

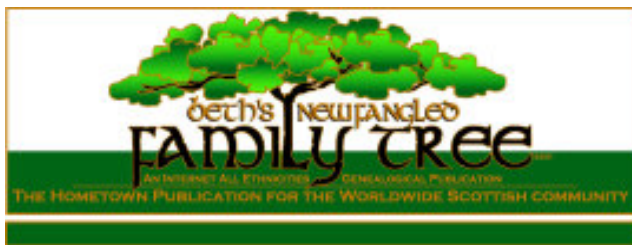


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Loch Hartwell Highland Games hit the jackpot weatherwise! *Athletes tear 'em up! Fun! Fun!*



See lots of pix of the Loch Hartwell Highland Games, pages 11-12 of this section! Games at Hartwell, Georgia.



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Miss Narra celebrates Thanksgiving with a cheer!

Narra The Wonder Cat dons her cheerleading outfit for the Thanksgiving football games!

Narra loves football and is an ardent fan.
Notice her pom poms.

Her favorite team is the powerful, but little known Fried Egg Florida Pooo Bears!

Narra spends her time most days helping with this publication. She is the Official Proofreader and Official Recline on It Computer Repair Cat.

Miss Narra will celebrate her 14th birthday in December and almost that long as the "cover girl" of this publication.

A letter from your editor...

PHUN! FUN AT GAMES EVERYWHERE!

Most of us (including me) work at things Scottish because we love it. Very few people actually make their living at this. The rest of us do it because it is fun. We do it for the friendships and for the great feeling we get in helping to preserve our wonderful heritage.

Now, there are all levels of having fun. I, for example, have fun creating this publication although it is a whole lot of very hard work. I also have fun tending to horses and caring for dogs and being a staff-person for my cats. To me, fun is having a neat house and a yard that is mowed. I love to garden and think nothing is more fun than growing roses - which is another whole set of hard work and regular work.

But those of us who relish the Scottish community, just love the PHUN parts of Highland Games.

What fun you ask?

Well, there are several kinds of fun to be had at Highland Games.

Inventions that are Scottish fun!

Here is just a sampling of the items I have heard discussed at Highland Games as potential million-dollar sellers.

Hairy legged panty hose for men who wear kilts in cold weather. Mmmm. They would have to be made in sizes S through XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXL. They would have to come in shades of Indoor-Man Pink, He-Man Tan and maybe Beginner SunBurn. They would have to have fur of blonde, brown, black, grey-with blonde, brown, grey and black - oh, and red with gray and just red. They would have to maybe be custom woven for each individual. The fur would have to be a choice of curly or straight. I first heard of these from an anonymous Buchanan at the Jack-



sonville (FL) Highland Games.)

I wonder if Hairy legged panty hose would be eligible in the Bonniest Knees Contests?

The Guzzle-A-Dirk which I heard discussed quite seriously at the recent Stone Mountain Highland Games. At first glance, this would appear to be a large and manly great knife. However, should you pull the dirk from its sheath, you would discover the blade portion is a little thicker than the normal knife blade. In fact, should you remove the gem from the top of the bone handle, you would discover the entire thing is hollow and filled with the "water of life" should you need a medicinal sip during your sojourn at the games.

This reminds me of the old remedy for snake bite: a long, stiff sampling of what used to be called "moonshine." The moonshine was easily available and cheaply priced, but the story is that the most money was made on the selling of biting snakes to go with the remedy!

The Airline Proof Skean Dubh that I heard about out at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California, is another worthy invention. Seems there would be a great market for a skean dubh that would be proper for carry-on bags. The word was to make a skean dubh that looks normal in every way....except, if you take it from its sheath, it turns out to be a handsome sterling silver comb

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Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society invites you to meet on November 9

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 9 November; the topic of the program will be documenting your research and the possibilities for joining a lineage group.

The Directors voted to buy a book or books as a memorial to Frances and Jim Wroton as suggested by their daughter Jane. Also discussed was the possibility of joining the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah as an associate group. This would make their personnel available to present

programs for us.

At the meeting on Sunday, 14 September, we heard Sabina Murray discuss old handwriting, a very interesting presentation. For more information on the Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society, contact Rob Lear at BackRiver@comcast.net or 912-265-5916. Your CGGS will meet every other month January, March, May, July, September, and November usually on the second Sunday of the month, St. Simon's Island, Georgia.

Old Scottish trades offer interesting insights...

