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See the 2013 Parade of Tartans from the Greenville, SC Games

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Retiring the American flag with Honour at Loch Norman

SAMS (Scottish American Military Society) Ferguson unit from Kings Mountain, North Carolina performed the retiring the American Flag ceremony at the recent Loch Norman Highland Games near Huntersville, NC. Properly, when there is an American flag which is too ragged to fly, the flag is disposed of with a twenty-one gun salute and burning. If you have an old and worn American flag contact your local SAMS group or Disabled American Veterans group.

Happy Father's Day! Congratulations Grads! Happiness to June brides & grooms!

Daylillies, where
every day is a joy
and every flower
is a miracle



Several folks have asked
that we have one more picture
of Miss Narra
so that everyone may say say
goodbye to this
very special lovely and beloved
very small person
who wore a striped cat suit.
This was her favorite
daytime slumber spot.

Welsh lovespoons...

Rich and Rita Shader and their publication, Celtic Seasons have printed a wonderful article about the lovely Welsh Lovespoons. I have a wee little two inch pin in the shape of a lovespoon which I really - no pun intended - love.

A hand-carved lovespoon, sometimes written as "love spoon" or, in Welsh: LLwyau caru is a perfect romantic gift for any occasion. Originally they were given upon the occasion of a marriage proposal, today they are also given as gifts for children, to parents or your own loved one as a simple expression of friendship, but they are also perfect for an important life occasion.

Probably the three most popular symbols of Wales are daffodils, leeks and lovespoons...and their wonderful red dragon.

The lovespoons have become particularly associated with Wales. The oldest known example dates from 1667. It is displayed with others at the National History Museum, St. Fagans, near Cardiff.

They have also been made all around Europe, particularly in the Celtic countries such as Brittany where the Breton name for them translates as "marriage spoons."

Originally, a lovespoon was a token of love carved out of wood by a young man for the girl he wanted to be his wife. The suitor would spend hours making the very best carving that he could and then present it to his beloved.

If she accepted the spoon, this showed she accepted entering into a relationship with him.

It is thought that this tradition is the origin of the word "spooning."

Farm workers carved their love spoons during the long winter evenings, or while they pastured animals, while sailors worked on them during lonely times on long sea voyages.

A single piece of wood was used for carving the spoon. Sycamore was the most popular, but

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Web help for our Scottish genealogists

I just watched a web seminar on researching in Scotland that might be helpful to others. It is at: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp> about half way down the page there is a link for it, it is under archived webinars.

Researching Your Scottish Ancestors. Scotland has a wealth of records available to assist you in researching your Scottish ancestry.

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

Other online records include Old Parish Records of baptisms, marriages and burials, records from Catholic archives and Scottish wills and testaments. Join our webinar to find out about these records and strategies to help you use these and other useful sources effectively Web help for our Scottish genealogists in your research.

