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2010 Scottish Heritage Weekend, Symposium, Concert & Awards Banquet March 19-21

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina, invites you to come to their annual weekend set for March 19-21.

This year, the honorees of the two prestigious awards - one given for outstanding contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of Scottish history, culture or traditions - The Scottish Heritage Center Service Award - will be presented to Robert W. Murdoch. The Flora MacDonald Award, given to a woman of Scottish descent who has made an outstanding contribution either to Scottish affairs or to the human community will be given to Scotty K.

Scottish Snow Wolves spotted near Summerville, SC



Your editor's good friend, Dorna Comp, sent this historic photo of Scottish Snow Wolves which appeared on her back porch soon after a snowstorm roared through Charleston and Summerville, SC. Has anyone else seen any of these fierce and elusive creatures?

Gallamore.

Special hotel rates are available at the Comfort Inn of Laurinburg, Call 910-277-7788 and be sure and mention the Scottish Heritage Weekend at St. Andrews Presbyterian College to receive the specially discounted rates.

Friday, the events will encompass the Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium and the nineteenth Annual Scottish Awards Banquet. On Saturday, the Symposium continues dur-

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Triad Highland Games, Friday & Saturday **April 30 & May 1st, 2010** www.triadhighlandgames.org/

A note from David Elliot



I thought you would like to know that the audio book version of the novel 'CLAN' is now available online both in CD version (8 CDs) and in MP3 or iPod format to download instantly. All versions are unabridged and read by the author with a runtime of around 540 minutes. You can order at www.davidpelliot.com/buy.html

Can I also remind you that there is a free monthly online magazine at <http://clan.presspublisher.us>. It was originally intended as a vehicle for the monthly "Grumpy Old Man" articles published in a traditional magazine that is now defunct. A number of readers wanted the "Grumps" to continue so this is the result. Visit and subscribe – the February issue is currently available online and the March issue will be out soon.

Kind regards
David Elliot

Scottish Heritage Weekend,

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for reservations



ing the day and in the evening there will be a Concert and Live Recording Session featuring the St. Andrews Presbyterial College Pipe Band and the St. Andrews Presbyterian College Choir. On Sunday, the Kirkin of the Tartans Worship Service will be held at the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. There will be a luncheon following the service - advance reservations are required.

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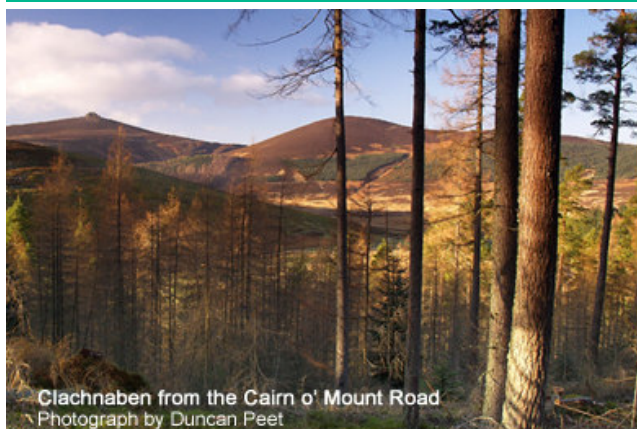
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What Happened 100 Years Ago?

Jeannette Holland Austin

Reading old newspapers between 1900 and 1907 is an interesting way to learn real history.

In 1906 there was a hurricane in the Bahamas which wiped out the entire population of a small island. Japan and China were vying for influence and supremacy. Beijing was suspicious of Tokyo's hunger for global expansion and America was on the brink of war.

As American politicians veered towards socialism, articles appeared explaining the evils of socialism.

Although national and European news dominated front pages, there was also plenty of social news from small towns. What did they say?

"Mrs. Smith visited friends in Atlanta this week." Also popular were one-liners, such as special events, marriage notices, and deaths. A variety of information was

scattered throughout, from political news to school graduations, ballgames, crop reports, new buildings, plats of land and estate for sale, legal news including the supreme court and want ads.

You have to read it from cover to cover to realize all of the news in play.

Year after year grammar schools, high schools, academies, institutes, colleges and universities published names of graduates, those who won medals and special awards, who played

in concerts and what instrument, and class photos, even individual student photos.

About this time, Georgia Technological Institute in Atlanta formed its baseball team, which is famously known as the Yellow Jackets.

Small Georgia towns also had their teams, like Lithonia, Gordon and Mercer.

Female colleges were filled with students coming as far away as North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama to attend.

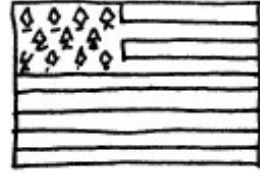
Yes, Georgia was educating its daughters! They usually graduated from institutions like Lucy Cobb Institute and Wesleyan Female College at fifteen or sixteen years of age, with sons going on to Georgia Tech, Mercer, University of Georgia and North Georgia Agricultural College.

Upon examining census records, one is inclined to observe the box "unable to read or write", however, most children were being educated. In those days, a full high school or college education was not a requirement for finding work. In fact, the work force preferred experience.

How things have changed! A one-time cost of \$5.99 lets you view [GA Graduates from 1818 to 1907](#). This collection is growing and will ultimately embrace more ears. Be sure and check with us often.



