

# Clan Kennedy bestows highest honor to Carver Kennedy

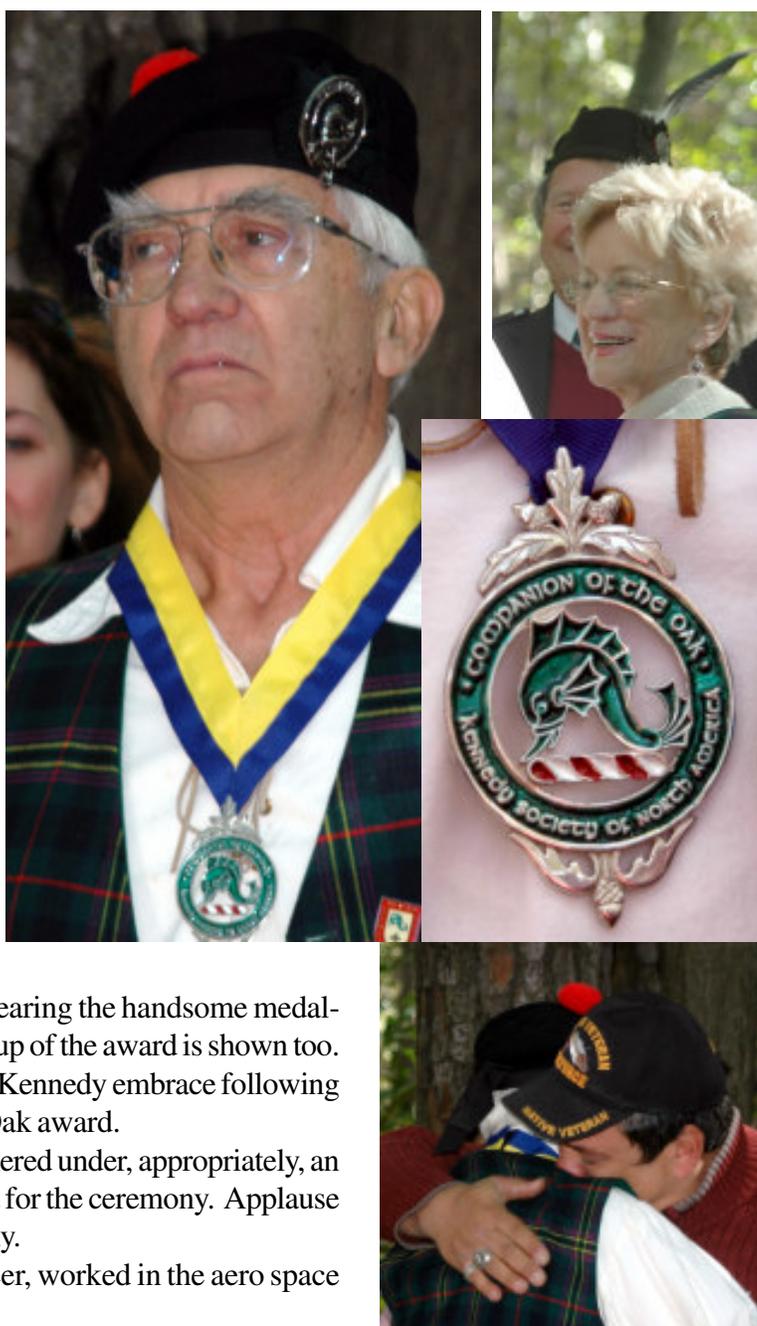
After the Parade of Tartans on Sunday afternoon of the Stone Mountain (GA) Highland Games, the president of the Clan Kennedy Society, John Kennedy, surprised longtime member, Carver Kennedy, with the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Clan Kennedy member - The Companion of the Oak award. This award has only been given thirteen times in the long history of the clan organization.

Kennedy has served the organization for almost twenty years in many responsible capacities. His wife, Martha, said, "This is so deserved. Carver has worked so hard."

Shown at the right, Mr. Kennedy is wearing the handsome medalion. His wife is at the top right and a close-up of the award is shown too. In the bottom right corner, Carver and John Kennedy embrace following the presentation of the Companion of the Oak award.

