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St. Andrews Presbyterian College Scottish Heritage Center presents The Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium March 28-30, 2008 in Laurinburg

Honorees at this year's Scottish Heritage Symposium are Vivian Morrison Wyer, receiving the Flora MacDonald Award, and Dr. Douglas Kelly, the 2008 recipient of the Scottish Heritage Center Service Award.

Wyer was Highland Dance instructor at Flora Macdonald College and entertained and represented the school throughout the region, both dancing and playing the bagpipe and singing in Gaelic at public and private events. She brought authentic Scottish music and dance to a region which had not seen or heard it in generations.

Kelly is a highly esteemed scholar of theology and holds the Jordan Chair of Theology at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is perhaps best known to those with Scottish interests as author of *Carolina Scots*, a survey of the history of the Carolina Scottish settlements and their prominent families. He serves as Chaplain at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The presentations will be at the Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet on Friday, March 28 held at St. Andrews Presbyterian College.



Mr. Donald Bell, President of The Finlaggan Trust and speaker in NC this March

Among the speakers for the 2008 event - with presentations on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, will be Dr. John Purser, Bonnie Rideout, Dr. Carole Troxler, Dr. Alex McLeod and Mr. Donald Bell.

There will be a concert at 7 PM on Saturday featuring an evening of Scottish musical entertainment featuring the St. Andrews Presbyterian College Pipe Band and three-time US Champion Scot-

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tish Fiddler and recording artist Bonnie Rideout.

On Sunday, the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church will be the site of a Kirkin' o' the Tartan Worship Service. Lunch will follow the service.

Registration for the Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium and the Eighteenth Annual Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet must be made by March 24. The Symposium fee is \$100 per person. The Scottish Heritage

Awards Banquet/Reception is \$35 per person and the Kirkin' o' the Tartans Lunch is \$6.50 per person. Just send your name and names of all registrants, address information along with daytime phone and email address to: Scottish Heritage Center, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, 1700 Dogwood Mile, Laurinburg, NC 28352-5598. If you have questions contact Tasha Mehne, Administrative Assistant at 910-277-5258 or email bagpipe@sapc.edu

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I have a few corrections for inquiries. **SAMUEL WESLEY FARLEY's** wife is **CAROLINA COLE**, not **HUNT**, and grandpa **WALLACE's** mother's name is **MARY QUISENBERRY**, born Hillsville, Virginia. Have grandma **BURL**, looking for information on surname. Other correction **JOHN THOMAS CREMEANS's** wife is **LUCRETIA JEFFERSON FIFE CREMEANS**. Parents **ABEL FIFE** and **MARY WAUGH**, both of Barboursville, West Virginia. Please send any information to Hal Lewis, **124 Cumberland Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14220**.

CAROLINA COLE is **AMANDA HUNT** and what is more, our **GRANDMOTHER CREMEANS** is called that, and **LUCRETIA CREMEANS** is step. Real one is **ALTA CAZAD**. Also would like information on **INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS**. My father **HAL LEWIS** got his commission in Court Stuart through them. He was court deputy. Please send any information to Hal Lewis, **124 Cumberland Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14220**.

Names researching are **CREMEANS, WAUGH, FIFE, WALLACE, QUISENBERRY, HEANEY, FISCHER, BURL, COLE, SAWYERS** and **FARLEY**. Also, please send info if you know parents of **WILLIAM S. ROSS**, who married **ANNA CATHERINE BRINCKERHOFF**. Children: **MATTHEW FREEMAN, JACOB BRINCKERHOFF, SARAH SWAN, MARY BRINCKERHOFF, HANNA LOUISA, WILLIAM ROBERT, ANNA CATHERINE BRINCKERHOFF**, who married my grandfather **VALERIUS ELIA RAMSBURG** mid-1800s - **CAROLINE JOSEPHINE, DEWITT**

BRINCKERHOFF, EDWIN LESLIE. Any information, please contact **Catherine Reams Braly, 22668-B Nadine Circle, Torrance, CA 90505**.

