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## We have lost a treasure: Royce McNeill

**Royce Neil McNeill**, of Charlotte, NC born August 8, 1927, went to his eternal home in heaven on April 14, 2012. Royce met the Lord peacefully with his loving family by his side at Carolinas Medical Center Union.

Royce was married to the late Doris Byrd McNeill, and both are with the Eternal Lord in heaven.

Royce is survived by his children Debbie and Bob Deaton of Belmont, Jim and Pam McNeill of Mooresville, Terry and Tim Richardson of Monroe, and Bonnie and Ken Richardson of Monroe; and his grandchildren, Marta Deaton Wherren, Tracy Deaton Poplin, Anthony McNeill Richardson, Kenneth Blair Richardson, Jacob Edward McNeill, Travis Royce McNeill, James Aubert Richardson, and Morgan Alese McNeill; and eight beautiful great-grandchildren.

In 1977 Royce was Assistant Manager of Fuel Purchasing for Duke Power Company, Charlotte, NC, retiring in 1991 after 40 years of work in the field of Purchasing Management.

Robert Ripley and Paul Harvey featured Royce McNeill, on their famous radio talk show in 1992 for his perfect attendance during elementary and high school, college, military service and professional work. He never missed a day of school, service, or work!

Upon retirement he became active in volunteer work. Royce did work for the Junior Achievement high school program, tutoring minority students in elementary school in math and reading.

He became the president of the Duke Power Retiree Club. Royce was voted Duke Power retiree of the year in 1996 for his faithful volunteer work with Duke Power.

Royce McNeill served as the President of the Clan MacNeil Association of America for over 20 years, greatly contributing to our national identity by preserving the distinct values and heritage of our ancestors. He

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**Happy Mother's Day!**



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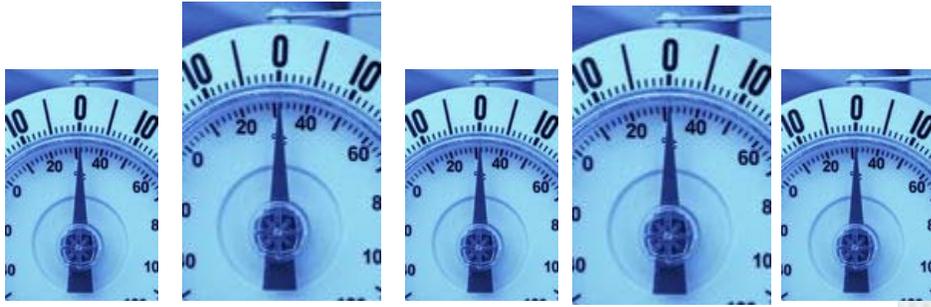


## **Miss Narra home again!**

Miss Narra has just returned from a sojourn to The Catskill mountains of the USA. She attended a gathering of Cat Royalty in the US.

Miss Narra was accompanied by Peggie Hairy Cat Freeman, who is in charge of home security and a sometime body guard of the glamorous Miss Narra, Queen of the World.

The group investigated catalogs, catastrophies, catacombs and Catillacs with regards to their impact upon the comfort and welfare of cats as a whole and Miss Narra in particular.



A letter from your cold  
and wet, sneezing,  
miserable editor...

## *Freezing temperatures, cold, wet rain, ice feet...frozen toes*

We drove up to Huntersville, NC last Sunday morning - getting up before 4 AM, to leave at 5 AM.

Surprisingly, we were on the road just a few minutes ahead of time.

It was very hot in Walhalla, so I took off my sweater and opted for one of Tom's new Tartan Day 2012 t-shirts.

I did grab my red plaid rain boots..thinking it was too hot for socks in rain boots. I grabbed my fancy rain jacket...thinking, it'll be really hot if I have to wear this. (Ha.)

Reflecting my summer thoughts, staggering my sleepy self out to the car...thinking of how hot it can be in Huntersville, I left big, warm, lined rain-coat at home. I left socks, gloves, scarves and car blankets...left them at home..

Thanks to the rigours of the last 2 months of moving, moving, moving and moving some more, I was soon curled up and sound asleep.

We stopped somewhere for breakfast

and I noticed it was a bit coolish.

"Moof," I said sleepily to sweet Tom...and was immediately back to sleep.

"We're here!" Tom said.

The car was warm and snug...but as I prepared to de-car...I noticed rain on the glass windows.

"Moof," I said again...and opened the door.

"EGAD! YIKES! HELP," I hollered!

Freezing rain blustered into my hair and face. My hand stuck briefly to the door handle.

"Where ARE we? The North Pole?" I hollered at Tom over the sound of surely a gale force wind.