Many members of Clan Kennedy gathered under, appropriately, an oak tree behind the Clan Kennedy Clan tent for the ceremony. Applause and well wishes followed the short ceremony.

Carver Kennedy, trained as an engineer, worked in the aero space industry for many years.



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Besides the election of officers, our program will consist of “Reminiscing”.

We are asking members to be prepared to discuss for two to four minutes, a memorable event in their life, which may be of interest to other members.

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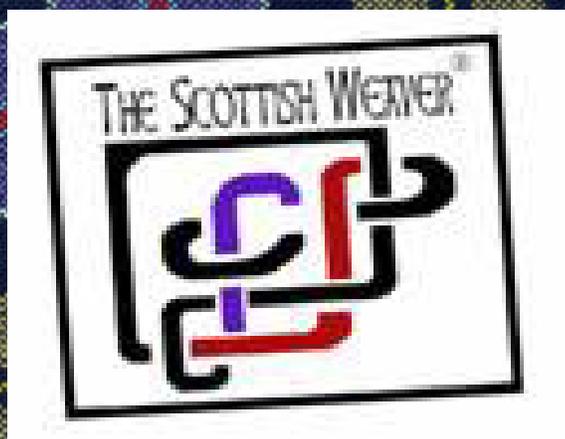
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# Ventura, California's Seaside Games sets lots of records at 2009 event!

Nellie Lowry

Something was clearly drawing people to the Ventura County Fairgrounds on the weekend of October 9 & 10, 2009 as the 1700-car capacity parking lot was full to overflowing by ten am on that Saturday morning. A closer examination found that all five admission booths were buzzing with tickets sales being processed by a crack crew of volunteers. The FOOD Share—Ventura County's help for the hungry program—truck was busy accepting canned goods being exchanged for discounted ticket purchases by many very alert locals. A record number passed through the gates with pre-purchased tickets. Thousands of participants had long since taken their place at a wide variety of venues throughout the Fairgrounds.

Once through the gates, we are immediately struck by the wide variety of activities we want to explore. To our right is a stage where dozens of Highland Dancers are already performing and many more flights await their turn to vie for trophies and scholarships. We learn that these prizes are sponsored by clans, families, organizations and the Games themselves, often honoring the memory of someone dear to the donor. But a quick look to the left and we see a large and very

active Children's Glen where the young ones are playing games, listening to stories and generally having the time of their lives. The "Information Booth" is that but so much more as we could purchase a beautiful 60-page Games program, a handsome Festival tee shirt and other Games merchandise.



Moving along before we spend our budget and not even get to the Food Court, we don't travel far before we hear the strains of more dance music coming from McBride Hall where, as we will see, talented teams of Scottish Country Dancers are moving through the intricate patterns of ancient and modern routines. Come, give it a try, they plead.



Maybe later we say, being eager to explore more of the vast area ahead. Then we notice a relatively quiet corner where some very accomplished Celtic harpists are strumming and singing the ancient and very modern songs to the delight of a growing audience. Our first vendor sighting is the Utilikilt dealer who says he can put us in a stylish and comfortable kilt without breaking our bank. Again we beg off to pursue the sights and sounds ahead.

And is there an "ahead" ahead! What is called Clan Row (for this weekend at least) extends straight-

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## Seaside Highland Games, *continued from page 6*

away for a quarter mile and filled with beautifully decorated tents of nearly eighty clans and societies, each one eager to greet members but happy to chat with visitors and to assist with our clan connection, if we have one. But while a connection is fun, none is essential to enjoy all that this exciting Festival brings. Wandering on, we find that the huge buildings to our left are chockablock with merchants from across the land selling every sort of Scottish/Irish/Celtic jewelry, trinketry and wearing apparel imaginable—most of which you will find at very few other places and nowhere amassed together as they seem to be here. The first building even has a stage where top talent performs

throughout the day and adds a pleasant Celtic aura to the experience. Its twin yields even more buying opportunities and something else—the faint aromas of fine food and the strumming and singing of more professional performers!

