

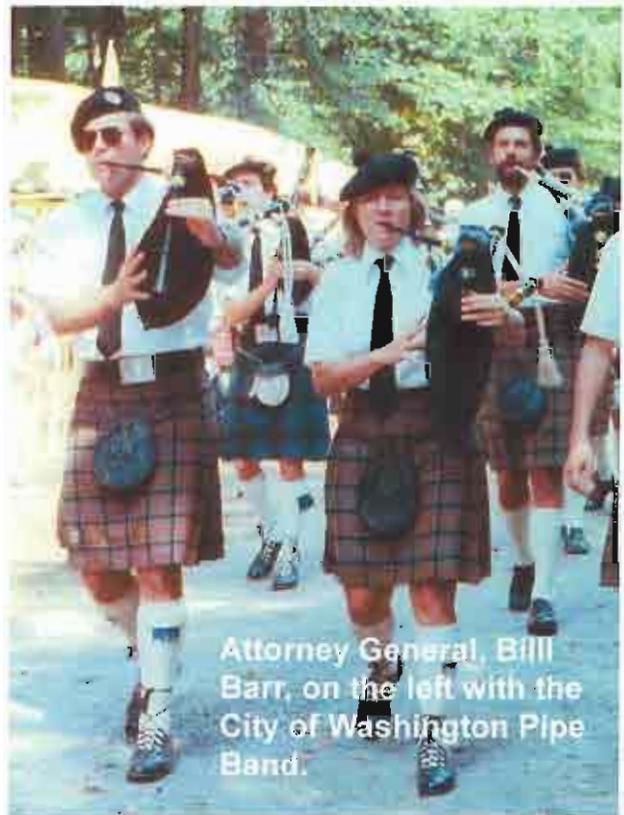
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Our US Attorney General, William “Bill” Barr, is a good BAGPIPER!

There’s an old saying: “A true gentleman is a man who can play the bagpipes, but doesn’t.” In March, when Donald Trump called in to “Hannity” to tout Jeff Sessions’s replacement, he crowed, “Our new Attorney General, Bill Barr, is a great gentleman.”

But new information has come to light. This magazine has located five individuals who attest that Barr, who has come under fire for his *SparkNotes* summary of the *Mueller* report, plays the bagpipes. Throughout the eighties, Barr performed in the City of Washington Pipe Band—one of the top bagpipe ensembles in the world—giving new meaning to the cool-dad line “I used to be in a band.”

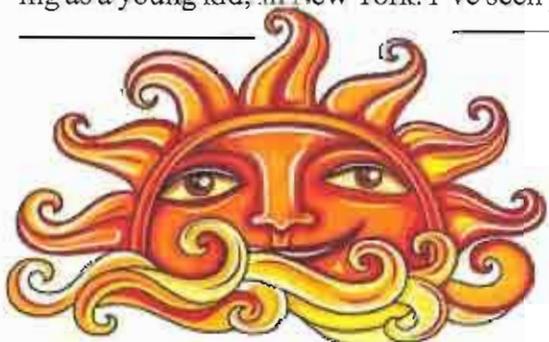
“Bill was a serious piper,” Mike Green, a fellow band member, said recently. “He started playing as a young kid, in New York. I’ve seen pictures



Attorney General, Bill Barr, on the left with the City of Washington Pipe Band.

of him, ten years old, wearing a Balmoral bonnet, a kilt, a doublet, big bagpipes on his shoulder.” Barr moved to D.C. in 1973, to work for the C.I.A. and attend law school simultaneously. After graduating, he joined a private law practice, then a pipe

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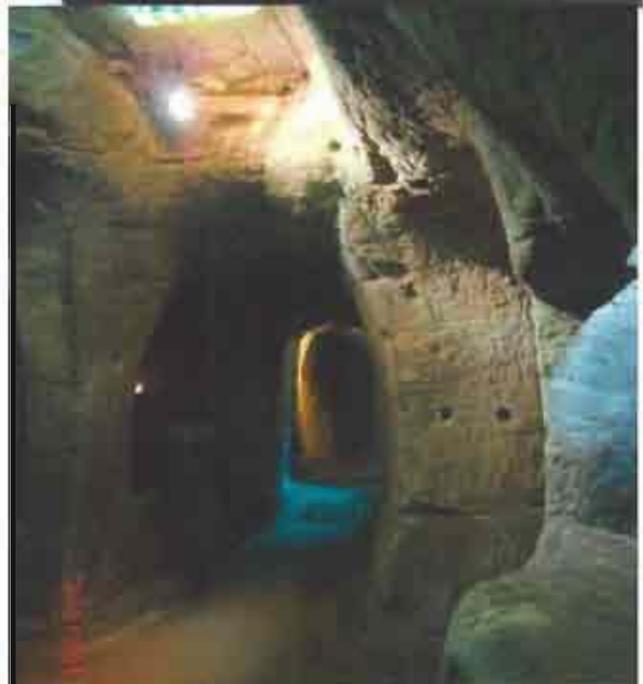
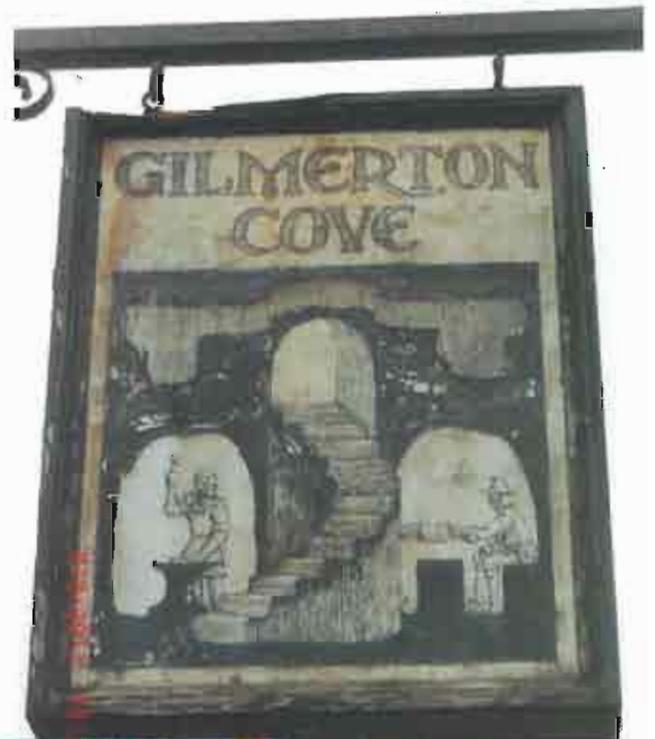
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Known collectively as Gilmerton Cove, the network of seven chambers and numerous passages that run beneath the suburb has baffled historians since its discovery. The entrance to the underground site is known to have been underneath a local blacksmith's residence at one time which has led to a number of theories. Among the popular speculations about the caves is that they were a place for the gentry to drink discreetly, that they were a hiding place for religious refugees, or that the space was a smuggler's lair. The hand-carved caves were opened as of 2003 as a tourist attraction so any aspiring historic detectives are welcome to explore the caves and decide for themselves.