**Contact Jeannette Holland Austin
at <jeannette@georgiapioneers.com>**

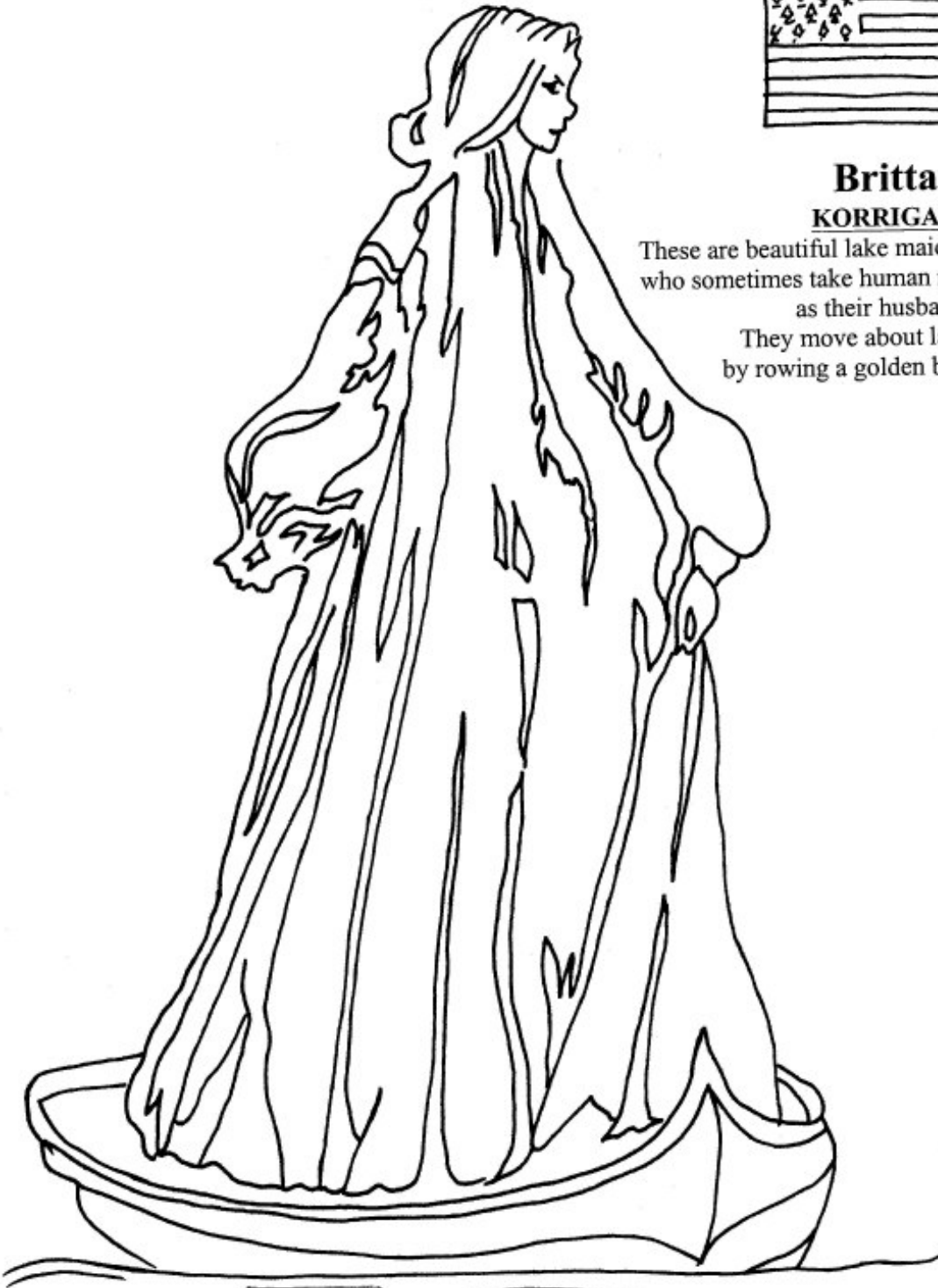


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Ripple and Jude MacKenzie and the North-
ern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society.



Does anyone have unwanted copies of the old *Family Tree* or *BSBL* publication?

I did not end up with any copies of *The Family Tree* that I produced from 1990 until 2005. I did not end up with any copies of Clan Donald's publication, *By Sea By Land*, that I produced for almost ten years.

If anyone has any unwanted copies of either of these, I surely would appreciate it if they would mail them to me. I'll be happy to reimburse the postage.

Many thanks to Judy Thompson and Maureen Hendrick for the copies of the old *Family Tree* that they sent! There are still many copies I do not have. If I get dupes, I'll give them to our local library here.

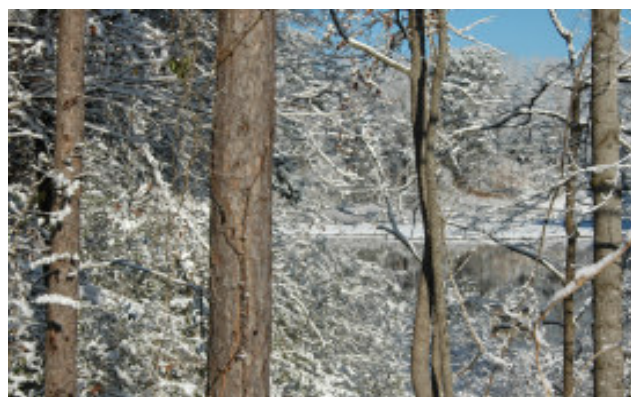
Thanks thanks. Just mail to Beth Gay-Freeman, 102 Lakeside Drive, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Top: Snow on Lake Tsali (Lake Sally) in Walhalla, SC just before Valentine's Day.

Actually, this is the view from our carport. The sun was just coming up.

Walhalla has had four episodes of snow this winter! There were two storms that left snow on the ground for a day or two and two storms which just "dusted" everything so that it looked like a real winter wonderland.

Another view of Lake Tsali below.



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Flowers of the Forest

John Paul Wallace, 68, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010. Born on July 31, 1941, to Paul Hoffman Wallace and Dorothy Tschannen Wallace, John was raised in Kingman, a small town in North-west Arizona.

Following graduation from the University of Arizona in Tucson with a degree in Public Administration, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He served as an air traffic control officer at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and Iwakuni, Japan and rose to the rank of Captain of Marines.

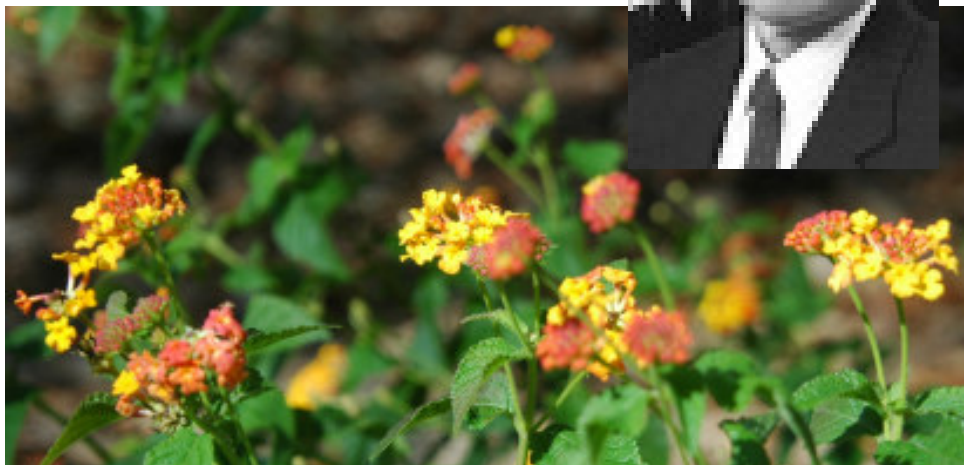
In 1968, John joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent. His 26-year career with the FBI included assignments in Cleveland, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Washington DC and Quantico, Va. where he worked high-profile organized crime, kidnapping, and counter-espionage cases. He was highly respected by his peers and received commendations from Director J. Edgar Hoover for his exceptional accomplishments.