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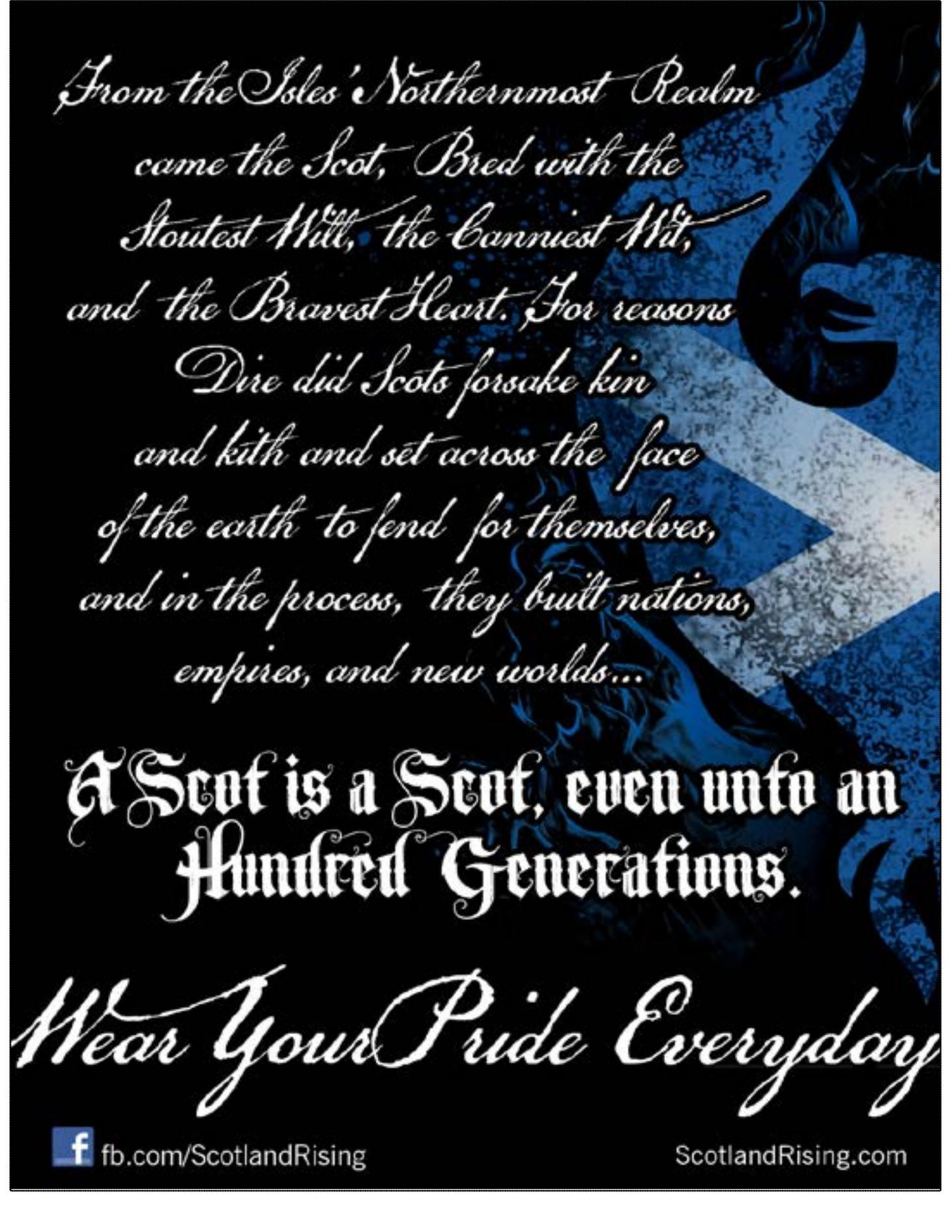
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Lovespoons, *continued from page 3*

wood from apple, cherry, yew, boxwood and oak were also used. The earliest examples were fairly simple, but with time they became more and more elaborate, which not only demonstrated the extent of the young man's love, but also showed him to have skills that could be useful in their home.

These spoons were not meant to be used as practical utensils for cooking or eating. You can see many examples of double or triple spoons which are totally impractical as utensils. They were usually hung on the wall as a visual reminder of the love between a couple.

A lovespoon could be as large as three feet...and as small as three inches.

Each carver would use symbols representing the meaning of his love relationship, what he had to bring to it and what expectations he had from it. Some of these derive from the agricultural or nautical background of the carver while some are personal and unique.

Every lovespoon is different and could hold items such as a heart, bell (in hopes of wedding bells), a padlock or keys or birds or even an expert carver could carve ball or balls in a cage - signifying how many children he wished), a link of chains - signifying the couple being together for all time. You might see a diamond shape which would be a wish for wealth or good fortune.

If the couple had a particularly deep love their spoon might signify a man and woman who considered themselves to be "soul mates" or in Gaelic, Anam cara.

A spade signified a willingness to work and the horse shoe meant then as now, good luck.

A cross meant faith and if you see an anchor it would mean steadfastness or coming home to stay.

A tree would mean strength and fertility and a harp would signify music and harmony and was also a symbol of Wales.

If the girl found a ship on her lovespoon, it meant a smooth passage through life while a dragon meant protection but also Wales itself.

A twisted rope carved upon a lovespoon meant oneness and union.

Vines and leaves meant growth of love or evergreen love. If the vines had fruit, it meant a fruitful marriage.

I'll bet that you can look on the Internet and find lovespoons carved and for sale if you wish a really lovely and meaningful gift for your special loved one.



Clan Gunn Society of the Southern Highlands Branch formed

In order to serve The Gunn's in North and South Carolina, we have divided the Smoky Mt. Branch into 3 separate branches.

The Gunn's in North and South Carolina will be represented by The Southern Highlands Branch.