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band. "He came ready to play at the top level," Green said. In competition, the band performed such classics as *The Sheepwife*, *Highland Wedding*, and *The Cockerel in the Creel*. It also did contemporary jigs, hornpipes, and polkas. Green recalled, "Bill definitely preferred the military marches."

Playing the bagpipes is notoriously difficult. "People who start out on bagpipes are like baby turtles going out into the ocean," Green said. "Most of them don't make it."

Playing competitively, as Barr did, is both time-consuming and expensive. (To keep his pipes from drying up, Barr would have had to play every day for at least half an hour.) Charlie Glendinning, who also piped with Barr, said that a kilt alone cost upward of five hundred dollars.

When the group travelled to Scotland, for the world championships, the airfare was thirty grand. "We could only afford travelling every four years," Glendinning said. "Competitions at the World Pipe Band Championships were our Olympics."

The City of Washington Pipe Band may be the best evidence we have of a "deep state." Barr was in the Justice Department. Green was a senior official in George W. Bush's Administration. ("Condi Rice, my boss, would go to piano camp every summer, so she said it was O.K. for me to do bagpipes," Green explained.)

"There were members of the intelligence community and the labor unions, a Secret Service agent, and a congressional general counsel.

"Glendinning recalled a piper who was "an

F.B.I. agent with a specialty in human-flesh decomposition."

Jon Quigg, one of the band's drummers, remembered prepping for a performance in Barr's office—"the same space that R.F.K. had occupied thirty years earlier." He added, "Heady experience?"

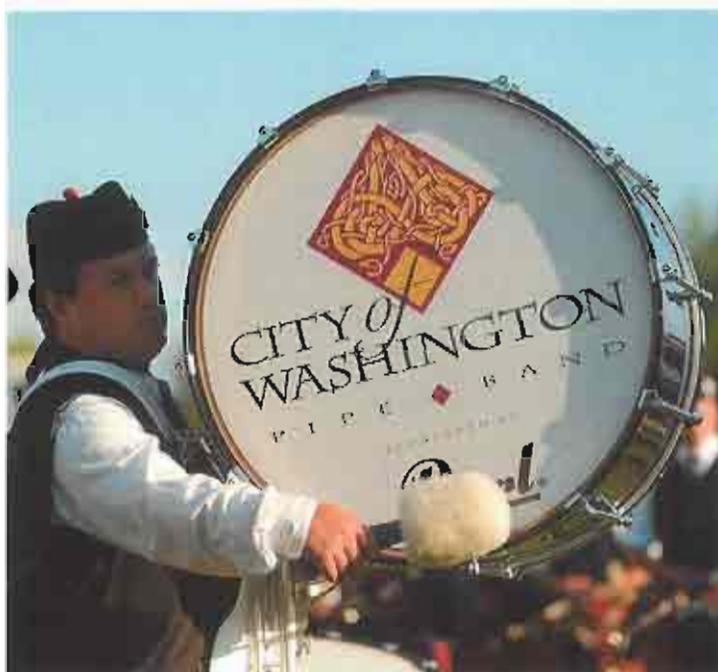
Barr quit competing in the late eighties, when things began to heat up at the Justice Department. "He'd come to watch us practice and compete, with his entourage of security, but he couldn't keep playing," Green said. In 1991, when Barr was appointed

Attorney General for the first time, by George H. W. Bush, he invited the band to play at his swearing-in. "We marched in and played a medley of tunes," Green said. Bush made some wisecracks in his speech, and said, of his bagpiping A.G., "I'm wondering if he understands that the Constitution prohibits cruel and unusual punishment."

The band is currently on hiatus,

but old members still meet up to jam. Sometimes Barr talks about getting the band back together, Glendinning said. A few years ago, Barr bought a set of -matching chanters—the bagpipe mouthpiece—and a fleet of drums, for all the out-to-pasture pipers. "Let's make real music again," he told them, in a note. "Not this modern, gimmicky stuff that all the bands are playing these days."