"Huntersville," said Tom, trying not to laugh at me. By this time, maybe 30 seconds into the early morning, My hair was wet and cold, my hands felt like they had sort of frozen off...my clothes were wet and ice was forming in my boots. I was shivering from one end to the other and there was

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**Royce McNeill, continued from page 1**

also served as committee chairman for the International Gathering of Scottish Clans in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was chosen to take the prestigious salute at the retreat ceremonies at Edinburgh Castle in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 1987 and 1997 he led the successful world-wide gathering of Clan MacNeil back to its home seat of Kisimul Castle on the Isle of Barra, Scotland.

In 1997 her Majesty's Court of the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, certified the personal coat of Arms for Royce Neil McNeill and designated him as an Armiger.

Royce received the distinguished Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 2000 for his exemplary work in preserving the heritage of his ancestors.

Royce McNeill is a veteran of the United States Navy and served during World War II. He was a sailor on the *USS LSM 342*.

Royce was presented the high award of Silver Beaver by the Boy Scouts of America and he earned the scouting designation of Wood Badge Scoutmaster.

Royce is beloved by his family and they eagerly await the day they see him again with the Lord Jesus! A Celebration of Life Service was held at 3pm, Tuesday at South Point Baptist Church with Dr. James C. Hilton officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Royce N. McNeill and Doris B. McNeill Endowment Fund, Owens Field House, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608 or to S.P.B.C. Building Fund, 124 Horsley Ave., Belmont, NC 28012.

Share condolences with the family by visiting [www.mcleanfuneral.com](http://www.mcleanfuneral.com) and signing the guest book. McLean Funeral Directors of Belmont is serving the McNeill family.

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**From your editor...**

I met Royce McNeill in maybe 1989...and remained a friend all these years.

Presenting an award for excellence for the Clan Macneil newsletter, it was my privilege to attend many Clan Macneil Annual Meetings at Grandfather Mountain during those years when Royce was president of the group.

Always, those meetings were inclusive of every person present. Always those meetings were filled with joy for everyone attending. Always those meetings were times when pride in Macneil heritage rose to the moon!

I so wished to find an ancestor with a Macneil connection. (The best I could do was to discover one of my Border Reiver connections stole horses from Clan Macneil. Lots of horses!)

Royce was always kind and thoughtful. He so enjoyed his hunting trips to exotic places. He loved his Doris, his family and everything Scottish. He was a wonderful, loving and kind friend.

I am not embarrassed to tell you, I am crying as I write this. Royce McNeill will always be missed. Always.



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**Letter from your editor, continued from page 4**

what surely was snow and ice down my shirt.

On went my rain jacket, bare feet into rain boots...and that's all I had.

Looking as if I were a Scottish homeless person who had been soaked in a wild river somewhere, I was ready for the day. To my astonishment, there

were others who looked to be my sisters in bad fashion. Lots of them.

We all forgot about the rain and cold and how awful we looked...and just had a gloriously lovely time.

Next time though, I'm bringing everything!

## Web help for our Scottish genealogists!

I just watched a web seminar on researching in Scotland that might be helpful to others. It is at: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars.asp> about half way down the page there is a link for it, it is under archived webinars.

**Researching Your Scottish Ancestors.** Scotland has a wealth of records available to assist you in researching your Scottish ancestry. Scottish statutory records of births, marriages and deaths began in 1855 and are available online together with census returns from 1841 - 1911. Other online records include Old Parish Records of baptisms, marriages and burials, records from Catholic archives and Scottish wills and testaments. Join our webinar to find out about these records and strategies to help you use these and other useful sources effectively in your research.

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The Clan Elliot Society, USA  
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## Visit the Clan Macfie FaceBook page

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/  
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# Flowers of the Forest

**Mr. Sanders Gaither Draughn, 75,** passed away Sunday, April 15, 2012 at Forsyth Medical Center.

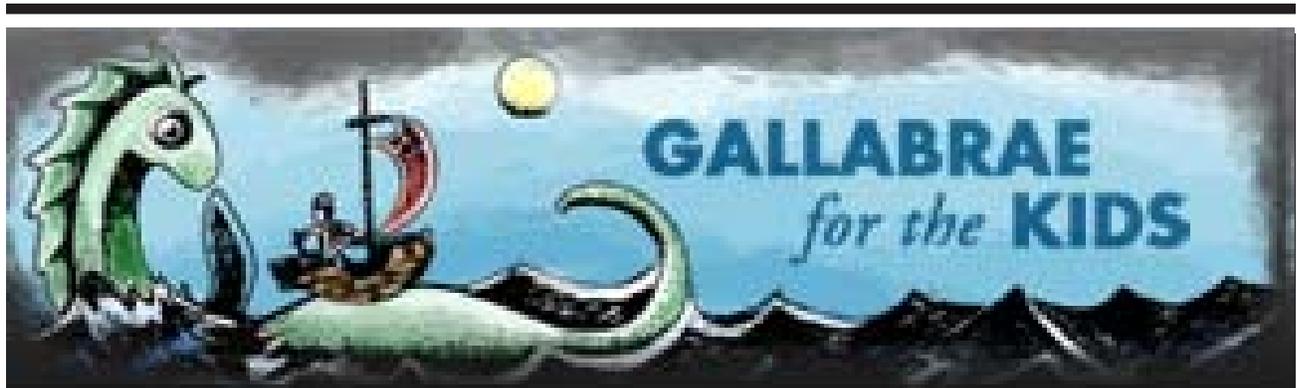
He was born April 28, 1936 in Yadkin County to the late Gaither and Florence Simmons Draughn. Mr. Draughn retired as Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force with 22 years of service from 1954 to 1976, serving in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He also worked for several years with Yadkin County Emergency Medical Services. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Martin Draughn and a brother, David Draughn. Surviving are his two daughters, Teresa Lynn Lorbacher and husband, Johnnie; Donna Y. Draughn; and a son, Douglas O. Draughn.