Monika and I will continue as Deputy Commissioners until a new Commissioner comes forward.

We would like to express our thanks to Dan Robinson, the former commissioner for the Smoky Mt Branch, for all the hard work he put into the Clan.

It was Dan who first brought me into Clan Gunn.

Our hope for the future is to concentrate on the Games in North & South Carolina.

I have already been notified of some new Celtic Festivals that we may want to attend next year.

Please feel free to contact me if you attend something Celtic that you think might benefit Clan Gunn.

James

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Big changes for Clan Bell International

After 29 years as Clan Bell International's (CBI) president, William Bell has stepped down.

Alta Ginn writes that she is no longer the Membership Secretary for CBI.

The new president is: **David E. Bell**, 1513 Anterra Drive, Wake Forest NC, 27587 – debellimd@aol.com

Bill's wife, **Suzanne Shanahan Bell**, has sadly passed away as well. Her Flowers of the Forest information is on page 13 of this publication.

The new Membership Secretary has not been elected yet.

The above information will be changed on the Clan Bell advertisement in Section A this issue. It will be corrected for the July issue.

Mr. Bell's retirement speech is on page 29.

We do send sympathy to William Bell and his family at this very sad time.



Have you been awarded your own Arms?

If you have been awarded your own Arms by the Lyon Court in Edinburgh, Scotland, we'd like to feature them in these pages. Just send a note telling us about how and why you were honored plus a rendering of your Arms in color (jpeg files, please) and a copy of your Achievement in any Word format.

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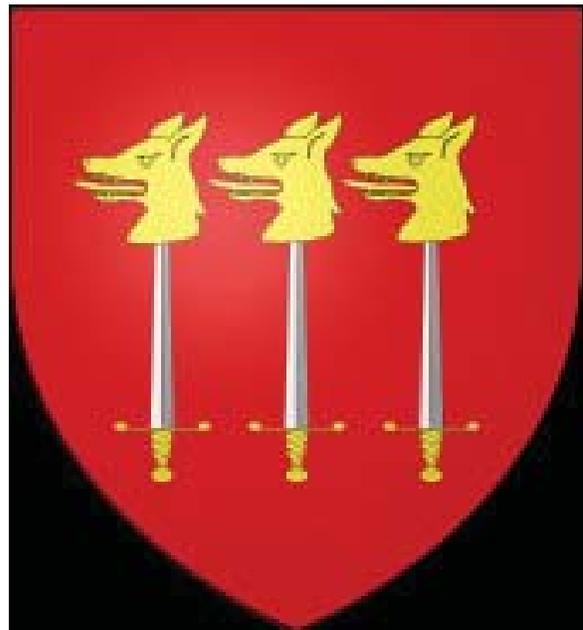


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Flowers of the Forest

Suzanne Shanahan Bell, 76. Born September 24, 1936 in Rochester, New York; Passed away on March 19, 2013 in Riverside, California.

Suzanne and William H. Bell (President of Clan Bell Organizations 1983-2012) were married in October 1956. She traveled with Bill to Germany, where he was assigned for duty in the USAF, and where their three children were born. When Bill retired from the Air Force in 1975, the family settled in Riverside. During the family's last tour of duty in Germany, Suzanne accompanied Bill throughout Europe while he coordinated with Intelligence personnel of various friendly countries.

She served as a Goodwill Ambassador to the wives of foreign dignitaries, military counterparts and other allied officers. Her skill, tact and diplomacy as hostess were unsurpassed and contributed greatly to the friendly cooperation between countries.

For many years, in Riverside, Suzanne was an active and very involved volunteer for numerous charitable organizations and community groups. She was an industrious, self-motivated, and an intelligent woman, who formed and was president of two of her own companies in Riverside; an advertising company and a catering company. When one

*The late
Suzanne
Shanahan
Bell*



mentions the name Suzanne Bell, music and singing come to mind. She loved to sing and shared her gift with everyone. As a young lady, she had her own music show on radio in Rochester. Many lives have been touched by this amazing lady and her lovely voice in and around Riverside. Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Colonel William H. Bell; her daughters, Suzanne Bell de Garcia of Long Beach, CA and Kathleen Shanahan Bell-Conine of Zebulon, NC; her grandson, Alexander Javier Garcia-Bell of Long Beach, CA; and two brothers, Frank Shanahan of Fort Pearce, FL and Daniel Shanahan of Carlsbad, CA. She was predeceased by her parents, her sister, Gloria Lahon; her brother, Joseph Shanahan; and her son, William M. S. Bell.