In "auld Scotland" a bondager was a female farm servant, usually employed by a farm tenant or to comply with his contract to supply extra labor.

If you find that an ancestor was a cordiner or cordwainer or a Srispinite - they were shoemakers! The former was because Saint Crispin was the patron saint of shoemakers!

A hammerman was a worker of metal.

If your great-great-great-grandmother

was a howdie you will know after reading this that she was a midwife.

If you find the term hynd or hind in your family papers, you'll know that ancestor was a male farm worker, employed for the term of one year.

Your ancestor was a lamplighter if his occupation is listed as a leerie.

Staymaker was the term used for one who made corsets for a living.

If you find a tacksman in your genealogical charts, you'll know that he was the holder of a lease - normally of fishing rights, but could be the rights to a farm or mill. This vocation could also be used to describe one who collected taxes or tolls.

A (my favorite) tattie-howker was someone who harvested potatoes!

If you were a teenie - that meant you were a young girl who was a maidservant.


A whitesmith meant someone who worked with tin.

And finally, if you were a writer, you were a lawyer.





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David Scott Turnbull and Adaira Sue Davis, both from Northern Kentucky, were married on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at The Madison in Covington, Kentucky.

Adaira was led to the alter by Dave Mason, Pipe Major for the Cincinnati Caledoneons where Scott presented her with the Turnbull Dress Tartan.

Scott, as a Knight's Templar, yielded his sword to Adaira. This is an act showing his deepest love and devotion to no other.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull reside in Burlington, Kentucky.

With thanks to The Bullseye, publication of the Clan Turnbull Society. For membership information, please contact Janet Schwierking, 2020 Schuettig Rd., Poteet, TX 78065 or email jschwkw@aol.com.

You're welcome in Jacksonville, Florida!

The Jacksonville (FL) Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting on November 15, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. at the Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Florida. This is the last meeting of the year and is our Heirloom and social meeting.

If bringing food, then finger foods are best. Do bring a family heirloom for discussion with those attending the meeting. We certainly hope many will show up with heirlooms.

For additional information please contact, Mary Chauncey, (904) 782-9300

Hendersons invite you to Alexandria, Virginia

The Clan Henderson Society of the United States of America invites all Hendersons to join them for the 2008 Alexandria Christmas Walk. Alastair Henderson of Fordell, Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson and Chieftain David Henderson will both attend the Saturday, 6 December event.

The parade honors the city's Scottish heritage. It is the 20th anniversary of Clan Henderson as a society, and this is the 20th participation by the group in the walk.

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Gwinnett County (GA) has useful genealogical information for you!

Gwinnett County is located in north central Georgia. Its county seat is Lawrenceville. The Gwinnett Historical Society has a database that contains an alphabetical listing of the cemeteries located in Gwinnett County.

The information provided includes cemetery name, code and location. The location field some-

times includes information on when the cemetery was established and details about removals. Even cemeteries containing a single grave have been included.

To access the list, click on the Cemetery link in the index on the society's homepage - .

www.gwinnetths.org

Elizabeth Turnbull builds tiny, green house!

Elizabeth Turnbull, a 26 Yale University graduate student is studying environmental management. Elizabeth has taken her interest in green living to a whole new dimension – 8 feet x 18 feet to be exact.

With the help of friends and volunteers, Elizabeth constructed a Tiny House in which she plans to live while a student at Yale. She estimated that it would cost her about \$14,000 per year to live, Elizabeth set that amount as her goal to build an environmentally friendly home. She accomplished this under budget.

Elizabeth's big goals for a small house included making it lovely to inhabit, using recycled materials where possible, building without VOCs or toxic materials, reducing the number of appliances, using LED and halogen lights, insulating well with natural materials, and to locate close enough to bike or walk to school. In addition, she hopes to educate and inspire others and open the tiny house to Yale and New Haven as a learning and demonstration opportunity.

Elizabeth thinks she will probably pay about \$200 per year to heat and cook with propane gas. She plans on lighting the house and powering her laptop from the the three solar panels on the house. Elizabeth is just under 6 feet tall. She was able to do some customizing with higher than normal countertops and a 13 foot high ceiling. The Tiny House has solar power, a composting toilet, a kitchen, a loft for sleeping, and a generous workspace. And appropriately, it is painted green.