The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Wednesday at Gentry Family Funeral Service in Yadkinville. His funeral service will be 12:00 PM Thursday in the Gentry Family Chapel by Rev. Lenuel Lusk.

Burial will follow in the Yadkin Memorial Gardens with full military honors by Yadkin VFW Post 10346. Gentry Family Funeral Service of Yadkinville is serving the Draughn Family.

Online condolences may be made to [www.gentryfuneralservice.com](http://www.gentryfuneralservice.com).



Greenville, SC Highland Games, May 26, 2012 Furman University

# A new bursary for Sabhal Mor Ostaig students to study the history and literature of Clan Currie

Bob Currie, President of the Clan Currie Society visited Sabhal Mòr Ostaig this week (Tuesday 17 April) to launch the Clan Currie Bursary (Duais Clann MhicMhuirich), a new annual award which will be given to students of the Gaelic college who undertake research on the literature, poetry and history of Clan Currie.

Mr Currie, who travelled from the United States to launch the award, said: “The Clan Currie Society is delighted to be establishing Duais Clann MhicMhuirich with Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, to support students who are specialising in the study of the MacMhuirichs and Gaelic poetry, literature and history. While much has been written of this great bardic dynasty, it is now recognised that much more remains to be revealed and interpreted through modern scholarship. As an example, there has been little study on the MacMhuirichs in the islands of Mull, Raasay and Colonsay. The Clan Currie Society takes great

pride in supporting this research.”

Professor Hugh Cheape, Course Leader for the MSc Material Culture and Gàidhealtachd History, commented: “We are exceptionally pleased to welcome Bob Currie, President of the American-based Clan Currie Society, to Sabhal Mòr Ostaig to announce the creation of a bursary – the ‘Duais Clann MhicMhuirich’ – to be awarded by the Society annually to a student in Gaelic history and literature for a research project on the bardic dynasty of



MacMhuirichs whose history goes back 900 years to the first of the name, Muireadhach Albannach. This gesture offers highly valued opportunities for research and writing through the medium of Gaelic and at the highest levels and also to engage with both national archives and with oral tradition still current in different communities. We are very proud to be instigating this on behalf of the Clan Currie

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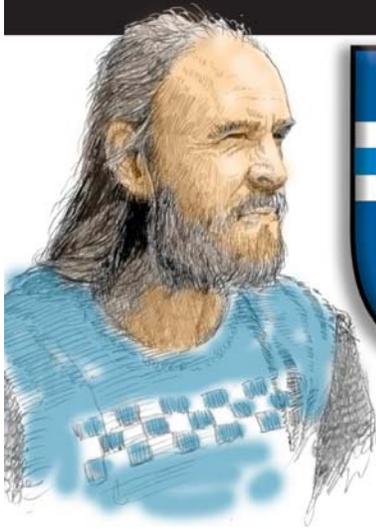


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Robert Boyd

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## Clan Currie, *continued from page 10*

Society and are looking forward to collaborating with the Society to bring knowledge of this great dynasty before the people of Scotland and our cousins and descendants overseas.”

Clan Currie became hereditary poets to the powerful MacDonald Lords of the Isles who reigned over a semi-autonomous Gaelic kingdom which at its height covered a large swathe of Scotland's western seaboard. The MacMhuirich poets were among the preeminent tradition bearers of Scotland's Gaelic culture during this time, and produced many famed works in the bardic tradition. Despite the demise of the Lordship, the MacMhuirichs continued in their poetic tradition, and Niall MacMhuirich in the 15th Century was the first of several notable bards to Clan Ranald.