Barr still likes to host ceilidhs—big Scottish-music parties—complete with pipes, fiddles, and whiskey. The most recent one took place last October. "He invited Celtic musicians from Scotland,



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on his own dime, to join us," Green said. Two months later, Barr got the call from the President. "I was over at his house when he told me that Trump had asked him to be the new Attorney General," Glendinning recalled. "I said, 'Take it! Your country needs you!' But on my way home, in the car, the toll of such a job—not just on Bill but on his family—as well as having to leave the comforts of semi-retirement, began to gnaw at me." Glendinning had trouble sleeping that night, and sent Barr an e-mail listing all his concerns. But it was too late. Barr's response: "Thanks, my friend. I have crossed the Rubicon."

Green said, "He didn't have us play at the ceremony this time around."

SOURCE: <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/05/06/william-barrs-secret-passion-the-bagpipes>

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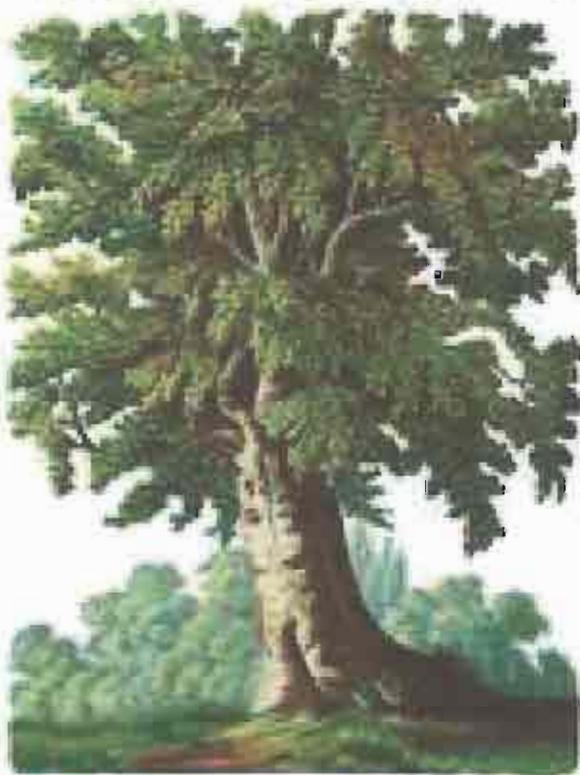


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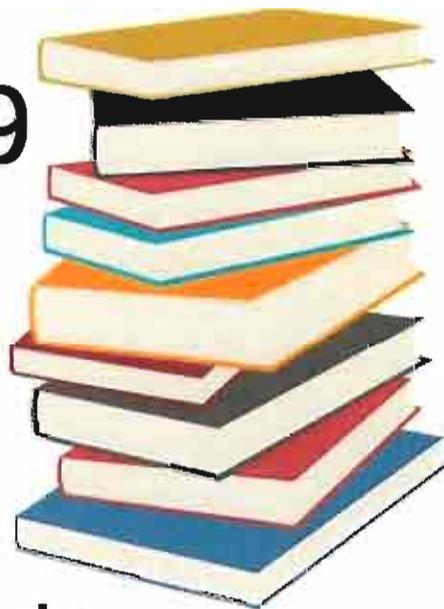
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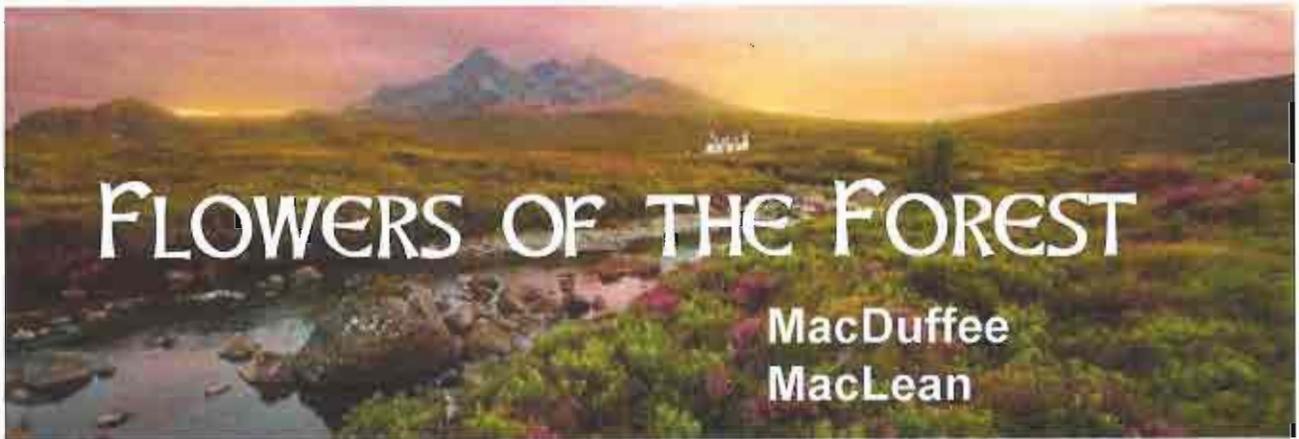
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Harriet White Frank, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend, author and patriot, age 99, passed peacefully in her sleep on October 15, 2017, in Austin, Texas. She was born Harriett White on June 21, 1918 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was a devoted wife for over 60 years to her late husband, Colonel Henri F. Frank, a decorated veteran and war hero; they were married June 24, 1943.

Throughout her life she sought to encourage patriotism and family issues. She was an active member of several organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution through which she sought to honour and keep alive the memory of the significant American traditions and values so valiantly fought for by her husband and her ancestors.