His most rewarding tour was as the Principle Instructor for the Washington Field Office where he was responsible for training FBI and other police agency personnel.

John retired from the FBI in 1995 and worked for a short time developing new training facilities at the National Rifle Association Headquarters in Virginia.

He and his wife retired and moved to Greenville, NC in 1996 to be closer to family. John remained active in many organizations and provided services as a professional guide for military tours of WW I and II battle fields in Europe and the South Pacific.

Among other organizations, he was active in the Marine Corps Historical Company and local Marine Corps League. John is survived by his loving wife, Doris Owens Wallace of Greenville; daughter Anjanette Wallace Holt and her husband, Ben Holt, and their three children, Garrett Rhymes Holt, Carmela Diane Holt and Amelie Gail Holt of Norman, Okla.; son, Major Steven Owens



Wallace, USMC, his wife, Jill Lambertus Wallace, and their two children, Eleanor Clara Wallace and Katherine Elizabeth Wallace, of Quantico, Va.; and brother, Robert Marvin Wallace and his wife, Lorraine Phillips Wallace, of Prescott, Ariz.

John loved to travel. Along with his wife, over the more than 43 years of their marriage, he visited many foreign lands throughout Europe, the Pacific Rim, Australia and New Zealand. They enjoyed sightseeing and making new friends. John had an insatiable thirst for historical knowledge. He savored the aesthetic things in life and will always be remembered for his extraordinary sense of optimism, tenacity and perse-

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verance in overcoming obstacles with a “can do” spirit.

His battle with leukemia would have quickly defeated a man of lesser strength. His cheerfulness and positive attitude during his difficult illness was an inspiration to his family, friends and medical staff.

Mr. Wallace was a long-time and much respected member of the Kingdom of Raknar.

Memorial contributions may be made to Home

Away From Home Program, c o Marine Corps League, 204 Maraschino Drive, Greenville, North Carolina 27858 or the Marine Corps – Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc. 10 Rockefeller Plaza Suite 1007 New York, New York


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HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex to attend Greenville, SC Scottish Games

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This press release was received from the Greenville, SC Scottish Games: The Greenville, SC Scottish Games are singularly honored to have His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, committed to attend the May 2010 Games.

HRH Prince Edward is the fourth child of Queen Elizabeth and the third son.

The importance and impact of this Royal Visit cannot be overstated. The Games will receive national media coverage, and visitors from across the United States and Canada will flood into Greenville by the thousands. This will truly be an historic event.

The Greenville Scottish Games encompasses numerous activities ranging from the traditional events steeped in Scottish history to innovative expressions of Celtic heritage:

* EUSPBA Southern Branch Pipe Band Championships * Heavy Athletic Competitions (Novice, Men's, Women's, Master's) * Highland Dancing Competitions * All-Day Border Collie Demonstrations * Headline Entertainment Games Day (Albannach, Coyote Run, Fiddlers 3) * Great Scot! Young Writers Contest * Bonnie Lad and Lassie Pageant (a Scottish Heritage Pageant for children ages 3 - 14) * Great Scot! Parade * Great Scot! Ceilidh * Great Scot! Celtic Jam * Swamp MacRabbit Trail 5K Race * Clan Gathering (80+ clans from US and Canada expected) * Wee Scotland (children's Scottish village with a wide

range of crafts, games, and physical activities) * Sponsors and Patrons Pavilion * Scottish food and dry goods vendors * Great Scot! British Car Show (Rolls Royce is the featured marque this year) * Demonstrators of traditional Scottish activities (Axe Throwing competitions, Longbow contest, medieval weaponry, re-enactment village, etc.) * Young Athletes Competitions (ages 12 - 16)

To the best of our knowledge, the Greenville Games have more venues than any other Games worldwide. Several of our venues are proprietary to the Games, and are found nowhere else. This is our fifth year and we are considered by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs



as one of the finest Games in the world, and one they recommend highly for Chiefs and others to attend.

Since its inception, the Games has focused on maintaining excellence in implementing the core Scottish events that are so important to our shared Scottish heritage. The Upstate of South Carolina and the Western mountain area of North Carolina have, arguably, the highest concentration of Scottish descent population in the US. Greenville itself was settled by Ulster Scots in the early 1700s and has the unmistakable stamp of that ancestry in our culture, our strong sense of family relationships, our outlook on life, our music, our sense of humor, and in our faces.

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The Clan McDuffee Clan Society has a new website!

<http://www.mcduffeeklansociety.org>

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*2009 Greenville
Scottish Games*



We have a dual mission that defines a key difference between us and other Scottish Games in the US. In addition to protecting and celebrating the central traditional Scottish events, we have expanded our universe to attract thousands of new people to the Games. By organizing new venues with Scottish themes, we are “converting” a very large audience of both Scottish and non-Scottish heritage populations to a new appreciation for and understanding of the early Scots who had such a strong impact on creating our nation. For example, by having all-day Border Collie demonstrations, we drew huge crowds of animal lovers who came to see this sort of performance. Our Bonnie Lad and Lassie Heritage Pageant attracted hundreds of families who came to the Games for no other reason than to see their children compete. Likewise, the British Car Show brought in over a thousand spectators to see the cars, and stayed to enjoy the Games. Once we get them in the gate, no matter their original

motive for coming, we have captured a new audience in perpetuity!

We are a ticketed event with an upscale demographic. The Games in June 2009 had a gate of 17,000, and the Great Scot! Parade had 8,000 - 10,000 spectators. These numbers, as well as the 1000+ participants in the Games (pipe bands, dancers, athletes, etc.) will double in May 2010, enhanced by increased local and national marketing, substantial word-of-mouth, and by the Royal Visit of HRH Prince Edward.

