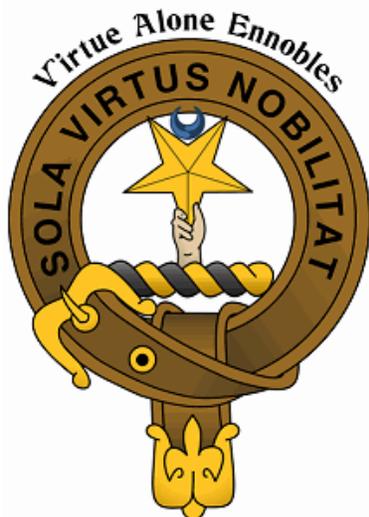




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Now, YOU can unravel Coats-of-Arms & Clan Crests with this new Liam Fitzpatrick book



An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh

Using Bill “Liam” Fitzpatrick’s brand new book, *Fitzpatrick Hall of Names - Graphics and Designs*, I’ve tried to work out the meaning of the Clan Henderson crest.

First, the book: This book is a great tool for the clan tent at Highland Games. It has over 400 colored illustrations and descriptions. It also has over 50 illustrations of Medieval Helmets. Every clan tent needs a copy.

You may contact Bill “Liam” Fitzpatrick - who happens to be the Clan Cian Senior Chieftain - via email at sanderdown@sbcglobal.net or you might write 19221 Condor Way, Cottonwood, CA 96022. Phone is 530-347-9603 and fax, 530-347-6390. The books are \$40.00 unlaminated and \$60 laminated. See the cover, lower left.

Now to unravel the Clan Henderson crest: This particular crest (see upper left) is granted to Alistair Henderson of Fordell by the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland. The crest is just the very top, or crest of the helmet, for a grant of arms. His particular crest is based off of his father’s, Dr. John William Philp Henderson of Fordell, design. These are similar to the crest designs that have been granted with various alterations to many of the armigers of the Henderson of Fordell line.

In this case by using Mr. Fitzpatrick’s book, I learn the star (estoile) means Celestial goodness; noble person; excellence.

In heraldic language “A cubit arm Proper the hand holding an estoile Or surmounted by a crescent Azure.”

The crescent moon in that design is called a Cadence and is used to differentiate the heirs in a family. In this instance, the original recipient of the Arms was a 2nd son as shown by the upside down crescent. The crescent, alone, also denotes one who has been honored by the sovereign; hope of greater glory.

Underneath the hand is the wreath which is always two colors - those dominant colors in the full coat-of-arms of the chief from whose Arms the crest was made.





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Did you see me
at the big wedding?
Of course,
Narra The Wonder Cat,
Cat Queen of the World, was invited.
Somehow the invite for my Mama and
Daddy was lost in the mail, so they
stayed home...but Narra went!
I preceded the bride and her father
into the church wearing my own
diamond tiara and lace gown..
Not to make a pun or anything,
but that couple
IS The Cat's Meow!

A letter from your editor...

Whatever happened to the practice of keeping your word?



Those of you who have attended my presentations over the last many years know about the things that I was taught by my beloved grandmother, born Annie Roberta McDonald.

She taught me how to cook using real butter, real milk and cream, real eggs and lots of them, the freshest vegetables and the best meats I could afford. (For a taste of how my grandmother cooked, see Marjorie Kinnon Rawlings *Cross Creek Cookery*!) I have never been bothered by “skinny” but my bones - at this age - are STRONG and my hair is shiny and I have 20-20 vision without glasses (Yes, after cataract surgery...but 20-20 nonetheless.)

She taught me that, “Yes! I can move the piano by myself!”

She taught me that just because “everyone” was doing something, it was up to me to decide whether I would also do it. (See next lesson!)

She taught me that there is right and there is wrong - with nothing in between.

She taught me that if you are supposed to be somewhere at a certain time - be there when you said you would.

She taught me that if you have work to do that must be done by a specific date and time - do it so that you meet those deadlines.

She taught me to return phone calls, write thank - you notes and to say, “Yes, Ma’am,” No, Sir,” and “Thank you.” Today, her list of things to do would include, “Return Email.”

