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## Welcome to Ceres Highland Games

*Bow Butts, Ceres, Scotland - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018*



Saturday of the month of June, every year (except for war) since the charter to hold the Games was given to the people of the village by Robert Bruce in 1314 in recognition of their support at the battle of Bannockburn. The battle was fought in order to preserve the right of the Scots to determine how they would be ruled.

With the 702<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Bannockburn being celebrated during the next event, it is perhaps especially appropriate that we should take

C e r e s Games are the oldest free games in Scotland, always held on the last

up the Bruce's offer to enjoy our midsummer Games. As usual, the games will be a cheerful mix of pipe music, dancing, wrestling, heavy events, cycling and running. Around the Bow Butts, there will be shows, stalls, a refreshment tent and, of course, the magnificent GamesBurger barbeque.

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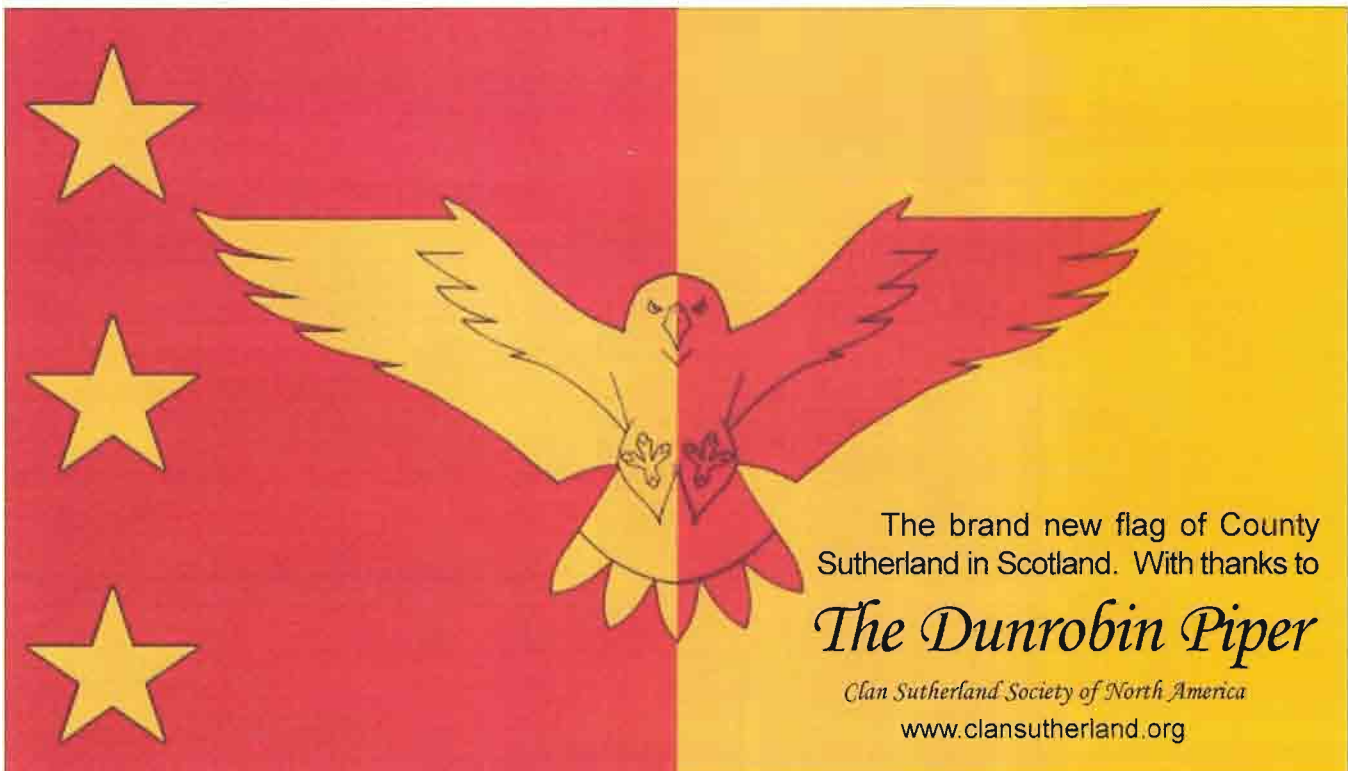
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# A letter from your editor...

## Dusting Beth's Mind



How come I can't remember what I had for breakfast THIS morning, but I can remember that Lorne Greene (of *Bonanza* fame) really did serve in the Royal Canadian Air Force?

In another nook and crannie of my head is the fact that President George Bush was the US Navy's youngest ever Avenger torpedo bomber pilot. Hiding in my brain is the fact that he flew fifty-eight missions and was shot down once and rescued.

I wake up in the night thinking about how the Coddington lens used in simple microscopes was invented by Sir David Brewster...although it is named after Henry Coddington, a Cambridge tutor who publicised its use in 1829.

The fact that the golf term "caddie" comes from the name given to the helpers of Mary, Queen of Scots, who were on secondment from the French military and known in French as "cadets" - is likely to come forward in my mind when I am searching for my new phone number.

Betcha' the fact that Tony Blair and Rowan Atkinson (Mr. Bean) went to the same Durham Cloisters Preparatory School in Durham, England doesn't crawl around in your head all day long.

Does your mind retain the fact that 64 % of women sleep on the left side of the bed? (Yes, I really do.)