As it happens, Center Stage is just across Clan Row and one of my main quests—the wonderful Food Court is right there, too! Excellent ethnic foods such as bangers and mash, Scottish meat pies, cottage pies and steak or chicken pies, fish and chips and Scottish barbeque are bound to satisfy and they, paired with an authentic beverage, do exactly that! Happily, we take our place among the thousands who are gathering to witness the Grand Parade and Opening Ceremonies at noon where the several bagpipe and drum bands, interspersed with clan contingencies, pass through the crowd and across in front of the viewing stand. The dignitaries try to remain somber but find themselves greeting the marchers like the old and beloved friends they are. Special guests this year in-

cluded Dame Barbara Hay, British Consul-General to Southern California, and the Commanding Officer of the Ventura County Naval Facility who took the formal salute from the Massed Band Drum Major. A very extravagant and exciting ceremony.

Further along Clan Row—we are only about halfway to the end—are more clan and vendor booths and a performance “portico” where the Los Angeles



Scottish Fiddlers perform, a Celtic choir and Celtic language classes may be sampled. If I did not mention another classroom, it was where you may enjoy boning up on the latest genealogy techniques and learning about

and sampling some fine single malt Scotch whiskies. Try to keep these experiences separated one from the other!

Now the thumping beat of some serious Celtic Rock music begins to fill our ears and being! We are entering the domain where some very talented Celtic entertainers hold forth and, we understand, will continue to play into the evening well beyond gate closing. The music is more than foot-stomping and calls for many to get up and move—often in pairs or conga lines, it is that contagious! Nearby reenactment and re-creation groups take their noisy neighbors in stride and put on their own colorful shows throughout the weekend.

But we are approaching the end of Clan Row and have arrived at Morgan Arena, often filled with roping and rodeo demonstrations, but alive today with the huge Scottish Athletes throwing massive heavy implements, and, yes, including the caber, paired together, albeit unequally, with the sheep herding dog

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Those amazing athletes competed for prize money and points in overall standing as did bands and individual pipers and drummers with prizes similar to those the dancers had. Nearby was a huge darts tournament where some very serious but enjoyable competition also took place. Did we miss anything? Prob-

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# A Child's War - Living on Orkney

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Life changed quite abruptly in Stromness when war was declared in 1939 but not quite in the way we imagine.

One regulation said that bakers had to stop decorating cakes and biscuits immediately.

My mother Kathleen Leask and her friend Betty Bullen were the grateful recipients of sugar-coated caraway seeds from Porteus Bakery that stocked their play shop upstairs in the bakehouse for days. A more general benefit was the regulation that ordered shops to close at 5.30.

Until then, in the struggling years between the wars, many shop-keepers stayed open until nine o'clock, in the hope of catching the last late customer. The customers soon adjusted; those who had always turned up at ten to nine now arrived at twenty past five and nobody complained about being denied their late-night shopping.

During the war years, my grandfather, Hardy Leask, who owned a draper's shop in the building now occupied by the Royal Hotel, was one of many shopkeepers who closed for lunch at ten to one, to get home in time for the one o'clock news on the wireless.

The first air raid in Orkney was at the end of September. Orcadians didn't want to miss the excitement and my father, Peter Leith in Stenness, and my mother in Stromness both remember their families standing outside, trying to see the planes. Air-raid shelters were built beside the schools but all children who lived within two minutes of their school could run home instead of "playing I-Spy with the teachers in the dark".

The Stromness Academy Rector, Mr Learmonth, wanted to know how, if they could get home in two minutes, it took them so long to get back to school

after the all-clear sounded. His pupils replied that it was uphill all the way back. Mum did admit that during one raid, as she couldn't see any planes, she thought of taking her boat out for a little row in the harbour but wisely decided against it.

The harsh reality of war came to Orkney very soon, when the U-47 got into the Flow on 14 October 1939 and sank the Royal Oak, with the loss of 833 men.

My grandfather and his family were woken in the early hours of the morning by soldiers hammering on the door, to requisition all the blankets in his shop. They refused to say why they were needed and, as the people of Stromness looked towards the red glow in the east, there were terrible fears that Kirkwall had been hit.