She taught me - above all - that once you give your word, that’s it. If you promise to do something, the only excuse not to do it is that

you have died. Even in that case, when you

feel yourself “slipping,” you are to contact the promisee and explain that you can’t do whatever it was because you are going to pass away. And then, you must die.

That one actually can be “bent” just a little bit. If you are unconscious and in the hospital, so long as you are in touch with that promisee when you come to - and then as soon as you are able, do what you said...you’re OK.

My grandmother knew very little about her own Scottish heritage. Her family was well-to-do, but in those days (before and around 1900) in the west Florida wilderness, being well-to-do had not much to do with anything. The entire family worked to survive. Survival came first and was way ahead of “family history” in their minds.

I do know now that my grandmother was the epitome of “The Scottish Character.” It is something that most of us of Scottish ancestry share - and, to my notion, something of which we can be very proud.

My grandmother did know what SHE had been taught by John Daniel McDonald, her father - and by Zillianne Zaradora Phillips, her mother. I was so fortunate to be the recipient of those things that had come down through the years and generations of not only my own fam-

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Aber, Cairn and Cairn Terriers

With thanks to Iain Morris McFie, Ceann Cath
Coulintyre, Kincaig, Kingussie, Scotland
and the *Clan Macfie News*

We here in Scotland also have a custom of having the house cleaned from top to bottom over the days leading up to Hogmanay, New Years Eve. So for the past few days I have been “beavering” away tidying up the office. In doing so, I uncovered some interesting bits and pieces on a variety of subjects, such as Scottish place names and their derivation, plant life in Scotland and its significance to Scotland,

Many place names in Scotland have their origin in Gaelic, Brittonic and Norse. Gaelic and Brittonic are from the same Celtic root, though Gaelic is the older language. The indigenous language used in Wales is derived from Brittonic.

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Aber. A Brittonic word meaning “the meeting place of the waters.” Places with this prefix are usually at the confluence of two or more rivers or where a river meets the sea. *Aber* never moved into Gaelic (where the word *Inbhir* is pronounced in English as “Inver”)

so it denotes a Pictish rather than a Celtic settlement. There are lots of places with the *Aber* prefix: Aberdeen, Aberfeldy, etc.

This latter town sits on the river Tay, and “feldy” is the English version of “*peallaidh*,” meaning “a water sprite.”



There are also many towns with names beginning with *Aber* in Wales.

Carn. In Gaelic, Carn is a heap of stones or a rocky hill, and it is used in many place names. From our home I can look out on a range of mountains named the Cairngorms. This translates as the “blue hills.” Another name is Carnoustie, famous for its world-class golf course.

The name can be translated as the cairn of the feast (*fheusta*) or cairn of the pines (*guithais*). The town nearest to our home is Kingussie. *Kin* means “the head of,” and *gussie* is a form of *guithais*, meaning “Pinewood.”

The Cairn Terrier also derives its name from this Gaelic origin. The Cairn was bred for hunting and burrowing prey among the *cairns*, as well as to “go to



ground” to hunt otters, rats, badgers, and foxes as they took to their underground lairs.

2011 Northern Ireland Tour invites you to come along

The Ulster American Society, in association with Lynchpin Ireland, has developed a tour of Northern Ireland that includes visits to Scotland and Ireland. If you want to explore Irish and Scots-Irish culture, discover your Northern Irish roots, or enjoy a unique travel experience then this tour is for you.

The dates are June 3 to 12, 2011 and prices start at \$1,545.

To register your interest, please contact by phone at: 267-328-6123 or via email: info@ulsteramerican.org

Old, Ancient, Aged Jokes

I do not know if any Macfie lawyers were involved in this recent case, which occurred in Toronto.

Lawyer: "In your own words, describe what happened when the accused struck you with a copy of *Roget's Thesaurus*."

Witness: "Well, I was shocked, stunned, startled, confounded, dumbfounded, bewildered, distressed, alarmed, aghast."

I have no idea how the case ended, finished, ceased. . . .

With thanks to Iain Morris McFie, Cienn Cath, Clan Macfie

The *Green Lane Scottish & Irish Festival*
held the 2nd weekend in September at GreenLane Park, Green Lane, Pa. will not be held in 2011.

Montgomery County, PA feels that the festival costs too much money for them to continue.