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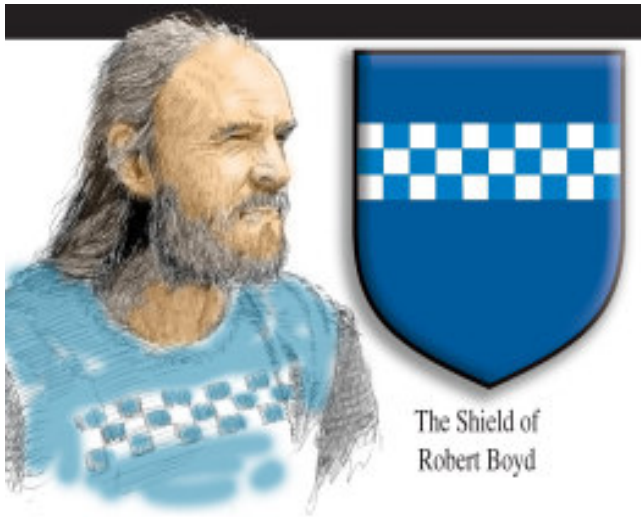
The parade begins at 10:30 AM at the corner of Wilkes and South Pitt Streets and ends at Wolfe

and South Saint Asaph Streets. Arrive early and check for Clan Henderson's parade position at the corner of Wolfe and St. Asaph Streets.

There will be a ceilidh at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 6744 South King's Highway that evening at 5:30. It's a potluck affair, so attendees are asked to bring something to share.

If you would like more information, visit <http://www.clanhendersonUSA.org>

If you would like membership information, contact Carol Maley, 19 Sunbury Street, Minersville, PA 17954.



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Phun at Highland Games, _____ continued from page 3

instead of a sharp blade!

Wow. A skean dubh legal on the airlines - and neat hair to boot.

All of these remind me of my long-ago rodeo days. I always thought there was a fortune to be made in training goats used for the "Ladies Goat Roping" event. In that event, the mounted cow-girls race after a goat, rope him about his neck, leap from their horse and gather three of the goats legs together and then wrap those three legs in a "Piggin' String" that must stay tight for at least 3 seconds. Sometimes, the goat just doesn't want you to have three of his legs gathered up. Goats can put up a pretty good fight.

So, all you have to do is train goats to put three of their legs together in a nice, neat little package for the tying part of the event. It would also help if they were trained to be perfectly still after they are tied!

I digress.

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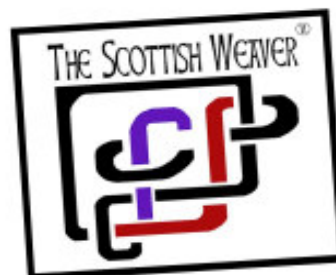
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In 2008, under the direction of Scott Stewart, the Kilties took tremendous strides and fielded a fantastic product. In the meantime, we also grew into a wonderful family and enjoyed the journey that was 2008. We are now ready to take the next step and are embarking on an all-out campaign to let as many people as possible know about the Kilties, and give anyone interested the opportunity to join us in 2009. For those that don't know, the Kilties are an all-age (members range in age from 13 to adult), weekend-only drum and bugle

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corps. The Kilties reach for achievement and excellence in a format that allows its members to continue their own lives. It is a great alternative for mature high school and college students who love drum corps but cannot give up their entire summer for a junior-style tour situation; for mid-20-somethings and 30-somethings to live their drum corps dream while still working and having a family life; and for the 40ish and 50ish to keep in great shape, both physically and musically while mentoring younger drum corps enthusiasts. And the best part is, we do it all in an affordable, time-efficient and fun way led by one of drum corps' greatest minds. And we take time to get to know each other along the way.

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If after you watch it, you are interested in learning more, simply log onto our website at www.kilties.com. If you fill out our online application (on the “JOIN” page), you will stay in the loop of information about our upcoming assessment, kamp and banquet weekend, to be held on December 6th and 7th in Racine, Wisconsin. Once you fill out the application, someone will email you and if you have further questions, you can ask them at that time. You are also always welcome to call the Kilties hotline at (262) 634-2100 or email us at racinekilties@aol.com.

We hope you'll consider joining us for our 2009 season.