Clan Currie will be hosting their **2nd Annual MacMhuirich Symposium** this summer on the beautiful and historic island of South Uist from August 24-26. Please visit [www.clancurriegathering.com](http://www.clancurriegathering.com) for program updates and confirmed speakers

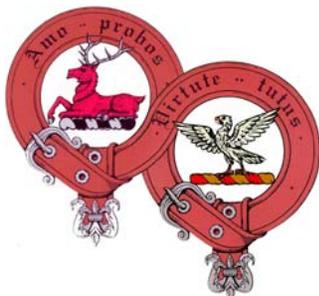
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# The Importance of Cemeteries to Genealogical Research

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**Bryan Mulcahy, Reference Librarian,  
Fort Myers, Lee County Library**

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Newcomers to genealogical research often voice amazement with the “obsession” many genealogists have when visiting cemeteries. The notion of taking a “cemetery vacation” is beyond their comprehension. There are numerous reasons why visiting cemeteries is beneficial to genealogical research. The seven most important reasons are: Tombstone inscriptions can be goldmines of genealogical information.

Many old tombstones contain mini-biographies of the deceased. Cemetery records may contain significant amounts of information that may or may not appear in the more common record types. Some genealogists, provided they obtain proper permission, have left messages on tomb-

stones in hopes of contacting surviving family members, and, have been successful.

Plot placement, tombstone inscriptions, and cemetery records may fill in missing blanks in your research, lead you in new directions, or add insight to your knowledge of your ancestors as people.

Researchers often find out about children who died in infancy that they never knew about or discover a grave marker containing a symbol that suggests other records which may contain additional information.

Children who died in infancy may suggest clues to unknown family relationships.

Cemeteries fall into a variety of categories. Each type has its own unique characteristics. The

main types are listed below.

1. **City and County:** These are of fairly recent origin, some of them beginning about 1850, but most of them around 1900 or the time of state registration.

2. **Federal:** Usually associated with war veterans. You will have to depend upon Sexton’s records to find the plots here because they are too large to attempt searching without help.

3. **Private:** These usually begin in the 1900s. You **must** obtain permission from the land owner to gain access.

4. **Church:** These are the most common in America, British Isles, and Europe. The Sexton’s records would be the burial registers, if they exist. Re-

cently some of them have been indexed by the tombstones that are still in existence. If there is no stone now, there is no record. Researchers are strongly advised to study the local and state cemetery laws prior to visitation. When in doubt, local genealogical or historical societies are reliable sources for obtaining this type of information.

5. **Family:** These are quite popular in the Eastern and Southern parts of the U.S., Canada as well as parts of the British Isles and Europe. Researchers **must** obtain permission from the land owner for access. Often the only record, other than the tombstones, would be the record in a family Bible.

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# Clan Sinclair to be the Honored Clan in Glasgow, KY June 2012

Clan Sinclair is scheduled to be the Honored Clan at the 27th Annual Glasgow Highland Games on June 1-3, 2011. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Clan Sinclair will be held in conjunction with the games on Saturday, June 2nd. The



games are being held at the Barren River/Lake State Resort Park in Lucas, Ky.

M a l c o l m Sinclair, Earl of Caithness, will be the Distinguished Guest for the games. Mel Sinclair, President of Clan Sinclair USA and Rory Sinclair, Past President of Clan Sinclair Canada will also be present.

The Glasgow Highland Games has been selected as a "Top Ten Festival Event" by the Kentucky Tourism Council. Our fun and games begin on Friday afternoon. Come by the Welcome Room off the lobby of the Days Inn and meet your fellow Clan Sinclair members. You can pick up informa-

tion on other local tourism and dining opportunities. At 7:00 PM there will be a Rising of the Clans at the tent by the park lodge. Afterwards there is often a Ceilidh on the grounds. (Note: A list of restaurants will be available in the Welcome Room and perhaps an impromptu dinner can be arranged following the Rising of the Clans.)

On Saturday and Sunday the games fields open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The opening ceremony is Saturday at noon. Sunday at 9:00 AM is the Kirkin' of the Tartan and at 1:30 PM the Parade of Clans.

In addition to the traditional games events the 2012 Glasgow Highland Games includes the North American Team Scottish Athletic Championship featuring Canada vs USA, massed bands, amateur athletic golf scramble, and numerous entertainment pavilions. For those who attended the 2011 AGM, Glasgow, KY is the home of Colin Grant Adams. Anyone wanting to expand their weekend is in for a treat. Mammoth Cave is located 27 miles northwest of Barren River. Also, the National Corvette Museum is located less than 30 miles south just off I-65.

To get full information on the 27th Annual Glasgow Highland Games go to [glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://glasgowhighlandgames.com).

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**Bryan Mulcahy**, *continued from page 13* —

6. **Fraternal Organizations:** Organizations in this category will either have their own private cemeteries or a special section within a larger cemetery. The burial records may or may not be accessible to the public. In some cases, researchers can get the standard death certificate from the locality, but an official burial record must be obtained from the organization.

