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MacDuffie's bring genealogical materials to St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC

Bill Morris and Fritz MacDuffie from the Clan MacDuffie announce that they have deposited all of their genealogical records and some back copies of their newsletter at the new genealogical facility at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC.

St. Andrews has just finished an extensive renovation of an existing building to make it suitable for a genealogical library.

If you'd like more information about the new facility at St. Andrews, please contact bill@sapu.edu.

BNFT's nomination for one of the Most Beautiful Places on Earth - Loch Glengarry, Scotland - on the road to Skye.



Smith retires

Howard Smith, long time member of the Clan Buchanan Society International; Regent for the State of Minnesota and Commissioner for the Mid-West Region recently announced his retirement from those two positions.

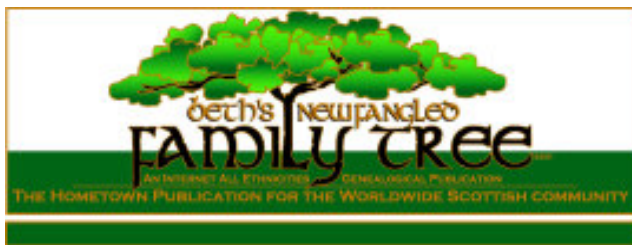
"I've been at it a good many years" Howard noted, "I love the Clan but it's time to hand over the reins to someone younger."

Thanking Howard for his many years of service to the Clan is Chris Lacher.

Chris will be taking over as Regent for Minnesota and convening his clan tent at many of the games there this year.

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Start every day with a smile and get it over with. - W.C. Fields



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Narra The Wonder Cat is
Queen of All She Surveys!

Here she is in her
Queenly Robes surveying
her Kingdom!

Note her jewelry...it is her
gold pin that says, "I love my
human!" (Hopefully, she
means Beth!)

At age 13, Miss Narra is
hale and hearty and just
fine!

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A letter from your Editor - Rumors of our demise....

Lately, I have just tried to stop watching the news. It is just too depressing.

However, I have never before played “opossum” nor “put my head in the sand.” So, I’ve started looking and trying to learn for myself about the state of our country.

You know, every time we go to “the big city” which for us is either Anderson, SC or Greenville, SC - the parking lots at the malls are filled to capacity. The parking lots at restaurants are full. There are lines when we want to go in and eat...and the cash registers in the stores where we shop are going at full capacity. When we go to Atlanta, it’s the same thing. When we were in Jacksonville, Florida a little while ago - everything was busy and the stores were full of shoppers.

I had to make a quick dash into Walmart the Saturday evening before Easter and when I came out, I told Tom I needed treatment for Post Traumatic Shopping Stress! Mercy. Folks were shopping hard. Buggies were full...people had their arms full of merchandise and the Easter basket supplies were almost gone. They were completely out of Easter egg dye. (I drew on Mom’s eggs with a gold metallic marker and they looked kinda elegant!)

Maybe someone can explain to me how if a company does a record business one year...say, it’s a jacket and coat and cold weather gear company...and that year, it’s extremely cold...so, customers buy lots of warm clothing. Well, next year, it’s warmer - and on top of that, everyone has a one-year-old coat or jacket...and the company’s profits go down by 1% or 2% - which is still above the profits of most years - How come the coat and



jacket company starts moaning and groaning and all of a sudden that means a bad economy?

Hey. I’m a cowboy, not an economist...but I just don’t understand.

When our media starts hollering that the sky is falling - it frightens people. When people are frightened they postpone buying that new car or new furniture or that vacation.

Speaking of the media. When I was in school studying journalism, I was taught NOT to have an opinion. “You report the facts. You do not have an opinion. The facts.” Wonder what ever happened to that?

Back to what happens when panic invades our media: When folks don’t buy, it causes business to slump.

When our folks are not frightened, they buy what they need and things are great - until the profits of some company go down a few percentage points from last year and all of a sudden, “the sky is falling” - and there we go again.

We live in the greatest country in the world. We are NOT arrogant. Our factories and workers produce the finest products. Our farmers and ranchers produce the finest food. Americans work harder than almost anybody else. Americans work together in bad times and in good times. Just think how we rally around those who have suffered natural and other disasters in our own country and all over the world.

Hey. I’m a cowboy, not an economist. I don’t know much about the complicated science of finance. What I am is a proud American who knows that we will come through this and most of it is caused by the media..



There's a new slogan for Scotland!

After a six month long contest and \$250,000 paid to advertising consultants, Scotland has changed its slogan: "Scotland, the Best Small Country in the World," to "Welcome to Scotland."

Not too surprisingly, some people are not impressed.