The Royal Visit by Prince Edward is, in our view, a tribute to all the Scottish-Americans who value their Scottish heritage and who work hard and make considerable sacrifice in their towns and cities to promote Scotland in a variety of ways. From Scottish Games to Tartan Balls to Robert Burns Nights and other expressions of Scottish connection, we all share our love for our ancestry. We hope this Royal Visit will presage further interaction with the British Royal Family.

2010 Games Dates

Be sure and check the information before you plan to go.

With thanks to **Keets Taylor** and **Anna Seden**

March 20, 2010 Sumter County Museum Celtic Concert/Ceilidh Sumter, SC / contact for more information: www.sumtercountymuseum.org

April 16-18, 2010: Loch Norman Highland Games Huntersville, NC (N of Charlotte) www.ruralhill.net

April 24, 2010 Highland Games and Festival at Laurel Hill, the homeplace of General J. E. B. Stuart, CSA Ararat, VA <http://www.jebstuart.org/>

April 30-May 1, 2010 Triad Highland Games Bryan Park, Greensboro, NC www.triadhIGHLANDgames.org

April 30-May 2, 2010 Scottish Festival and Celtic Gathering Bridgeport/Clarksburg, WV May 8, 2010 Savannah Scottish Highland Games Richmond Hill, GA (near Savannah) www.savannahscottishgames.com

May 8, 2010 Highland Games at Historic Bethabara Park Winston-Salem, NC www.bethabarapark.org

May 14-16, 2010 Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games Mills Park, Gatlinburg, TN www.gsfg.org

May 21-22, 2010 Mint Hill Highland Games Mint Hill, NC (E of Charlotte) www.MintHillScottishSociety.org

May 28-29, 2010 (NEW DATE) Greater Greenville Scottish Games Greenville & Furman University campus www.greenvillegames.org

June 3-6, 2010 (NEW DATE) Glasgow, KY Highland Games Barren River Lake State Park, Glasgow, KY www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

June 12, 2010 Feis Chlobhair (Clover Celtic Festival) Clover, SC www.cloverscottishgames.com

Spring: place dates from Jan—end of May Summer: end of May—end of September Fall: end of Sept—end of year

June 12-13, 2010 Blairsville Scottish Games Blairsville, GA www.blairvillesscottishfestival.org

June 18/19, 2010. 1st WNC Celtic Heritage

Festival - Pisgah Brewery Black Mountain, N.C. www.celticheritageproductions.com

June 18-20, 2010 Taste of Scotland Festival Franklin, NC www.tasteofscotlandfestival.org/

July 8-11, 2010 Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games Linville, NC (near Boone) www.gmhg.org

September 10-12, 2010 Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival Elizabethton, TN 37602 www.shoalsceltfest.com

September 18-19, 2010 (unconfirmed) Charleston Highland Games Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant, SC www.charlestonscots.org

September 25, 2010 Dandridge Highland Games and Festival Danridge, TN 34697-0507 www.mainstreetdandridge.com/festival.htm

October 1-3, 2010 Scotland County Highland Games Laurinburg, NC www.schngc.org

October 15-17, 2010 Stone Mountain Highland Games Stone Mountain (Atlanta), GA www.smhg.org

November 6, 2010 Foothills Highland Games Jackson Park, Hendersonville, NC





A cup of tea...a quiet nook and, a good book

Trojan Odyssey by Clive Cussler

With many thanks to our friends at *Celtic Seasons*, from the *Streams of Celtic Consciousness* and Rich and Rita Shader. Subscribe to *Celtic Seasons* by sending a monetary contribution to: Rich Shader, 2591 Chapparral Drive, Melbourne, FL 32934.

One never knows where items of Celtic interest will pop up. The entire *Darkover* science fiction series by Marion Zimmer Bradley is populated with Scots who have relocated to another planet, bringing their culture with them.

Unusual, but recently, I've become an avid reader of Clive Cussler's NUMA novels and there are quite a few Celtic references contained in them.

Even more unusual, once you realize that NUMA is an acronym for National Underwater and Marine Agency, a real-life entity founded by the author to search for lost ships of historical significance. (Ed. Note: The real-life NUMA and Clive Cussler are responsible for the discovery of the Confederate States Submarine, *The Hunley*, an exact model of which is now on display in Charleston, SC)

Trojan Odyssey tackles the legend of Troy and its supposed attack by the thousand ships sent to retrieve the famous Helen, wife of Menelaus of Greece,

who had been taken to Troy by Prince Paris of that city. Exactly where is Troy?

A German merchant, Heinrich Schliemann, claimed to have located it in western Turkey, based on descriptions in Homer's *Iliad*. Without giving too much away, I'll merely say that the premise of this book is shockingly different.

Source information for Mr. Cussler's novel is *Where Troy Once Stood* by Iman Wilkens; an acknowledgment indicates "(Wilkins) has truly shown the way toward a more practical solution to the mystery of Homer's Trojan War."

Keep in mind that this is a work of fiction, but so chock full of legitimate Celtic history that it is an extremely plausible premise.

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2010 Rural Hill Scottish Music Festival includes international & regional talents! Ya'll come!



HUNTERSVILLE, NC – The entertainment for the 17th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games is set for April 17 – 18, and features international as well as regional music talents. Performances will be given throughout the weekend with a highlighted concert on Saturday evening. Admission begins as low as \$10 per person and varies based on the number of days and activities selected. Complete schedules and tickets may be purchased securely online at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

“One of the joys of the Festival and Games weekend is the Scottish and Celtic music performances,” comments executive director Ed McLean. “We are thrilled with the line-up for 2010 and are already filling ticket requests from fans that see our schedules of their favorite artist and bands online.”

The 2010 music line-up includes Celtic rock groups Albannach and Stirling Bridge, and traditional and contemporary Celtic music from Brian McNeill, Ed Miller, Gary Innes, Jil Chambless, Scooter Muse, John Taylor, and Thistledown Tinkers.

With professional Scottish heavy athletic competition, amateur heavy athletics, piping and drumming, highland dancing, Scottish country dancing, harp and fiddle competitions, children’s activities including a kid’s zone, demonstrations and our famous historic encampment, the weekend will be fun for the entire family. Proceeds support the preservation of Rural Hill. For complete information on the 17th Annual Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, please visit our website at www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net.

The 2010 Rural Hill Scottish Festival music includes:
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In an Amazon.com review, M. Wolf posts, “This band will have the blood rollicking through your veins! The drumming will wake up something primitive you forgot you had.