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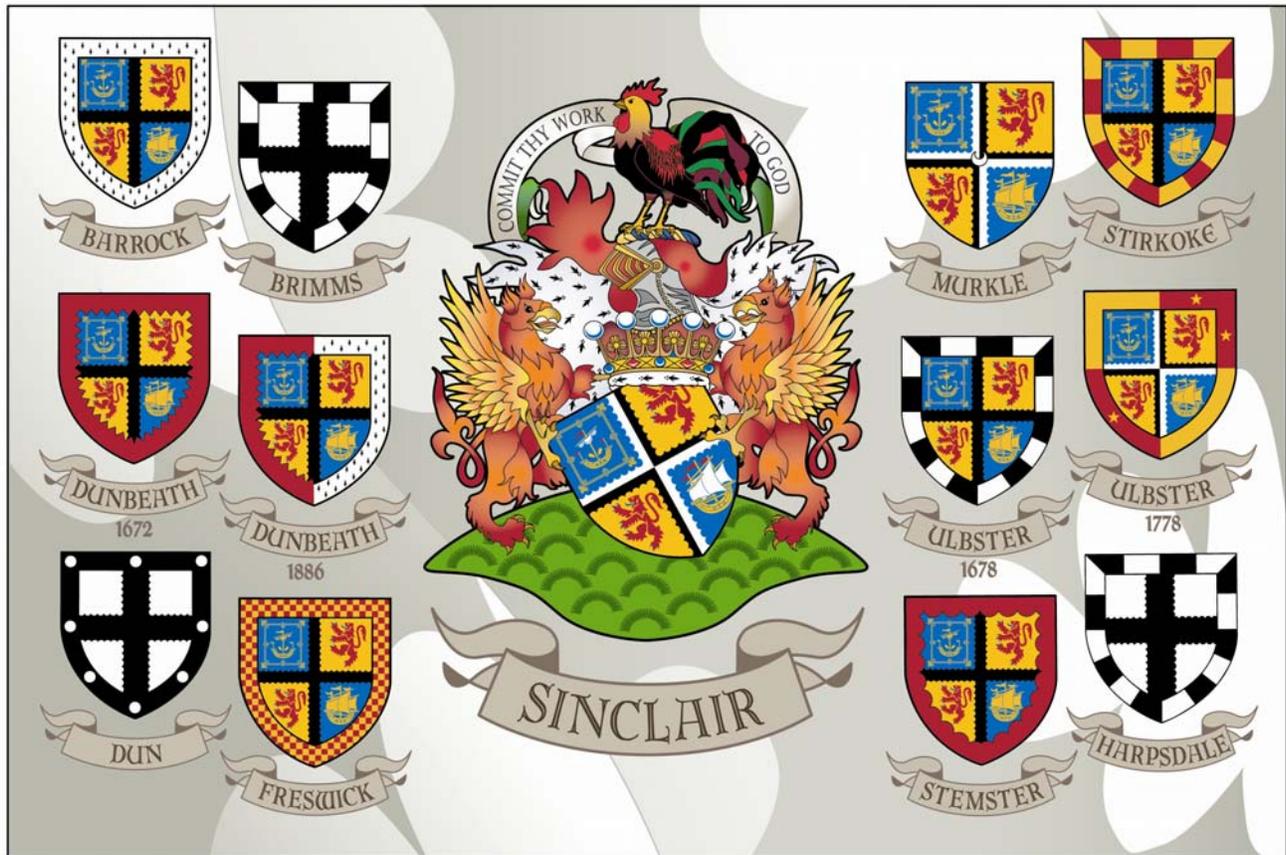
## Reminders from the Blairsville, GA Highland Games from the Honored Clan - Clan MacFie!

The Blairsville, GA Scottish Games are coming up quickly, (June 8-10) and Clan MacFie is the honored clan so please come if at all possible. Here are a couple other items about the games.

The Blairsville Scottish Festival and Highland Games hosts a **Kilted Golf Classic** on Friday morning, June 8. Cost is normally \$75. per golfer but

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# Clan Sinclair Association, Inc., (USA)



7 ft. x 9 ft. tent panel created by Heraldic Artist, Tom Freeman, for the 2009 Gathering in Edinburgh.

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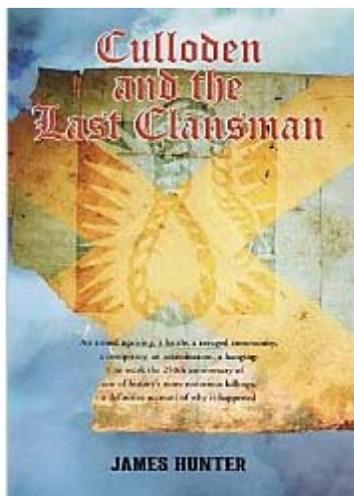
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# A Highlander And His Books . . . .