Do you remember that months which begin on Sundays always have a Friday the 13th? It's true, they do!

Who else remembers the quote from beautiful, talented Brooke Shields? The quote: "If you are killed, you've lost a very important part of your life."

Yes, she said that and, e-gads, I remember it!

Have YOU ever thought about how, when you dial a wrong number on your fancy phone, it's NEVER busy?

Somewhere, long ago, I read that Florence Nightingale used to travel everywhere with a pet owl in her pocket. I read it and remembered it.



I even remember that favorite actor, Tom Selleck, turns 73 in 2018.

If I had eaten sardines more often than I do, this wierdness might be explained, but I haven't enjoyed any for years and years and years...I do remember that sardines can improve your memory. According to a study back in the 1980s somewhere, people with memory disorders have low levels of acetycholine, which certain foods, such as sardines can mitigate.

Lurking about in my memory is that Sting, Bryan Ferry, Gabriel Byrne, Billy Crystal (substitute teacher), Luciano Pavarotti (elementary school) and Oliver Stone (in Vietnam) were all teachers.

If I am ever on a quiz show, I know that the world's first color photograph was made by the Scottish Scientist, James Clerk Maxwell in 1861 and that photo featured a colored tartan ribbon!

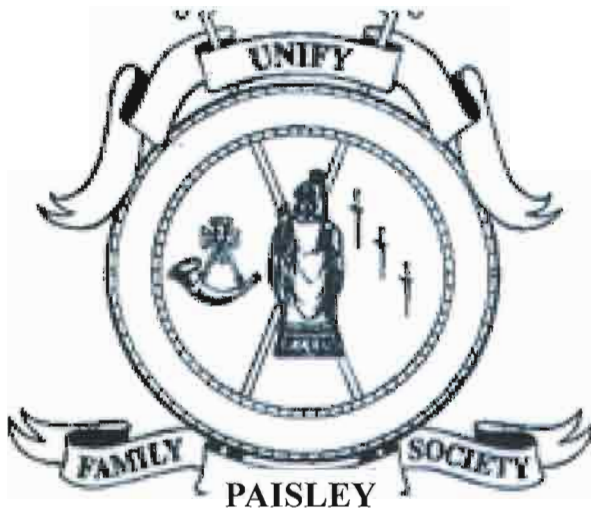
I remember that the Scottish Balmoral tartan should only be worn by members of the British Royal Family.

Do you remember that, according to legend, the saltire - or the St. Andrew's Cross, actually dates from the ninth century AD - which makes it the oldest national flag still in use today.

I do actually try to figure this one out...and so far, ancient aliens are winning, since Mother Nature seldom leaves contrails in the sky.

Maybe a lot of you remember this one: Robert the Bruce's dying wish was for his heart be taken on crusade. His friend, Sir James "The Black" Douglas fulfilled this wish. It was returned to Melrose Abbey in Scotland where it is buried still today.

Gee, my head feels it might just float off somewhere since I have lightened my mind dust quite a bit by writing this column.



The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

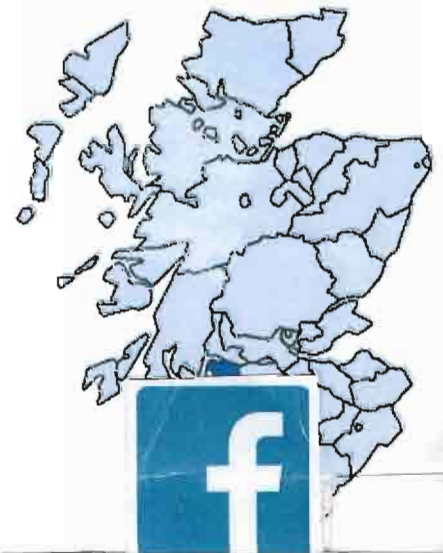


Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea, Chieftain of the Paisley Family

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179 - 95.

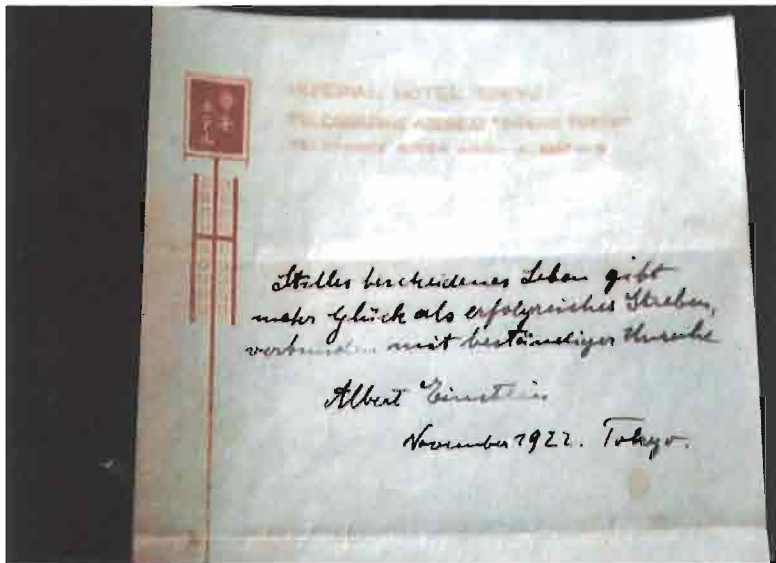
Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburgshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borgue (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