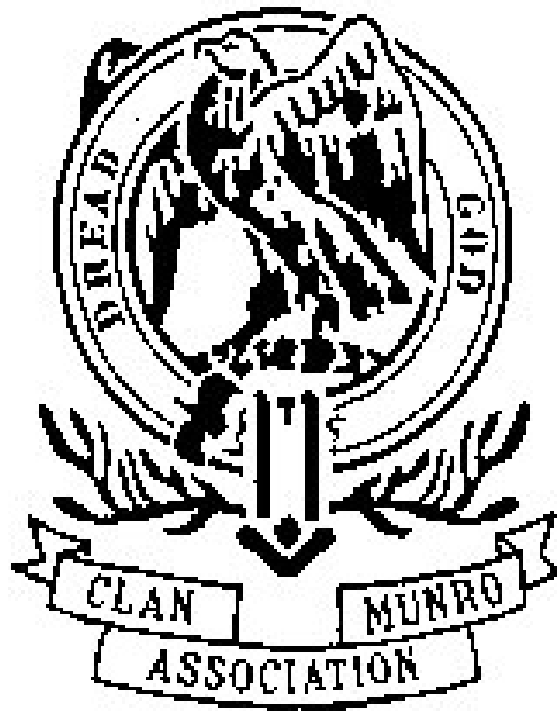
Your editor once lived in a city far into the American South. After a long contest, they city father's decided upon the new slogan for the city, "City of Southern Living." Huh? Isn't every city located in the South one of those?

Sometimes, in places large and places small, there is just no explanation for decisions that are made.

Thanks to Jean Holzapfel and *The St. Andrews Cross*, publication of the Tallahassee, Florida St. Andrews Society. If you'd like to contact them, write PO Box 12034, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

Smith retires, *continued from page 1*

"My wife Karen and I are very excited about taking on this role for the Clan Buchanan." said Lacher. "We hope to make other people as proud of their Scots heritage as we are."



Contact Clan Munro Australia!

You'll find several interesting articles in this issue of BNFT that were contributed by Clan Munro Australia. If you would like to contact them, write Don Munro, 18 Salter Road, Mt Nasura WA 6112. You may phone 08 9390 7643 or email dmun1249@bigpond.net.au

Don't take your camera to Rosslyn Chapel!

For centuries, the intricate and enigmatic carved stones of Rosslyn Chapel near Edinburgh have puzzled historians and archaeologists alike. The allure of the chapel has also created dangers, and the guardians of Rosslyn now fear that tourists may trip on the cracked and uneven slabs of the chapel floor while trying to take photographs of the ornate ceilings.

The powers that be have forbidden visitors to take photographs inside the chapel.

Robert Burns Turnbull goes home again on his 90th birthday!

Colin Turnbull writes, "My father, Robert Burns Turnbull, born and bred at Bedrule celebrated his 90th Birthday on January 25th, which coincided with the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns. We took him back to see all his old haunts at Bedrule where he worked till he was 18 years old as a game keeper on the Wells Estate before heading off to join the RAF.

My father loves to go back to the Fulton as it brings back so many memories. He also loves to see those fantastic views of Ruberslaw and the surrounding area, then to stop off at the Fox and Hounds at Bonchester for a relaxing drink on the way back.

It was a very emotional day for him. We returned to Hawick to celebrate with family and friends. At one of our recent committee meetings it was decided that TCA should offer him an honorary membership, which he was very proud to accept.

Robert poses on his 90th birthday in front of Fulton Tower, a piece of Turnbull history and his childhood playground.

Editor's note: Colin Turnbull is an active member of TCA and serves as TCA membership secretary in Scotland. With thanks to The Bullseye, publication of the Turnbull Clan Association.

Please Note:

Tim and Natalie will be hosting the first American Clan Lockhart Society tent in the Lone Star State of Texas at the Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games—June 5-7 2009, in Arlington, TX.

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

Hey, Texans! There are many ACLS members in Texas and many Lockhart's too! ACLS Texas Lockhart's, this is your time to shine your Lone Star.

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Highland Games & many other contests!

EXCOMMUNICATIONS AND GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Bryan L. Mulcahy

During my recent lecture on Catholic Church Records, several patron evaluations raised questions about ex-communications. While many identify this action solely with the Catholic Church, many other denominations practice the same procedure, even if they don't call it an ex-communication.

The Catholic Church, in most instances, maintains no formal records on this action.

However, in historical terms, some records were maintained by the parish or diocese if the action or incident was significant in nature. If the ex-communication involved a divorce, that may add certain complications since strict Catholic doctrine usually mandated an automatic ex-communication.

In the case of most ex-communications within the Catholic Church, avenues exist where the act can be reversed under a variety of situations. In some cases, this simply meant moving to another parish in another state.

Some parishes and priests will interpret situations differently than others. Even if you have technically violated a doctrine of the church, if there are mitigating circumstances, and/or you show repentance, there are many roads to overcoming an ex-communication.

In Judaism, the equivalent action would involve the issuance of either a Cherem or Sirav.

In most historical Protestant denominations, ex-communications often followed the same general pattern as those in the Catholic Church.

However, the same penalty among the Quakers, Mennonites, Huguenots, and some fundamentalist

Christian denominations not only meant the termination of membership and fellowship rights within the congregation, often it includes permanent spiritual condemnation as well. Historically, those members ex-communicated may have faced additional sanctions including banishment, shunning of the entire family, regardless of their involvement or lack thereof, and economic retaliation.