Flowers of the Forest

Robert Lamar Phillips, 71 died Sunday evening at Ogeechee Area Hospice Inpatient Facility. He was born in Wauchula, Florida to Raymond and Melba Phillips. He graduated from Coral Gables High School and attended the University of Miami on a music scholarship. He received his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville University and his masters and education specialist degrees from Georgia Southern University.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Phyllis. He is survived by his wife of nearly 51 years, the former Mary W. Hendricks of Statesboro, and his two children, Kayla Pruet and her husband Lee and their

two children, Michael and William, Decatur, GA; and David Phillips and his wife Sebrina and their two children, Savannah and Sierra, China Grove, NC. He is also survived by grandson Adam Phillips of Statesboro, as well as his cat, Junie, who keeps looking for him. Mr. Phillips was a charter member of the Scottish Heritage Society of SE Georgia and the Bulloch County Historical Society. He attended the Statesboro First Presbyterian Church.

At age sixteen he became a professional musician, playing viola and violin. He performed with regional orchestras in Florida

and Georgia, and for seven years was principal violist with the Jacksonville Symphony. He performed many seasons with the Augusta, Macon, Savannah and Columbus orchestras as well as the Augusta Opera and was active in the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra until recently.

During the family's years in Miami, Mr. Phillips played many performers such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennet, Luciano Pavarotti and

others. He made several recordings with well known performers in the 70s and made numerous recordings with the BeeGees and played on the sound track of the movie "Saturday Night Fever."

He taught math and other subjects in public and private schools in Miami and Jacksonville and taught at William James Middle School until his retirement, a total of nearly 40 years in the teaching profession.

Remembrances may be sent to Statesboro First Presbyterian Church, 1215 Fair Road, Statesboro, GA 30458 or Statesboro Friends of the Library, 124 South Main , Statesboro, GA 30458.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com. Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements





Flowers of the Forest

Professor Harvey MacPhee, Truro, Nova Scotia passed away at the end of last September due to complications from a fall. He was one of the many Macfies across the World who responded to Dr. Earle's call to revitalise Clan Macfie by becoming an Armiger.

I met Harvey and his wife Ann for the first time at the 1985 Gathering in Glasgow. They attended each Clan event until 1997, after which time they both said they were too old to travel.

Harvey was a gentleman in every aspect of the word. I am sure his lectures must have been enthralling as he transferred his knowledge in his wonderful soft voice and easy manner.

He will be greatly missed by Ann, his family and his many friends in and out of the Clan.

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of founder and long time president of the Macfie Clan Society of America, **H. R. Scott McPhee**, on December 29, 2010.

Hugh Robert McPhee, aka Scott McPhee, passed away December 29th, 2010 at the age of 83.

Working in the commercial construction field as a carpenter, he advanced rapidly to supervisory and project manager positions. After his association with large commercial construction projects in Florida and other states, he started his own companies, Highlander and Tartan Construction, with his main office in Hollywood, Florida.

It was there he married his second and present wife, Marvene, in 1965.

In 1982, always proud of his Scottish heritage, Scott became the founder and President of the Macfie Clan Society of North America. His passion for travel and his Scottish heritage led to participation at numerous annual Highland Games held annually throughout the U.S.A. His two favorite sets of games were Stone Mountain, Georgia, site of the Clan's annual meeting, and Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina.

He and Marvene were pleased to participate in the 25th Annual Meeting held in 2008.

Scott also proudly represented Clan Macfie at International Gatherings held in Scotland, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

Scott held a private pilot's license and was an avid motorcycle rider, purchasing his first motorcycle in 1947 and continuing to ride until the age of 82.

Scott is survived by Marvene, his wife of 46 years, three children, seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Per his request there was no memorial service.

Iain McPhee Rodgers, a past President of the Canadian Society, has passed away after a long illness.

Donald McPhee, father of the present Canadian Macfie Society President, has passed away.





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Please contact the treasurer for a membership form or visit <http://www.elliotclanusa.com/> for a form.

The Clan Elliot Society, USA
Treasurer is: **Patricia Tennyson Bell**,
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The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page is up!

Glen Cathey has recently put up
The Official Clan Macfie Facebook page
and it is ready for you to join and participate.