Their music will grab you, enthrall you, excite you, lull you, haunt you...get in touch with your wild side...”

Albannach is Scots-Gaelic for “Scottish” or “Scotsman.” The members of Albannach were all born and bred in Scotland and says, “...our purpose in life is to share our intriguing culture, history and heritage with you by means of our music. It is exciting, energetic and enchanting and we promise to leave you begging for more.”

Brian McNeill

Now in his 40th year of a career that has established him as one of the most acclaimed forces in Scottish music. Brian has been described as “Scotland’s most meaningful contemporary songwriter” (The Scotsman); add to that his work and influence as performer, composer, producer, teacher, musical director, band leader, novelist and interpreter of Scotland’s past, present and future and you have a man who has never stood still. He has performed around the globe, both as a soloist and with some of the era’s most influential bands, including Battlefield Band and Clan Alba.

Brian was born in 1950 in Falkirk and began his musical training in his early teens with violin lessons, but soon forsook that for the electric guitar. There followed a comprehensive musical education and mildly misspent youth - until his student years brought him to Celtic music. As a direct consequence, in 1969 he formed the Battlefield Band, which became one of Scotland’s best known ensembles. Brian plays fiddle, octave fiddle, guitar, mandocello, bouzouki, viola, mandolin, cittern, concertina, bass and hurdy gurdy.

Ed Miller

A native of Edinburgh, Scotland, now living in Austin, Texas, Ed Miller is a product of the 1960s folk revival in Scotland. He moved to the United States in 1968 to complete his graduate work in Geography, and later Folklore, at the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to his singing career, Ed is the host of a folk music program on Austin’s NPR station, KUT-FM. Ed Miller is a performer who has learned his craft in musical venues on both sides of the Atlantic.... and a folklorist who brings his love of Scotland to every performance.

“Ed is a wonderful example of the vocal tradition

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TO
THE MEMORY OF MY BELOVED SON
CAPTAIN JOHN LAUDER
First 8th, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
Killed in France, December 28, 1916

OH, there's sometimes I am lonely
And I'm weary a' the day
To see the face and clasp the hand
Of him who is away.
The only one God gave me,
My one and only joy,
My life and love were centred on
My one and only boy.

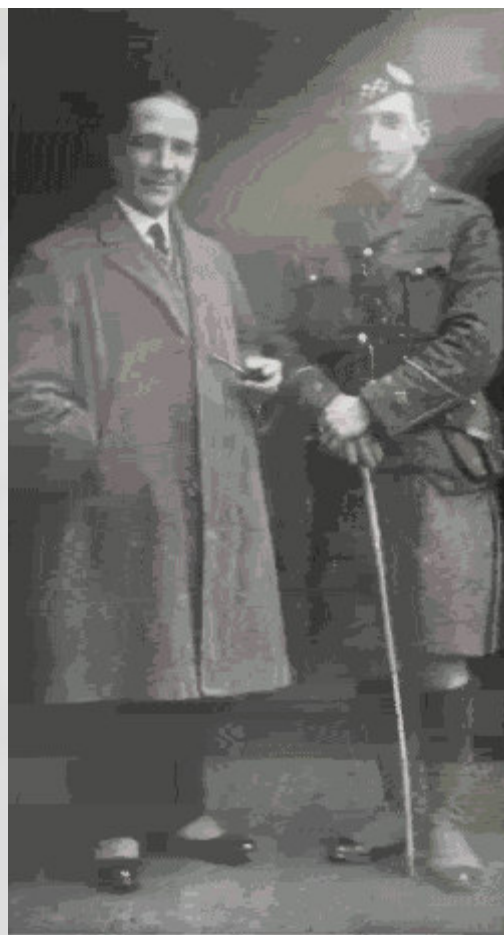
I saw him in his infant days
Grow up from year to year,
That he would some day be a man
I never had a fear.
His mother watched his every step,
'Twas our united joy
To think that he might be one day
My one and only boy.

When war broke out he buckled on
His sword, and said, "Good-bye,
For I must do my duty, Dad ;
Tell Mother not to cry,
Tell her that I'll come back again."
What happiness and joy !
But no, he died for Liberty,
My one and only boy.

The days are long, the nights are drear,
The anguish breaks my heart,
But oh ! I'm proud my one and only
Laddie played his part.
For God knows best, His will be done,
His grace does me employ.
I do believe I'll meet again
My one and only boy.

Harry Lauder

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HARRY LAUDER AND HIS SON, CAPTAIN JOHN LAUDER.

Alastair McIntyre says,

"I've just started a book about Harry Lauder and in his Prologue on the index page mentions America and Americans This is of course WWI time." See

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/lauder/index.htm>

Prologue, by Sir Harry Lauder



YON days! Yon palmy, peaceful days! I go back to them, and they are as a dream. I go back to them again and again, and live them over. Yon days of another age, the age of peace, when no man dared even to dream of such times as have come upon us!

It was in November of 1913, and I was setting forth upon a great journey, that was to take me to the other side of the world before I came back again to my wee hoose among the heather at Dunoon. My wife was going with me, and my brother-in-law, Tom Vallance, for they go everywhere with me. But my son John was coming with us only

to Glasgow, and then, when we set out for Liverpool and the steamer that was to bring us to America, he was to go back to Cambridge. He was near done there, the bonnie laddie. He had taken his degree as Bachelor of Arts, and was soon to set out upon a trip round the world.

Was that no a fine plan I had made for my son? That great voyage he was to have, to see the world and all its peoples! It was proud I was that I could give it to him. He was—but it may be I'll tell you more of John later in this book! My pen runs awa' with me, and my tongue, too, when I think of my boy John.

We came to the pier at Dunoon, and there she lay, the little ferry steamer, the black smoke curling from her stick straight up to God. Ah, the braw day it was! There was a frosty sheen upon the heather, and the Clyde was calm as glass. The tops of the hills were coated with snow, and they stood out against the horizon like the great big sugar loaves.

There are many chapters of the book "up" already. Just visit
<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/lauder/index.htm>

We were a' happy that day!

There was a crowd to see us off. They had come to bid me farewell and God-speed, all my friends and my relations, and I went among them, shaking them by the hand and thinking of the long while it would be before I'd be seeing them again. And then all

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John Adams, our second President, and his son, John Quincy Adams, our sixth president, were descended from John Alden through John's daughter Ruth.

James Garfield, our twentieth President, was a ninth generation descendant of John Billington through his son, Francis.