This was particularly true if the church exercised influence over the economic priorities of a town, village, or region.

References to ex-communications may be found in a variety of sources including church minutes, congregational or parish registers, dairies or journals of priests and other clergy, church or congregational disciplinary meetings or reports, etc.

If you wanted to check to see if some form of a record concerning an ex-communication took place, here are some suggestions based on feedback from patrons and classes that I have attended: 1. Determine the date and name of the priest, pastor, rabbi, or representative of a bishop who issued the directive. 2. Contact the church, parish, or designated archives and inquire about a records search. 3. Contact someone in a local genealogical or historical society. They often have members who are familiar with churches in the area and how to search for records.

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Roots Magic releases new version

“RootsMagic” is one of the easiest-to-use family tree software available for Windows Vista, XP, and 2000, yet is also one of the most powerful. See why professional genealogists and beginners alike say RootsMagic is the best genealogy software in the world. Making Shareable CDs™ to share with your family, running the software and data directly from a portable flash drive, integrated Web-Search, and many other new features keep RootsMagic 4 “the top of the genealogy tree”.

Regardless of which software you use for genealogy, almost all will allow you to export or import using a standard “GED” format. This will allow you to share data with your family without having to retype all the information into their database or having them change the program they are using. For a time being, you can do complete upgrades for \$19.95.

For further information see www.rootsmagic.com.

Congratulations Captain John Wallace

During their 25th Annual Burns Nicht Supper held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on January 24, 2009, the Saint Andrew’s Society of Tidewater Virginia honored Clan Wallace Society Worldwide Director John Wallace with their prestigious Special Achievement Award..

Captain John, who served as the St Andrews Society President in 2001 and 2002 and on the Board of Trustees until 2008, is cited for his dedicated and meritorious service and contributions during his 20 years of membership.

The Award was presented for the Society by current President Stacy Elliot Apelt, FSAScot.



Grand Bailiwick of the Scots Investiture ceremony in Huntersville, NC

The Grand Priory of the Scots, The Grand Bailiwick of the Scots Knights Templar, The Priory of Bannockburn, held an Investiture ceremony the Friday before the Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville, North Carolina. Shown here are the three new Knights and one new Dame. Chev. John M. MacRae-Hall of Westminster, South Carolina; Dame Dorna L. Comp and Chev. Ralph B. Comp of Charleston, South Carolina; and Chev. Peter M. Wilson of Charlotte, North Carolina. The ceremonies were presided over by Dame Patricia Tennyson Bell, GCTJ, GMTJ, The Executive Officer - Grand Bailiwick of the Scots.

Assisting in the ceremonies were Chev. Jim Kilpatrick of Atlanta, Georgia; Becky Kilpatrick of Atlanta; Chev. James Walters of Dallas, Texas; Dame Beth Gay, DGOTJ of Walhalla, South Carolina and Tom Freeman of Walhalla.



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The American Clan Lockhart Society Scholarship Fund is for “qualifying applicants, ages 10 years old and over whom are dedicated to continuing their education and instruction in common events as they relate to ACLS and Scottish studies of heritage. Such education and instruction are, but not limited to, the arts and sciences of Scottish music, dancing, language, etc.

The Scholarship program that ACLS is providing is *your* scholarship program. It is up to *you* to take advantage of this worthy program. Do not hesitate! What is *your* desire?

If you do not know if your desire will qualify for the Fund, please ask us?

All applicants will submit to the ACLS Scholarship Committee the Application [found in the Handbook and Website] fully completed, along with the following items: Two letters of recommendation from accredited instructors / teachers. The name of the course or activity that provides a vehicle for the said interest, desire or purpose of what ACLS Scholarship will be used for. Application form must be signed by

the applicant and the parent / guardian of applicant if the applicant is under 18 years of age.

All applicants, parent(s) or relative of applicants, must be an active voting or non-voting member of American Clan Lockhart Society (ACLS) in good

standing, or be a direct descendent of such an active member. All active members are certified by the Membership Secretary.

Applications must be mailed to: Robert Ryder, Chairperson of ACLS Scholarship Committee.

Members of the scholarship committee and their descendents are not eligible.

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications submitted, and will make recommendations to the

ACLS Board of Directors for approval.

The recipient(s) of the Scholarship(s) will be notified by registered mail, and also announced to the general membership at the AGM and in the following edition of “The Talisman.”

All recipients must submit a report upon their completion of their individual study to be published in the ACLS newsletter “Talisman.”

Committee members are: Robert Ryder, Deanna Dodd and James Lockhart MD.



For scholarship information: Daniel E Lockhart, 13145 Herring Road, Black Forest, CO 80908.
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The Robert Burns Association of North America

is having their 29th Conference and Annual General Meeting Friday, May 29th to Sunday 31st, 2009 at the Novotel Hotel, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Should you be interested in finding out more email jcunnin@golden.net or phone 519-894-6366. More details at <http://www.rbana.com/conference.html>

Lay down your Scottish roots – literally!

