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The Scottish community mourns Flora

Waynesville, North Carolina: Flora MacDonald Gammon, 71, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at her home.

Flora was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, May 17, 1946. She was the daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs. Richard R. Gammon, in addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John A. Dall.

She graduated from East Carolina University School of Nursing and was the operating room supervisor at Haywood Regional Medical Center.

Flora was an elder and choir member at the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville, North Carolina.

After leaving nursing, she began working with the South Carolina Arts Commission as Artist in Residence throughout the schools of South Carolina and the Road Scholars program.

Flora was Director of Music at Grandfather Moun-

tain Highland Games in Linville, North Carolina. She continued to teach Scottish history, music and dance. In 2008 she received The Exceptional Celtic

Women's Award. Flora was on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Folkmoot USA, the State International Festival of North Carolina.

Flora's long and fruitful association with the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Knights Templar) began with her investiture on November 4, 1989 as a Dame. With her husband, John Dall, she was active in bringing into the order other civic-minded and charitable individuals too many to number. She progressed through the ranks of the Order, serving in multiple capacities in both the

Preceptory or the Highlands and Priory of St. Andrew, most notably Co-Master of Postulants for the Priory until stepping down in 2012.

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Flora MacDonald Gammon Memorial Nursing Scholarship established

The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem has established the Flora Macdonald Gammon Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

If you wish to make a contribution, please send a letter to the "Attention of Anna Holmes",

indicating that you are contributing to the Flora Macdonald Gammon Memorial Nursing Scholarship, with a check made payable to "SMOTJ Charitable Fund." (Do not send cash.)

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Clan Forrester Society

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Project

The Artist Making Bunches of Banana Art

Keisuke Yamada carves faces, animals, and more into fruit.

With thanks to **Atlas Obscura**. Just visit their website to subscribe for free.

Banana's are a fleeting treat. If you wait too long to eat one, it will brown and turn. But the time limits seem to be freeing for artist Keisuke Yamada, who carves incredible designs—from pop culture figures to grotesque faces—on bananas.

Based in Shiga Prefecture, Japan, Yamada spends his days as an electrician and his spare time as a banana sculptor. (He also occasionally teaches



classes on fruit carving.) Over email, Yamada explains that he started sculpting bananas in 2011. Bored, he peeled a banana, and had an idea. What would happen if he carved a face into it?

From there, Yamada noting that the Internet loved

his creations—began sculpting much more than just faces. "You can carve human beings, animals, whatever," he says, adding that he often finds inspirations in people's movements and favorite movie characters. The texture of the bananas makes some of these creatures, such as snakes, appear even more sinister as they slither out of the peel. Others, such as his elephants and horses, have an astoundingly life-like quality.

It takes Yamada about an hour to make one banana sculpture, and on a record banana-carving day, he made nine works in 15 hours. His tools are everyday household items: a toothpick and a spoon.

Yamada admits that he's gotten tired of the taste of bananas over the years, and that he "ate too much and gained weight." Nevertheless, he still loves bananas and the unlikely faces and places he can carve out of them.



An elephant carving



Bart Simpson, bananaized



A dragon emerging...

A Minion bananaized and a horse, too.



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Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc.

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (including alternate spellings such as Keeth) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email <u>membershipclankeith@mindspring.com</u> or call 404-539-5222.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!

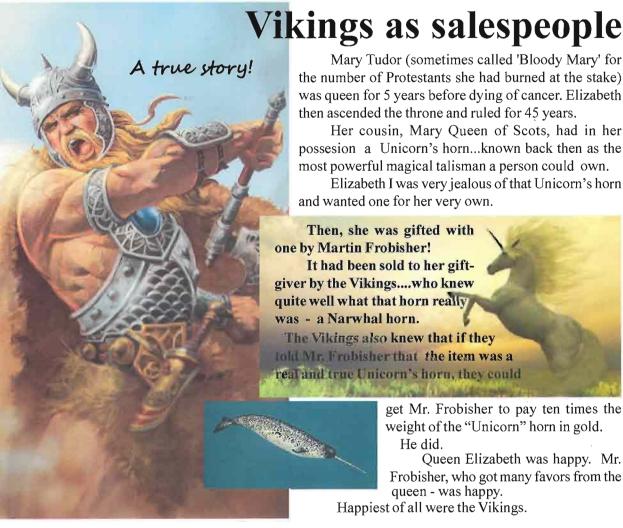
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Contact Tom Hodges: sijepuis@bellsouth.net

Allied Families and Septs of

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Clan Blair Society

Memberships are cordially invited for Blair descendants and other interested parties.

www.clanblair.org

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of the Order at West Point in 2010, she and husband, John, were asked on short notice to prepare and lead the first ever Postulants' Vigil at a Grand

Convent. That event was so successful that they became the first ever Co-Grand Masters of Postulants for the Grand Priory. They held this office until John's death in January, 2012, when Flora asked to be relieved due to her declining health.