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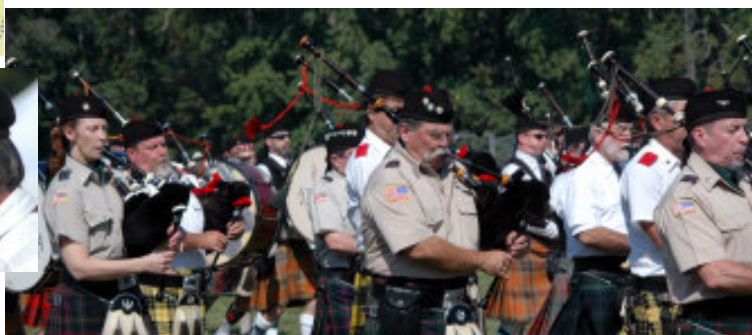
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Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.

Epidemics and genealogy

Bryan L. Mulcahy

Throughout human history, peoples all across the world have been ravaged by epidemics. While most of these occurred prior to our modern advances in medicine, there are many parts of the third world today that still endure these tragedies on a regular basis. Historically, when these unfortunate events occur, entire towns and families are wiped out. In many cases, due to the fear of spreading disease, the remains were burned quickly. Little if any effort was made to document the names of the deceased.

The United States has faced its share of epidemics throughout our history. Two of the most sever were the yellow fever outbreak that swept through the South in 1841 and the infamous 1918 Spanish flu outbreak which quickly throughout the world eventually hitting the United States. This latter epidemic claimed the lives of an estimated 25 to 40 million people.

Our ancestors had a much shorter life span than modern medicine has allowed our

current generations to enjoy. Two of the most common causes of death were wars and epidemics. If you encounter a situation where a large number of your ancestors or residents of a given locality disappeared during a certain period of time in history, and there is no evidence of any war related explanation, an epidemic is a strong possibility. If an epidemic occurred within a given community, an event of this magnitude could be mentioned in any published county histories for the locality or region. The local health department of the community in questions would be another source for information.

Epidemics have played major roles throughout human history. Many cases of people disappearing from records can be traced to dying during an epidemic or moving away from the affected region. Our companion study guide by the same title *Epidemics* will provide a comprehensive listing of the epidemics that have occurred within the continental United States. (Contact Bryan using the information below for full details.)

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Of bagpipes and their riddles & jokes!

While bagpipes sound terrific heard in Highland hills and glens, there are some people who do not respond favourably to the skirl of the pipes and resort to making jokes about them!

(In the spirit of good humor and laughing at ourselves, here are just a few bagpipe jokes to enjoy. In fact, if you don't love the bagpipes, you're not supposed to read these!)

This article is great to use at the next ceilidh when you are invited to tell a story or a joke!

Q: What's the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline? A: Eventually, people get tired of jumping on a trampoline.

Q: What's the difference between a bagpipe and a trampoline? A: You take off your shoes when you jump on a trampoline.

Q: Why do pipers march while they play? A: A moving target is harder to hit

Q: Why do pipers march while they play? A: To get away from the sound.

Q: If you drop a bagpipe and a watermelon off a tall building, which will hit the ground first? A. Who cares?

Q: What do you call ten bagpipes at the bottom of the ocean? A. A start.

Q: What's the definition of a gentleman? A. Someone who knows how to play the bagpipe and doesn't.

Q: What's the difference between a bagpipe and an onion? A. No one cries when you chop up a bagpipe.

Q: What's the definition of "optimism?" A. A person who plays the bagpipes and owns a telephone.

Q: What do you have when a piper is buried up to his neck in sand? A. Not enough sand!

Q: If you were lost in the woods, who would you trust for directions, an in-tune bagpipe player, an out of tune bagpipe player, or Santa Claus? A. The out of tune bagpipe player. The other two indicate you have been hallucinating.

Q. How many bagpipers does it take to change a light bulb? A. Five. One to handle the bulb, the other four to tell him how much better they could have done it.

And...the stories...

A Canadian officer, pinned down with his unit in Italy in 1944, urgently signalled his CO - *"Need reinforcements to rescue us. Please send six tanks or one piper"*.

An old Scot, after living for many years in a far-away land, was dying. He called his doctor and asked for one last favour. The doctor agreed



and the old Scot said he wanted to hear the pipes played one more time before he died. A piper was duly summoned and marched up and down the hallway playing mightily. In the morning, the old Scot was so invigorated he arose, dressed, and went home. All of the other patients were dead.