Angus Crabbie

In our last edition we introduced you to a fantastic new project run by Trees4Scotland, called Teaghlach Wood. The word ‘teaghlach’ is Gaelic for ‘clan or family’ and really epitomises what this new woodland is all about.

The new woodland will be planted this year near the picturesque village of Comrie, in Scotland’s central highlands. It will form part of a 35 hectare plot of new woodland and will become a living monument to all that is good, green and innovative about Scotland – and of course all of its contributors!

Scotland’s Minister for Environment Roseanna Cunningham comments: “Forests and woodlands play an important role in the fight against climate change. By planting more trees, we can lock up more carbon and reduce the harmful impact our emissions have on the planet.

“Current planting rates are too low and we must dramatically increase them if we are to make a significant contribution towards the Scottish Government’s ambitious climate change target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050, and increase woodland cover in Scotland.”

It is quite clear that Scotland needs your help so get planting! Every little helps and it could not be simpler – just visit www.teaghlachwood.com. You click they plant!

Roseanna Cunningham has also agreed to do the official opening of the woodland during the summer and Angus Crabbie of Trees4Scotland is delighted to have her support, “We are delighted that Roseanna has agreed to open our new Teaghlach project and we are currently in the process of constructing the honours board complete with contributors’ names. We aim to make the woodland a really special place for people to visit for many generations to come”.

For further information please visit www.teaghlachwood.com or email Angus: gus@trees4Scotland.com



Make plans for the Clan Sutherland Annual General Meeting set for September

It is not too soon to start making plans for the Clan Sutherland AGM. I realize it's not until September but keep in mind, caterers, hotels etc all work on a plan ahead system.

We are set for the Rivergreen Resort in Lincoln N.H. Many of us will be there from Thursday the 17th through Sunday 20th. While there are several other places to stay in the area, the Rivergreen will be the location of our AGM and banquet so why not stay there.

The banquet is being catered by a local restaurant, but will be held at the Rivergreen For that reason, we need reservations in advance.

The cost for the cocktail party and banquet is \$30.00 per person unless you are under the age of five and then it's free.

Send checks for the banquet only to Barbara



Sutherland 188 Simpson Rd., Marlborough, MA. 01752.

All accommodations are your responsibility. Cut off date for banquet reservations is September 1st. NO exceptions.

Can You Help? Looking for families!

Roseanna Taylor has a large tree with quite a few Munros so here it is. **WILLIAM MUNRO** b: 1846 d: 12 Sep 1934 who married **EMMA SONTER** b: 06 Jun 1852 in West Dundas, NSW m: 1877 in Ballina, NSW & their daughter was **VIDA MAY MUNRO** b: 1890 in Casino, NSW d: 02 Dec 1978 in Lismore, NSW Burial: 02 Dec 1978 Dunoon Cemetery, NSW. **VIDA** m **ALLAN CROFTON** b: 06 Sep 1884 in Lismore, NSW d: 15 Sep 1972 in Dunoon, NSW m: 1914 in Lismore, NSW. Father: **EDWA**. Their children were **EDNER MAY CONSTANCE CROFTON** d: 23 Jun 2004 in Grafton, NSW who married **ROBERT JOHN VICTOR HERNE** d: 31 May 2005 in Grafton, NSW m: 1941 in Lismore, NSW. **HILDA CROFTON** who married **RONALD ALFRED BLAKE** m: 1949 in Lismore, NSW. **RONALD ALLAN CROFTON** b: 12 Dec 1915 in Lismore, NSW, Australia d: 31 Jan 1983 in Whian Whian, NSW,

Australia Burial: Feb 1983 Dunoon Cemetery, NSW. **VERA NESTA CROFTON** b: 21 Aug 1918 in Lismore, NSW who married **KENNETH GEORGE RANSLEY** m: 1953 in Bondi, NSW. Then we have **BERTIE MUNRO** b: 1886 in Glebe, NSW, Australia d: 1943 in Newtown, NSW who married **ETHEL M.B. DENNING** b: 1870 in Tamworth, NSW m: 1914 in Newtown, NSW, Australia Father: **JOHN DENNING** Mother: **ANNIE WISE**. **FREDERICK J. MUNRO** b: 1914 in Newtown, NSW who married **THELMA L. THOMAS** m: 1934 in Newtown, NSW, **GWENDOLINE G. MUNRO** b: 1917 in Glebe, NSW who married **RAYMOND OSWALD DREW** m: 1937 in Sydney, NSW . If you can help, contact **Roseanna on rtay56@bigpond.net.au**

I'm looking for descendants of **JAMES**

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Flowers of the Forest



Mr. Albert L. Henderson, Jr. passed away April 13, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Doris Hawkes Henderson, their son Albert L. (Lee) Henderson, III and daughter-in-law, Cindy McLeod, of Tallahassee and brother, Robert L. Henderson of Mountain View, Ca.

Al was born in Tallahassee on October 6, 1936 and graduated from Leon High School in 1954. After teaching stints in New Port Richey, Fla., and Cameron, Tx, he returned to Tallahassee in 1974 and began a 22 year teaching career at Nims Middle School. He was affectionately known by several of his students as Papa Smurf and he will be remembered by them for his beautiful blue eyes.