In 2012 Flora received the Order's Meritorious Service Medal, awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. This award was based on her nearly 25-years' contribution to the Order, specifically as Co - and Master of Postulants

for the Priory and GPUSA, as well as lending her beautiful voice to the enrichment of Templar services for many years..

Flora was selected for and elevated to the Dignity of Grand Croix, the Order's highest rank,

at the Grand Convent in Philadelphia in 2013. Promotion to this rank is rarely awarded and such promotion is reserved for those individuals who have



made an extraordinarily effective and sustained effort for the good of the Order.

Certainly one of the highlights of her extraordinary Templar career was when she went on the Order's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the fall of 2016. It was a delight to her heart to tread in the footsteps of Christ, and to meet the student being sponsored in honor of her husband, John. The joy she found there was a blessing to her and to all of those with whom she shared it.

Flora was all things Scottish and encouraged every-

one to trace their roots. She inherited an interest in her Scottish heritage at an early age.

Flora is survived by her uncle, Donald F. MacDonald, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; aunt,

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Flora MacDonald Gammon Memorial Nursing Scholarship, continued from page 1

General Raymond Davis Templar Foundation, Inc., 1400 Kempsville Road, #110 PMB #4, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

Please Indicate in the "for" block on the lower left of your check "Flora MacDonald Gammon Nursing Scholarship" - with a check made payable to "SMOTJ Charitable Fund."

The Scholarship Fund is a subsidiary of the Raymond G. Davis Templar Foundation, Inc. It is a Federally-recognized 501(c)(3) charity, and all contributions thereto are fully tax deductible.

A full-tuition nursing scholarship is \$4000 per year at Bethlehem University or the Arab American University in Jenin, and is normally for three or four years. The student receiving the scholarship signs a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that says they will remain in the Holy Land and practice their nursing skills one year for each year of their scholarship.

Donors will receive periodic updates on "their" student.

The Flora MacDonald Gammon Memorial Nursing Scholarship is open to all, whether a member of the Templar Order or not.

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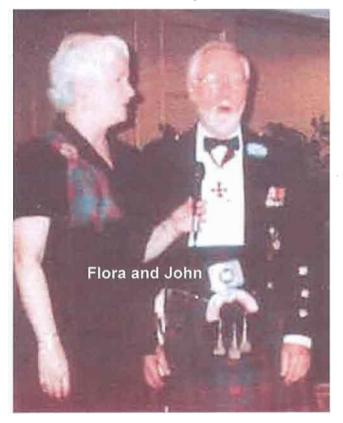


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Ingrid MacDonald, of Lakeland, Florida; ten stepdaughters, Allison Zimmerman, Stacy Heck, Rhiannon Bushue, Teresa Margrey (Allen), Anita Nichols (Bill), Robin Bake (Jim), Penny Hubert, Margaret Dall, Marilyn Howe (Charlie), Jackie Miler (Victor); two stepsons, J. Kevin Dall (Billie) and Craig Dall, and his wife, Jennifer, of Clyde, North Carolina; cousin, Jackie Hendrix, and her husband, Ron, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and numerous other cousins.