Check out the **Paisley Family Society** webpage at [www.paisleyfamilyociety.org.uk](http://www.paisleyfamilyociety.org.uk) to see what's happening with us in 2017. Contact Martha Brown at [mbrown2205@aol.com](mailto:mbrown2205@aol.com). For the Paisley DNA Project, visit [dlangsto@yahoo.com](mailto:dlangsto@yahoo.com)



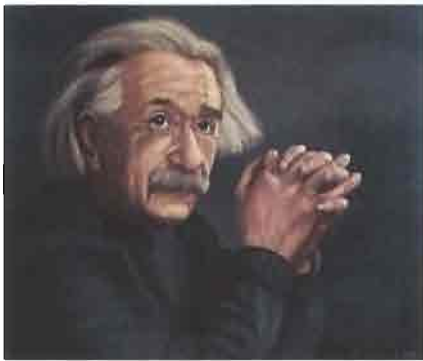
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## Found: Handwritten Notes With Einstein's Thoughts on a Good Life

**The famous scientist gave two notes to a courier in lieu of a tip.**

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IN 1922, ALBERT EINSTEIN SAT in a hotel room in Tokyo and wrote down two thoughts.

“Wo ein Wille ist, da ist auch ein Weg”—where there’s a will, there’s a way—and “Stilles bescheidenes Leben gibt mehr Glück als erfolgreiches Streben, verbunden mit beständiger Unruhe”—a quiet and modest life brings more joy than a pursuit of success bound with constant unrest.

He gave those two notes in lieu of a tip to a courier who had brought him a message, as the Japan Times reports. It may have been that he didn’t have any change; it may have been that the courier had refused money. But Einstein had the idea that these small slips of

paper might be worth much more than a handful of change one day.

When he had arrived in Tokyo, the scientist had been met by crowds of fans. He had been traveling around the world, giving a series of lectures, in America, in British Palestine, and in southeast Asia. He was in Asia when he received a telegram informing him he had won a Nobel Prize. He must have understood what his growing fame could mean when he handed the courier these two notes.

One of the notes is on the stationery of the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo; the other is on a blank sheet of paper. They’re both being sold by an auction house in Israel, by the anonymous German owner. It’s unclear how these notes passed hands and reemerged now, but they’re small hints as to how Einstein treated people and thought of the world in terms of human experience, not just grand theories.

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**Septs:** Brewlands, Dalrulzion, Drimmie, Lude, Persie, Rannagulzion.





It was a sad day when **Lois Carson Boyce**, Honourary Life Member of Clan Sinclair Association passed away.

She had celebrated her 99<sup>TH</sup> birthday last fall, but due to strokes and declining health had been moved into a care facility that serves veterans of the armed services.

She had stopped taking nourishment a few days ago and passed away peacefully.

Her daughters were with her constantly providing support the last few days and weeks.

Lois was one of the driving forces supporting the inception of the Western Branch of Clan Sinclair Association, Inc., (USA) - often referred to as a "little dynamo."

She was an inspiration to everyone fortunate to have known her, and the word procrastination was not in her vocabulary!

I have many fond memories that I will cherish forever. Being her last non-family visitors yesterday is special for Arlene and me.

Lois' many contributions to her community, associations, church, friends and family are legendary. She was fiercely proud of her Scottish roots and particularly her Sinclair family heritage. She will be missed by many. The end of an era! - Jim Sinclair

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**Gail Zarnik**, age 61, of Grayson, GA, and a member of the Clan Sutherland Society, passed away

Friday, October 27, 2017. There will be a private service held at a later date. Condolences may be sent or viewed at <[www.wagesfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com)>. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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**Nancy J. McDuffie** of Summerville, NC, sister of Kathryn Brown of Lake City, SC and Celina Hinds of Florence, SC. Nancy McDuffie was a member of the Clan MacDuffee.




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**Sir Kenneth Bertram Adam Scott**, KCVO, CMG, diplomat and deputy private secretary to the Queen. Born: 23 January 1931, Belfast, Northern Ireland. Died: 23 February 2018, Edinburgh, aged 87.

Sir Kenneth Scott was a diplomat who enjoyed a colourful and interesting life with the Diplomatic Service in far-flung corners of the world before being appointed the Queen's deputy private secretary and enjoying rare access and gaining an extraordinary insight into the Queen and her daily life and routine, for example, her being awoken when in London and Balmoral by a bagpiper playing outside her window.

Following his final posting as Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Scott, who had already served a Prime Minister, foreign secretaries, the Royal Family and other dignitaries, accepted an invitation to become the assistant private secretary to the Queen.



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A lot about

# The Scottish Register of Tartans

<https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/index>

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Members of the Scottish Parliament voted to establish a single, independent Scottish register of tartans which promotes and preserves information about historic and contemporary tartans from Scotland and throughout the world.

Thus, the Scottish Register of Tartans was established by an act of the Scottish Parliament in November 2008, and it was officially launched on February 5, 2009.



The Register is administered by the National Records of Scotland (NRS) with advice from the Court of the

Lord Lyon and representatives of the Scottish tartan industry. The Keeper of the Records of Scotland and Registrar General for Scotland is also the Keeper of the Scottish Register of Tartans.

The Register database contains information on thousands of tartans, which can be freely searched. It includes all tartans registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans since it was launched in 2009.