Al continued to work with young men in the community through the Boy Scouts of America, first as Cub master and Webelos leader of Pack 110 and later as Scoutmaster of Troop 106.

Spending time in the woods hunting with several good friends made for good memories and even better tales.

In his last years, he enjoyed the friendship of many friends he met through membership in the St. Andrew Society and was a willing participant in their activities even though he did not consider himself as a "joiner."

He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Seminole Boosters, and a life member of Florida State and University of Texas alumni associations.

Al was predeceased by his parents, Albert Henderson and Grace Ellen Glover Henderson. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL, 32308-5428 or to a favorite charity.

A perennial favorite actress of British TV, **Wendy Richard** passed away recently of cancer at age 65. Born Wendy Emerton in Middlesbrough but raised in London, she was educated at the Royal Masonic School for Girls in Rickmansworth.

Richard had originally wanted to be an archaeologist. She left school at 15, though and worked in the fashion department of luxury Piccadilly store Fortnum and Mason. She left to study drama at the Italia Conti Stage Academy in London and decided to change her surname to Richard because "it was short and neat."

Her leggy, blonde looks soon secured her a role



in the Albert Finney film *Gumshoe* and on television she appeared in numerous shows, many of which have not been shown on American TV.

Early on, she was best known as Miss Shirley Brahms, the glamorous but dippy shot assistant, in the long running BBC sitcom *Are You Being Served?* From 1973 until 1985, she was the resident sexpot of Grace Brothers Department Store.

It was the damaged but undefeated Pauline Fowler on the soap drama *EastEnders* that she will be best remembered for playing. For nearly 20 years, she was brought to life by Wendy Richard, who said of herself, "I am not a hard person. I cry very easily and my feelings get hurt."

In 2000, Richard was awarded the MBE for services to television and in 2007 she was given a British Soap Award for Lifetime Achievement for her role in *EastEnders*. (From BBC and from Celtic Seasons, Rich and Rita Shader, 2593 Chapparral Drive, Melbourne, FL 32934.)



A memorial statue to those affected by the Highland clearances has been officially unveiled. We all know of the clearances and now two statues to commemorate this sad part of Scotland's past with the promise of more in the countries our ancestors settled – maybe one in Australia?

Memorial statue Marks Clearances

In 2007, Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond attended a ceremony to remember the clearances in Helmsdale, on the Sutherland coast.

The 10ft-high bronze "Exiles" statue commemorates the people who were cleared from the area by landowners and left to begin new lives overseas.

Canadian mining millionaire Dennis Macleod, who was behind the scheme, also attended the ceremony.

The statue, which depicts a family leaving their home, stands at the mouth of the Strath of Kildonan and was created by Black Isle sculptor Gerald Laing.

Mr Salmond at the unveiling said: "This statue is not only a reminder of the Highland clearances, but a great example of the skill and vision of those who remain.

"This statue is a reminder of the men, women and children who left Scotland and took their skills, their strength and their stories across "While we deplore the clearances we can be proud of the contributions that those cleared have made to humanity."

The original plan for a commemoration by a group of campaigners was to obtain permission to knock down a controversial statue of the laird involved in the clearances, the Duke of Sutherland, which towers over the town of Golspie. Although this never happened, they got together with Mr Macleod, who was born in the much-cleared Strath of Kildonan. He set up a Clearances Centre which commissioned the statue now in place.

An identical one is also been set up on the banks of the Red River near Winnipeg - the modern city founded by those who left Scotland for Canada. Mr Macleod told BBC Scotland: "It's my personal ambition to have the same statue erected in all of the areas where the Highlanders settled.

"We now have two planned and I can see five or six eventually, in places like Canada, the States and Australia."

2008 Clearances Statue Unveiled in Canada

The copy of the statue mentioned has been unveiled, by Scottish Government minister Michael Russell, near the Red River in Winnipeg, Canada, where the Earl of Selkirk settled Scottish families. Named "Exiles" this time, it is said to be the first statue outside of Scotland which commemorates those who left during the Clearances. Speaking about the monument, Mr Russell said: "The Exiles statue is a beautiful and poignant piece of art that commemorates those families who were dispossessed of their homes and land and who left for distant shores, enduring great hardship in the process. But it is also a celebration: A celebration of the contribution the emigrants made in the course of their new lives overseas, recreating a little bit of Scotland in their new homelands; and a celebration of the countries, such as Canada, that not only accepted them but embraced them."

With many thanks to the Australia Clan Munro newsletter.

106, but not out!

That is *not* a cricket score. It is, would you believe, the age of Clan Munro Australia honorary member Isabell Mary Munro.

“Mopsy,” as she is known to all of her friends and relatives was in great spirits and the regard in which she is held could be judged be large the number of friends and relative who crowded into the room at the Crystal Halliday Homes where she is so well looked after.

Bet and I last met Mopsy when she celebrated her 102nd birthday and I presented her with her honorary membership of the Clan and a letter of congratulations from our Chief, Hector.