Taste of Scotland is Back!

Our long running annual Scottish street festival took a hiatus last year, but The Scottish Tartan Museum is back in 2013 and all set for Father's Day weekend!

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Ask not what your clan can do for you. Ask what you can do for your clan!



Many complain because their clans do not set up parties or meetings for the local clan members.

*Would **you** consider contacting the clan members in your area and arrange a get-together?*

Many complain because their clan is not represented at some of the multitude of Celtic events they can attend.

*Would **you** consider offering to be a convenor at those particular events?*

Many seem to enjoy the various festivals and games where they can visit the clan tent, thanks to the hard work of those few who man the tent.

*Would you consider finding out what you could do to help...and then, would **you** help?*

Many watch those who set up the tent and then tear it down again at the end of the games.

*Would **you** consider giving them a helping hand?*

Many notice that those who man the tent are often so busy they do not have a chance to get away for lunch.

*Would **you** consider offering to go get lunch for them? How about **you** offering to give them a lunch break from the tent?*

Many enjoy the fact that these events are put on so you and your family can live your heritage.

*Would **you** consider being a representative for your clan to the organization that puts on these events?*

Many get a clan newsletter filled with interesting articles.

*Would **you** consider sending in an article*

about your family, your history or local events involving persons who carry the name/s of your clan?

Many have a special skill that would be helpful to the clan such as sewing, accounting, website building, secretarial skills or even newsletter editor skills.

*Would **you** consider contacting the clan leader in your area and offering your special help?*

Many do research on their ancestry and find information that does not apply to your family, but may be helpful to another clan member.

*Would **you** consider sending the clan genealogist that information along with your own family history?*

This material was taken from By Land - California Reports, a newsletter of Clan Donald. The article is a reprint from The Voice of the Highlands, the magazine of the Highlands, Inc. A bit of this has been slightly reworded by your BNFT editor to make it relevant to everyone.

Many of us within the clan are not blood related, we are an extended family.

*Would **you** consider contributing your time, talents and energy to our extended family.*

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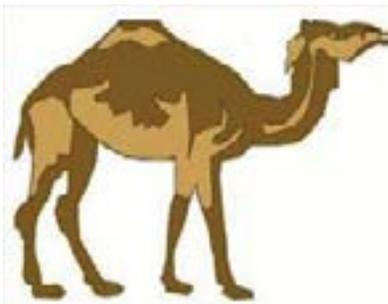
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Flowers of the Forest

Dr. Bernard David Kaiman, 94, of Jonesborough, Tennessee, died on Saturday, April 27, at the Johnson City Medical Center.

He was born to Abraham and Bertha Kaiman on March 30, 1919, in Omaha, Nebraska. When he was a young child, the family moved to Wisconsin.

Bernard pursued a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the University of Tennessee. He then spent his career as a psychologist at the Mountain Home VA Medical Center.

On May 4th, Bernard and Audrey Loa Kaiman would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

He had a special passion for dance — especially International Folk Dancing and Scottish Country Dancing — that earned him the nickname, “Dr. Dance.” Every kind of music and dance interested him — Greek, Israeli, Mexican, Scottish, Bulgarian, Macedonian, Polish, Norwegian, the list goes on and on — just as Bernard did!

A personal note on Bernard’s Scottish country dance mastery/passion—Bernard taught Scottish country dance in the Johnson City and Knoxville areas for years—from my personal experience, at least 10 years.

Trooper that he was, Bernard taught within weeks of both a hip and knee replacement.

Bernard was a fixture in the Scottish country dance community of the Southeast; what Scottish country dancer in the Southeast doesn’t remember the infamous camel bell?!

If there was a dance in the Southeast, Audrey manning the steering wheel of their faithful Camry, they were there. Bernard headed up the dance platform at Grandfather Mountain for years aided by so many of his friends and students as well as organizing the



dance evenings for the Gatlinburg Scottish Festival and Games.