The database also incorporates tartans formerly recorded by the Scottish Tartans Authority (STA) and/or the Scottish Tartans World Register (STWR):

“The Scottish Tartans Authority is a registered charity and the only organisation dedicated to the preservation, promotion and protection of Tartan.

We are a membership organization. On our website you can discover the world of Tartan. Visit: <<http://www.tartansauthority.com/>>

The Scottish Tartans World Register (STWR) was created to provide a centralized database of tartans. It is a non-authoritative body where anyone can post and check both new and old tartans.

Its public nature provides

one of the first steps to establishing the copyright of a design.

The Scottish Tartans World Register is the trading name of a registered company called Tartan Registration Limited, a recognised charity. It offers services and products that help in the accurate and non-trivial use of tartan whilst maintaining the 'Register' itself.

Visit: <[http://www.tartans.scotland.net/world\\_register.cfm.htm](http://www.tartans.scotland.net/world_register.cfm.htm)>

The National Records of Scotland worked with the STA and the STWR to amalgamate their former databases into a single dataset for the Register. The resulting database is still being checked. It should be noted that the STA and the STWR applied different criteria for registration. Not all tartans recognised by one organisation were recognised by the other and vice versa. Notes or background information made

available for pre-existing tartans may derive from a variety of external sources. Every effort is being made to check and validate this information; however, it is acknowledged that inaccuracies or lack of clarity may still exist in some of the records. The National Records of Scotland will

continue to work with its tartan industry partners over the coming years to improve this information.



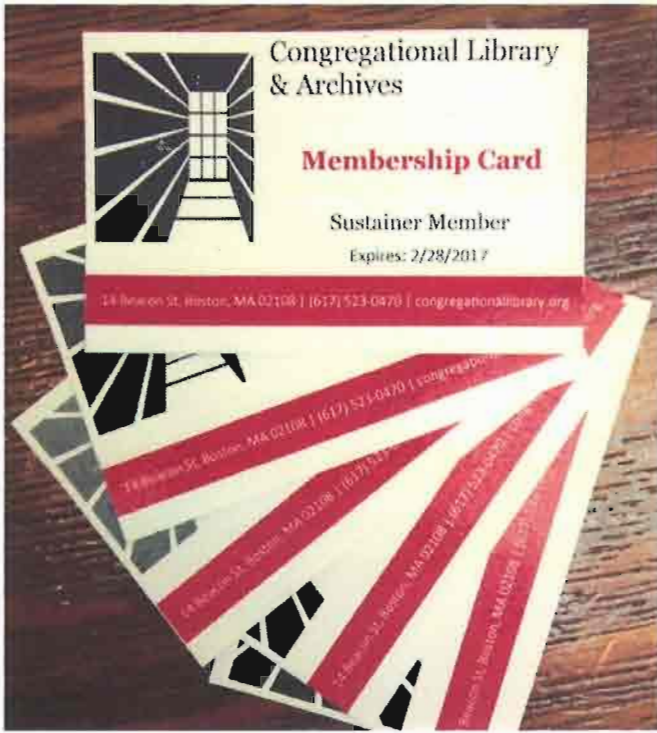
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### **Congregational Library, con't from page 11**

Center at Yale is currently preserving these records and making them available to the public."

Since 2005 the Congregational Library, in partnership with the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale and many local churches across New England, has been rescuing old records from church attics and basements, and making them widely accessible through preservation and digitization. Many of the documents also include transcriptions.

The project is a "work in progress." That is, only a small percentage of the documents have been digitized and placed online so far. The project just received a \$300,000 grant to continue the work.

The same web site also has an online database of more than 30,000 obituary listings for clergy and missionaries spanning more than three centuries.

You can learn more and can access the digitized documents by starting at <http://www.congregationallibrary.org>.

[www.congregationallibrary.org](http://www.congregationallibrary.org). Click "lectures/events" or type in "lectures" to be taken to a list of available recorded lectures, and then simply click to play. The Society's filmed lectures can also be found on *YouTube*.

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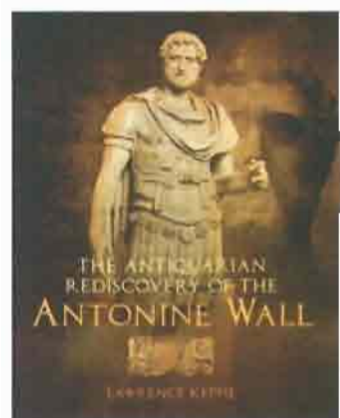
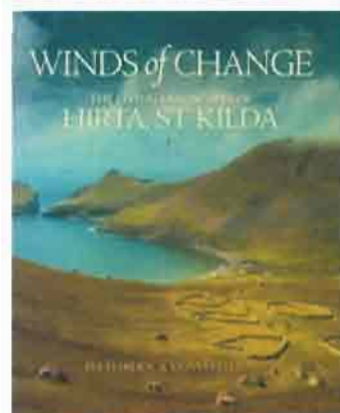
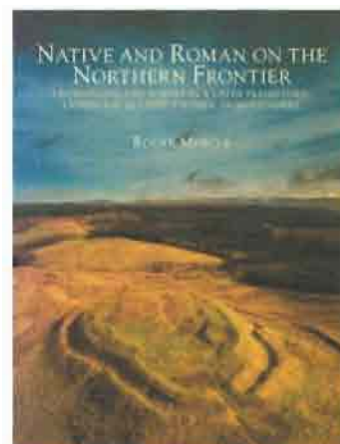
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After ten years work! **The Third Edition**  
**of *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia***  
**by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire**