She was also a published author. She loved genealogy and she spent many hours researching library archives, tracing her lineage to the age of America's founding fathers.

Anne Grace McDuffee, mother of Life Member Frederick Thomas McDuffee passed June 16, 2018 at age 87.

She is survived by four McDuffee sons and two daughters, 14 grandchildren and 7 greatgrandchildren. Her spouse, Frederick Towner McDuffee, preceded her in death November 20, 2011.

Robert "Bob" McLean of Midland, North Carolina passed away peacefully on November 19, 2018. He was a loving husband, father, grandpa, and Naval Vietnam war veteran. He was known to

be a helpful friend to countless people, and he will be dearly missed.

Bob enjoyed woodworking, spending time with family, and pursuing his Scottish heritage as past vice-president of Clan MacLean Association International and past president of Clan MacLean U.S.A.



He is predeceased by his parents and his five siblings. He is survived by his wife, Johnnie, daughters Alison (Rob) List, Marla (Shawn) Baswell, grandsons Joshua and Matthew List, and nieces and nephews.

The family received friends at their Midland, North Carolina home last November 23.

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Clan Stewart Society “Honored Clan” at Tartan Day Games

Clan Stewart Society was the “Honored Clan” at the 2019 Tartan Day Games, Saturday April 6th at the Ardenwood Regional Park (Fremont, CA). This was the 22nd annual Tartan Day sponsored by the East Bay Scottish Association.

The tent was hosted by Valerie Stewart (shown admiring the certificate presented to CSSA) Al Stewart (past CSSA president) and member, Gail Chaid, also greeted members and visitors at the Clan Stewart tent.

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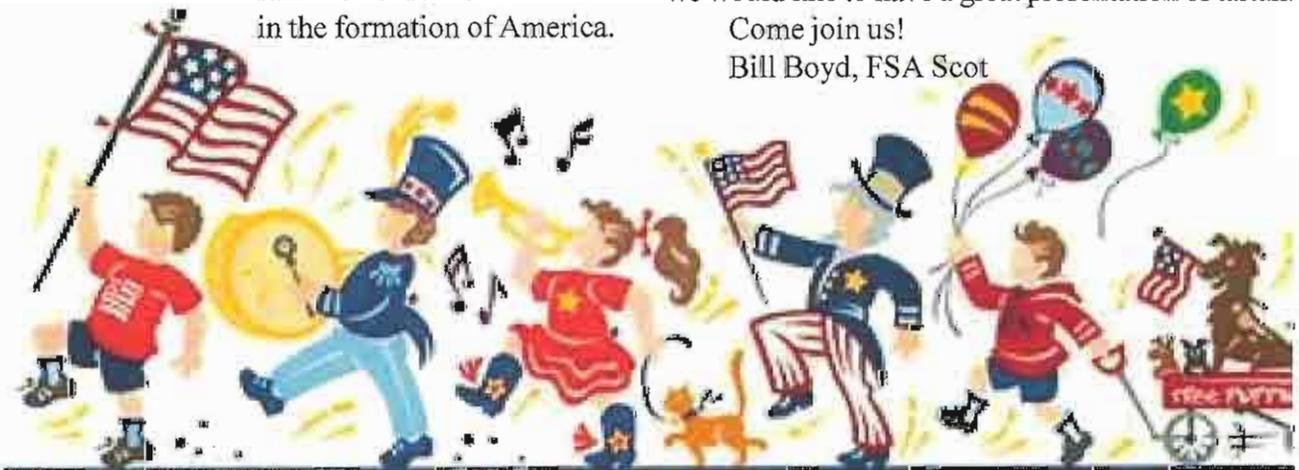
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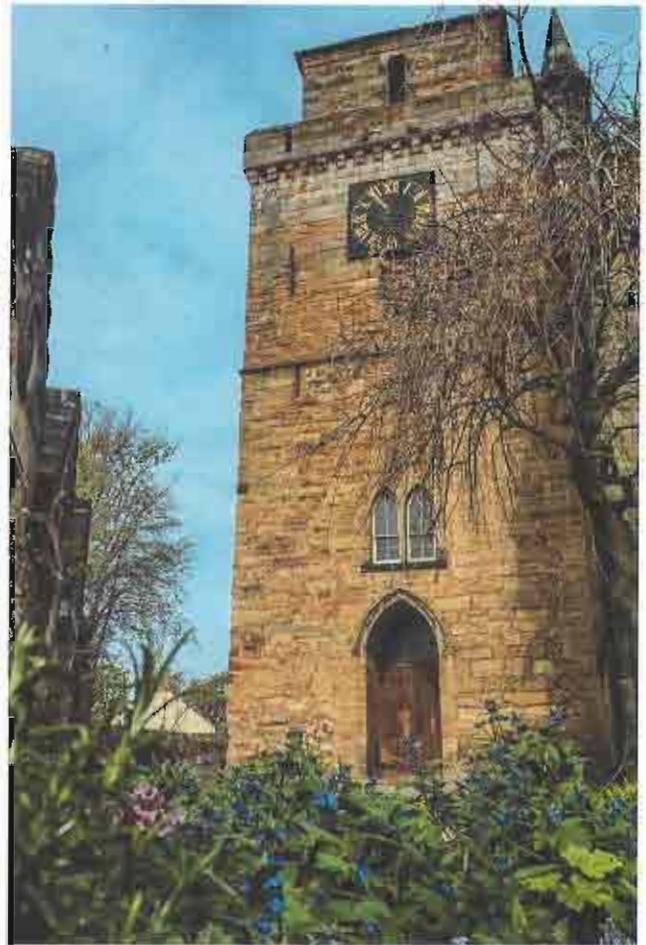
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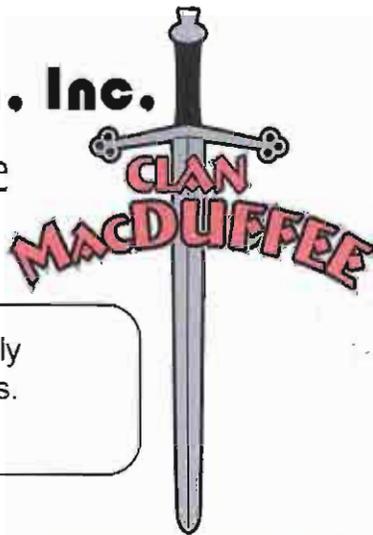
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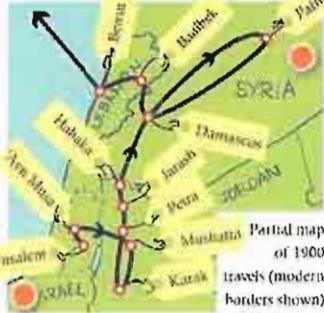
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As well as developing friendships with the people of Asia Minor (Turkey), Mesopotamia (Iraq), Egypt, Syria and Lebanon, Gertrude gained a close circle of influential British and European diplomats during her travels.