For those of you who knew Bernard, you couldn’t say anything more true than that he had a passion for Scottish country dance and he wanted you to share in the camaraderie of dance as well. You would know before seeing a dance program designed by Bernard that there would be a few token strathspeys on the program. You would know that he thought of dance as a great form of both physical and mental exercise and challenge. The Atlanta branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society nominated Bernard for the RSCDS Scroll in 1999, and were so proud to present it to him that year at the Stone Mountain Gala. Catherine Shaw devised the dance Well Done Bernard!! for the occasion. And for all his efforts, I must say, I will never learn ‘the knot’.

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Around the time of his 80th birthday, Bernard and Audrey were part of a krewe at a Trinidadian Carnival/Mardi Gras and came to a Sweetwater (TN) dance dressed in their krewe costumes-what there was of the costumes!

He also had a special love for the town of Jonesborough. He was one of the early leaders of the town's historic preservation movement. Bernard was one of the survey team that identified Jonesborough's most significant structures which should be restored, which led to Jonesborough being put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1969.

He wrote a regular column in the Jonesborough's *Herald & Tribune* called "Restoration News and Views" and was the first president of the Jonesborough Civic Trust. Under his leadership both Jonesborough Days and the National Storytelling Festival were created and the Christopher Taylor Cabin was saved from demolition.

He was an active member of the Jonesborough Kiwanis and for many years was the very persistent champion ticket salesperson for the annual Kiwanis spaghetti dinner, for which he will long be remembered.

Bernard and Audrey traveled extensively, enjoying the dance, music, costumes and foods of many countries around the world. Often these excursions would also find Bernard scuba diving (including on the Great Barrier Reef and in an underwater Israeli archaeological dig).

Bernard lived a full and fascinating life. He was truly one of a kind, and we'll be telling Bernard stories for a long, long time. Audrey wrote a sweet note to him following his death — " 'As they say, there is a time to live and a time to die.' Have a pleasant journey." He has truly had a grand journey thus far.

Memorials may be donated to the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy or to the Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia in Jonesborough.

A memorial event will be held at some time in the future.

Condolences may be sent to the Kaiman family online at www.dillow-taylor.com.



Welcome to the May edition of SLOGAN, the newly launched e-newslet Welcome to the May edition of SLOGAN, the newly launched e-newsletter which features a hand-picked selection of Scotland's finest products and experiences.

Ne'er cast a clout til May be out - our country is one of the most beautiful in the world but never has this old saying been more apt than in the last few weeks in Scotland. We are having four seasons in one hour never mind in a day, but...heh...it would be boring otherwise! So Spring might be late, but it's time to get out there and experience what Scotland has to offer.

Caledonian MacBrayne Ferries not only provide an essential link to the beautiful islands around the west coast of Scotland but also some of the most unique boat journeys in the world. Just announced is their new Campbeltown to Ardrossan sailing which connects to the Kintyre peninsula in double quick time. From here you can catch their ferry links to the stunning Inner Hebridean islands of Gigha, Islay, Jura and Colonsay.

It is very apt therefore that our good friend Donald Shaw, founding member of Capercailie, was tasked with the job of bringing these beautiful islands to life through his wonderful music for the BBC series Hebrides: Islands on the Edge. Narrated by another very talented Scot, Ewan McGregor, this four part series is still running on BBC 1 on Monday evenings and will, no doubt, 'go global' very soon.

With the music of the Hebrides ringing in your ears how about a week-long whisky grand tour of Scotland in a small, escorted group. By the end of this week, you will confidently know your mash tuns from your washbacks and McKinlay

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Clan Forrester

Society

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Independence coming closer for Scotland

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Oct. 15, 2012, Scotland had moved a step closer Monday to a vote on Independence after Scottish and British leaders signed a deal laying the groundwork for a popular referendum that could radically alter the shape of the United Kingdom.

Officials from London and Edinburgh have been meeting for weeks to hammer out the details. Sticking points included the date and the wording of the question. On Monday, British Prime Minister David Cameron met with Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond in Edinburgh to approve the deal. No date was set, but the vote is likely to be held in October 2014 as Salmond's nationalists had wished.

The "Edinburgh Agreement" means the Scottish Government can now propose legislation on the precise wording of the question, the exact date, extending the vote for 16 year olds, finance rules and conduct.

If Scotland does break away it will end more than 300 years of political union with England.

An ebullient Salmond said he is confident the independence can triumph.

"Do I believe we can win this? Yes, I do," he told reporters. "It is a vision of a prosperous and passionate Scotland and that will carry the day."