## Culloden & the Last Clansman

### James Hunter

*REVIEWED By*  
**FRANK R. SHAW, FSA SCOT,**



If you read *A Dance Called America* by James Hunter, you will

Now, back to the story.

This murder shook all of Great Britain, from



not want to miss his latest book, *Culloden and the Last Clansman*.

If you missed the first dance, do yourself a favor and not miss this one. A wonderful tune it is!

James Hunter writes about the murder of Colin Campbell, a government agent and staunch Hanoverian. We are led to believe the accused murderer may be James Stewart, a supporter of Bonnie Prince Charlie and a staunch Jacobite.

The author has lived his entire life in the same community where the murder took place 250 years ago.

In this book, Hunter rivals Sir Walter Scott, the greatest writer of his time and father of the historical novel.

The tale that the author weaves in this case with his use of historical facts is nothing short of brilliant. You cannot compare Hunter to Robert Burns because he does not write poetry and Burns did not write stories like Hunter.

Scott did both, and although Scott has not been in vogue for many years, there are signs that is he “starting to come back into fashion again after long neglect,” according to Stewart Lamont in his book, *When Scotland Ruled the World*.

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the man in the street to the man on the throne, George II. Someone had

to pay for the murder of Colin Campbell.

The most likely suspect, Alan Breck Stewart, had quietly slipped out of the country, leaving James Stewart guilty by association. The Duke of Cumberland (yes, the “Butcher” himself) thought the Scottish authorities were treating this matter too lightly. Thus, both the policies and loyalties of the Scottish authorities were called into question, and the King’s younger son, the British hero of the ’45 (he of the flower named after him, “Sweet William” in England but forever known as “Stinking Willie” in Scotland) “thought it prudent to ensure that James Stewart was hanged.”

Scotland’s Lord Justice General and Lord Advocate both tried the case, one as judge and the other as prosecutor. History records that the former was a Campbell and the latter was a Grant.

Both were on the hot seat almost as much as the man fighting for his life. Even though a panel of three judges was used, no one wanted London to feel anything but their loyalty and obedience. To make sure the verdict was a “guilty” one (a ver-

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dict authorities wanted and had to have to maintain good relations with the Hanoverian government), a jury of fifteen men was selected, eleven of them Campbells. How about them numbers!

A better jury could not have been found, bribed or paid for on behalf of the Scottish authorities.

The trial began at five o'clock in the morning and did not break until fifty hours later.

Why so long?

During those days, Scottish criminal courts required evidence to be heard in a single sitting, and sixty witnesses, a mockery if there ever was one, were heard during that time.

No wonder it took three judges! Adding to the government's case was the fact that a recently fired gun that belonged to James had been dug up along with some broadswords. James helped set the noose around his own neck with his loose whisky talk and threats about and toward Colin Campbell.

Some testified that James had planned the ambush of Colin Campbell that was carried out by Alan Breck, and James did not refute that testimony.

The handwriting was on the wall, and it was as if James was reconciled to meeting his fate. The only question left for us to ask since it was proven that James sent Alan money after the assassination, is why it took five hours of deliberation to come up with the "guilty as charged" verdict.

He was sentenced to hang...in chains. Months later, while on the scaffold, he said, "I die a worthy member of the Episcopal Church of Scotland...may the same God pardon and forgive all that ever did or wished me evil, as I do from my heart forgive them...Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly."

As he climbed the steps to meet his executioner, it is said he quoted verses from Psalm 35 ending with "Lord, rescue my soul from their destructions.

"Cnap a' Chaolais, the location where Stewart was hanged, was well traveled by Highlanders and chosen by the government to send a message of

intimidation to all who passed by.

The Hanoverians wanted all to see the "gruesome spectacle of James Stewart's chained-up and slowly rotting corpse." A detachment of officers, including seventeen soldiers, watched over his body day and night. More than two years after the hanging, portions of his still remaining skeleton fell to the ground.

Edinburgh immediately smelled a conspiracy by Highlanders and launched an investigation, only to find that a winter gale had caused the bones to fall. In an effort to keep James hanging around a little longer, soldiers from Fort William came to put the bones back on the gibbet since local people would have no part of such a gruesome chore. Even the soldiers had to be induced by whisky to replace Stewart's bones on the gibbet!

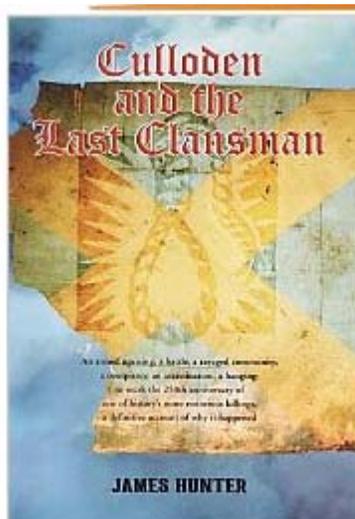
More years passed and down came James again, a bone at a time. This time, however, a Culloden veteran, John Stewart, gathered up each one. This Stewart eventually pieced together enough of the skeletal re-

mains of James to arrange for a burial inside the crumbling walls of the auld Keil church at Duror.