Donald MacDonald from the Isle of Skye (or maybe it was Neil McNeil from Barra, but any-

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way..) went to study at an English university and was living in the hall of residence with all the other students there. After he had been there a month, his mother came to visit him (no doubt carrying reinforcements of tatties, salt herring, oatmeal and whisky). *"And how do you find the English students, Donald?"* she asked. *"Mother,"* he replied, *"they're such terrible, noisy people. The one on that side keeps banging his head on the wall and won't stop. The one on the other side screams and screams all night."* *"Oh Donald! How do you manage to put up with these awful noisy English neighbours?"* *"Mother, I do nothing. I just ignore them. I just stay here quietly, playing my bagpipes."*

This is a true story (reported by Reuters). Daniel McCaig, a worker at the Bombardier aircraft manufacturing plant in Toronto was annoyed at the move to lay-off 130 workers. So, dressed in his kilt, he hoisted himself three stories into the air on a crane and serenaded the factory with his bagpipes. He played *Auld Lang Syne* and other favourites for four hours - and responded to requests for particular tunes from his cheering workmates below.

Afterwards, the company took him to court, claiming that the work stoppage had cost them C\$200,000. However, the judge, exercising a considerable amount of "amazing grace" dismissed the case so long as McCaig did not serenade the Bombardier factory again. McCaig was helped by five law students from York University in Toronto who drew up a defence based on "constitutional ethnic issues."

What do you throw a drowning bagpipes player? His bagpipes....

"At the end of the church service Sergeant McCrimmond played the bagpipes on the hillside above. Since that time, he has been stationed in Korea"

When someone tells a guitarist joke, people laugh. When someone tells a bagpipe joke, people nod in solemn agreement.

A man in a kilt walks into a pub with a plastic bag under his arms and the bartender asks, "What's that?" "Six pounds of Semtex", he answers.

"That's a relief. I thought it was bagpipes."

Then there was the piper who remembered that he had left his pipes in his unlocked car. Rushing back, he opened his car door to find two more sets of pipes in the back seat.

A piper was sick of the band abusing him,



and decided to start his own. He walked into a music shop, planning to buy the first instruments he saw. "Give me the red saxophone and that accordion!" he said.

The assistant replied, "You play the pipes, don't you?"

"That's right. Why?"

"Well, the fire extinguisher I can sell you - but the radiator stays."

No Bull Tours: Bike the Borders

Unveiling a monument that celebrates your heritage is reason enough to make a trip to Scotland. But the special tours and events surrounding the day are icing on the cake. Thanks to exciting opportunities such as biking the borders, a Turnbull historical tour, and The Gathering of the Clans you can turn a once-in-a-lifetime moment into a family vacation that will be remembered for the rest of your life.

Join Allen and Mary Turnbull next summer as they **Bike the Borders** July 19-24, 2009 to raise money for the *Turning of the Bull* statue that will be unveiled July 18 in Hawick.

This six-day biking tour, incorporating many of the Turnbull Trails sites, will start near Hawick and end on Holy Island on the North Sea coast. Riders will follow the gentle contours of the River Tweed traveling the Tweed Cycleway. Along the way the group will overnight in Melrose, Kelso, and Berwick-on-Tweed.

The tour will be supported by a van carrying luggage and giving a lift to anyone needing it. Mileage will vary from 20 – 40 miles per day at a leisurely pace. You'll have ample time for sightseeing, taking lots of photos, and pub stops.

Accommodations and most meals will be included in the tour cost of \$1,500 – \$1,800 (price to be set in November). The goal is to raise \$4,000 for the monument by contributing \$200 of each participant's fee. The tour is limited to 20 cyclists.

Email Allen and Mary at aturnbull@verizon.net, or call 757-229-4046 for detailed information. Allen and Mary live in Williamsburg, Virginia and have organized and led international bike tours for over 20 years.

Alastair Cranston is another seasoned tour leader. He will be offering a **Turnbull Historical Tour** of the Borders. Alastair accompanied the 2007 AGM group throughout their Borders tour

and is well familiar with the history and sites of Turnbull interest. The tour will coincide with the Turning of the Bull monument dedication.

Places you'll visit include Hawick, Minto, Bedrule Kirk and Castle Mound, Fatlips Castle, Fulton Tower and Jedborough.

For more details, you can contact Alastair at alastair@borders.demon.co.uk.

Whether you choose one of the above tours or venture out on your own, you'll want to be sure to stay for **The Gathering of the Clans** in Edinburgh on July 25 – 26. This is a chance to be a part of history and join clan members from around the world in the the largest ever Highland Games to be held in Holyrood Park. For more information on The Gathering and other events planned for 2009 Homecoming Scotland visit: www.homecomingscotland.com

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MacDuffie Surname DNA Project going well!