He said the advantages of separation from Britain would become clear and that his government envisioned "a Scotland with a new place in the world - an independent nation."

Clan MacDuffee has some websites that will help MacDuffee and everyone else too!

<http://www.ancestryireland.com/> Source of Irish genealogy, particularly Northern Ireland. Pay for research.

<http://www.recordslogin.com/members/?stid=4jvr8k0klvvs9smas4a8pkfh7>

<http://www.newspaperarchive.com/keywordlanding.aspx?key=obituaries>

<http://www.raogk.org/> Random Acts of Genealogy Kindness. A list of people in different places that might help with research.

<http://www.scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk/>

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/>

<http://www.search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#start>

<http://www.ancestryquest.com/>

<http://govgenealogysearch.com/>

<http://mt-spurr.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/> This is the Allen County, Indiana Public Library, genealogy section.

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Kidd is delighted to be able to offer all Slogan readers a special reduction of £50 per person for their 7th October 2013 tour.

As we're talking whisky, we have to mention Uisge Source, the drop that makes the dram. This bottled spring water comes from private sources close to distilleries in Scotland's whisky regions of Speyside, Islay and the Highlands.

This is a free service to you from Scotland. All you have to do is go to isla@sloganscoland.com

MACDUFFEE

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Jewel Joan Branson

May 7, 1920 - February 4, 2012.

Irma Colleen Glenn

possibly in 2012.

Jeri Elizabeth Chester

possibly in 2011.

Enzell K. Middleton - possibly in 2012.

Mary E. MacDuffie Allen - possibly in 2007.



Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2012

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

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

www.elliotclan.com

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

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell

Email: dublincollen@sbcglobal.net or write

(Fortiter Et Recte)
Boldly and Rightly



How “Chairman of the Board” came to be called that!

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair.

Commonly, a long wide board was folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor.

Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal.. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.'

Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'



Clan Sutherland sets this coming August for their AGM in Virginia

This year's Clan Sutherland AGM will be held on August 31st at the Virginia Scottish Games and Festival in The Plains, Virginia, just outside of Washington, DC and Manassas Virginia.

Games organizers are still in the planning stages, but more information about host hotels and restaurants will be posted in the Piper newsletter as soon as I have finalized the arrangements.

For more information about the games you can visit their website at www.vascottishgames.org or email me directly at mrbillm5@carolina.rr.com



Clan Donald USA sets AGM for September

Don't forget that the 2013 Clan Donald USA Annual General Meeting will be held September 26-29, 2013 in Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.

The Mid-East Region is hosting the event and has arranged for the Friday evening ceilidh to be held at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News.

The host hotel is the Williamsburg Woodland Hotel and Suites, which is part of the Colonial

Williamsburg Visitors' Center.

You can book your reservations at 800-447-8679 using booking code 19018 with a rate of \$124 for a double and \$154 for a suite.

The Mid-East Region is busily working and planning to make this a memorable AGM. More details and registration information will be in the spring issue of the national newsletter, *By Sea By Land*. Make your plans now to join your clan.

Clan MacCord Society

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

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Clan Home Society (International)

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Information about
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Flowers of the Forest

Widener, Jr., James Forrest, 88, of Irving, Texas died on May 17, 2012. He was born on September 2, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri to James Forrest Widener Sr. and Flora Mackay Turner.

Due to the Depression, the family moved to the Trinity Heights area of Oak Cliff in Dallas where his father bought a Sinclair Service Station.

In Dallas, Jim attended Trinity Heights Grade School, Boude Story Junior High, and graduated from Sunset High School.

Jim graduated from SMU in 1950, obtaining degrees in business and law.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Helen Ogden Widener of Irving; son James Forrest Widener III of Irving; daughter Stephanie Widener Hendrie and husband, Christopher Pennywitt Hendrie of Tujunga, California; son John Mackay Widener of Frankston, Texas; stepchildren Samuel David Browning of Frankston; Sonya Annette Jester of Irving; and 1SG Tad A. Browning and wife, Ki Steelman Browning of Georgetown, Texas.