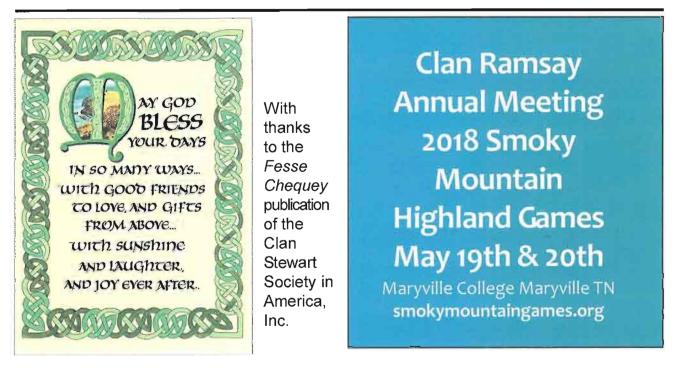
A memorial service was held Friday, April 6, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church of Waynesville with Pastor Holly Davis and Pastor John Lindsey officiating. The family received friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Haywood Healthcare Foundation (Hospice in memo line of check to apply funds to Hospice), 127 Sunset Ridge Road, Clyde, NC 28721 or First Presbyterian Church, 305 N. Main Street, Waynesville, NC 28786.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Haywood County, The Care Angels of Waynesville, her loving neighbor Pat Pace and Pat's sister-inlaw, Marilyn Pace for their care and compassion during Flora's last few weeks.

The care of Flora was entrusted to Wells Funeral Homes and an online memorial register is available at "Obituaries" at <www.wellsfuneralhome.com>

To send flowers or a remembrance gift to the family of Flora MacDonald Gammon, please visit the Wells Funeral Home Tribute Store.



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The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons and those interested in these surnames.

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 United States Federal Income Taxes. 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 corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
 To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
 To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
 To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our

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5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at 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.



Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc., member, **Rita Byers**, (nee Maria W. Leenders) 89, sister of the editor of the Clan Stewart quarterly publication, *The Fesse Chequy*, Dirk Leenders, passed away peacefully on Friday March 9 with family present.

She was born in 1928 in Amsterdam, Netherlands, immigrated to Canada in 1957 and moved to the United States in 1976.

Rita is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Karen Vanderzweerde, daughter and son-in-law, Renée and Von Stauffacher, two grandchildren, Marc and Richard, sister Ann and brother Dirk.

Frances "Fran" Brodnax Frantz, age 65, passed away into freedom from the chronic

disease of lupus at DeKalb Medical Center, on March 19, 2018, due to complications of her battle with lymphoma.

Fran lived life to the fullest with a sharp mind, encyclopedic memory and wicked sense of humor.

Fran was born on August 9, 1952, in Atlanta to Tom and Edna May Brodnax, and lived her whole life in Decatur.

She was a graduate of Agnes Scott College.

Fran was a substitute teacher for City Schools of Decatur for twenty-five years before becoming a full-time paraprofessional in 2013.

As a teacher, she gave love and support to every child that crossed her path.

Fran is survived by her husband Henry D. Frantz, Jr., and children Francis Rebecca Frantz

Culpepper (James), Henry Doyle Colon Frantz, step-daughters Mary F. Tucker (Richard), Elizabeth F. Greer (Wesley) and Edith Augusta F. Grabowsky (Kevin).

She was a devoted mother to her children and step-children and is also lovingly remembered by nine step-grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held on Sunday,

March 25th, 2018 at First Baptist Church Decatur, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

A Reception followed at the church in Carriker Hall.

Fran and Henry were long time members of Clan Donald, USA.

The Signal, publication of the Clan Donald North Pacific Region, in their "Friends of North Pacific Clan Donald USA" section, reported that **Frances Crews** of Clan Douglas has died.

The article stated that **Bob Parrish** of Clan Donald had also passed away.

They sent sympathy to the families of both of these members of the Scottish community.

The Clan Wallace Society (CWS) has lost another good friend. **William Roy Bierwirth II** (Bill), September 1953 - January 15, 2018, passed away in Richmond, Virginia.

Bill was a Clan Wallace Society Council mem-Continued on page 21



Glasgow Highland Games

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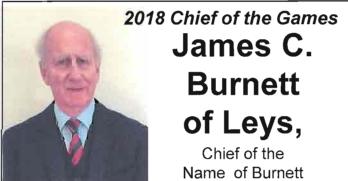
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Dining with Ancestors

Roberta Shaw-Reeves, in *An Biodag*, the quarterly newsletter of the Clan Shaw Society

Email: GunnShaw@aol.com for more information on the Clan Shaw Society

Many of us revel in the glorious autumn colors of hickories, maples and oaks.

We put on heavier jackets and walk into the dusk admiring the gleaming woods.