Without any exaggeration, she did not look a day older than she did four years ago – not a wrinkle on her lovely face, a bit hard of hearing but eyesight as good as ever and her lungs are not too bad either as she blew out the six candles in one breath.



The cake, by the way, was decorated with cherries, her favourite fruit.

As relative after relative told how Mopsy had looked after them and influenced their lives it was so obvious that she truly is a well loved and respected lady. I look forward to helping her celebrate her 107th birthday. I suspect that Mopsy is the oldest Munro in Australia, if not the world – can anyone dispute that.

Thanks to Pat Campbell who organised everything.

And with thanks to the Clan Munro Australia newsletter for this news.



**Remember,
Seaside
Highland Games
Ventura, California
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2009!**

www.seaside-games.com

Franklin, NC welcomes you for “A Taste of Scotland” June 20, 2009

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On Fathers' Day weekend Franklin will for the 13th consecutive year be awash with the colors of authentic Scottish tartans, the aroma of Scottish food, and the dramatic music of bagpipe and drum bands. Franklin's annual Taste of Scotland Festival, always on Fathers' Day weekend, will begin on Friday evening, June 19, at 6pm with a free Ceilidh at the Stewart Street stage (behind the Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center) with live Celtic music and dance.

Saturday the 20th starting at 9am the streets will be alive with free continuous entertainment, including Celtic dance and music groups, an always fabulous parade of tartans at 10:30 led by John Mohr MacKintosh Pipes and Drums, Scottish clans, children's games, the hilarious Knobby Knees Contest, and Brasstown's own Rural Felicity Dancers and Stix in the Mud. Also featured will be Franklin's own piper Jean Hayes, piper David Landis, Dunham Harps of Westerville, Ohio, Nashville's favorite Celtic Band Nosey Flynn, ArtSaturday for wee laddies and lassies from 11-2, the Nikwasi Dulcimer Players, and Scottish food and vendors.

Returning this year will be one of the most popular events of the festival, Bill Coburn and his Border Collies. They will be demonstrating several times on Saturday and have agreed to stay over and perform on Sunday afternoon behind the Burrell Building. Bill's unique relationship with Border Collies began 15 years ago when he became interested in training his collie to herd cattle on his farm, Windy Knoll Farm, in Laurens, South Carolina. According to Bill, he knew nothing about how to go about turning his pet into a working dog until he met a man who had trained his own dog. He agreed to help Bill learn the ropes, and thus was born the well-known and respected exhibition and competition Border Collie trainer that Bill has become.



Bill says he was lucky to have a very good dog when he was a beginner. Joy was his first Border Collie, and she and Bill worked as a team. Although Joy has since passed on, Bill counts several of her offspring among his current award-winning dogs. Bud, 10 years old, and Hope, 8, generally rank in the top 10% of Border Collies in competitions and are currently the “stars” of the 5-dog family. The young dogs first start working on the farm, and then after a year they are introduced to the world of exhibitions. Bill says Border Collies make good pets and are “workaholics”. On the farm the dogs practice herding ducks and goats. Goats are very difficult to herd, and

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Bill says if a dog can work with goats, he or she will have no problem herding sheep. During exhibitions Bill uses his voice to direct the dogs when they are nearby and whistles when they are far away. Common commands are “come by” (go left), “way to me”(go right), and “that’ll do”. When the dogs retire they spend the rest of their lives working when they can.

Bill’s Border Collie exhibitions are much in demand along the East coast, particularly at Scottish Games. Bill also provides programs for children, schools, and for hospitalized children, and does this free of charge. Surprisingly, the talents of Border Collies extend to some pretty unusual uses. Bill has sold Border Collies to golf courses to keep geese off the putting greens, to airports to keep seagulls off the runways, and even to countries in South America for search and rescue operations!

The Romans introduced the craft of tending sheep to the British Isles. Various Celtic clans soon created their own varieties of sheepdogs. The dogs became associated with their regions. Bill notes that the Bible refers to a “black and white” dog herding sheep and wonders if this is a reference to what we now know as the Border Collie. The dogs’ Scottish heritage is evident in the Scottish dialect word “collie”, used to describe herding dogs. Border Collies can be taught to herd a

variety of livestock. It is said that some will naturally herd anything that moves: ducks, chickens, sheep, cattle, even bicycles, motorcycles, cats, cars and children!

The Scottish Tartans Museum and Heritage Center, the only one in the United States, will be open all day Saturday and Sunday afternoon 1;30-4 for festi-

val-goers to get help researching their Scottish heritage and their clan tartan and take free guided tours of the Museum. It will be a great opportunity to meet Matt Newsome, museum curator and master kilt maker. The public can be fitted for an authentic kilt and make purchases of authentic Scottish items in the Museum’s large gift shop.

Sunday the 21st the Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan will be held at the

First Presbyterian Church at 11am followed, beginning at 1:30, by Border Collie demonstrations, free museum tours, and free ice cream for kids of all ages.