Grandchildren James Forrest Widener IV and Josey Curtsinger of North Richland Hills, Texas; Zachery Warren Widener of San Marcos, Texas; William Wolfgang Widener, Whitney O Widener both of Irving; Alyssa Belle Hendrie and Tessa Marie Hendrie of Dana Point, California; and step-grandchildren, Scott Christopher Hendrie of Garland, Texas; Aloria Selene Browning of Dallas, Texas; Shaun William Jester Jr., Cordia Marie Jester and Chloe Michaela Jester (who Jim personally named) all of Irving; Tad Alan Browning, Jr. of Temple, Texas; Heather Lynn Browning of Frankston; and the latest edition to the family, Jim's great grandson, James Forrest Widener V of North Richland Hills, Texas.

Funeral Services were held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2012 in the Trinity Ballroom at the Westin DFW Hotel located at 4545 John Carpenter Freeway in Irving.

Burial, with honors, were presented by the Irving Fire Department Honor Guard to follow at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless.

Shirley Grubb Sutherland of Wytheville died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at her home. Funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. at

St. Paul United Methodist Church with the Rev. Rae Mullins officiating.

Interment was in the family plot at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church Cemetery.

She grew up in Mt. Ephraim United Methodist Church and later attended New Bethel United Methodist Church,

Mrs. Sutherland worked as a cashier at Leggett's department store.

She went to work for the late S. Barclay Allison in 1968 in the Wythe County Treasurer's Office. When Allison retired, she was appointed his successor and was elected.

When she and John M. Sutherland married in 1941, they joined St. Paul United Methodist Church. She worked with the children there. She primarily worked in the junior department and the Cub Scout den that was sponsored by the church.

She later served as treasurer of the church, served on the administrative board and many different committees.

She received the Laity Award in 1992.

During World War II, while John M. was in service to the office three times, being the first woman treasurer of Wythe County.

She was a lifelong Democrat. She volunteered with the bloodmobile and the Wythe County Community Hospital Auxiliary. She and her late husband were recipients of the Community Service Award in 2001 given by the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce. She was preceded in death by her parents, French Sudduth Grubb Sr. and Minnie Mills Grubb; husband, John M. Sutherland; and a son, Dennie M. Sutherland.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, John French and Joyce Sutherland of Alta Vista; Margaret Sutherland, mother of Jennifer, Scott and Russell; daughter-in-law, Anita Sutherland of Warrenton; and seven grandchildren,



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

Alice M. Hattenbrun, Secretary

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William Bell's retirement speech

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of my retirement, twenty nine years after being elected President of the International Bell Society in June 1983. After that, President of Clan Bell Descendants, The Bell Family Association and Clan Bell International, Ltd.

It has been an honor to serve as the president of the original and succeeding organizations in close cooperation with the many wonderful and talented organization officers and members.

I am grateful that I was able to help bring Clan Bell some of the recognition it so richly deserves, both in the United States and other countries where Bells reside.

The Clan has, so far, failed to gain a Chief; however, I believe John L. Bruce Bell, will prevail in this effort. We have worked closely together since 1988 and I highly value the friendship of John and his wife Lily. Most respectfully, I thank each and every one of you for



your participation in Clan Bell activities. Together we shall succeed in regaining a Chief and our place within the recognized Scottish Families.

God Bless you!

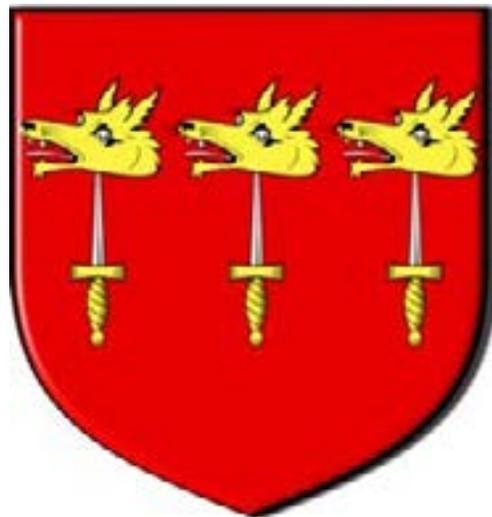
William Bell, President
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This striking map, commissioned by and produced exclusively for us, measures a large 24 x 24 inches, and is suitable either for framing or laminating for use at the clan tent. The map is bordered by a multi-colored Celtic knot pattern. Your copy will not have the watermark on it. It will be shipped rolled, in a sturdy tube. You can order directly from Vicki. The price is \$39.95, plus \$3.00 shipping in the US, \$8.50 out of the country. Enjoy! Renny and Vicki McLeod

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