You can see some Youtube of the Clan Parliament at
Nethybridge. This is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Official-Clan-Macfie-Page/177565770680>

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Apprenticeship and Indentured Servitude Agreements help you



**Bryan Mulcahy,
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Apprenticeship agreements, also referred to as indentured servitude contracts, were common in the British Isles and later in Colonial America. An apprenticeship is defined as a service or condition in which a person is gaining instruction in a trade or art, under legal agreement. Historically, an apprentice served for a specified period of time varying from 7-10 years. While most apprentices began as children, some as young as ten years of age, circumstances such as helping pay for passage to the New World resulted in some adults in their 20s entering into these agreements as well. Apprentices often came from the economically poor levels of English and European society. Many were orphans who were bound out by a county court until the age of 18 for men and 21 for women.

The system of apprenticeship first developed in the late Middle Ages and was supervised by craft guilds and town governments. A master craftsman was entitled to employ young people as an inexpensive form of labor in exchange for providing food, lodging and formal training in the craft. While most apprentices were males, researchers may encounter female apprentices in fields such as seamstress, tailor,

cordwainer, baker and stationer. In England, the Statute of Apprentices in 1563 made it illegal for anyone to enter a trade if they had not first served an apprenticeship.

Depending on the time period, place, and jurisdiction, these agreements may be labeled apprenticeship agreements or indentured servitude contracts. Some apprenticeships were privately arranged and there is no documentation, but many indentures were officially recorded in court records. Indentures were legal agreements and could be recorded even if the child served an apprenticeship under the father or a close family member. Information found in apprentice and indentured servitude agreements may include:

1. Apprentice's name
2. Name of craftsman or business entity responsible for agreement (might be individual craftsman, court appointed or private attorney dealing with indentured contacts, person, business entity, church parish or charity)
3. Names of parents or guardians (sometimes place of residence if known)
4. Name of wife and any children (if applicable)

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These services are free with a Lee County Library System library card.

Marilyn Graham will be accepting the award at the 2011 Florida Library Association Conference for the library system. Our Bryan Mulcahy is the Reference Librarian there!



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Robert and Christopher... the nave. Roger and James stay...

INT. NAVE, GREYFRIARS KIRK - CONTINUOUS

The candles on the high altar light JOHN THE RED COMYN as he finishes up his prayer. His uncle stands beside him in the shadows like death.

JOHN THE RED COMYN, 42, Earl of Badenoch, is the single most powerful man in all of Scotland; politically astute, ambitious, and cares naught for anyone.

The Red Comyn turns gracefully to face Robert upon hearing the door open. He smiles a charming crocodile smile. The candles flicker from the disturbed air.

JOHN THE RED COMYN
Ah, The Earl of Carrick has arrived. I trust your journey here was uneventful, cousin.

...holding the door open, Robert and Christopher are lit from the vestibule.

We need your help to turn this script into a major motion picture. Send us an email and tell us that you would like to see this movie made...

crb@rebelking.com



Ulster Scots, continued from page 23 in Section B.

(Sometimes you have to do what you have to do.)

Land itself was cheap. “Ye may get Land here for 10 [pounds] a hundred Acres forever, and Ten Years Time tell ye get the Money, before they wull ask ye for it; and it is within forty Miles of this York [New York City] upon a River Side, that this Lan lies, as that ye may carry aw the Guds in Boat to this York to sell, if ony of you comes here. It is a very strong Lan, rich Grund, plenty of aw Sorts of Fruits in it, and Swin plenty enough.” Murray did not specify further where this land was located. Forty miles up the Hudson from Manhattan all the land had been granted in manors, so he would be talking about becoming tenants under a long-term renewable lease there. But he could be thinking of a tract in New Jersey or on Long Island where land would still be available for purchase.

He advised his friends to bring “Hatchets, and Augers, and Axes, and Spades, and Shovels, and Bibles, and Hammers, and Psalm Bukes, and Pots.” Emigrants should take a stock of provisions with them. “Let



aw that comes here put in a good Store of Otes Meel, and Butter, and Brandy, and Cheese, and Vinegar, but above aw have a Writing under the Han of the Capden of the Ship ye come in.” This last was presumably a receipt for the passage money, since an unscrupulous ship’s captain might claim his passengers had never paid him and sell them as indentured servants.