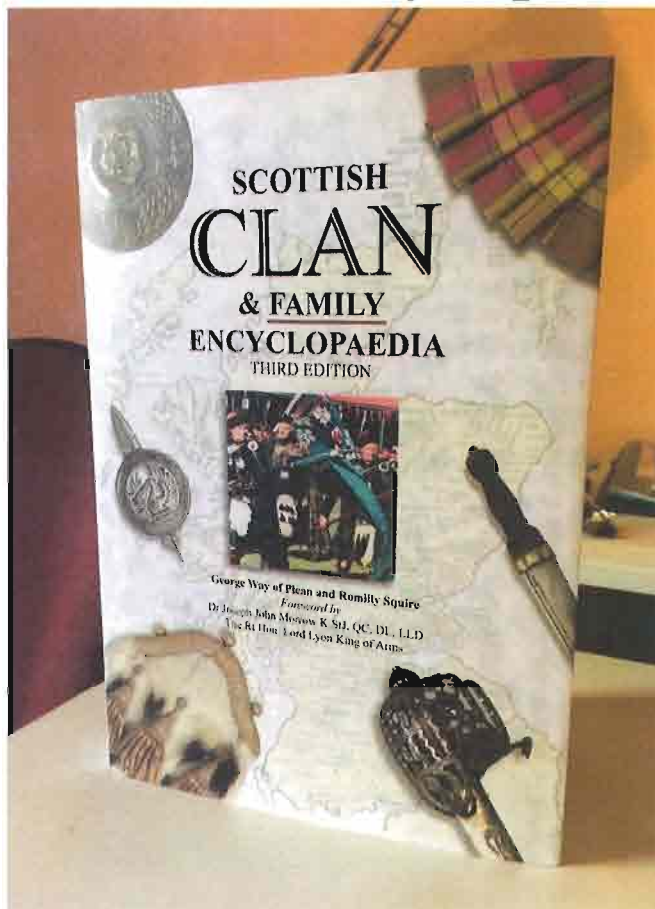
Every person interested in their own Scottish clan or interested in Scottish history needs a copy of The Third Edition of the *Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia*. Authored by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire.

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The book is very lavishly illustrated with photographs of the Lyon Court, clan



chiefs, et al.

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# A 'very angry badger' wreaked havoc in a 500-year-old Scottish castle cellar

*He's since calmed down and headed home.*

These days, Craignethan Castle consists mostly of picturesque ruins. Located around 20 miles south of Glasgow, Scotland, it was built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century by the Scottish nobleman James Hamilton of Finneart, reportedly to showcase his many architectural and military talents. In its current form, it remains an impressive structure, but one you probably wouldn't choose to live in.

But a very angry badger begs to differ. One such individual came shambling into the castle's cellar tunnel last week, and decided he was going to make it his home.

The castle is surrounded by woodland, a spokesperson at Historic Environment Scotland told the BBC, and staff believe that the badger may have accidentally lost his way. Whatever the case, he quickly began to "re-



decorate" the place with artfully chosen rubble by digging through loose soil into the stonework.

According to the HES spokesperson, staff at the castle spotted the loose earth on Wednesday of last week and attempted to lure the badger out with cat food and honey. Precisely what happened next is unclear, but the cellar tunnel was shut to the public, the badger described by staff as "very angry," and the matter left unresolved.

At some point late on Friday or early Saturday morning, however, the badger apparently decided that life in a castle tunnel wasn't for him, and headed out into the night. But his renovations have left a lasting impact: The tunnel remains closed, at least until the completion of repairs to the stonework.

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# LALLANS

## The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters

### *Our May contribution from George Watt and The Journal o' Scots Airts an Letters*

(I find if I read the Scots out loud, I can pretty well figure out what it says. It really IS great fun!)

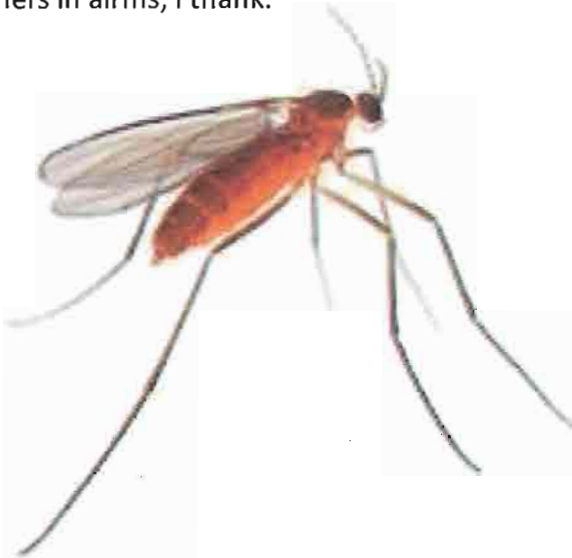


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I am a midgie!  
A nuisance o the lowest rank.  
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Yon wet, Scottish hills ma host.  
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Til winter brings ma only adversary ;  
FROAST !