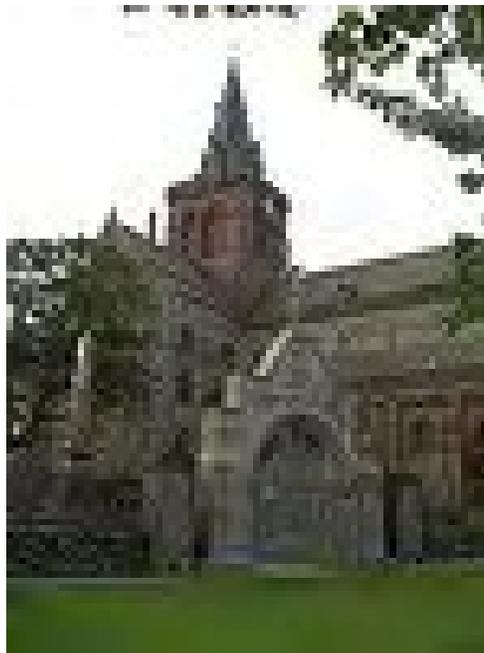
A Stenness man, James Isbister, was the first British civilian killed in the war, when he died going to the assistance of neighbours during a raid near the Brig o' Waithe in March 1940 but Orkney was at the very limit of the German bomb-

ers' range and was well-defended by anti-aircraft guns so there were very few raids.

As there was no mains electricity in Stromness during the war, the air-raid siren was at Wishart's Garage at the North End, where the Health Centre is now, so that it could be run off their generator.

As the Town Hall was well towards the South End, it isn't surprising that the audience and performers at a concert there didn't hear the siren over the music. A serviceman opened the door, perhaps because he thought he heard something, and got, as he said, "the fright of his life" as bullets rattled around like hailstones. The audience were clearly safest where they

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were, so the band was told to play longer and louder.

That evening, the German propagandist Lord Haw Haw said that the houses of Stromness had been machine-gunned because so many servicemen were billeted there.

The army struggled to cope with the logistics of housing, feeding and clothing the sudden influx of thousands of troops; providing entertainment for them came well down the list.

Young servicemen, suddenly wrenched from city centres and cosy suburbia struggled to cope with postings to Yesnaby and the back of Hoy and depression became a serious problem. The solution HQ came up with was to provide all the small camps with a piano. Here's hoping most of them found a decent pianist as well.

The army headquarters for all of Orkney and Shetland was in the Stromness Hotel and there were thirty other army sites in and around the town, including nine camps, and the service personnel there were better provided for. Broch Hall, the camp at Burnside, above the Market Green, had a large canteen and tea-dances were held there on Saturday afternoon.

In the early months of the war they also had a faint chance of going to the pictures. Films were shown every Thursday and Saturday night in the Town Hall at the foot of Hellihole and this continued during the war. Of course, the hall couldn't cope with such an enormous increase in its audience and you had to queue for an hour to stand a chance of getting in.

It was belatedly realised that a Garrison Theatre was needed in Stromness and the order was sent. Weeks passed with no sign of a theatre until word finally came that it had been sent to Shetland by mistake and had already been erected. A replacement was hurriedly sent but wasn't nearly up to the standard of the theatre sent to Shetland.

When the Garrison Theatre is mentioned on Radio Shetland, some Stromnessians still think, "That should have been ours." The Garrison Theatre naturally became the most popular place to go in the evening.

Until very recently, Orkney has been at the very end of the line for film distribution but during the war years, because Orkney counted as an overseas posting, troops saw films before they went on general release. Servicemen could take civilians with them and every household had soldier friends who dropped in regularly for supper and a chat around a cosy fire.

Mum and her friends enjoyed going to the theatre with an officer because they had the best seats, the front row of the raised section at the back, but there was a disadvantage, if they were going to the second showing. On the way there they would meet the first house coming out and the officer would have to return salutes all the way up the North End Road, so he often insisted on going in before the end of the first showing. Of course this meant seeing the end of the



film before the rest of it; especially unappealing if it was a whodunit.

A particularly good friend of the family was Jack Sparham, an acting captain in the regular army. The Leask family's house in Graham Place had its own pier and Mum's pride and joy was her rowing boat. One lovely summer evening she gave Jack a lift along the harbour to meet her sister Betty at the North End and take her to the pictures.