Whatever the perils of the voyage, Ulster people would find a better life in the Colonies. Murray concluded: “Now I have geen you a true Description of this York, luke the 8th Chapter of Deuteronomy, and what it saith of the Land there, this is far better.”

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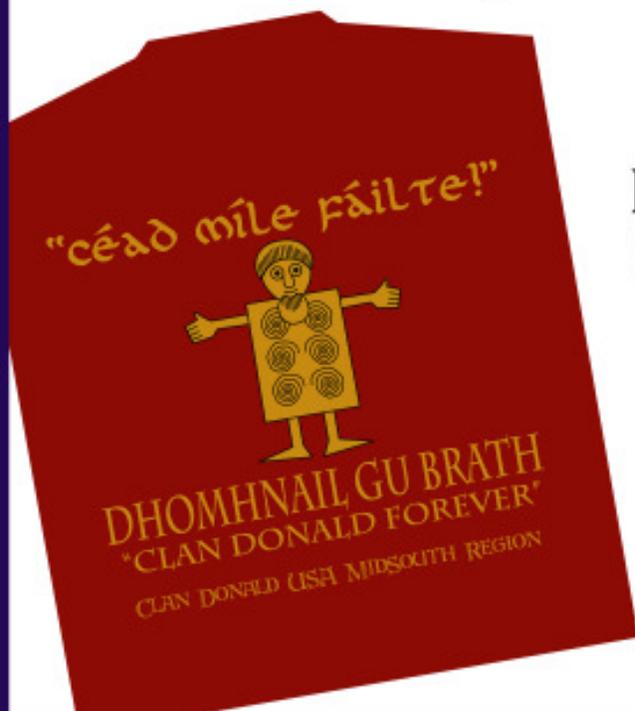
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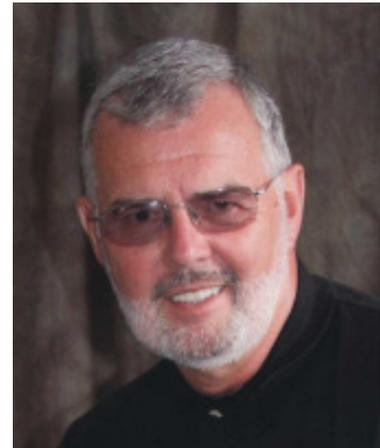
The Whisky Corner

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A Road Trip:

Four States, Eight Rare and Unique Whiskies



Whiskey research trips, contrary to the first images conjured up in one's mind, are serious undertakings. I wanted to talk with a variety of professionals in the consumer end of the spirits industry to learn what unusual whiskies they elevated to the top of their personal lists. The criteria for the quest included quality, rarity, and uniqueness, not necessarily age or cost. The whiskies in this article range from no age statement to 48 years, with prices from under \$100 to thousands. My road trip started in Seattle, headed south to Portland, San Francisco, and ended in Las Vegas.

Seattle, WA: Canlis Restaurant - This renowned restaurant strives for "ultimate hospitality". Owners Brian, Mark and Matt Canlis support the passionate efforts of Head Barman James MacWilliams in James' search for unusual additions to his famous "Back List" of available spirits. A pair of James' favorites on the list:

Four Roses Mariage Bourbon. Master Distiller Jim Rutledge selected and married together two barrels of whiskey to honor the day the distillery's founder proposed to his wife. The story goes that if she agreed to the proposal, she would wear a corsage of roses to an upcoming ball. When she arrived, she was wearing a corsage of four red roses. Paul Jones, Jr. not only gained a wife, he also gained the name of his Bourbon! F. Paul Pacult in his Spirit Journal, ranked Mariage with 5 Stars, his highest rating.



Poit Dhubh. "Potch Ghoo" is the Gaelic translation of "illicit still", or "hidden pot". Made on the Isle of Skye, Poit Dhubh is a vatted malt. The whisky's color is dark amber and the aroma hints of vanilla and chocolate. This 21 year old's taste is of fruity smoke, followed by a long and smooth finish.