Further information can be obtained by calling 828.524.7472 or accessing the Taste of Scotland Festival website at www.tasteofscotlandfestival.org



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for **A Taste of Scotland**
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Looking for help, *continued from page 13*

MUNRO, believed born Westray & Papa Westray, Orkney, Scotland in 1831. He married **ISABELLA CAMERON DREVER** c1852. They emigrated to South Australia in the 1850s and had four children, all born in Australia; **JAMES JNR**, **JOHN ALEXANDER MUNRO** (married **ELIZABETH COLYER**), **WILLIAM TULLOCH MUNRO** and **JEMIMA WHITFORD MUNRO** (married **ANDREW OLIVER**). **JAMES SNR** died September 1862, just prior to **JEMIMA'S** birth. At least two of **JAMES** and **ISABELLA'S** children had children of their own (I'm from **JEMIMA'S** line). **ISABELLA** remarried **WILLIAM JONES** in 1872. **JEMIMA** spent some time with family, possibly cousins, at Cape Jervis SA, called **FOULIS** or **FOWLIS**. I'm hoping someone out there might be able to help out with some of the other lines. **JOHN ALEXANDER MUNRO** and **ELIZABETH COLYER** had children: **GEORGE ALEXANDER MUNRO** 1885; **HENRIETTA GIBSON MUNRO** 1887; **JANE COLYER MUNRO** 1889; **WALTER JAMES DREVER MUNRO** 1891; **EDWIN COLYER MUNRO** 1894; **ISABELLA COLYER MUNRO** 1899. You can get in touch via email with jac_creedon1@hotmail.com

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Danus Skene of Skene writes about the Scottish clan system & its end

Danus Skene of Skene

Scottish clans in the period in which they were dominant social structures in Northern Scotland - say, from the 11th until the 18th centuries - were both expressions of community and feudal instruments of monarchy.

The collective heritage of the clan - its "duthchas" in Gaelic - placed the Chief in trust as the leader of his community and in particular as the protector of its lands. In a pre-modern sense, this was a democratic culture, in which the Chief's authority was accepted by all his people.

But, the lands were also the Chief's holdings, his "oighreachd" held from the king, and to an increasing extent as time passed validated by the grant of a charter which said so. To a considerable extent, clans and the institution of the chiefship in particular, were anything but democratic. These were top-down, feudal and monarchic structures.


It is this latter legalized feudal structure which makes Scottish clans different from tribal organiza-


tions in other cultures. They are not just groups sharing the tradition of a common ancestor, their lands and their defense. They are also groups bound by the emerging law of Scotland through their Chief to the Crown and to the State.

This tension between duthchas and oighreachd is what eventually destabilized the collective traditions of the clan system. Oighreachd evolved into a personal right of freehold property by the Chief. The clan system was finally destroyed after the Jacobite Rising of 1745, when the last truly feudal army in Europe was raised.

It was the chief's themselves who put the final nails in the coffin of the old Highland way of life by willingly becoming landlords of a new kind.

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Mr. Munro, the penguin, doing fine in Australian Taronga Zoo!

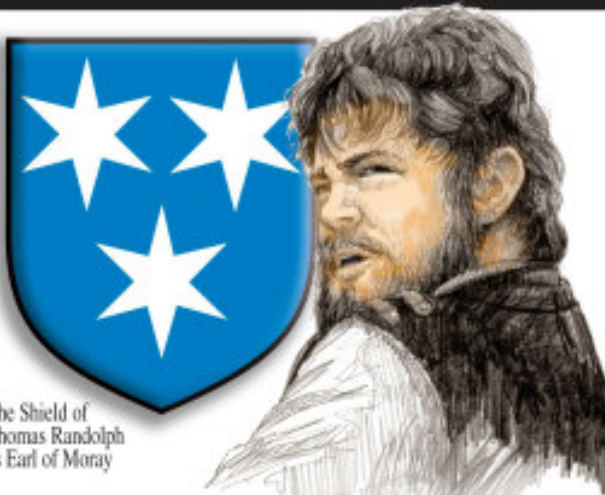
From the Australia Clan Munro newsletter..."When Mr Munro (the penguin) was rescued, Ray Munro sent me a newspaper cutting which I used in an earlier newsletter. I have come across a piece on the Taronga Zoo website which told how Mr Munro is settling down in his new home. As you can see from the photo, he cuts a dashing figure."

Fiordland Crested Penguin Mr. Munro made news headlines after being nursed back to health at Taronga Zoo following a heroic 2000km swim from New Zealand. He was found washed up and in distress on Hargraves Beach at Norah Head in November 2006.

Munro and female companions Chalky and Milford are the only Fiordland Crested Penguins to be cared for by a Zoo anywhere in the world. Fiordlands are listed as a 'vulnerable' species and are only found in the wet coastal rainforests of New Zealand's Fiordland and Stewart Islands.



Mr. Munro,
the penguin



The Shield of
Thomas Randolph
as Earl of Moray

Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward's army. Find out more about the epic story at....

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Zoo visitors have recently been surprised to discover Munro and his companions walking throughout the Zoo grounds as part of their exercise routine. Their path takes them all over the Zoo, and they frequently come across Zoo visitors all of whom adore watching the trio explore their surrounds.