I believe James Hunter proves his point "that, when they hanged James Stewart on the afternoon of Wednesday, 8 November 1752, the Hanoverian authorities also hanged the last clansman" since by this time the Clan system (as a lot of us want to believe was still possible) was no more. All that was left of the old Clan system was memories.

Or, should I say, the romance of the old Clan system is all that was left, then and today. Hunter's style of writing makes you want to stay up all night to finish the book.

His reputation is such that you want him to hurry and get his next book to the marketplace. If I was to score this book like I did my students at Roseboro High School in North Carolina too many years ago to tell, James Hunter would get an A+. I think Sir Walter Scott might give him the same!



**Clan MacFie**, *continued from page 14* —  
KILTED golfers get a \$10. discount that day so would be \$65.

**Friday evening Ceilidh** - will of course feature the Honored Clan, MacFie! tickets are \$40. Call Linda at 706-835-6012 or evening 706-745-4405 to reserve tickets, or go to <http://www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org/> and click on Ceilidh.

**The Ceilidh** will be at the *new* Community Center Banquet Room (next to golf course) in Blairsville - it will be a Buffet. Social hour will be 6-7pm with short ceremony beginning at 7pm, then Dinner immediately after opening ceremony.

**ALSO**, we have recently learned about a free Celtic online magazine called **Celtic Guide**. It is a non-profit adventure and is all about the story of the Celts. There are several authors who trade their expertise for ad space, and a few of them have been world experts in their field of knowledge. We have been reading some today and there are some very interesting articles. To access this magazine go to:<http://www.celticguide.com> Jim and Ginger McAfee, Macfie Clan Society of America or visit [www.clanmacfieofamerica.com](http://www.clanmacfieofamerica.com)

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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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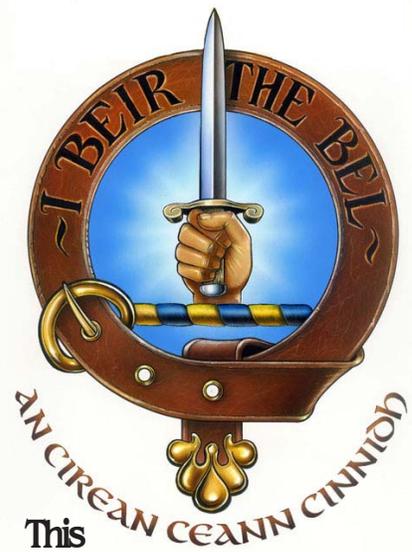
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# Clan Bell International



This old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared "unruly" by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

CBI is a charitable organization of Scottish descendants and friends of Family/Clan Bell dedicated to the study of Bell genealogy and Scottish history and the perpetuation of family tradition.

CBI cordially invites membership inquiries from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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PSS: I will be at the Clan Ramsay Booth at the Smoky Mountain Highland Games <http://www.smhg.org/> May 19 - 20, 2012 in Maryville TN.

We have over 3500 Ramsay / Ramsey heritage files in our private sortable data base and at the "Games" I will be available to search the file for your ancestors and determine if your line is DNA tested and provide you with contacts in just minutes and share with you other possible branches of your family! .

## Willy Sinclair takes his person to the parade!

Chev. Ralph Comp is led by his faithful companion, Willy Sinclair, at the Charleston (SC) St. Patrick's Day parade.

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For membership information, please visit our website at  
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## April 6, 2012 - Happy Tartan Day! Day! See it yourself.

On behalf of the men and women of the international Clan Currie Society, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to screen our film, *The Crofter's Song*. The award-winning film was shot in 2003 at the annual Tartan Day on Ellis Island program. The film is narrated by our dear friend Cliff Robertson who passed away last September at the age of 88.

The film makes its *You Tube* debut today and is available via the following link:  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXfj-w\\_3ULo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXfj-w_3ULo)

We hope you enjoy the film.



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# *The Armstrong Clan Society*

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The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the state of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from U.S. federal income tax.

On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left on this page. Our motto “SEMPER INVICTUS” can be translated as “Always Unconquered”.

## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society:

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest, and genealogy via our newsletter *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

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For a membership application email Peter Armstrong at [peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com](mailto:peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com) or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>. Note: “spouse” on the application includes: spouse; domestic partner; or any other adult living at the same address.