As winter approaches and the nights become colder and darker, my thoughts turn to my Aunt Rowena and the fragrance of her kitchen: homemade brown bread, steaming fiddlehead ferns and vegetables, cherry pies and bannocks.

At the family homestead, autumn and winter brought their own celebrations of harvest and Yule. It was the time of ardent conversations and stories while sitting around the wood stove.

In early October, my Shaw and Henderson family would descend up on the old homestead ready to help our Aunt Rowena as she put final touches on the meal.

In the dining room, the old maple table sat ready and waiting.

It was set with my aunt's mismatched, but lovely, flow blue and white plates. Silver eating utensils were also "put togethers" from the drawers of odd silver in the kitchen.

Bouquets of late blooming asters and goldenrod added splashes of color.

Set in front of each plate were photos of our two families' ancestors, some smiling, some grimfaced.

Young cousins loved seeing these images and remembered many of their ancestors/ names and snippets of their conversations: "Here's Great Uncle John who never missed a family picnic or outing.



Don't you love his white beard?"

"He always visited us dressed in his best clothes. In the summer, he always had a white rose in his top pocket of his jacket which he snatched from Grampie's rose garden."

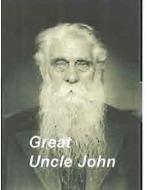
"Great Uncle John said that he wore the white rose to honor Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Stuart family. We have some Stuart blood also."

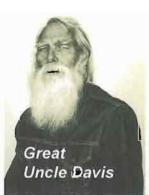
"This is Great Uncle Davis, who died when he drank too much cold creek water during haying time."

"That was after he lost his hearing from typhoid fever."

"Ooh, wow! Look at Great Aunt Annette Hill. I love her Italian lace dress. It's embroidered with tiny pink roses and seed pearls.

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The Clan Skene Association, Inc.

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The Clan Skene Association, Inc., invites membership from SKENE and septs CARISON, CARNEY/ C A R N I E , CURRIEHILL, DYAS, DYCE, DYER, HALL, H A L Y A R D / H A L L Y A R D , MacGAILLARD, RENNIE & SKAINS.

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The company first filed a US trademark on a clown shaped man having puffed-out costume legs. The company trademarked the name McDonald's on 4 May 1961, and on 13 September of that year, filed a logo trademark on the overlapping, double-arched "M" symbol.

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"Do you remember her story?"

"How could I forget it? She was secretary for Charles Hill in Boston. He owned a fancy shoe company and he and Aunt Annette fell in love."

"She was so beautiful with her red hair piled up on her head."

"Uncle Charles' parents were horrified that their son wanted to marry someone from a lower class and forbade the wedding. Uncle Charles's father took Annette to lunch one day and offered her \$5000 to call off the wedding. She didn't do it and they were disowned by the Hill family."

"Do you remember that every summer they visited the farm and helped out with chores? They did laundry, churned butter and even helped make soap and quilts."

"They also picked vegetables and canned them and Uncle Charles mucked out the stables and dairy barn."

Musings about ancestors ceased when platters of wild turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and hot brown bread, pickled beets and fiddlehead ferns were brought to the table.

Aunt Rowena had also made apple and cherry pies, one chocolate layer cake - and best of all, fern cake - a Scottish treat.

Who will you be inviting to your table for our next holidays? If you start now, you can find old photos and bring your own ancestors to dinner."

The Lyon's Tale has had a contest & Bubby Lyons has won!



Forty years ago, the Lyon(s) Families Association had a contest to identify the Oldest Living Lyon(s) relative.

In the last issue of the *Lyon (s) Tale*, we repeated the contest, and we have a winner. Lori Lyons of Norco, Louisiana, identified Edward "Bubby" Lyons, her granduncle, who lives in Mandeville, Louisiana.

Uncle Bubby is 88 years old and has happily given his permission for us to identify him and his age.

Contact <editor@lyon-lyonsgenealogy.org> for more information regarding the Lyon(s) Family.



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Clan Ramsay convener receives award

The St. Andrews Society of Upper South Carolina, Greenville, South Carolina, awarded their 13th St. Andrews Award to the Convener, Dr. Carl Bailey, at the 43rd Robert Burns dinner on 26 January 2018.

The award was initiated in 1975 to recognize individuals for service to the Society. The presentation of the award was a secret kept by the Society and completely surprised the Convener.