Ulysses S. Grant, eighteenth President, was a descendant of Richard Warren through Warren's son, Nathaniel. President Grant's son, Frederick Dent Grant, joined the District of Columbia's Mayflower Society

in 1903 and his son, Ulysses S. Grant III, joined the same society in 1950.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our thirty-second President, had six Mayflower lines. Through his father, James Roosevelt, he descended from John Howland and wife, Elizabeth and her father, John Tilley. Through his mother Sara Delano, he descended from Isaac Allerton, Degory Priest, Francis Cooke and Richard Warren (he had four Warren lines).

William Howard Taft, twenty-seventh President, line (Francis Cook), has been discredited in the third generation.

Zachary Taylor, was our twelfth President. He descended from two Pilgrims, William Brewster, through his daughter, Fear, who was also Isaac Allerton's second wife.

Ed note: The statisticians say that in another 500 years, everyone will be kin to someone on *The Mayflower*.

If cars were like computers...

If a big auto industry had developed technology like a big computer company, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.

Every time they repainted the lines on the road, you would have to buy a new car.

Occasionally, your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close the windows, then shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue.

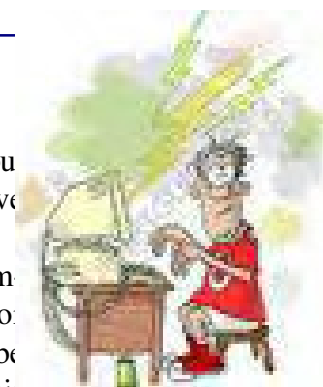
Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, was five times as fast and

twice as easy to drive, but would run on only five percent of the roads.

The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would be replaced by a single "this car has performed an Illegal Operation" warning light.

The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.

Occasionally, for no reason, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously



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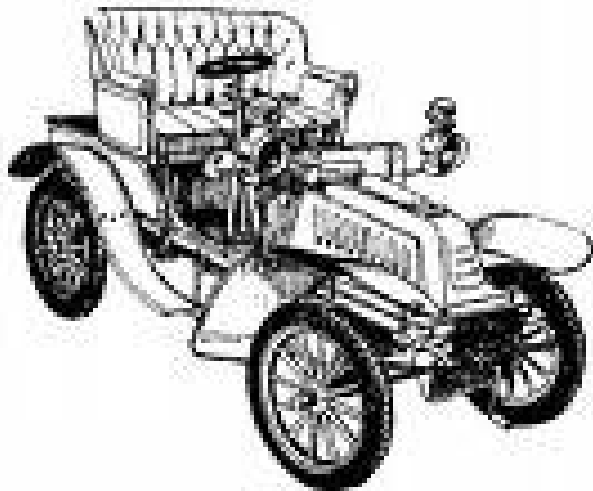
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■ There were only 8000 cars in the United States and only 144 miles of paved roads.

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■ Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee each were more heavily populated than California. California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

■ More than 95 percent of all births took place at home

■ Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

■ The average wage in the United States was 22 cents per hour.

■ The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

If your car were a computer,

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lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would learn how to drive all over again, because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

And, finally, you'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

Can anyone help the Munns family?

Does anyone know of a tie between the McCORD and the **GLECKLER** families? I have just learned of a **SARAH McCORD GECKLER (McCORD is the middle name and GLECKLER is the surname)**, born 22 September 1847 and died 18 September 1908. She was the daughter of German parents, **JOHN GOTTLIEB GLECKLER** and **MARY MAGDALENE DILLYARD/DILLARD/DILGER**. The families were between Germany and Illinois. If you have any information, please contact **Scott & Roxanne Munns at rmunns@uwalumni.com**



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Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.

Ian MacNeil, Chief of Clan MacNeil is gone

A CLAN chief who once taught law to a young Barack Obama has died in Edinburgh.

Ian MacNeil, 80, the 46th chief of the Clan MacNeil of Barra, had been suffering from lymphoma.

Last night Angus MacNeil, the Western Isles MP, led the tributes. He said Mr MacNeil was much loved and respected on Barra and news of his death will be greeted with feelings of sadness and loss.

"He was a person who delighted in other people," he said. "He was active in the Barra community in protecting the island air service from proposed Scottish Executive cuts eight years ago. He had a strong interest in crofting and made considered submissions on the Crofting Bill currently before the Scottish Parliament."

Alasdair Allan, the islands' MSP, added: "Ian was a remarkable person, not just because he headed one of Scotland's oldest clans, but because he was an immensely kind, learned man who devoted his considerable talents to helping his community.

"As well as working tirelessly to safeguard the future of Kisimul Castle in Barra, he had a notable career as a professor of law in the States, a knowledge which he put to formidable use in defending the interests of Barra. That could take many forms, whether it was in arguing for the interests of the island's fishermen or its crofters. Indeed, to his immense credit he secured public ownership of the island itself."

In 2004, Mr MacNeil transferred nearly 9,000 acres of his land on Barra to Scottish ministers, as well as fishing and mineral rights, with the plan eventually to give it to the residents. He offered the land to the community more than 20 years previously but it was not acted on as he was considered a good landlord.

He continued to be a regular visitor to the island where he had a home and still has connections to Kisimul Castle, the family seat now run by Historic Scotland.

In 2000, he agreed an annual rent for the castle



Ian MacNeil

of £1 and a bottle of malt whisky.

Ian Roderick MacNeil claimed descent from Niall of the Nine Hostages, the king of Ireland from 379 to 405. The clan MacNeil is said to have lived on Barra for nearly 1,000 years.

The 21st chief, General Roderick MacNeil, sold the island in 1838 when he faced economic ruin.

As he had no children, the chiefship passed to a cousin whose line had emigrated to America.

In 1937, Kisimul Castle and most of Barra were bought by Robert Lister MacNeil, a descendant of the 22nd chief and father of Ian MacNeil.

Ian spent a considerable period on the island and went to school in Castlebay.

He later ran the crofting estate for nearly 35 years, splitting his time between the island, his native America, where he taught law at Northwestern University in Chicago, and Edinburgh.

He was an expert in contract law as well as crofting and crofting legislation.

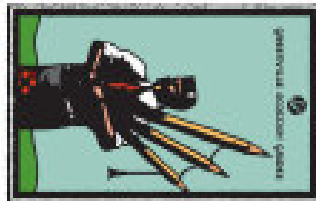
While teaching in the United States, he told his wife he thought he had the first black US president in his class, a reference to the young Barack Obama, who was one of his students.

