - 12, 2009



Plans are underway for Clan to once again gather in the mountains of North Carolina at Linville for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Clan Forrester members begin arriving on Thursday, July 9 and will be represented at the Torch Ceremony up on McRae Field. The tent will be in full operation on Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 12. On Saturday evening, as many clan members as possible usually go out for dinner together

If you would like more information on Clan Forrester, please contact Betty Forrester, Editor, 3070 Ga Hwy 81 SW, Loganville, GA 30052

Templar castle for sale



Château de La Jarthe, in France, was once a refuge for the Order of the Knights Templar, but now it is for sale to anyone with sacks and sacks of money.

Located on 120 hectares (297 acres) in the Dordogne near Périgueux, the restored castle offers many of the amenities buyers might expect in a 12th-century castle ruled by the order, including a chapel, massive fireplaces, stained glass windows and a 102-square-meter (1,098-square-foot) gathering hall known as the Knights Room. Many of the original medieval features remain, such as flagstone beamed ceilings, hand-carved wood details and an old granary.

The castle is priced at 5.775 million euro (about \$7.85 million), according to a press release from the developers, La Perla International. (However, it is priced at 5.5 million euro in listings.)

Chicken Bonnie Prince Charlie

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
2 Tbsps. of Drambuie
1/2 cup chicken stock
1 cup whipping cream
3/4 stick butter
1 ounce toasted flaked almonds
4 apples
a little four, salt & pepper

Four and season the chicken breasts and fry in butter on both sides. When the breasts are well-browned, sprinkle them with half of the Drambuie and add the chicken stock. Cover and simmer for ten minutes.

While the chicken is cooking, peel and core the

apples. Cut them into thick slices and cook gently in butter until fairly soft. Do not stir to avoid mashing them.

Remove the chicken to a serving dish and keep warm in the oven. Prepare the sauce with the stock in the pan. Sauce: Add the remainder of the Drambuie and gently stir in the cream. Heat, but do not boil. Add the toasted flaked almonds.

Remove the chicken from the oven, cover with sauce and garnish with sliced apples.

With thanks to *The Bluebell*, CDUSA Great Lakes Regional Newsletter. Contact Donne E. Shepperly at cragnadun@aol.com or clandonaldohio@aol.com

Looking for Seminole information?

Check out these museums for more information on the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Mini Museum, Seminole Tribe of Florida, 5845 South State Road 7, (aka US 441), near Stirling Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314, phone 954-792-0745.

Seminole Okalee Indian Village & Museum, 5845 South State Road 7, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314, phone 954-792-1213, Ext 1423 (Anthropology & Genealogy Department;), or see <http://www.seminoletribe.com>.

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, Naples, Florida. Big Cypress Reservation (The Village) Telephone: 941-902-1113 or 863-902-1113 or <http://www.sunny.org/multicultural.htm>.

A museum whose purpose is to preserve and interpret the culture and languages of the Seminoles of Florida. Located on the Hollywood Seminole Reservation. Visit exhibits, view videos on Seminole history and culture. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 9 - 4 PM.



Can you help find these folks?

Searching for information on the **CURRY (CURRIE)** surname. My ancestor, **ARCHIBALD CURRY** born Jan. 21, 1728 in Scotland, married **SARAH MCDONALD** born Aug. 29, 1738 in Scotland. They married Sept. 22, 1757 in Scotland. In 1759 they came across the Atlantic to the Delaware/Maryland area. I am a descendent through their son **ALEXANDER** born Oct. 14, 1770 in Baltimore, Maryland. **ARCHIBALD** was a soldier in the Revolutionary War under General Washington. I have also heard that **SARAH**'s father was **JAMES MCDONALD**, who came to America after the Jacobite Rebellion. **Patrick Jones, 6154 Pointview Lane, St. Louis, MO 63123.**

I'm descended from a **WILLIAM WALLIS** b. 1777, NC. In 1810 census he was in Madison Co. KY; 1820 Rutherford Co., TN; and 1830, 1840 and 1850 Hall and Forsyth Co., GA. His oldest son **LUTHER WALLIS** was born 1795 in SC. They are always

living around or close to the descendants of **PETER WALLIS** b. 1680 Highlands of Scotland, and **ELIZABETH WOODS** born 1682-84, Meath, Ireland. Also **JOHN H. MORGAN** b. 1835, GA and **MARY ANN PATERSON** b. 1834, GA. **JOHN MORGAN** is a descendant of **MARK MORGAN** b. 1811 ca. NC or SC son of **DANIEL MORGAN**. **MARY ANN PATERSON** daughter of **WILLIAM PATTERSON** and **MARTHA WELCH** both born SC. Any information is appreciated. **Darrell D. Nunez, 303 Winnona St., Natchitoches, LA 71457**

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