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To see the many names on the Clan Donald sept/allied family list, please visit:

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# The Scottish Democratic Alliance

With thanks to [electricScotland.com](http://electricScotland.com) and Robert P. Ingram

Many of you may be following current events in Scotland. With the unexpected majority win on May 2011 in the Holyrood Parliament, the SNP government have been given a clear mandate by the people of Scotland. Further, they are ably demonstrating that a Scottish political party is capable of governing Scotland more effectively and efficiently than a London based government. Under the canny management of Finance Minister - John Swinney - Scotland is solvent (although our economy is sluggish), whilst the Westminster government is sinking deeper into debt.

SNP performance to date has been quite astonishing, but all political parties go over the top sooner or later, and in the longer term there will have to be a Scottish alternative to the SNP, especially in view of the ongoing extinction of the Scottish branches of the three London-based parties. ( (

Meantime, even with the capable and charismatic Alex Salmond at the helm the SNP government are becoming bogged down by the bullying and manipulation of the Westminster government. The SNP have displayed little understanding of international law and lack experienced personnel to handle international affairs.

Enter the Scottish Democratic Alliance (SDA), founded in July 2009 by a group of Scots with considerable pooled experience of business management, diplomacy and international affairs. Its purpose is to research and present proposals for the future governance of Scotland, and at a future date to be in a position to put up candidates for the Scottish Parliament.

The SDA's radical approach from first principles has caused heated discussions on internet websites, among both unionists and nationalists.

Its proposals are also being studied with interest by the governments of more than three dozen foreign countries.

The SDA's view is that Scotland has no choice whatever in the matter if its interests are to be adequately protected in the future, and that this cannot be achieved through any status short of full, internationally recognised independence, with a seat at the United Nations.

Scotland is a self-contained geographical, economic, social, cultural, and hence political entity that can no longer be governed under the same set of rules as southern England.

The SDA is planning for the future, but meantime it is doing everything possible to support the SNP up to the moment of independence. The SNP have access to all of our proposals. This 100% practical support does not exclude criticism of individual SNP policies in the light of the SDA's international diplomatic expertise, as well as its up-to-the-minute access to international sources of intelligence. ( (

A complex modern state cannot be revamped overnight, and the moment of independence is far too late to start thinking about it. That would be a recipe for chaos – we have to start now. ( (

The SDA is presently at the stage of laying a foundation of hard and fast proposals for the post-independence future of Scotland in the light of its international and business expertise. It is also prepared to adopt some radical yet proven ideas on public finance. ( (

Our expanding policy base is concentrating on the most fundamental issues of the moment – Independence strategy, a draft Constitution, Economy and Taxation, Monetary policy, Energy, ( (

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## The Scottish Democratic Alliance, *continued from page 27*

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Scotland in the World, the Health service, Security and Defence, Scotland's National Borders, etc. Others, like education, agriculture and forestry are awaiting their turn in the queue. You can read all of our proposals at: [www.scottishdemocraticalliance.org](http://www.scottishdemocraticalliance.org).

( For a variety of reasons many Scots are essentially internationalists and within the SDA are Scots who well understand the interdependency of global trade and defence.

Currently the SDA is assisting in the process of setting up a Scottish Institute for International Affairs (SIIA) and a founding member of the Institute has accepted an invitation from the USA "Friends of Scotland" Caucus to attend the Capitol Hill National Tartan Day Symposium on March 28, 2012.

The SDA's stringent examination of Scotland's financial situation has already revealed the enormous scale of the hidden overall revenue transfer from Scotland to London, and the scale by which Scotland is subsidising the rest of the UK – even without counting the oil.

For you, in other lands, it may be difficult to appreciate the degree of propaganda and censorship to which the Scots are being subjected. You may or may not be aware that the

Scottish mainstream media including the BBC are all owned or controlled by English or Westminster interests and all promote biased pro-union viewpoints whilst censoring pro-Independence viewpoints. For us, Rabbie's "parcel of rogues" still exists in Scotland.

This has resulted in the situation where most Scots are unaware of the magnitude of the subsidies they pay to the rest of the UK, whilst being told that the Scots are being subsidised by Westminster. However, the Scots are now waking up to an appreciation that they are being misled and robbed of the benefits of their natural resources.

We identify most strongly with Scotland, the land of our birth or residence, and the welfare of our land and its people is a very personal matter for all of us. Please assist us by telling your friends and family members in Scotland and elsewhere about us.

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# You're invited to the Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society May 2012 meeting on St. Simons Island

Our next meeting will be on Sunday May 20th, at 2:00 at the airport meeting room, St. Simons Island. [Note: this is the 3rd Sunday of the month, a change due to Mother's Day. ]

The speaker will be Amy Hedrick, local researcher and author. Her topic will concern tips for cemetery research. She will be telling us about her forthcoming book on our own Oak Grove Cemetery ...eight years in the making!! More details will be sent later. Mark your calendars now!!



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