The President of the St. Andrews Society notes also that Carl was the last active founding member with membership number 13 receiving the 13th St. Andrews Award.

Carl was recognized for his willingness to help, the events that he served as Chairman, and for 42 years on the Pipe Band Committee.

The Pipe Band Committee was set up at the time the City of Greenville Pipes and Drums was founded to help the bank with management and finances.

The committee also coordinates the pipe band

Clan Ramsay Chief to Visit Scottish Games in France

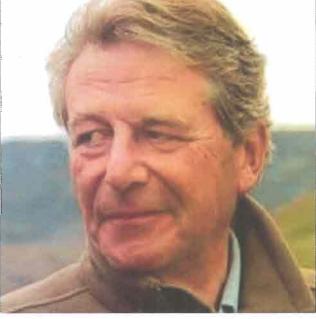
Clan Ramsay is very pleased to announce that Lord James Hubert Ramsay, 17th Earl of Dalhousie, Peer of the Realm, Lord Steward of the Household, head of the Ramsay clan, will participate in the Aubigny sur Nère-Fêtes Franco écossaises which will take place 13 to 15 July 2018.

It is to our knowledge the first time that a clan leader will participate in person at the Franco-Ecossaises Festivities of Aubigny, France.



Dr. Carl Bailey, St. Andrews Award winner.

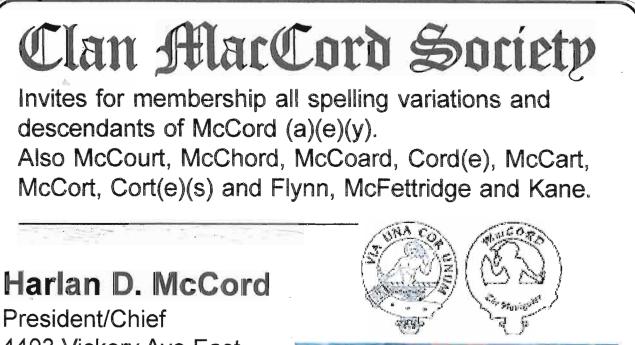
performances at St. Andrews Society events, and chooses the recipients of scholarships given by the Society to the Piping and Drumming School.



Lord James Hubert Ramsay With thanks to the Clan Ramsay International, Inc., Ramsay Report.

For membership info: <rramsey6@bellsouth.net>

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WWII Writing Course Announced

The World War II Research and Writing Center is pleased to announce the release of a new educational website. WWII Education, which will provide users to online courses, webinars, and more! We are excited to announce the release of our first course.

multiple perspectives to see how you, your family, and the story have grown, found answers, peace, and closure. Finally, you will have the opportunity to witness the changes in one of my stories as I vulnerably talk about moments in my life.

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MacDuffee Clan Society of America. Inc.

of Clan Macfie

Ceud Mile Failte! 100,000 Welcomes!

Annual General Meeting held each year in July at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. You are always welcome to attend.

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MacDuffee Clan Society of America



SCOTS GAELIC GREETINGS

English - Scots Gaelic - Pronunciation Welcome - madainn mhath - matin vah Good day - fàilte - faaltshæ Good morning - madainn mhath - matin vah Good day - latha math - laah mah Good afternoon/evening - feashar math - fesker mah Good afternoon/evening - feashar math - fesker mah Good night - oidhche mhath - oychæ vah Bye for now - tiaraidh an dràsda - tsheearee an draasha Goodbye - beannachd leibh - byannachk leyv Excuse me - gabh mo leisgeul - gav mo leshæl I am sorry - tha mi duilich - haa mee doolich Thank you - tapadh leibh - tahpæ leyv Many thanks - mòran taing - mohræn tighng You're welcome - ´s e ur beatha - shey oor beh



With thanks to the Guardian, publication of the Clan Wallace Society. Membership information: Charles M. Wallace <membership@clanwallace.org>



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ber for over 35 years and attended and convened many Scottish Games and Festivals in the Virginia area, where many members got to meet this likeable man.

Bill was active in several other organizations including the Scottish American Military Society; Saint Andrews Society of Richmond where he was Vice President; and the Saint Andrews Societies in Knoxville and Williamsburg.

He helped organize and was a past President of the Williamsburg Highland Games.