Our paternal ancestors left Glasgow and migrated to Australia in the 1840s and 1850s. My own interest lays in trying to find out if the **McTAGGART** priests were originally of Celtic Druids or maybe Viking-Norse Anglo-Saxon priests? (Macan T' Sagairt = sacerdos in Latin) Possibly Celtic Christianity or heathen high priests? Apparently, the name is also of Irish Gaelic as well. There is a place seemingly named Ballymacantaggart in Vullenderry, located in Northern Ireland. The Macant'sagairt (**McTAGGART**) appeared in 1214 and somehow originates from the lay Abbots of Applecross in which connects somehow to the name of **ANRIAS** in which the **MACANT' SAGAIRTS** came from the **O'BEOLAN** bloodline of priests. I wish to ask you if you could purely provide me of any contact addresses in Scotland or even Ireland that would have relevant history on the priesthoods and which inherited priests would the **McTAGGART** have come from. (Would I have to look for Celts, Norse, Anglo, Christian origins?) I seem to be not making any relevant progress in my enquiry into my inherited genealogical name. Worse still, I haven't a computer. I must communicate in the old fashioned manner of letter and written communication, I'm afraid. Furthermore, if you are able to give me some written contacts in Scotland so I can communicate with, I'd be extremely pleased. Contact **Mr. Ian Robert McTaggart, PO Box 6017, Karingal 3199, Victoria, Australia**.



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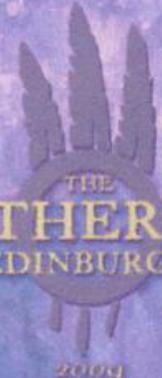
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Beautiful, beautiful Finlaggan..

With thanks to Julia Boyce, *Scotland on TV*



Donald Bell of the Finlaggan Trust



FINLAGGAN on the Hebridean Island of Islay - The Seat of the Lords of the Isles

Islay is known for many things – whisky, scenery, wildlife – but the island is also full of history, much of which dates back over many centuries yet is still in evidence today. Last November, Scotland on TV travelled to Islay to make three short films about the island and its whisky heritage. To date, we have made six films... and counting... The island was just far too fascinating!

Our most recently uploaded films are about Loch Finlaggan.

On the north east of the island of Islay lies a settlement associated with the ‘Lords of the Isles’. Two of the three islands situated in the beautiful Loch Finlaggan were the ancient administration centre of the Lordship of the Isles during the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries. Scotland on TV visited the small cottage, now rebuilt and maintained by the Finlaggan Trust, which sits on the shores of

the Loch and houses a museum and information centre, where we met with Donald Bell of the Trust to discover more. (This same Donald Bell will be a speaker at the upcoming Scottish Symposium at St. Andrews Presbyterian College this March 28-30.)

In the first episode of this two-part series, Donald presents some of the artefacts found in recent archaeological excavations. They tell the story of the seat of the Lords of the Isles and its contribution to the arts, culture and politics of Scotland. Amongst the treasures held in the museum is a replica of the footprint stone from a coronation ceremony of the Lords of the Isles, an ancient cross related to the lords and a sheep wool quilted aketon, a garment worn under armour.

In episode two, we take a guided tour through

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the ancient ruins of Finlaggan. Still standing on the island of Eilean Mòr (large island), on the shores of Loch Finlaggan, one can find the stone walls of a medieval chapel dedicated to St. Findlugan. Inside the chapel, the Trust has placed and protected a number of 16th Century tombstones, including an impressive effigy of a warrior wearing an aketon. The memorial is believed to be the tombstone of MacGilleasbuig of Finlaggan, who died after the forfeiture of the Lordship and whose family then became the chief family at Finlaggan.

Further along the island are the remains of a

small rectangular house which is believed to have been adapted into a two-story house during the 16th century, possibly for Donald MacGilleasbuig. Adjacent to the house there are the foundations of the most important structure on Eilean Mòr during the medieval period: the great hall, which was used by the Lords to hold banquets and feasts.

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American Presidents who are *Mayflower* descendants

Our President, George Walker Bush, is a descendant of four Pilgrims. His father, former President George Herbert Walker Bush, is descended from John Howland and his wife Elizabeth Tilley, and her father John Tilley, through the Howland's daughter Hope; and Francis Cooke through the Howland's daughter Jane. George W.'s mother Barbara Pierce Bush is a descendant of Henry Samson, through his son, Stephen.

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 May-



flower 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.

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Do you have illegitimate ancestors?

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

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

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

or “p(rea) dictus, meaning the said, aforesaid (man). “Voctus” means called or known as.