In 1899, travelling with her father and uncle, she met the archaeologist David Hogarth in Athens.

8th April
Picked up Uncle Tom, went to the Museum where we met Mr Hogarth who showed us pots 4000 B.C. and frescoes with a delightful pattern of flying fishes.

In 1911 she met T.E. Lawrence* when she visited Hogarth's excavation in Carehemish, on the Turkey-Syria border.

* Better known as "Lawrence of Arabia"

In 1907, while working with Sir William Ramsay on an excavation that became the subject of her book *The Thousand and One Churches*,

"The Christians must have re-sanctified a mountain, immemorially honoured, by crowning it with a mausoleum chapel and a church" (Ramsay and Bell 1909: 256)

She met Charles Doughty-Wylie, Military Consul at Konya and the love of her life.

18th August
It's a great alleviation to be staying with the Wylies - they are dears, both of them. I've had a very pleasant restful two days. It's pretty hot but one sits out in their big garden under the trees.

However, Charles was already married, so despite their strong attraction to each other, their affair was conducted through letters.

you give me a new world, you give me the key to your heart. Though I have friends, some of them women, even a wife, they are as far removed from the garden where we walk as east from west.



In an effort to bring Gertrude Bell and her astonishing accomplishments to light once again, the Newcastle University Library uses "The digital comics as entry points to original archive materials" to present "snap-shots" from their extensive archive of Bell's life, correspondence and body of work.

Gertrude Margaret Lowthian Bell, daughter of Mary and Hugh Bell, was born July 14, 1868, in Washington New Hall, County Durham, England. Bell was a member of a prominent English family, and she became a world traveler, mountaineer, archaeologist, linguist, writer, cartographer, photographer, British political officer and administrator, and, some say, spy. She explored and mapped what was then Arabia, Asia Minor, Greater Syria, and Mesopotamia and gained extensive knowledge about the Middle East and established important contacts with tribal leaders and government officials there.

Her comprehensive expertise made her highly influential in policy-making during the British colonial period in this part of the world.

Gertrude Bell was 57 years old when she died in her cherished home in Baghdad. British archaeolo-

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Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2019

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 Elliotts 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

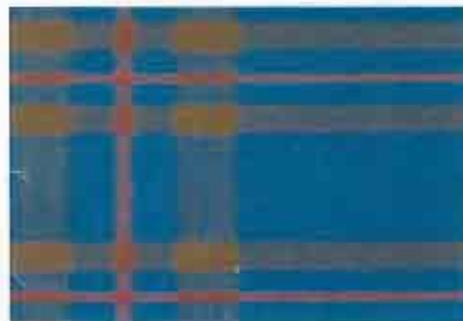
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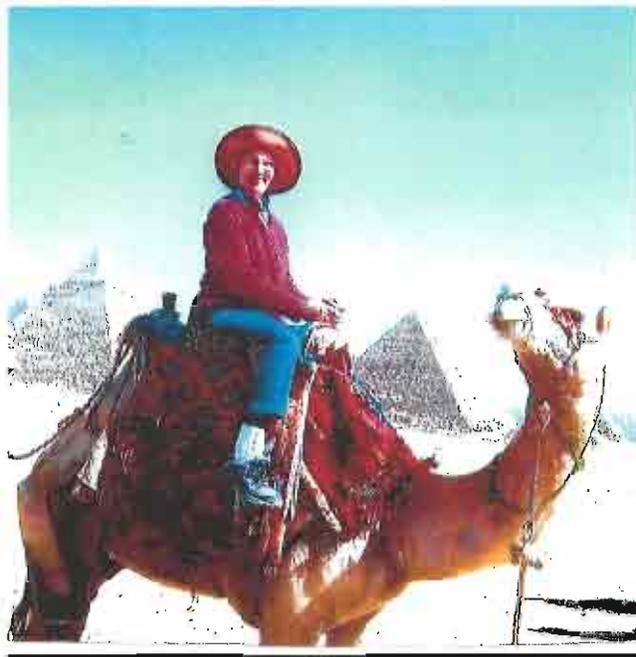
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Boldly and Rightly





Clan Bell North America Member, Karen Frey, travels to Egypt

Karen Frey recently returned from a two and a half week tour of Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. Here she is (to the left) atop a camel at the famous pyramids of Giza in Egypt. “The trip brought to life so many amazing places I’ve heard about since childhood—Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, the ancient city of Petra, the Pyramids, and the Sphinx,” writes Karen. “It was absolutely the trip of a lifetime!”