Zookeepers are taking the opportunity to educate the passers-by about the threats facing the Fiordlands such as habitat destruction and introduced predators, as well as how unique and endangered they are.

Taronga has extremely high hopes for Munro, as he is about to take part in an important breeding program with the females. This will not only help the Zoo to learn more about breeding *in situ*, but will also provide valuable information on creating an insurance population for the future. The Zoo is hoping that Munro will mate with one of the females and breed a new generation of Fiordland Crested Penguins, providing the unique opportunity to study the breeding and brooding behaviour and habits of these shy and elusive penguins. The marine keeper said that Milford has definitely taken a shine to Mr. Munro and bosses

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The Year 1908

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- ✓ The average life expectancy was 47 years.
- ✓ Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- ✓ Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone...
- ✓ There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

- ✓ The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

- ✓ The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

- ✓ The average wage in 1908 was 22 cents per hour.

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

- ✓ A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

- ✓ More than 95 percent of all births took place at *HOME* .

- ✓ Ninety percent of all doctors had *NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!* Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as 'substandard. '

- ✓ Sugar cost four cents a pound.

- ✓ Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

- ✓ Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

- ✓ Most women only washed their hair once a



month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

- ✓ Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from Entering into their country for any reason.

- ✓ Five leading causes of death were: 1. Pneumonia and influenza 2. Tuberculosis 3... Diarrhea 4. Heart disease 5. Stroke

- ✓ The American flag had 45 stars.

- ✓ The population of Las Vegas , Nevada, was only 30!

- ✓ Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

- ✓ There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

- ✓ Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write.

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

- ✓ Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drug-stores. Back then pharmacists said, '*Heroin clears*

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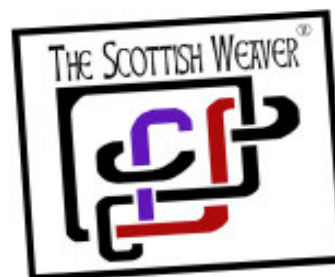
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His agents often worked undercover as Confederate soldiers and sympathizers in an effort to gather military intelligence.

He is credited with developing several investigative techniques that are still used today such as “shadowing” and “assuming a role” in undercover work.

When Pinkerton died in 1884, he was working on a system that would centralize all criminal identification records - a database that is today maintained by the FBI.

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Abraham Lincoln, John McClernand and Allan Pinkerton - although not in this order.

Mr. Munro, the penguin, *continued from page 23*

Chalky around whenever she gets close to him, but being a typical boy, Munro is definitely a loveable rogue and is happy to receive attention from both of his female companions. They are hoping that Munro and the girls will breed naturally but as they are the only three in zoo populations and there are less than 1000 breeding pairs in the wild we cannot be complacent. We must explore all opportunities available and will start artificial insemination shortly, so their new exercise routine will ensure the penguins are of optimum health and fitness.

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Educated at Inverness High School, Davidson's Classical Academy, Perth and Glasgow University, where he received his M.A., the son of Hugh and Mary (Mackenzie) Fraser came to Canada on the recommendation of Sir Charles Tupper, to take up a position on the editorial staff of the *Toronto Mail* (later the *Toronto Mail and Empire*).

He also served as editor of the *Scottish Canadian*, *Massey's Illustrated*, *Presbyterian Review*, and *Fraser's Scottish Annual*.

In 1889 Alexander Fraser married Christina Ramsay, daughter of Dr. Samuel Ramsay of Toronto and his wife Jessie Fraser, daughter of James George Fraser and Christina MacLeod of Galt, Ontario.

Alexander and Christina Fraser had nine children, two of whom died in infancy.

The letters to his wife and children during his many absences contain vivid commentary on his travels, concern over their welfare and advice about household matters.

During a 1994 interview, his daughter Shelagh recalled the wonderful ceilidhs she had watched as a child, and the continuous stream of visitors including Mme Alice (Fraser) Prevost (a descendant of Lt. Malcolm Fraser of the 78th Fraser Highlanders) and Archbishop McNeil from Nova Scotia (one of the few outside the family to call her father by his first name).

She showed me the rare book *Huronian* (1909) on the history of the Jesuits, authored by her father (a Presbyterian), for which he was awarded a medal by the Pope.

Alexander Fraser organized the Gaelic Society of Canada in 1887; was its first Secretary, for many years its President.

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was an Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 127th York Rangers. He was one of the charter members of the Empire Club, a Past Master of St. John's Lodge, A.F. and A.M. and later an officer of the Grand Lodge.

He was a notary public, a justice of the peace, and special representative for the Province of Ontario at the International Exposition at Havana, Cuba in 1924. He edited or authored numerous books, papers and articles including the 2 volume *History of Ontario ; Huronia; Brock Centenary 1812-1912; The Last Laird of MacNab; History of the 48th Highlanders of Toronto; The Highland Regiments at Quebec; District of Hesse, U.C.; The Clan Fraser in Canada; Simon Fraser, the Discoverer of the Fraser River;* and many others in English and Gaelic.

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