A common way of showing illegitimate paternity in English records was to give a child his father’s full name and his mother’s surname. The idea was that if the couple married later, the mother’s surname would be dropped. Knowing about the use of double surnames for illegitimate children is very useful to genealogists, but in genealogy, there are always exceptions. In London, Lancashire, Yorkshire and among nonconformists, the use of a complimentary second surname from the mother’s family, the pastor or a rich uncle, came into vogue in the early 1800s and again in the later Victorian period.

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

Thanks to *The Illuminator Newsletter* of the Zion Genealogical Society of Zion, Illinois.



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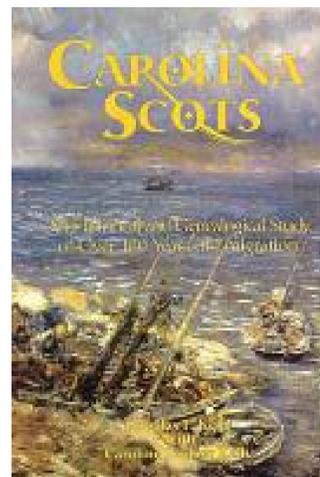
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Discovering Family History – a new beginner’s magazine from the publishers of *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy*

Toronto – 15 February 2008 - *Discovering Family History*, a new genealogy magazine targeted at beginners, will shortly start publishing.

A 24-page preview is included in the March/April issue of *Family Chronicle* and the April/May issue of *Internet Genealogy*.

A full 56-page preview issue can be downloaded at www.discoveringfamilyhistory.com

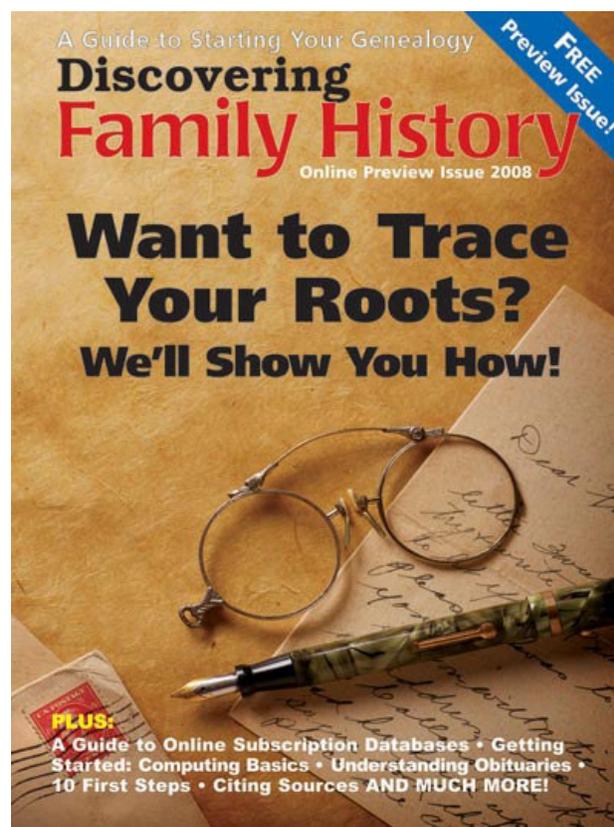
Halvor Moorshead, the publisher and editor of all three magazines, says that the seed of the idea for *Discovering Family History* was sown when *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy* magazines exhibited at an event in Toronto last September, called “The Word on the Street”.

Some 200,000 people attended this event, put on for those interested in books and literacy.

“We sold plenty of subscriptions to both magazines,” said Moorshead, “but I found that I was continually explaining to new subscribers some real genealogy basics — steering them to *Cyndi’s List* and other places that listed beginner’s courses. These people were smart enough; they just needed something more basic than what we were selling. It was sobering to realize that there might be a big market for a genealogy magazine that dealt with the basics.”

“This triggered us to conduct market research among *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy* readers. We sent out questionnaires, via the Internet, to 1,000 readers and were more than pleasantly surprised by the response.”

“A few people said they thought the idea for a beginner’s magazine was a bad one, but for each one of these, 12 people were excited by the idea. We had not expected to find that many people, who had been researching their genealogy for many



years, still considered themselves beginners. But then we realized that most of us are beginners when we tackle a new area for research. Most of us are beginners in some area or another.”

The free online preview issue contains such articles as Free Family History Websites, Obituaries, the Ultimate Guide to Subscription Databases, Who Else is Researching Your Name?, What is a Vital Record?, Citing Sources, a genealogical Case Study, The 10 First Steps, Computer Basics, It’s All About Parents, Genealogical Societies, Web 2.0 and Making Sense of the US Census.