Portland, Oregon: 10th Avenue Li-

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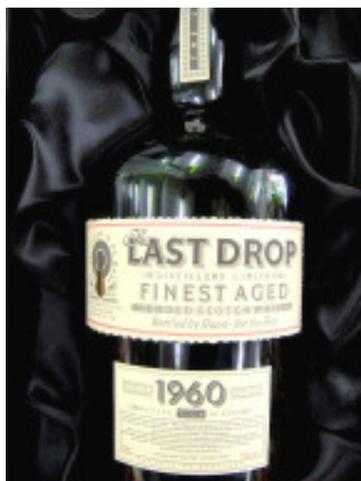
The Whisky Corner, *continued from page 14*

quor -The city is indeed fortunate to have this retail store, owned by Vance Burghard. Considering Oregon is a “control state” for alcohol sales, the inventory is large and varied. Portlanders are also fortunate to have such a personable source of educated “spiritual guidance”! Vance shared with me these two extraordinary whiskies:

The Last Drop. At 12 years of age, the blended whisky that will become The Last Drop was put into sherry casks, where it aged for another 36 years! At 48 years of age, it is surprisingly light, with a delightful balance of fruits, leather, and tobacco.

Adding just a touch of water explodes a floral nose and the taste of molasses. It is bottled at cask strength, with no chill filtering, at 52% ABV. Ardbeg Rollercoaster. The distillery released this vatted malt to celebrate the 10th anniversary

of The Ardbeg Committee, a members’ fan club for the brand. Ardbeg used whisky aged in ten different types of casks. The result is a distinct layering of sweetness, spiciness, and deep smoke. Tastes remi-



niscent of fudge, burnt sugar and toffee combine with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg (can you imagine enjoying this whisky with a slice of pumpkin pie?), and the finish seems to last forever. Rollercoaster is non-chill filtered.

San Francisco, CA: The Whisky Shop - During my years acquainting consumers with single malt whiskies, perhaps the most frequently expressed area of confusion concerned “Is there a double malt?” I was quite surprised to see bottles bearing the label “Speyside Double Malt” and “Islay Double Malt” on the shelves of this great Scotch purveyor on Sutter Street.

Eads Speyside Double Malt and Islay Double Malt. According to Patricia McCray, partner in the Virginia Distillery



Company, “Double Malt” is their trademarked name for their vatted malts, consisting of only two singles, made and aged in Scotland. Their first edition of the Islay Double is 60% Bowmore and 40% Caol Ila, and the first edition of Speyside Double is a 50/50 marriage of Longmorn and Glen Moray. The Black Bowmore 1964. 42 years of aging in Oloroso sherry casks has al-

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***Clar Innis!* A call for Buchanans to gather together in Savannah**

Clan Buchanan has been chosen to be the Honored Clan at the Savannah games on Sat May 7, 2011. Buchanans are asked to please make plans to join us.



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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The games are held at the Bethesda Home for Boys near Savannah. The boys are also recipients of the goodwill of the games.

Please see the website at <http://www.savannahscottishgames.com>

Stacy Harper will be convening the tent but will really need our help this year. We will also have a highland dancer from Clan Buchanan competing.

Please email or call me if you have any questions. See you there!

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Border Collie Invitational Trials





Garrett Helmeck, 15 year-old piper, awarded first place Loch Norman 2/4 March and more

Garrett Helmeck is the newest member of the Southeast branch of Clan Gregor Society in the United States. He joined the clan at Christmas, 2010.

Garrett has been playing the bagpipes since he was twelve years of age. Now fifteen, he continues to receive numerous awards in both solo, and band competition.

Just this past weekend at the Rural Hill Scottish festival, I had the opportunity to meet Garrett myself.

“I am very proud to be a part of one of the greatest Highland clans,” said Garrett.

At the Rural Hill games, Garrett took first place in the 2/4 march, and second place for the strathspey and reel; in the grade 3 solo competition. His band, the Atlanta Pipe Band, won the grade 3 competition; and the grade 4 took third place.

He is very much a young man to watch.

Cherokee culture to be featured June 25

Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home presents The Chieftains Museum Celtic Festival on Saturday, June 25 from 10 AM-2PM in Rome, Georgia. Cherokees married Scottish, Irish and Welsh traders which blended the Cherokee culture with people of those countries.

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Skills demonstrated such as blacksmithing and spinning. Celtic music, Irish dance, Celtic stories, highland games, Robin Jumper, a Cherokee from North Carolina will share

his culture with things important to his people, fun activities for children, vendors selling Celtic clothing, food, art and surprises!