Bill was a graduate of East Michigan University and a member of the Army ROTC. He served during the Cold War as an Armor officer commanding a M-60 tank unit in West Germany. He was honorably discharged from the Army with the rank of Captain. The discipline and leadership skills honed during his military service were applied when he took on the challenge of teaching fourth graders at Richmond Preparatory Academy, his last and most enjoyable teaching position.

Bill is survived by his daughter Erin; son SSG. Sean J. Bierwirth (stationed in Germany); father William Roy Bierwirth I and brothers, Roy and Bruce; former wife and friend Christine; and four grandchildren, four nieces and seven nephews; and special friend, Kathleen Dart.

Bill was a loving father, grandfather, son, brother and a good friend. He will be dearly missed by his family, and his Clan Wallace Society family.

Elliot Clan Society, USA Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliots of known Scottish descent.

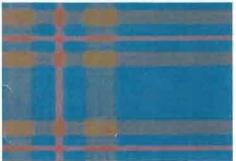
If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

www.elliotclan.com

For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

Contact Patricia Tennyson Bell *Email: dublincollen@sbcglobal.net* or write 2984 Siskiyou Boulevard Medford, OR 97504

(Fortiter Et Recte) Boldly and Rightly



Meghan Markle will receive a special gift before her marriage to Prince Harry

Kate Middleton got one before she married into the family, too



Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. To the right, Meghan Markle's potential Coat of Arms.

J.K Rowling is a Scot!

Although born in England, author and creator of the Harry Potter novels, J.K. Rowling (a.k.a) Joanne Murray) has been adopted by the Scots as one of their writers.

This is in part because in 2001 she married Neil Michael Murray, an anesthetist, lives in Scotland at Killiechassie House on the banks of the River Tay, and is even a member of the Church of Scotland. She also has honourary degrees from the University of St. Andrews, the University of Edinburgh, Napier University and the University of Aberdeen. She also is the first billionaire author.

Amy Mackelden <u>www.MarieClaire.com</u>

According to a new report, Meghan Markle has a lot to look forward to ahead of her wedding to Prince Harry. Apparently, Markle will be given an extra special present before she becomes a member of the British royal family.

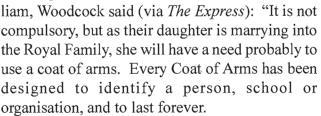
A source has revealed to *The Express* that Markle will be gifted with her own Royal Coat of Arms before she marries Prince Harry on May 19. Kate Middleton received her own before she married Prince William, and Sophie, Countess of Wessex, was also given one before her marriage to Prince Edward.

According to *The Express*, "If Meghan receives a coat of arms it will also be personal and 'designed to identify' her."

Thomas Woodcock, who is Britain's Garter

Principal King of Arms, which makes him the main adviser to the Queen when it comes to all ceremonial and heraldry matters, spoke about the act of bestowing a Royal Coat of Arms on a new member of the family.

Upon Middleton's wedding to Prince Wil-



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Clan Wallace brings home the hardware!



Marcia Harper and Russ Harper at the 38th Annual Scotfest in Tulsa, Oklahoma with a very handsome trophy for their Clan Wallace Clan Tent.



Russ Harper at the Columbus Scottish Festival in Columbus, Indiana and also the Wisconsin Highland Games in Waukesha Wisconsin - with Best Clan Tent from both Scottish events for Clan Wallace.



Have you ever heard about this?

The exposed portion of the Earth's crust that is now Scotland was once part of the North American landmass. Many, many millions of years ago, it broke away and drifted east, the Atlantic Ocean opening up behind it.

It eventually bumped into Europe, where it has remained stuck ever since. No wonder all those Scots who emigrated to the US in the 19th and 20th centuries felt so "right at home" immediately.



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Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

will be held July 12-15, 2018 at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain

near Linville, NC.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games is now accepting Camping Registration, Patron Donations and Ticket Orders for the 2018 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

http://www.gmhg.org/events.htm

The Bear Celtic Jam Celtic Rock Concert **Donald's Gaelic Tent** Scottish Fiddling **Gaelic Mod** Harp Competition **Heavy Athletics**

Highland Dance Lochaber Trump Marathon

Visit the URL above for details about each event.

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Please Notice This No pets are permitted.* Private golf cars are not permitted. * No bicycles permitted. GMHG is a family-friendly event. A drug-free environment will be strictly enforced.