The articles are targeted at beginners, but Moorshead says that great care has been taken not to talk down to the reader. “I consider myself a fairly experienced genealogist but I continue to come across aspects of research that bewilder me. For example, until recently I had never investigated land records – I would find a basic article on this subject very useful”, said Moorshead.

Discovering Family History will be published six times a year. There is an introductory subscription rate of \$20 per year (same rate for the US and Canada). For more information visit the magazine’s website www.discoveringfamilyhistory.com

Flowers of the Forest

The Clan Stewart Society in America sends condolences to the families of their members: Regional High Commissioner V **Harris M. Steward** of Madison, Alabama at the age of 66. He was involved with CSSA for many years and his presence will be deeply missed. Member **Carol Stewart**, Region X of San Diego of complications due to diabetes. She, her husband, Dan, and grown children, Mike and Holly, have been stalwart supporters for CSSA since 1999; **John Stewart**, of Colorado, father of CSSA Secretary Ginny Stewart.

The St. Andrews Society of Detroit remembers **Andy Anderson, Evelyn Bunting, Ken Cooper** and **Bill Sutherland**. Prayers are asked for their families.



George William (Billy) Sutherland, of Union Hall, Virginia, and CSSNA member number 1180, passed away January 14, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Dottie M. Sutherland.

A veteran of the United States Army Air Corps and a Virginia Tech graduate, Billy served a distinguished career as an aerospace engineer in private enterprise and with the Department of Defense.

Clan Shaw Society honors six in 2008

The Clan Shaw Society has announced its annual awards for 2008. Six society members were honored for their service to the organization.

The society's longest standing award, Clansman of the Year designation, with accompanying medal, went to first-year Conveners Brent Shaw of Maryland and Donald Shaw of California.

The next highest award, the Order of the Dagger, with accompanying clan crest skene dubh, went to Michael Shaw, Convener for Iowa and Peter Shaw, Convener for Arizona.

The organization's second highest award, the Order of the Dirk, with accompanying bonnie dirk, was given to Nancy

Foxworthy, the society's long-term Convener for Indiana and other areas.

The newest and highest award, given this year for the first time ever, the Order of the Claymore, with accompanying presentation claymore, was given to Henry Lee Shaw, society secretary and long-term Convener for Georgia and Alabama.

The awards were made by the officers and trustees of the society and announced by the president, Meredith L. Shaw, of Olney, Maryland.

Information on the Clan Shaw Society can be obtained from the secretary, Henry Lee Shaw, PO Box 387, Franklin, GA 30217.



Tartan Day in NH - you're invited!

Hello – St. Andrews Society of New Hampshire (SASNH) Members, Clan Representatives, Scottish Societies, and Interested Individuals

TARTAN DAY KIRKIN - APRIL 6th The Saint Andrews Society of New Hampshire extends an invitation to one and all to attend our 2008 Tartan Day Celebration.

This year's celebration will consist of a Kirkin of the Tartan on April 6th and a Tartan Day Dinner on April 12th.

We are fortunate that Saint Paul's Episcopal Church of Concord, New Hampshire has graciously agreed to share their lovely sanctuary with us for a Tartan Day Kirkin which will be incorporated as part of the church's weekly Eucharist.

The Kirkin will include a bagpipe-accompanied processional of the tartan into the church, a roll call, blessing of the tartan, a Flowers of the Forest recognition, and a bagpipe-accompanied recessional of the tartan.

A special tea at the church will follow the Kirkin. The service on the 6th will begin at 10:00AM at Saint Paul's which has entrances at 21 Centre Street and on Park Street opposite the State House. The processional will enter via the Park Street entrance. We will assemble on the plaza in front of the State House at 9:30 AM and proceed together to the church. We encourage the wearing of kilts, kilted skirts, trews, or other tartan such as ties, vests, sashes, rosettes, and ribbons.

All clans and Scottish societies wishing to

participate in the procession that have flags should plan to be at the State House prior to 9:30 AM with their flags and floor stands which will be used inside the church.

We ask that all SASNH members, clans, Scottish societies, and individuals planning to attend the Kirkin to RSVP by March 30th with the number of persons attending, so we can plan on seating, roll call, and the tea that follows the Kirkin.

For those wishing to have someone remembered in the Flowers of the Forest recognition, please provide those names using the RSVP Form.