**Tracy Anne Harvey**





# CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.



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# This Tree Started Growing During the Viking Age

"Adonis," A Bosnian Pine living high in the mountains of Greece, is Europe's oldest officially dated tree, at 1,075 years.

Europe's oldest officially dated tree has been uncovered in Greece, and despite living more than a millennium (and counting!), it doesn't look a day over 200.

The tree, dubbed "Adonis" by the scientists who discovered it, is a Bosnian pine (*Pinus heldreichii*) that took root in A.D. 941, high in the Pindus mountains of Greece. (In ancient Greek mythology, Adonis was the god of beauty, youth and desire.)

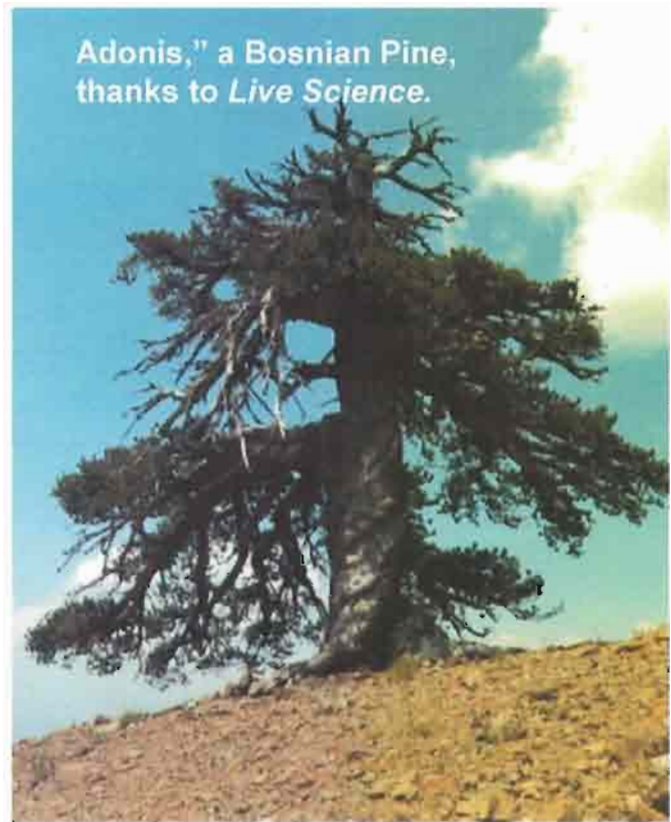
"It is quite remarkable that this large, complex and impressive organism has survived so long in such an inhospitable environment, in a land that has been civilized for over 3,000 years," Paul J. Krusic, a dendrochronologist at Stockholm University in Sweden, and the leader of the expedition that found the tree, said in a statement. (Dendrochronology is the study of tree-ring dating.)

The venerable tree lives within a pristine forest of ancient pines that are nearly as old, the researchers said.

## *Grove of ancient trees*

Researchers first discovered the tree during a research trip run by the Navarino Environmental Observatory (NEO), which was analyzing tree rings for evidence of the region's past climate. Krusic had first heard about this grove of ancient trees while studying for his thesis, but it was only recently that he was able to visit.

To determine Adonis' true age, the team drilled a core from the tree that reached from its heart to the outer bark. Then, they counted the tree rings, which



alternate by season. The thickness and color of tree rings can also reveal clues about the historical climate. To officially date the tree, the team also compared Adonis' tree rings to those of its neighbors in the forest. Because trees occasionally have skipped

rings or lay down extra rings because of drought or other environmental conditions, comparing a tree to nearby ones to account for such anomalies is the only way to get an accurate estimate of a tree's age from its rings, Krusic told *Live Science*.

When the researchers tallied up the rings, they found that Adonis was an impressive 1,075 years old and had a core of 3.3 feet (1 meter). When Adonis was just a seedling in A.D. 941, the Vikings were still raiding the European coastlines.

Still, while the Greek tree is incomprehensibly old compared to the average human or even the oldest

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# Keets Taylor works her magic with an antique plywood footlocker...

As the footlocker appeared when Savy received it



2 botruckles, one playing a violin



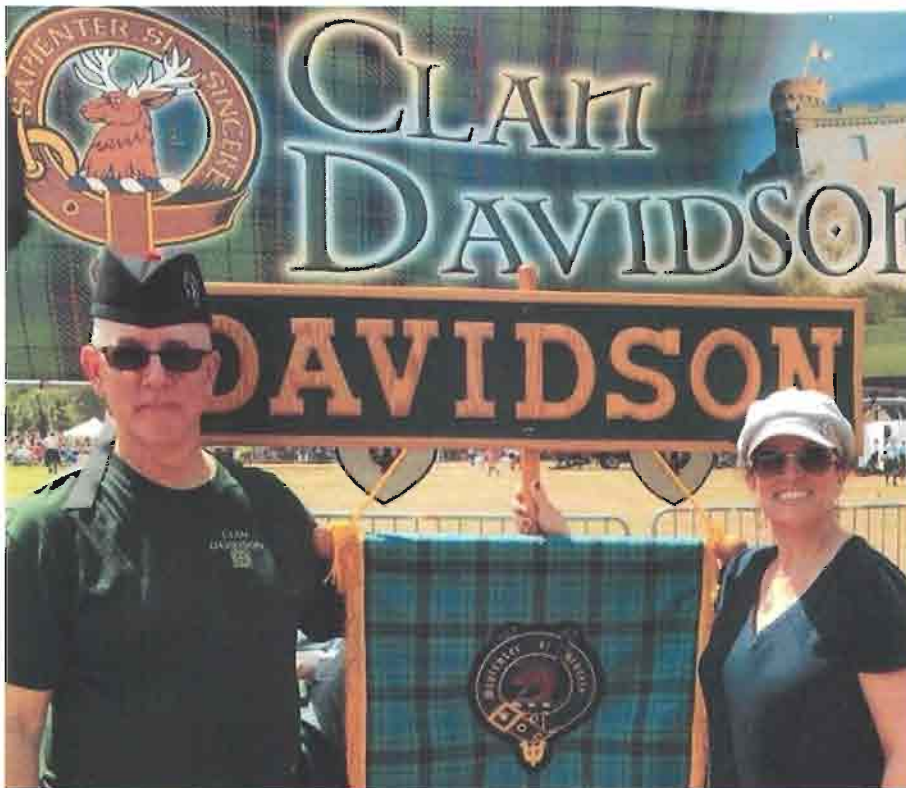
Goodness... a muggle latch, botruckles and a niffler holding a time turner in it's toes... amazing...