More GMHG information on the following 3 pages

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GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, July 12-15







From top clockwise: Piper Jones Band, Scottish Octopus, Seven Nations, Ed Miller, Alasdair White..

Performances are scheduled at the Celtic Grove and also the Celtic Jam and the Celtic Rock Concert. For details: visit http://www.gmhg.org/ events.htm>







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GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES, July 12-15



From top clockwise: Seamus Kennedy, Atlantic North, Chambless and Muse and Rathkeltair. Performances are scheduled at the Celtic Grove and also the Celtic Jam and Celtic Rock Concert. For details and complete information, please visit:

http://www.gmhg.org/events.htm

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The 63rd Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games



The Mountain Marathon and The Bear

The Mountain Marathon begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at the Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

The Bear: Assault on Grandfather. This five-mile footrace climbs 1568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather Mountain.

Camping at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

For camping general information, camping fees and more information, along with a registration form, visit http://www.gmhg.org/camping.htm>

Children's Activities at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games: Children's Kilted Races, Children's Wrestling, Children's Tug-of-War and other children's events, please visit http://www.gmhg.org/childrensactivities.com



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The actor who portrays Jamie Fraser **WILL NOT APPEAR** at the 2018 Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games in May at Arlington, TX. It was an April Fool's Day "joke" on FaceBook.

NGGN and OGS announce a new partnership!

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The NextGen Genealogy Network (NGGN) and the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) are pleased to announce a new partnership. OGS is providing NGGN with financial support, together with promotional support in the OGS weekly online newsletter, eWeekly, together with an information page on the OGS website.

NGGN, a United States based 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization was founded in 2013 to create a community for young genealogists. Building connections and fostering engagement among young genealogists eighteen to fifty, NGGN strives to build connections between generations, and welcomes the friendship, mentorship, and

support of our fellow genealogists of all ages.

OGS, an Ontario registered non-profit corporation and a registered Canadian charity. Is Canada's largest member supported genealogical organization. Founded in 1961, OGS is dedicated to cooperating with, offering support to and sharing expe-



rience and technical support to other genealogical organizations.

Eric Wells, NextGen Educational Coordinator, commented that NextGen welcomes the friend-

> ship and support offered by OGS and looks forward to the possibilities of future collaboration with OGS to support and assist NextGen members.

> OGS President Patti Mordasewicz said: "We are excited to announce this support partnership with NextGen and the next generations of genealogists. NextGen represents a new form of genealogical organization, dedicated to

supporting the growth and expansion of genealogy. OGS is proud to support NextGen and its members."

To learn more about NextGen, visit http:// www.tnggn.org. To learn more about OGS visit https://ogs.on.ca.



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George Washington, producer of whisky?

Gastro Obscura

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After leaving the presidency in 1797, George Washington settled into a comfortable retirement as one of the new nation's largest producers of whisky—if not the largest.

That wasn't the founding father's intention when he left office for his pastoral home of Mount Vernon in Virginia. But his newly hired plantation manager, a Scot named James Anderson, proposed

a distillery after noticing that Mount Vernon had most of the necessary infrastructure (a water supply and gristmill) as well as plenty of rye, which Washington's slaves planted as a cover crop.

Washington had to be talked into the enterprise, but it quickly proved successful. Within two years, his distillery was producing nearly 11,000 gallons of white whiskey that sold for over \$100,000 in today's dollars a nice, alcohol-soaked profit.

Washington's whiskey was neither bottled nor aged, but sold in wooden barrels for 50 cents a gallon.

The distillery had a short run, as it fell into disrepair after Washington's death in 1799 and eventually burned down. But in 2007, the distillery was



resurrected, and it's now open to the public and selling bottles of whiskey and brandy. The stills are re-creations of those used by Washington's staff and slaves, and the recipe, like in the 18th century, is 60 percent rye, 35 percent corn and 5 percent malted barley. Unlike in Washington's day, some of the whiskey is now aged. (The unaged stuff is clear.)

As for Washington himself, he was known to



enjoy his whiskey on occasion. But he was more of a Madeira man.

Bottles of Washington's Whiskey (and brandy) are available for purchase at the Mount Vernon distillery. They're not sold online, and they sell out quickly. (A large distillery in 1799 is small by today's standards.) But if you try a tipple, be careful. As Steve Bashore, Mount Vernon's director of historic trades and current head distiller, told *Food and Wine*, "For some people,

unaged whiskey is a little strong."