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Fun contests! Do not miss this day! For information call Chieftains at 706 291-9494 or visit our web site at

www.chieftainmuseum.org

With thanks to Keets Taylor for the information about this event.

Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Tartans Authority set for May 14, 2011



The Scottish Tartans Authority Annual general Meeting will be held on Saturday 14th May 2011. We are pleased to inform you that the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Tartans Authority is to take place at Knock Castle in Crieff on Saturday 14th May 2011 at 2pm.

As always, part of the proceedings will be the election of Governors. The composition of the Board of Governors is split between those elected by the Personal Members and those elected by the Business Members and because of our charitable status, the proceedings are somewhat complex at times!

Personal Governors. One of our two personal governors - Bill Brownlee - will be standing down after his second three year term in office which leaves a total of three vacancies for Governors to be elected by the Personal Members only.

Business Governors. Ken MacDonald will be standing down after his first three-year term as a Governor and is therefore eligible for re-election for a second term. There are thus two vacancies for Gover-

nors to be elected by Business Members only.

The Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2010 will be available and fall to be approved at the Annual General Meeting itself. Those accounts will be available online with the other AGM documentation.

For full information and various forms, please write admin@tartansauthority.com

Yours faithfully, E Brian Wilton, Director
By order of J & H Mitchell, W.S., Secretaries to the Scottish Tartans Authority on behalf of the Board of Governors.

PS: If you have any queries at all, just phone us on +44 (0)1764 655444 or email us at admin@tartansauthority.com

All the relevant paperwork for the Annual General Meeting is on our website www.tartansauthority.com Log in with your Membership Number & Password, click **2011 Annual General Meeting** and open any of the required documents you would like to see.

Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society invites you May 14, 2011

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society will meet Saturday, May 14, at 10:15 AM at Edgewater Condomiums Clubhouse located at 4400 Edgewater Crossing Drive (Just off Sunbeam Road) in Jacksonville, Florida. The guest speaker is Wright Rowan.

Mr. Rowan has deeply dived into the Browne Fam-

ily and will present his research with a Power Point presentation.



Meeting is free and open to the public. Light refreshments served. Everyone is most welcomed.

More information contact: (904) 778-1000. You may also call Betty Reed at 904-262-1948.



The Whisky Corner, *continued from page 14* —————

lowed the whisky to acquire its rich, deep, dark color from the casks, aptly named 'black'.

Only 804 bottles were produced, making it one of the rarest malt whiskies in

the world. John Hansell (Malt Advocate) rated the Black Bowmore a 97, noting this was "the highest rating I have ever given a whisky."

Las Vegas, NV: The Whisky Attic - In addition to being a professor of beer and wine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Adam Carmer is also an expert on whiskies, and owner of The Whisky Attic. Adam maintains a huge inventory of whiskies (one of the largest in the country), and among the top of Adam's "Proud to Carry" List are:

Charbay. This expression is Release II of the hops-flavored whiskey from Charbay Winery and Distillery, St. Helena,

CA. Traditionally, one of the first steps in making whisk(e)y is to produce a liquid called wort, which is the result of adding yeast to barley grist and hot water. It is sometimes called distiller's beer. Charbay Whiskey is the result of distilling nothing but bottle-ready Pilsner beer. Release II consists of less than 1500 bottles, aged for nine years.

Black Maple Hill, Kentucky Straight Rye. Once relegated to dusty bottom shelves, rye whiskey is enjoying a resurgence in popularity. At one time it was THE whiskey of America – George Washington distilled it; it was at the heart of the 1794 Whiskey Rebellion; and, the Manhattan cocktail was invented for it. This rare expression is from Kentucky Bourbon Distillers, Bardstown, KY. Fruity aromas and taste, suggestive of cherries, caramel apple, and cinnamon, all come through, with chocolate and wine hints in the finish. It is bottled at 47.5% ABV after 18 years in cask.

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Ah updated version of the Wills Calendar search has been added to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) website. 93,388 digitized images of copy wills covering the period 1858-1900 have now been added, along with over twenty years worth of calendar entries.

This application now provides a searchable index to wills proved in the district probate registries of Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry during the years 1858-1919 and 1922-1943.