With the removal of the cloaking devise, it appears Granddad's footlocker has had a very mysterious history



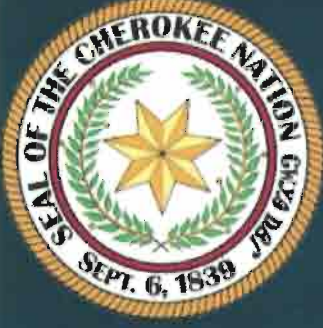
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## Davidsons at the 2018 Dunedin, Florida Scottish Games



Scotty Dawson on the left and Julie Hanson Dawson on the right - representing Clan Davidson at the Dunedin Scottish Games.



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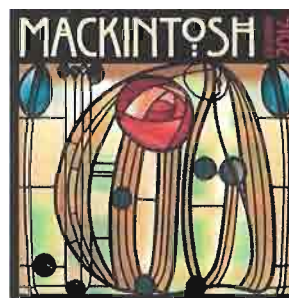
At-Large Representative

### Oldest tree, *continued from page 19*

living animal, it is a young whipper snapper compared to other European trees believed to be older, yet not officially dated. For instance, the oldest tree in Europe, the Llangernyw yew tree in Wales, is thought to be at least 3,000 years old, while Kongeegen (or the "king's tree") in Denmark's royal hunting forest is thought to be between 1,500 and 2,000 years old.

The world's oldest tree, an unnamed bristlecone pine that lives high up in the White Mountains in California, is more than 5,000 years old, while dozens of giant sequoias in California are thought to be between 3,000 and 3,500 years old.

Meanwhile, a clonal colony of quaking aspen in Utah called *Pando* is thought to be at least 80,000 years old. (Clonal colonies are made up of groups of genetically identical creatures.)



**Don't miss it**

**Charles Rennie Mackintosh: making the**

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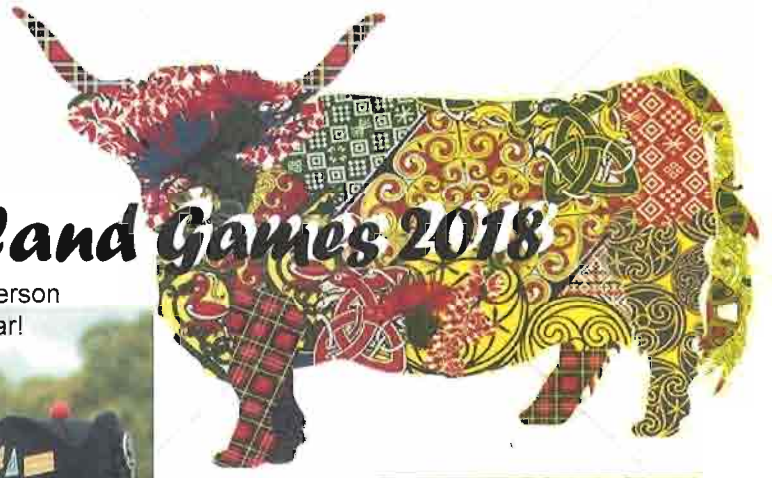
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# Clan Bell International