Reported by Rod Macduff - with thanks to the *Clan MacDuffie Clan Chatter!*

Currently at 121 members. Thanks to many Clan folk with a fascination with family history and origins, the McDuffie DNA Surname Project has gathered 118 participants and it is now possible to publish some findings. Readers should bear in mind that these conclusions are made on a balance of probability and where there is no positive conclusion it does not prove a negative.

Surnames became more stable around 1000 years ago and in parts of Europe past unaltered from father to son. Remarkably, the same applies to the Y-chromosome. This useful parallel allows DNA and genetics to be extremely useful to genealogists. A more detailed explanation follows.

Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes. These contain the "pattern" which determines the physical characteristics of the individual. Half of the chromosome material originates from the mother, and the other half from the father. The exception is in the sex chromosomes. Females have XX chromosome pairs and males have XY.


The consequence of this is extremely useful to genealogists! As only males carry the Y chromosomes,

it passes almost unchanged from grandfather to father to son all down the generations. However the key word here is "almost". Over very long periods of time, occasional random mutations occur in the Y chromosome.

This means that the degree of relatedness of males can be determined by examining the Y-chromosome. The chromosomes have "markers" represented by a series of numbers which can be sampled and measured by taking a simple cheek swab test. When the series of numbers are available they can be compared with others who have taken the test, and if they are similar it can be determined that they have a common male ancestor and according to the similarity the distance in time to that common male ancestor can be estimated.

It allows individuals to be placed within groups, each member of which has a common ancestor within the last 1000 years. The different groups probably don't have a common ancestor within the last 10,000 years. So in common language that translates to separate bloodlines. The reasons for the existence of different blood-

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lines with the same surname are given later. As well as the DNA data the project gathers the current spelling of the surname. Furthermore, some participants have provided extensively researched paper genealogy which lists the male line back through many generations. All this information taken together combines to form a very valuable genealogical research tool.

The DNA markers can be plotted on a kind of “map” called a Network Diagram, where the different members are represented by dots on the chart. Where members have markers that are very similar, the dots lie close together, where they differ greatly, they lie far apart. Where they are identical the size of the dot is increased. Looking at the pattern of dots, it is possible to say that some will have “radiated” over a range of

distances, then, the group is probably quite ancient. The distance corresponds approximately to ticks on the genetic clock, with one marker change happening, on average, every 200/250 years. The project Network Diagram is attached. Only members who have gone for 25 or more markers appear on it, since the resolution with 12 is insufficient.

Another clear indicator of the oldness of a group is the diversity of surname spellings or styles. Combining the DNA with the surname diversity gives a very firm indicator of a group having had the surname for a long time.

More of the report can be viewed at www.mcduffiedna.com

Flowers of the Forest



Gerald Rae Larkey, 78, of Lakemont, GA died on September 25, 2008. A native of Oklahoma, he was the son of the late Reuben and Stella Larkey. He was born January 8, 1930.

Mr. Larkey served in the Navy and later

received a direct commission from the President to serve as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force, assigned to MATT. He served 14 years and retired as a Captain. He enjoyed hunting and was a member of the one-shot antelope club in CO.

He and Shirley enjoyed the time on their houseboat on Lake Rabun and boat excursions down the Altamaha River, Sawnee River, the coastal waterways – and even in an overnight wood boat flotilla in Florida.

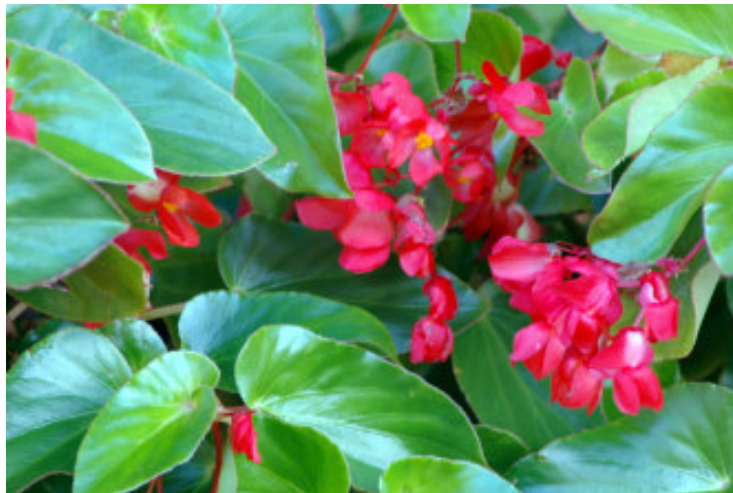
But his passion was all things Scottish. A member of Clan McLean, he became active in the Stone Mountain Highland Games where he variously served as Vice President, Director and in Public Relations. He was instrumental in getting the Military Tattoo started at the games. For the past ten years, Gerald was the editor of the SMHG games program. Gerald and the SMHG were also largely responsible for the creation of the Scottish Tartans Museum in Highlands, NC. Along with Gordon Teal and Ed Henson, he was deeply involved in the relocation of the Scottish Tartans Museum to Franklin, NC where he served on the Board of