Part of 1921 has been added, with remaining entries for 1920-1921 to follow in the near future.



PRONI Photo Archives on Flickr!

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland made history by making photographic collections available via social networking. PRONI is the first Northern Ireland heritage institution to make such collections available on Flickr. Over fifty years of wedding and family portraits, taken between 1900 and 1952 by the Allison Photographic Studios in Armagh, have been brought back to life and made available online, using the photo-sharing website.

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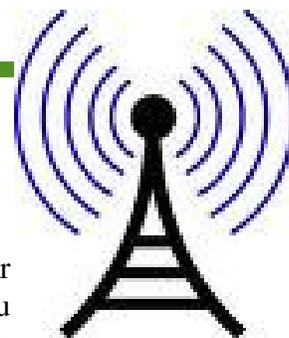
Alastair McIntyre says, "We've add a new Radio menu to the top menu bar. (I confess I'm quite pleased to have figured out how to do that as you'll all know I'm somewhat technically challenged when it comes to things like that :-)

To date, I've added various radio stations from Scotland, UK, Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand. I've designed this so that when you select a radio station it will come up in a new window. This then lets you minimise the window so you can listen

while you browse through our community and of course you can continue to listen when you leave to go elsewhere.

I hope you'll enjoy this new facility and I'd also be happy to get any information about other radio stations you think are outstanding and I'd be happy to add them in providing of course I can find a live feed link for them.

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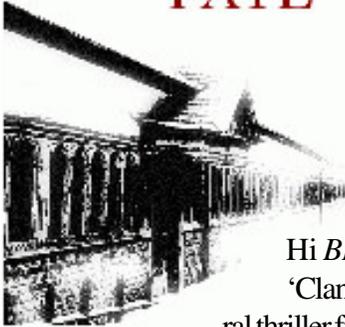
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Best wishes, David P Elliot

A letter from your editor, *continued from page 3*

ily, but Scottish families everywhere.

I wish I could tell her the things I have learned about our family as she would have been delighted by most of what I have found - and would be fascinated by the rest.

I will honestly tell you that all these years later, before I do anything, my grandmother's face appears in my mind and I think about whether what I am considering doing would have been up to her standards.

Honestly, as well, I have not always made the correct decisions and I now know I would have been much better off today if I had followed my grandmother's teaching and advice. Lessons learned, Grandma.

All of this to bring up a couple of things that have me worried.

There was a time that "shoplifting" was unknown at Highland Games. Recently, several vendors had shirts slashed and merchandise ruined - just for the "heck" of it. Shoplifting AND vandalism are real problems for Scottish vendors today.

I do not know the solution. Does anyone have any ideas?

I know of several Highland Games who were promised funding by their local city or

county governments. Games committees went to work on the coming events and spent countless hours readying everything for the event. When the time came for the promised funding, the games committees were told, "Nope."

I understand that one of the people telling the games committee "No" said, when asked why, "Because I don't wanna."

My grannie would have been devastated. So am I and so should you be.

I have no respect for anyone who goes back on their word. Your word IS your bond.

Does anyone have any ideas about what can be done concerning folks going back on what they promised?

The downside of being taught the way I was, is that I mostly believe what I am told. I take people's word, because mine is good and I think everyone was taught the same as me....which is, unfortunately, not true at all.

My five foot grandmother was fierce when "riled." I suspect most of our Highlander ancestors were also "fierce when riled."

Being "fierce when riled" is not necessarily a bad thing.

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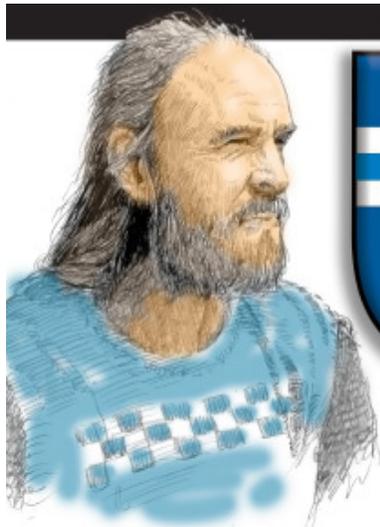
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Bryan Mulcahy, *continued from page 10*

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