Karen is also a loyal tent warrior for Clan Bell at the Sottish Festival in Costa Mesa, California.

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gist and scholar David George Hogarth wrote in his obituary of Bell: “No woman in recent time has combined her qualities – her taste for arduous and dangerous adventure with her scientific interest and knowledge, her competence in archaeology and art, her distinguished literary gift, her sympathy for all sorts and condition of men, her political insight and appreciation of human values, her masculine vigour, hard common sense and practical efficiency – all tempered by feminine charm and a most romantic spirit.”

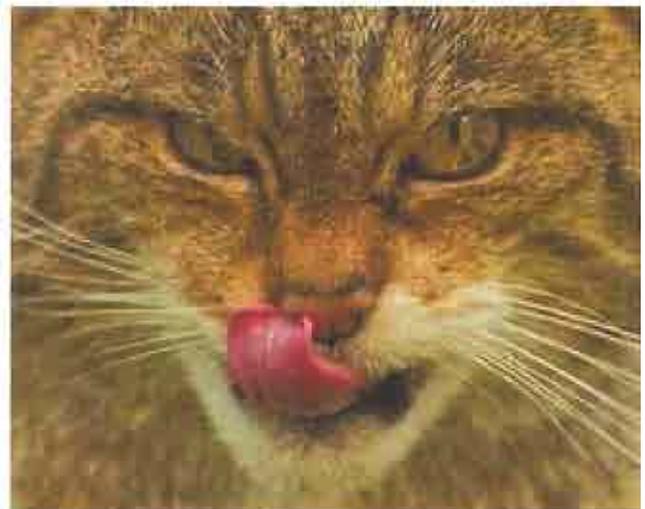
Go to <https://research.ncl.ac.uk/gertrudecomics/> to see more pages of the Gertrude Bell Comics.

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For membership information, please contact Michael Bell at <membership@clanbell.org>.



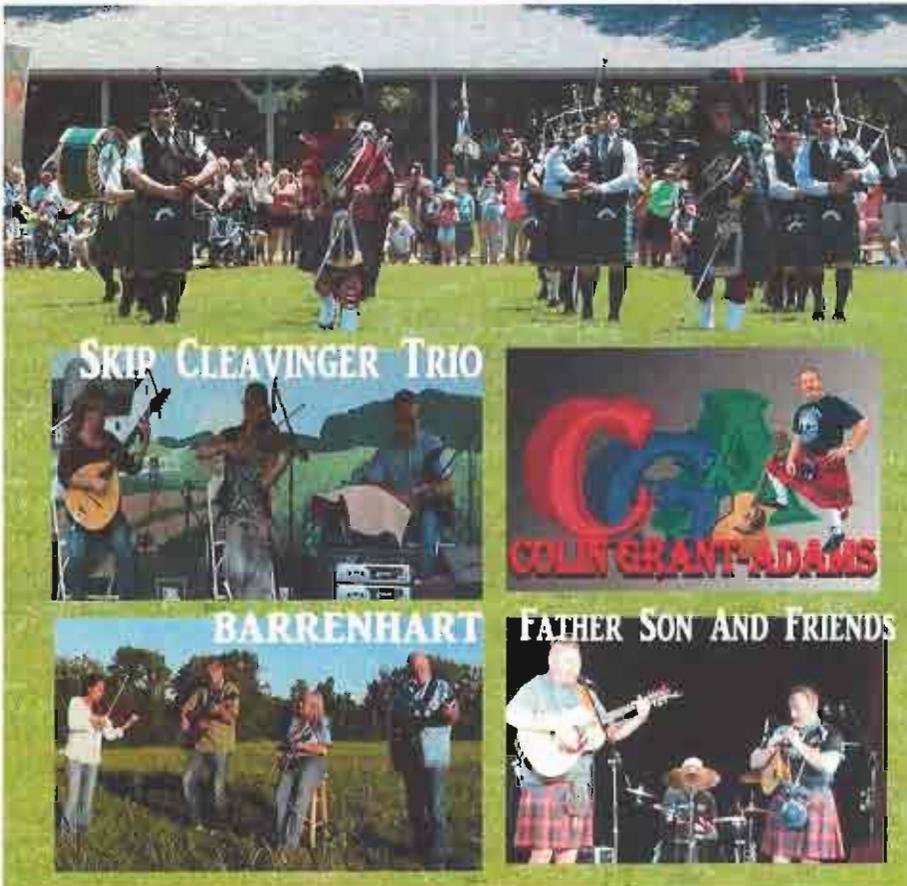
Scottish Wildcat's genetic signature discovered! Great news!

A recent special edition of the Scientific American, *The Science of Dogs and Cats*, had a short entry about saving the Scottish Wildcat. The northernmost European Wildcat, the Scottish Wildcat (*Felis Silvestris*) live in the more extreme environmental and climatic conditions than other mem-

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bers of the species.