"He told his wife that he had thought he had the first black president in his class," said the Western Isles MP Mr MacNeil.

"She just smiled – but he was a man of great foresight and a great talent spotter."

"At the same time he was genuinely very humble."

Mr MacNeil is survived by his widow Nancy, and his family, Rory, now the 47th MacNeil of MacNeil, Jenny and Sandy.

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GET CHEMICAL

the more young people from the
through. I'd like to learn a little
for a lot) about Scotland, and send
in their poems as if possible
submissions.

The above is **SECULARISM**, and not young adults' way in interpreting the message they receive.

The event will be a musical and the music performed at the time Scotland is playing the game of the Scottish League on May 20th. Women will be invited to read their writing collection on stage, if they have more than 1,000 words, please choose highlights to present. Women do not need to be present to claim their prize.

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- We will also award \$200 to the sponsoring teacher for each First Place winner including the Overall Winner. This may be a teacher, librarian, specialist, writing instructor, or other teacher involved with the students' creative writing. See the poem selected to participate in the category.

THIS YEAR'S JUDGES INCLUDE

Author's Note: When I have been writing authors in the past, I have given, each writer several Catholic history and mythology facts for "bonus" credit and often added published works. One will judge the Grand Price Great Interest.

Lydia Doherty
Editor of the *European Journal* (anymagazine), contributing editor of *Is the Magazine for Women?*, and frequent writer for *PMQ*, *Contemporary*, *Fast Company*, and others.

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my good-byes were said, and we went aboard, and my voyage had begun.

I looked back at the hills and the heather, and I thought of all I was to do and see before I saw those hills again. I was going half-way round the world and back again. I was going to wonderful places to see wonderful things and curious faces. But oftenest the thought came to me, as I looked at my son, that him I would see again before I saw the heather and the hills and all the friends and the relations I was leaving behind me. For on his trip around the world he was to meet us in Australia ! It was easier to leave him, easier to set out, knowing that, thinking of that!

Wonderful places I went to, surely. And wonderful things I saw and heard. But the most wonderful thing of all that I was to see or hear upon that voyage I did not dream of nor foresee. And it was the most terrible thing the world has ever seen. How was a mortal man to foresee it? How was he to dream of it?

Could I guess that the very next time I set out from Dunoon pier the peaceful Clyde would be dotted with patrol boats, dashing hither and thither! Could I guess that everywhere there would be boys in khaki, and women weeping, and that my boy, John——! Ah, but I'll not tell you of that now.

Peaceful the Clyde had been, and peaceful

was the Mersey when we sailed from Liverpool for New York. I look back on yon voyage—the last I took that way in days of peace. Next time ! Destroyers to guard us from the Hun and his submarines, and to lead us a safe course through the mines. And sailor boys, about their guns, watching, sweeping the sea every minute for the flash of a sneaking pirate's periscope showing for a second above a wave!

But then! It was a quiet trip, with none but the ups and doons of every Atlantic crossing—more ups than doons, I'm telling you!

I was glad to be in America again, glad to see once more the friends I'd made. They turned out to meet me and to greet me in New York, and as I travelled across the continent to San Francisco it was the same. Everywhere I had friends; everywhere they came crowding to shake me by the

hand with a "How are you the day, Harry?"

It was a long trip, but it was a happy one. How long ago it seems now, as I write, in this new day of war! How far away are all the common, kindly things that then I did notice, and that now I would give the world and a' to have back again!

Then, everywhere I went, they pressed their dainties upon me whenever I sat down for a sup and a bite. The board groaned with plenty. I was in a rich country, a country where there was enough for all, and to spare. And now, as I am writing I am travel-



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that means so much to the Celtic heritage and history. His wonderful voice as well as his treatment of the old and new folksongs (many of which he has authored himself) is inspiring to those who love the music. And while he takes the music very seriously, his humor and wit make his performances all the more inviting.” – Don Hutchison, as posted on cdbaby.com.

Gary Innes

Born in 1980, Gary Innes is from Spean Bridge in the Highlands of Scotland and has been playing music professionally since 2003. He released his first album “How’s the Craic” in 2005 under the Skipinnish label and has since has started his own record label PDP (Purple Dougal Production) with best friend and co-owner Ewan Robertson. The boys released their own album “Shouts” in April 2009 which has been featured on radio stations worldwide and was BBC Radio nan Gaidheal’s album of the month in May ‘09.

Gary has traveled the world with some amazing tales of tours and travel. He is recognized as one of Scotland’s finest young accordion players and has appeared in America, China, Kazakhstan and Europe. A highlight was his performance at a World Peace concert in Amman, Jordan for the Royal Family. Gary has been a part of Scots legendary “Runrig” and appears on the cover of their 2007 album “Everything You See.” He currently plays in Scotland’s widely demanded super group “Box Club.”

Outside of music Gary is a Scottish Internationalist at Shinty and plays for Camanachd Cup champions

Fort William. He holds every senior medal in Shinty and when not competing, does live match commentary for the BBC. Gary is also a Firefighter with Highlands and Islands Fire and Rescue and a First Responder with the Scottish Ambulance Service. At anytime you could be enjoying his music onstage or happy he’s come to help you out of trouble.

“Gary Innes is the latest in a line of young box players hailing from the Lochaber area. His ‘locomotive’ style has been wooing audiences up and down the country and he...will blow your socks off!” - Dougie Hunter, as posted on musicscotland.com.

Jil Chambless

Jil Chambless is without a doubt one of America’s top Celtic music vocalist and musicians. A native of Montgomery, Alabama, Jil was first introduced to Celtic music in the 1980’s when she met the Tuscaloosa-based band, Henri’s Notions. The rest is history.

As the vocalist with Henri’s Notions, Jil has completed four recording projects and performed nationally at concerts and festivals. Jil has just released her long awaited solo CD, “The Ladies Go Dancing,” produced by the legendary Brian McNeill.

“Little did I ever think that one of the best singers of Scots and Irish songs I know would hail from Tuscaloosa, Alabama., but that is the case with Jil Chambless.” - Ed Miller

Scooter Muse

With roots in Bluegrass Music, Scooter has been privileged to win eight State of Alabama & Tennessee Valley Championship titles for 5 String and Old Time Banjo. Scooter began to tap into the incredible world of Celtic Music about 25 years ago. After learning a flood of traditional jigs and reels on the banjo he began to explore the Celtic domain of open tunings for the guitar, and from was founder and leader of one of the country’s finest Celtic bands, The Full Moon Ensemble. After the FME went their separate ways in 2002, Scooter was proud to join Henri’s Notions after being a big fan of the band for many years!