The distillery and grounds are open to the public seasonally. Note that the distillery and gristmill are located a short distance from the main Mount Vernon entrance.



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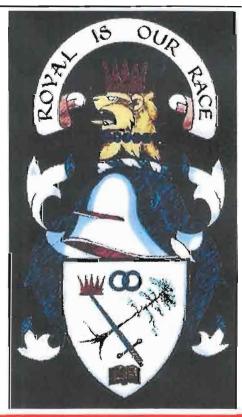
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Join Clan Gregor today! www.clangregor.org

Is this the Caribbean?



No, it is not the Caribbean. These pure white sands and beautiful turquoise ocean might look like a scene from one of the Caribbean islands but it's actually the Luskentyre Peninsula located on the west coast of South Harris, the Outer Hebrides.

Thanks to the Scottish Heritage Society of Southeast Georgia newsletter, Great Scots!

However, may your editor add a note? I've been right there...and actually dipped all 10 of my toes into the georgeous tropical appearing water. May I add a warning? That is the coldest water I've ever had my footsies submerged into. My experience was maybe 10 years ago...and my toes are still not unfrozen! Brrrr.

If you would like more information about this beautiful place just visit: http://www.scotland-info.co.uk/harris.htm



The Stone of Destiny <u>will</u> come back to London for future coronations England has promised...

In 1950, the Stone of Destiny went missing from Westminster Abbey (where it was still being kept at the time) and remained missing for about four months. Scottish Nationalists had removed it on Christmas morning of that year, and it was not returned until having been symbolically placed in Arbroath Abbey, where the Declaration of Arbroath - Scotland's own Declaration of Independence - had Continued on page 37

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Flower of the Forest



After a long and full life, **Helen Proctor Morris Watson**, 93, passed peacefully into heaven at her home in Statesboro, Ga. on February 3, 2018.

Mrs. Watson was born in Summit, now a part of Twin City, Ga., to the late Claude Mallory Proctor and Pearle Cowart Proctor.

A graduate of Wesleyan College, she married Robert F. Morris in 1946 in the chapel of the US Military Academy at West Point.

The couple lived in Germany and Texas while Robert served in the U.S. Army, then ultimately settled in Statesboro, Ga. where they raised their three children Karen, Frank, and Suzanne.

Six years after husband Robert's death in 1989, she married Luther L. Watson of Twin City, Ga. and acquired a second family whom she also

loved and cherished.

She was a former president of the Spade and Trowel Garden Club and the Garden Club Council of Statesboro, and a former member of the boards of the Oleander District Garden Club and the Georgia

The Stone of Destiny, *continued from page 35* been written in the form of a letter, dated 6 April 1320.

Every English monarch since 1296 and British monarch since 1707 has sat on the Stone for their Coronation. The Coronation Chair was made especially for the Stone by Walter of Durham between 1297 and 1300. It has recently been re-displayed to the public by the Dean and Chapter in a chapel near the west entrance to the Abbey.

Under the conditions of the Royal Warrant, the Commissioners are responsible for ensuring that the Stone returns to Westminster Abbey for the next and all future coronations of monarchs of Great Britain.

The Stone of Destiny is now on display with the other Honours of Scotland at Edinburgh Castle in Edinburgh.

Read more at: https://www.scotsman.com/ news/stone-of-destiny-20-facts-to-mark-20th-anniversary-of-its-return-to-scotland-1-4304149 Southern University Botanical Garden.

The City of Statesboro recognized her service on the Statesboro Beautification Commission with the dedication of a park bench.

She served as president of the Statesboro-Georgia Southern University Symphony Guild, president of the Symphony Association, and was a member of the board of the GSU Museum. Mrs. Watson was active in the local Georgia Bulldog Club and was a long time active supporter of Georgia Southern football and the GSU Foundation as a 1906 club member.

As a founding member of the Statesboro Service League, she enjoyed many years in supporting that organization. She served as a regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Colonial Dames XVII Century, and was a life member of the Bulloch County Historical Society and the Scottish Heritage Society of SE Georgia.

As a result of her community service, Mrs. Watson was honored with the Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind Award in 2002.