Directors. He also served as the US Director of the Scottish Tartan Society. His children and grandchildren are all active in the SMHG.

Gerald is survived by his beloved wife of close to 46 years, Shirley McDonald Larkey of Lakemont, GA; son, Gerry (Mary Beth) Larkey of Barnesville, GA; daughter, Kathryn (JD) Ortega of Canton, GA; brother-in-law, Lauren “Bubba” (Sunny) McDonald of Clarkesville, GA; “adopted son”, John (Kelly) Hillyer of Alpharetta, GA; and 4 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Gerald Rae Larkey to the Lake Rabun Foundation, P.O. Box 490, Lakemont, GA or the Stone Mountain Highland Games, P.O. Box 14023, Atlanta, GA 30324.

I am so proud to say that Gerald was a friend for almost 20 years. He will be missed. He is missed already.



Sadly, I would inform each of you that **Granny M a b e l (Mabel McIntosh)** passed away about 2 AM October 20 at Huntersville

(NC) Oaks. She was 90. The funeral will be on Monday at Raymer Funeral Home in Huntersville, unless plans change. I am not sure about visitation, but an obituary will be published. We are saddened by her loss, but she earned her rest and she suffered a good bit in her last weeks. Her life is a testament to us all and she lives on in each of us who knew her.

With thanks to Loch Norman Highland Games, Loch Norman - Huntersville, NC.

themselves and march back to the games storage barn awaiting next year's event. Attempts have been made, it seems for the latter portion of the tent performance - although these have other names such as Tornadoes, High Winds and Hurricanes.

Anyone is welcome to make and market these wonderful ideas. Remember though, you read the ideas here!

Clan Phun at Highland Games

There are several good tales about the **"Returning of the Last of the Herd."** There are several clans involved in this tradition - most often you hear of the Morrison's and the Lindsay's in connection with these hi-jinks.

Once someone brought a **borrowed** Black Angus yearling to a Highland Games to serve as the "actor" in the ceremony of the "Returning of the Last of the Herd" to the Lindsay's.

So, here arriveth the yearling in a stock trailer. He was unloaded and decorated with wreaths of flowers and began his march from the trailer to the clan tent.

Someone had forgotten to train the yearling Black Angus about the joys of a large pipe band with bass drum, drums and many, many pipes. Along about the third beat of Scotland the Brave, the yearling left the Games field scattering flowers, halters, clan tents, clansmen and a few spectators in his wake. Last I heard, the yearling is now old and gray and still making his own living in the million or so acres of forests that surrounded the games site.

At Stone Mountain this year, I saw a little black and white stuffed cow on his way to the Lindsay tent.

One year, someone took many, many hours to patiently construct "The last of the herd" from about 800 bouillon cubes.

The "Road Kill MacNeil" was a feature for many years at Games around the Southeast. Usually around Halloween time, you'd see in front of the Morrison tent, a stake with one of those Halloween Masks that is a severed (ugh!) head. About

its neck, a sign "Roadkill MacNeil."

Of course, the MacNeil's would gather a rescue party to go and retrieve their clansman.

Gee, I wonder who thought of this one? Clan Henderson had some great little stickers - easily and cheaply made with blank name tags that stick on and a basic computer: Printed on the erstwhile name tags was **"Could'a Been Stolen By a Henderson."** Mmmmmm. My good friend, Edwin Hendricks and I had a grand time leaving a trail of these at a Savannah Highland Games many years ago. Remember the signs at Loch Norman forbidding members of certain clans to even visit the Highland cattle? One year, many of the cattle there ended up with these little "Could'a Been Stolen" tags!