ST. ANDREWS TARTAN DAY DINNER - APRIL 12th

On April 12th, the Saint Andrews Society of New Hampshire will have a Tartan Day Dinner at the Cat n' Fiddle Restaurant located at 118 Manchester St, Concord. The evening includes haggis, piping, and entertainment. Kilts and tartan are encouraged.

Cash Bar/Social Hour begins at 5PM followed by a Deluxe Buffet Dinner at 6PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person.

A tartan processional is planned, so please bring your flags and floor stands! Tickets can be purchased until March 30th by using the "Tartan Day RSVP and Ticket Form on the following page.

If you wish more information, please contact David Gordon, Events Coordinator, St. Andrews Society of NH 603-225-2462, or Email: dgordon1949@yahoo.com Please visit: www.standrewssocietynh.org





SASNH Tartan Day RSVP & Tartan Day Dinner Tickets

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE _____

APRIL 6th - KIRKIN RSVP:

NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING KIRKIN _____

NAMES FOR THE FLOWERS OF THE FOREST _____

HOW MANY FLAGS WILL YOU BE BRINGING TO KIRKIN?: _____

CLANS OR SOCIETIES REPRESENTED: _____

APRIL 12th – TARTAN DINNER TICKET ORDER:

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AT \$35.00 PER PERSON .

HOW MANY FLAGS WILL YOU BE BRINGING TO THE DINNER? _____

CLANS OR SOCIETIES REPRESENTED: _____

OTHER INFORMATION YOU WISH TO SHARE: _____

PLEASE SEND VIA EMAIL, OR US MAIL TO:

DAVID GORDON, EVENTS COORDINATOR, ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY OF NH, 21 S.
STATE ST. CONCORD, NH 03301, EMAIL: dgordon1949@yahoo.com FOR MORE INFOR-
MATION: CALL – 603-225-2462

PLEASE RESPOND BY MARCH 30th

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A RIGHT ROYAL WELCOME

Royal patronage is often sought, but rarely given. When it is bestowed, it conveys the kind of prestige and pulling power that marketing companies can only dream about. The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs is therefore entitled to feel rather pleased with itself. Prince Charles has accepted the Council's invitation to be Patron of The Gathering 2009.

HRH Prince Charles has agreed to be Patron of The Gathering 2009, the two days of Highland Games and clan celebrations to be held in Edinburgh in July next year. The heir to the British Throne is expected to welcome more than 100 chiefs and their clansfolk from around the world. In Edinburgh Iain Gunn spoke with The Gathering's organiser, Lord Sempill, vice-convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs.

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His endorsement, in effect the royal seal of approval, will go a long way toward ensuring the success of the celebrations in Edinburgh next year. Quite apart from his Stewart ancestry, Charles also holds significant Scottish rank within his raft of titles, not the least of which is Lord of the Isles and Duke of Rothesay. In Scotland he takes a particular pride in wearing the kilt and in encouraging the traditions of the Highland Games.

Lord Sempill, vice-convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, acknowledged the significance of the nod from Clarence House. "Although royal patronage alone cannot guarantee the success of the celebrations," he said, "it has cer-

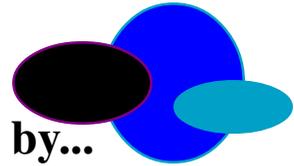


tainly given The Gathering a huge boost in terms of public awareness. We have been greatly encouraged by the level of interest being shown, particularly from the North American and Canadian clan organisations and now from those in Australia and New Zealand. All the early indications are that it is going to be well attended. Royal patronage will certainly help us to build on that awareness."

Lord and Lady Sempill travelled to Australia late last year and to New Zealand earlier this year to attend Highland Games and lobby for a significant antipodean presence at The Gathering. Having made that very long journey Lord Sempill is well aware of the commitment entailed in coming to Scotland from the far side of the world.

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Here's a genealogical codicil to your will that may be important to you! Here's a model to go by...



It would be prudent to discuss this with your attorney or estate planning agent in advance and you will have to make changes to fit your particular needs, but this is a good beginning. Yours may be something like this:

A Genealogical Codicil to my Last Will & Testament: To my Spouse, Children or Guardian: Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. Please remember that my genealogy endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and requests. Signed and dated by: Witnessed and dated by: Witnessed and dated by:

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"I've been telling people that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said. "It will be the biggest gathering of the clans that there has ever been in modern times and it will not be repeated. This is to be a one-off, a unique opportunity and I think many people who recognise that will want to participate. There will be plenty to see and do. Many of the clan organisations are actually using The Gathering as the hook to go on to their own clan country for reunions and further celebrations."