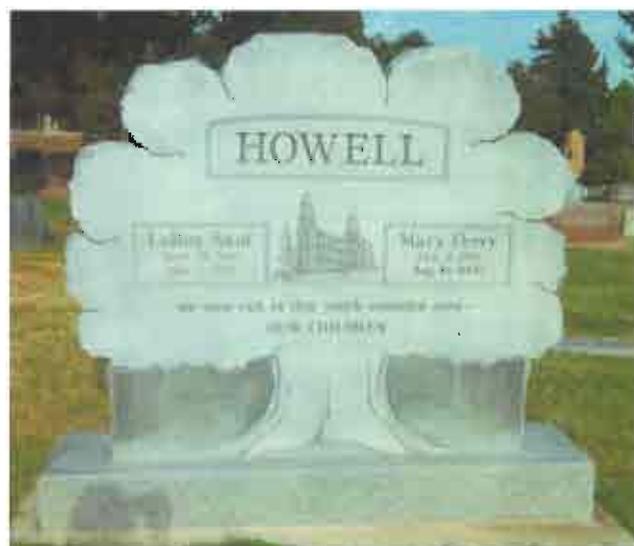
Years of inbreeding with feral domestic cats has led to their recently being termed “functionally extinct.”

The challenge of sorting purebreds from hybrids is problematic because they look very similar.

With only about 400 remaining, the Scottish Wildcat’s genetic signature has recently been discovered that will help facilitate legal protection of the beastie.

With thanks to *Six Nations, One Soul*, the newsletter of the Celtic League American Branch.

For membership in the Celtic League American Branch (CLAB), write Box 339, Peck Slip Station, New York, NY 10028.



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For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at
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or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

About the Anglo-Scottish Border

Issue Seventy Three

March/April 2019

Hello and whit fettle (how are you)? Where has this part of the month gone? We are almost half way through the month and well into the early Gilnockie Tower summer season. Time is the enemy at the moment so the story of the repair process is on hold for a wee while.

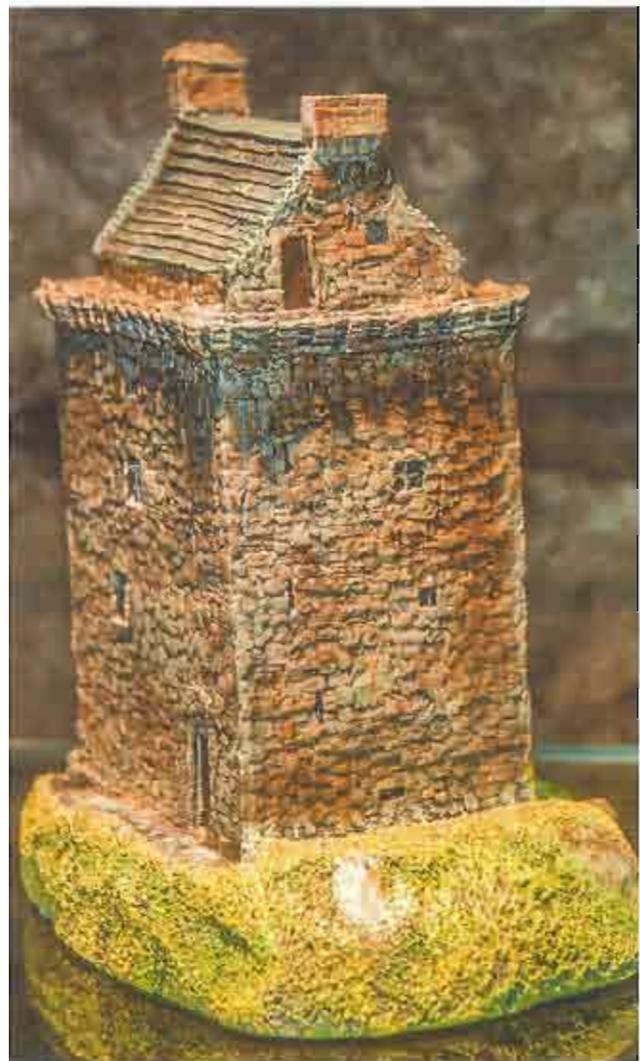
As you know weekend 20th and 21st July 2019, Gilnockie Tower rejoices with its 500th birthday and planning is as all events 'a gei weel organised shambles.' That said, things change every day and every member of the organising team is looking forward to huge weekend of celebrations with the Armstrong family in July.

We promised a medieval village hosted by a group of local reenactors and that has been confirmed. The group will educate the visitor about the delicacies, or otherwise, during the 16th century in and around Gilnockie Tower.

Please forgive us repeating ourselves but we need to ensure 'oor kin folks ken a' thats gan oan' or 'our kin folks know whats going on' over the weekend through a wee bit of music from several local musicians, Hog and Beef Roast, bar, chainsaw artist, pottery demonstration, 16th century market, Steel Bonnets whisky display (oooooooohhhhhhh not to be missed, NOT to be missed), and a fully stocked Armstrong shop inside Gilnockie Tower.

Limited Edition Gilnockie Tower Figurine

The brand new Gilnockie Tower figurine is now in stock and looks cracking. Norman and Sandra, very highly skilled artisans have sculpted a true miniature copy of the tower and is made in Langholm, Scotland, and is a stunning figurine.



Gilnockie Tower model: To purchase online: <<https://www.gilnockietower.co.uk/product/gilnockie-tower-figurine/>>

The item will be ready for collection or purchase display that weekend.

My, my, our little treasure has started to move and it's not yet formally launched, only 500 being made and at 500 Norman and Sandra will have the honour of smashing the mould finishing a historical event for the Gilnockie Tower and the Armstrong family.

Our online shop is now live with interesting and some unique Armstrong gifts.

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Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email membershipclankeith@mindspring.com or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

Site seeing!



Army 'how to wear a kilt' video leaves viewers in stitches!