One of the nicest things at Southeastern Highland Games is the sharing of the noon-day meal. Folks bring simple or elaborate food to share. Some bring grills and some bring crock pots and they do go to the trouble to hook up - sometimes with what looks like miles of electric cord - to electric power. Coolers filled with ice and sodas are everywhere. The food does not last long enough to spoil. It's hospitality and warmth and the fun of sharing.

The most fun, of course, is the renewal of friendships, the visiting and tall-tale telling amongst the gathered Scots and those of Scottish heritage.

Our very core is possible because of volunteers who help with all aspects of every Highland Games, who work to make the clan organizations viable and successful. Believe me, volunteers are more eager to work and more eager to come back again next year when they have fun!

At Flagstaff, Arizona, the volunteers are honored with wonderful prizes at a special volunteers meeting after the games. Vendors and others donate great things as a special "thank you" for those who make the games a reality! What a great idea!

Remember, nobody gets paid. We all work for the joy and the fun of it. Nobody said that honoring our heritage had to be dour and dry and humorless.

Turnbulls! You're invited to a big celebration in Australia next year!

A bicentenary celebration will be held on 20th June, 2009 to honour Ebenezer Church, the oldest existing church in Australia still active today.

Ebenezer Church was established by eight families after their arrival in Portland Head on the Hawkesbury River.

These families – Davison, Hall, Howe, Johnston, Johnstone, Mein, Stubbs and Turnbull were granted a 100 acre land grant to settle together.

The Ebenezer Church was built in 1809. It is constructed from locally obtained materials. These materials

include sandstone, cedar wood and hardwood.

John Turnbull, his wife, Ann Warr, and their four oldest children were among those first settlers. They came to Australia as free settlers on the *Coromandel* departing London, England, on 12th February, 1802, and arriving in Sydney Cove at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, 13th June, 1802.

Over the next few years, three more sons were born and this family became the nucleus of the Coromandel Turnbulls, now settled throughout Australia.

Descendants of the John and Ann Turnbull Clan will be gathering on 20th June, 2009, at Ebenezer Church to help celebrate the bicentenary of this grand old Presbyterian Church built in 1809.

Commemorative headstones may be seen in the Ebenezer cemetery along with other Turnbull Clan

headstones.

For more information contact Marie Turnbull at email: goose2fly@yahoo.com.au. See the official Turnbull Clan invitation at www.turnbullclan.com.

The Ebenezer Church is Australia's oldest church, established in 1809.

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2008 Stone Mountain Highland Games photos - see Section B!

Tips for travel in Scotland!

If you are planning a trip to Scotland, several options exist for you to consider as you plan where you will stay and how you will get there.

The Borders is composed of mostly small villages and towns. Large hotel chains do not exist. While Edinburgh could be close enough for outings if you are driving, you miss the rolling meadows and rustic beauty of the Borders' countryside. The best trip might have a bit of both worlds.

Where you stay depends a lot on how you plan



to get around. If you are hiring a car and planning on driving, your options increase. However, do not despair if driving on the other side of the road and trying to find small obscure places leaves you a bit anxious. Transportation options are numerous. Local bus lines are very reasonable and regular. Taxis are available within towns and it is even possible to hire a driver for a few hours, days or the week.

From small hotel options to the many bed and breakfasts throughout the Borders there are many options. If you are coming with several people or making this a family trip don't rule out renting a house.

As far as air travel goes, don't forget about smaller airlines. Check out Air Lingus or other air-



lines based in Europe. They often have cheaper fares and more seats available.

Maybe you want to rent a car and visit some of the old family stomping grounds. There are also tour agencies in Scotland to take you just about anywhere you want to go, including golf tours and whisky trail tours.

Whatever you choose, a little preplanning can go a long way in making this one of the most memorable times of your life!

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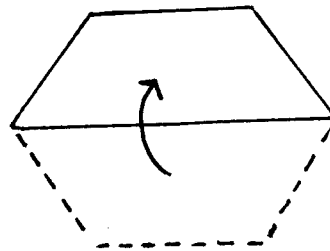
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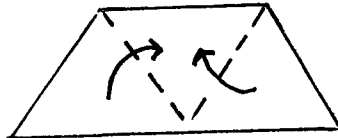
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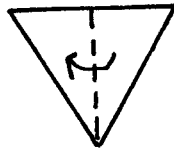
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