Scooter has released his first solo guitar CD “Saddell Abbey.” The CD includes 12 original compositions for acoustic guitar including music set to the poetry of Robert Burns, and three songs by the Full Moon Ensemble’s Allison King and Jil Chambless of Henri’s Notions.

“His talents as musician and composer/arranger have been an important part of the success both bands have enjoyed to date. But now, with the release of his

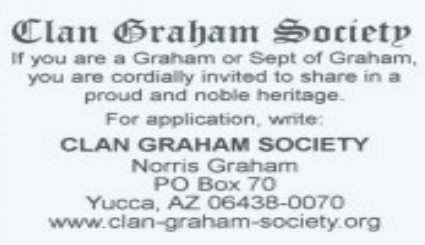
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ling again across America. And there is not enough. When I sit down at table there is a card of Herbert Hoover’s, bidding me be careful how I eat and what I choose. Aye, but he has no need to warn me! Well I know the truth, and how America is helping to feed her allies over there, and so must be sparing herself.

To think of it! In yon far day the world was all at peace. And now that great America, that gave so little thought to armies and to cannon, is fighting with my ain British against the Hun!

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I was taught that Pennsylvania was named for William Penn? Were you?



**Happy
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March the First!"**

I remember Miz Peggie McCubbin telling us all about how the Quakers from Llanbrynmair, Wales came to the New World for religious freedom. I remember Miz Peggie telling us that Pennsylvania had been named for William Penn.

However, I just learned "the rest of the story" in Rich Shader's *Celtic Seasons* publication.

It seems that "Pen" is the Welsh word for "high" or "head woodlands."

William Penn wrote, in a letter to Robert Turner, that he had intended to call their new home "New Wales." The secretary of the venture, a Welshman, objected. So, the new place was called "Pennsylvania." Mr. Penn wrote that it meant "head" or "hill."

The interesting thing is, that the Welsh word "pen" is spelled with a single "n." Mr. Penn's surname had a double "n." Mmmmm. The new name was "Pennsylvania."

This reminds your editor of Pavo, Georgia. Seems when it was time to name the little town, each of the town councilmen wanted to name the town for themselves...and all of the names were rejected. So, Mr. Peacock, who had been silent on the matter said, "You know, 'Pavo' would be a wonderful name - and it's a little different too."

The town became Pavo. Years later, the truth became known. "Pavo" is the Latin word for "peacock." Mr. Peacock, it seems, had the last laugh...as did William Penn.

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first solo recording, Muse's own music shares much of his journey on the Celtic music road. Saddell Abbey has all the earmarks of a project that has been a long time coming." - *Paige Smith, Celtic Alabama News*

John Taylor

Originally from North-East Scotland, John has lived in San Jose, California for over 30 years, and during that time has become one of the most popular Scottish fiddlers in the US. In addition to solo work, he has played with various bands over the years and currently leads a band called "Hamewith" (which means "homewards" in the Scots dialect). He also plays regularly for Scottish Country Dancing and has recorded albums with Andy Imbrie and with the dance band "Fiddlesticks and Ivory." He has played for dance tours in Scotland and New Zealand, and regularly plays for dances and dance workshops throughout the US and Canada. He can also often be seen and heard accompanying singer Ed Miller or the Scots/Irish duo "Men of Worth."

In 2001, he released his first solo album "After the Dance," produced by Scottish folk music icon Brian McNeill and featuring John with backup from Brian, Ed, Rich Brotherton, Lawrence Drummond and John's son Stuart and daughter Lesley. It includes a wide variety of airs, marches, jigs, reels and strathspeys, both old and new, and is topped off by a couple of fiddle-related songs from Ed. John's latest album "The Road Ahead" was again produced by Brian and features an exciting mix of material - including John's first recorded vocal - and backup by Brian, along with members of Hamewith and John's family.

John says of his musical beginnings, "I was born in Aberdeen. The milk was delivered every morning by horse and cart. The vegetable man came later in the day with HIS horse and cart and we got to feed sugar lumps to the horse. The "scaffie" had a little maroon and cream hand cart that he walked around with, sweeping the streets. I used to get a ride to and from school on the handlebars of my father's bike. The beach was freezing, but we went anyway. There were "allotments" at the end of the street and we used to pinch red gooseberries through the fence. I can't remember the last time I had a gooseberry. We had an attic in our house, and Auntie Dorothy and Uncle George lived there for a while. I learned to ride Neilly Anderson's bike and dreamed about getting a "Palm Beach Tourer" with butterfly handlebars. What I got was my Uncle Charlie's old bike with wood blocks on the pedals so I could reach them. When I was 7 or 8 years old, my Mum and Dad asked me if I would like to play a musical instrument. I was really excited - this was great. I said 'Yes, a trom-

bone!!!!' They bought me a fiddle."

Stirling Bridge

Rockin' the Celts - Carolina Style! Stirling Bridge blends classic bagpipe sounds with hard-driving Carolina rock 'n' roll. These four seasoned, professional musicians bring the party with a good-time, foot-stompin' Celtic rock show.

Stirling Bridge is comprised of musicians known individually or from other combined efforts such as Thistledown Tinkers and Cattletruck - Trip Rogers (Guitar, Vocals), Tom Eure (Bass, Vocals), Andrea Jones (Highland Bagpipes, Small Pipes) and Gene Mackall (Drums).

Thistledown Tinkers

Thistledown Tinkers, the powerful Celtic music duo featuring Trip Rogers and Tom Eure, make music that forces folks to stand up and take notice. This is not the fragile, romanticized Celtic music you hear in movie soundtracks, but the kind that makes you sing along and stomp your feet.

These seasoned music veterans from NC weave traditional Scottish and Irish music with original creations while adding a southern swagger that sets the stage on fire. With an impressive arsenal of instruments including guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, and concertina, musicianship is at the core of Thistledown Tinkers. Their stage presence creates a rebel rousing party that not only draws fans in, but makes them feel like a part of the show.

Thistledown Tinkers deliver the beauty and tradition of Celtic music, new and old, with the guts, showmanship, and attitude of an arena rock band. You will find them wherever kinsmen are gathered and the craic is lively!

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