Lord Sempill said he was confident that the support of the majority of the chiefs would play a significant part in drawing as many as 7,500 clansfolk from the global Scottish Diaspora.

The Gathering is to be held in Edinburgh over the mid-summer weekend of July 25-26. These dates were chosen to take advantage of the multi-tiered seating for 8,500 which will be already be in place on the Edinburgh Castle esplanade in preparation for the annual Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This is to be the site of a spectacular clan pageant designed to highlight the contributions that the clans have made to the culture and history of Scotland.

In early April this year, special passports to

all The Gathering's various events will be offered for sale via the Internet. Tickets are to be packaged in beautifully hand-tooled souvenir leather wallets and will include entree cards for the two days of Highland Games in Holyrood Park, a pass for the grand parade from Holyrood Palace up the Royal Mile to the Edinburgh Castle Forecourt and a ticket to the Clan Pageant.

"Like any theatre," Lord Sempill said, "the tiered arrangement on the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade offers a range of seating. The prices will be graded accordingly."

"We will be therefore offering gold, silver and bronze passports. The gold passport will have the best seats in the house. It will retail for £110. The silver passport will be £95 and £88 for the bronze. Obviously there will be a lot more silver and bronze passports available than there will be gold. All in all we will be offering a total of eight and a half thousand passports. They will be available from our website, www.thegathering2009.com."

The site also contains links to agents arranging travel and accommodation and selling passports on behalf of The Gathering organisers.



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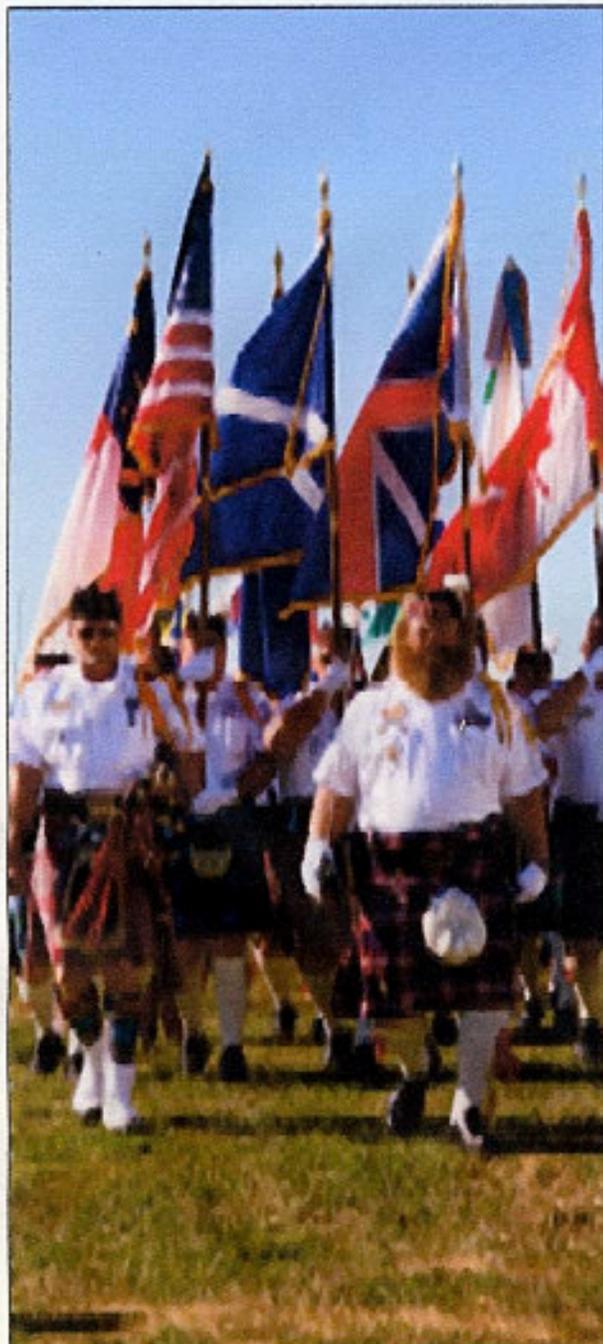
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