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/army-how-to-wear-a-kilt-video-leaves-viewers-in-stitches-1-4913716>

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Hurrah! Dr. Pete Hylton is back in Scotland! And, he's back in BNFT! Welcome!

Including this waterfall at Whaligoe where the wind was blowing so hard that the water from the waterfall was blowing UPWARDS as a cloud of mist.



Geos, stacks and sea caves.



The first part of this article will be in Section A of June 2019. Yes, I know. Eventually, Section A and Section B will all be on the Internet and the article can be read in a normal order. For the moment, the article will start here. Sorry, I just like to do Section A last in the event there is BIG news at that time.



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The beautiful Caithness coastline.



Ceann Hilligeo – Headland of the Holy Inlet.



The next photo is Clyth Harbour – with the old harbour house built into the cliff, just a short stroll from the waterfall. Then the Forse Castle ruins above the remains of a herring fishing harbour, followed by Sinclair Castle and Ackergill Tower.



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Help Uncle Sam's Highlanders go back to the Scottish Mey Adaptive Highland Games and Cultural Festival



Able bodied men and women, wheelchair athletes, those with artificial limbs, many from the US Military, have been invited back to the Mey Games in Scotland this coming August. Their visit last year was a huge success!

The total needed for their trip will be \$60,000. Your help is really needed.

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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015

There were some noteworthy structures along the trail. Like this bridge at Latheronwheel harbour, or this public well from 1866 at Staxigoe harbour.



World War 2 Bunkers.



A whale bone arch.



According to local legend, around 1420, Helen of Braemore was betrothed to Alexander Gunn. The chief of the Keith clan from nearby Ackergill wanted her for himself, and kidnapped her on the eve of the wedding. In the ensuing battle, Alexander was one of those slain by the Keiths. Distraught by her kidnapping and the death of her betrothed, Helen threw herself from Ackergill Tower (nowadays a B&B), into the sea. Supposedly her ghost still haunts the tower, and the gate leading from the tower gardens to the sea is still called Helen's Gate.

Subsequent conflicts between the two clans continued after this for two decades until 1464, when it was decided that a battle of champions would be fought between twelve men on horseback from either clan. It was to take place near the site of St. Tears Chapel. On

the day, the Keiths arrived with two men on each horse, thus outnumbering the Gunns 2 to 1. It was a massacre, with all of the Gunns slaughtered on a day in which the sanctity of the chapel was violated, and its walls ran red with blood. Grudges in the Highlands can last a long time. It was not until the clans finally signed a treaty in 1978, that the feud ended after more than 500 years. Helen's Gate and the monument at the site of St. Tears Chapel are shown here. The JoG trail passes both.



One of the things seen along the trail is this statue of Henry Sinclair.



He is of the lineage of the St. Clair/Sinclair clan. The northern arm of the family was based near where we live in Scotland and Sinclair Castle is also along the trail.

There are several interesting things about old Henry.

Many historians are convinced that North America was discovered by the Norse, long before Columbus sailed in that direction. There is evidence to indicate that Norse sailors landed in Greenland and along the Canadian coast as far south as Nova Scotia, just after 1400. Now, here is the interesting bit: during the late 1300s and early 1400s, when Henry represented the northern Sinclair clan, he was also Jarl (Earl) of Orkney - and in those days the Orkney Islands still belonged to Norway.

Legend says that it was Henry Sinclair who led the expedition on behalf of the King of Norway (to whom he was related on his maternal side). And, that he landed in Greenland, becoming the first European to set foot in North America. This theory is supported by carvings, among the many plants and flowers in the stonework of Rosslyn Chapel, which look distinctly like North American plants that do not grow in Europe. The

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chapel was built by Henry's grandson William, in 1486. Columbus, you recall, did not sail west until 1492. Perhaps right here in Caithness, not far from where I live, is the source of the first journey to the new world.

Along the JoG trail, we saw quite a bit of wildlife: Fulmers, Herring Gulls, Common Gulls, Blackback Gulls, Shag, Snipe, Oyster Catcher, Raven, Kerlew, Buzzard, Kestrel, Black Guillemot, Cormorant, Razorbills, Jackdaw, Roe Deer and Seals. And we passed the largest Horse Mussel beds in the world.



Here are some of my hiking companions. Note the hiking kilt (in February) and the Harris Tweed hiking pants.



In January, we were quite honored that my lodge asked me to present the toast to the lassies and Wendy to present the reply and toast to the lads at our Burns Night dinner. I guess they have forgiven us for that wee disagreement back in 1776, and have accepted us two colonials into their community.

Although living this far north, and looong ways from any big cities is sometimes challenging, life here is good and people are incredibly friendly. We are pleased that our visas were renewed and that we get another three years here.

"Did not strong connections draw me elsewhere, I believe Scotland would be the country I would choose to end my days in."Benjamin Franklin

The beginning of this travelogue will be in Section A of BNFT, which will be put up on the Internet right before the first of June. (When both sections are on the Internet, it will all make sense.)

Where did the name "America" really come from?

We were all taught that the name "America" came from the Italian explorer, Amerigo Vespucci.

There is now argument put forth by British writer Peter MacDonald, that America was named for a Welsh merchant, Richard Amerike, who gave a large amount of money to John Cabot's 15th century voyage to the New World.



Cabot sailed from Bristol, England, which was also Amerike's home and business headquarters. Amerike donated large oak trees from his estate to build Cabot's ships and provided Cabot's family with a home while the explorer sailed west.

In exchange for his generosity, Amerike requested that Cabot name any newly-discovered lands for him. You can find more on his theory at www.bbc.co.uk/history/discovery/exploration/americaname_01.shtml

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