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 inquires 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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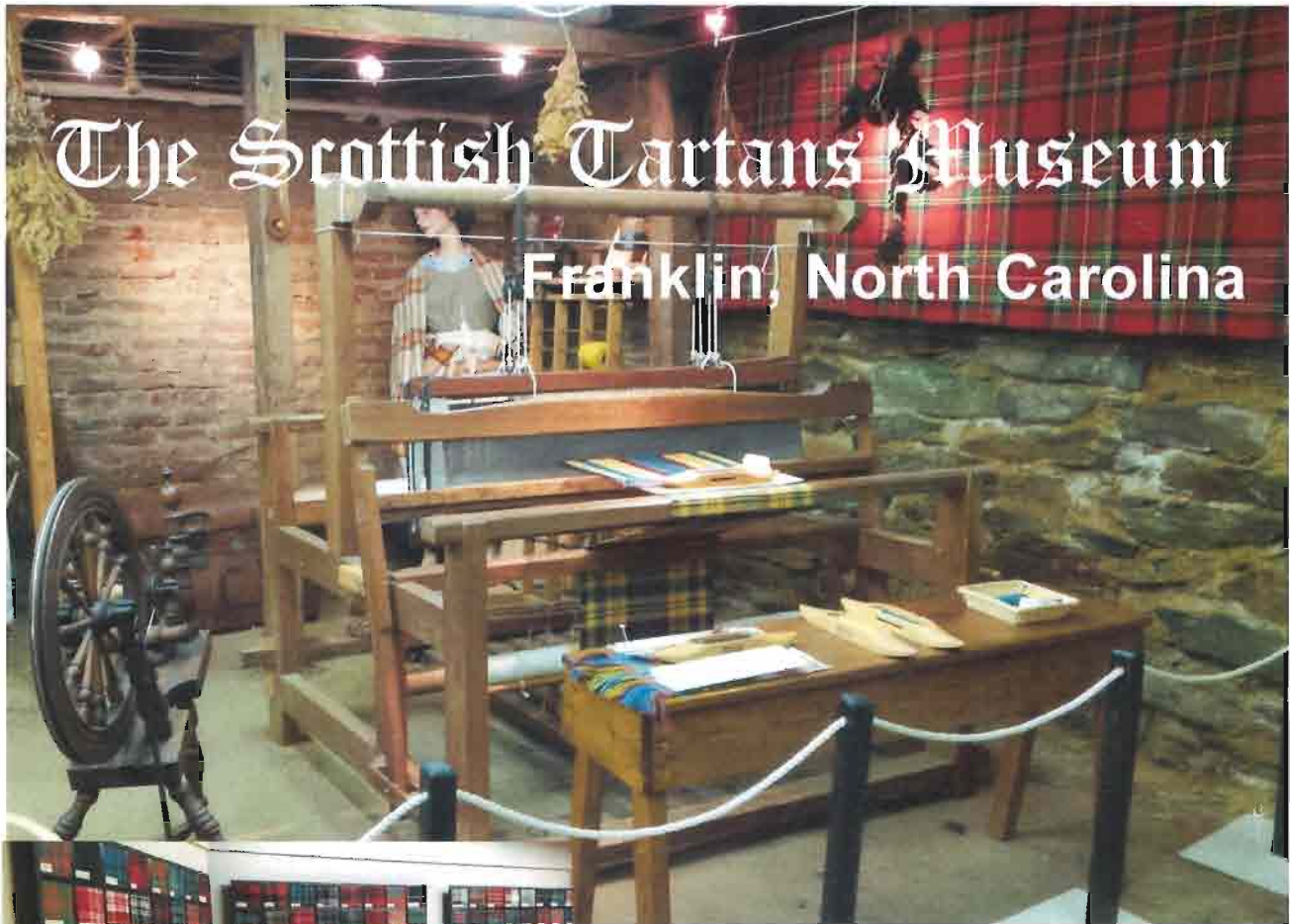
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The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

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Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

We offer our gift shop online and brick and mortar. Here you can order custom made kilts, ladies kilted skirts, sashes, scarves, neckties, fabric by the swatch or by the yard, kilt hose and all quality accessories to accent your highland wear.

Admission is \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 for Children 6-12.

We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

[www.scottishtartans.org](http://www.scottishtartans.org)





If your clan was at Loch Norman, and you are not shown here amongst the clans, you can get photos for your newsletter by emailing [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)

## ***Loch Norman Highland Games 2018***



# Clan Davidson Society of North America



Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society of North America**.

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The Clan Davidson Society of North America is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit corporation recognized by the US IRS as a 501 c(3) Educational and Charitable organization. We are dedicated to the preservation of our rich Scottish and Clan Heritage. CDS-NorAm publishes an award-winning, electronic, full color newsmagazine of 40-60 pages twice a year, packed with informative articles and photos of interest both to Davidson Clansmen as well as anyone interested in the history and culture of Scotland.

The Society's on-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [clandavidson.org](http://clandavidson.org) or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net](mailto:sennachie@earthlink.net).

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## The American Antiquarian Society holds vast collection of pre-1876 documents

Quoting from an article in the *Atlas Obscura* web site: “This little-known rival to the Library of Congress houses one of the largest collections of pre-1876 American books, newspapers, and manuscripts.

“Plenty of people in Worcester drive by the American Antiquarian Society every day, but few know about the vast

amounts of knowledge held inside. This research library and learned society rivals the Library of Congress in terms of its historical content. Historians from all over the United States and beyond make pilgrimages to come here to do their research.”

The full article, along with several pictures of the American Antiquarian Society, may be found at <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/american-antiquarian-society-2>. The American Antiquarian Society’s web site may be found at: <http://www.americanantiquarian.org>.

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## The MacDuffee Clan Society of America’s *Clan Chatter* publication offers these websites for research

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For membership/further information on the MacDuffee Clan Society of America, email: <juliehall522@yahoo.com>

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\* The Scottish Parliament has finally decided to establish an official tartan register. It will be maintained by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland and kept at the National Archives in Edinburgh. The register will also be available on line

at [www.tartanregister.gov.uk](http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk)

<http://www.ancestry.com/> \* This site has a plethora of information. It will let you search, but must join to retrieve data.

<http://www.recordslogin.com/members/?stid=4jvr8koklvvjs9smas4a8pkfh7>

<http://www.scottishcatholicarchives.org.uk/>

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