Jack, dressed immaculately as usual, Sam Browne shining, had insisted on rowing and, as they passed a large ship tied up at the pier and thronged with sailors he put on a special spurt. Unfortunately, he caught a crab and fell backwards into the boat. Above the chorus of laughter a voice called out, "Thank God we've got a navy."

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The army had a piggery at Ness, to make effective use of the scraps from the camps, and the income from the sale of pigs to the camps went into a comfort fund for the troops.

It isn't so clear why there was a pigeon-loft in the field across the roundabout from St Peters. Lieutenant Skinner was "officer in charge of pigeons".

Presumably not what he expected to be doing when he joined up.

It's believed the birds may have been carried in aircraft, in case a downed crew couldn't get a radio message out. It is surprising to discover that some of the things we laughed at in 'Dad's Army' really happened.

Signs were erected in German, so that the invading hordes could be ambushed as they stopped to read them. This sounds scarcely credible but my parents remember at least one, at Marraquoy, near the top of the Brae of Clouster outside Stromness.

When Norway was invaded early in the war, the small Allied force there was evacuated to Orkney. The news of the fall of Norway wasn't released for several weeks and the troops were kept in tented camps in Orkney, forbidden outside contact.

One camp was at the Stromness side of the Brig of Waithe and another was in the field to the east of the Stenness school. My aunt Joyce worked at HQ in the Stromness Hotel, and two servicemen came to ask if she could check a news item they had read, announcing the death of the mayor of an English town. One of the servicemen was the mayor's son and, unable to contact his family, was desperate to find out more details.

The requisitioning of goods by the army was a regular inconvenience at my grandfather's drapery. Of course they paid for the goods but shopkeepers were

only allowed to stock specified quantities of any item, so it was hard to keep ordinary customers supplied. A roll of linoleum was hidden behind the window shutters to keep it safe from the army's predations.

My Grandmother Kate was President of the WVS (Women's Voluntary Service) during the war and helped to run the Tupenny Bash in St Peter's Church hall.

St Peter's was the first parish church in Stromness and is now the Community Centre at the top of the Kirk Road.

The Bash was a canteen for service personnel and was in the hall where the Flower Show is now held during Shopping Week.



Every day but Sunday the women of Stromness provided tea, sandwiches and home baking for, as you may have guessed, two pence. Everyone had their regular weekly shift and every Thursday my grandmother would spend the morning baking and the afternoon making tea and washing up. The kitchen was small, hot and steamy and it was usually about

nine o'clock by the time the women got home.

Their pass to the Garrison Theatre seems very small recompense but the gratitude of well-fed young men and women far from home probably meant more.

Mum remembers an officer coming into the shop looking for her mother, in her capacity as President of the WVS, to ask what provision was being made for the servicemen's comfort when we froze up for the winter! She asked him where he came from and when he named somewhere fairly far south in England, she assured him he'd see more frost there than he would in Orkney.

What snow did fall on Orkney was made good use of by the children and Hellihole and the Crescent

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were full of sledges.

The Crescent, called Springfield Crescent on the road-signs, links the Back Road just below St Peters to the top of the Kirk Road, at the Community Centre. The sledging run actually began on the Back Road, a little below where the mini-roundabout is now, followed the road as it curved left and then turned hard right onto the Crescent. The run usually ended somewhere on the Crescent but, when the conditions were right, Mum and her brother Walter turned right again, over the Wills' back-green to the top of the Wide Close and then on down the Wide Close to Graham Place.

Unfortunately, during the war, the Signals Camp was built below the St Peters manse, where the Home is now, and the canteen was on the other side of the Back Road. Unwilling to slither between the sledges, the army laid a path of cinders, to provide surer footing and to make the children start their run slightly lower down the hill.

They sadly underestimated Orcadian ingenuity. Led, a little shockingly, by the son of the manse, Douglas Hutcheon, who even went on to become a

minister himself, the children hauled sledge-loads of snow from the fields and tramped it down over the cinders. The army were worryingly ready to admit defeat and the children sledged merrily on. Hellihole was sometimes closed to traffic, to encourage the winter sports enthusiasts to go there, but this didn't work well, as too many sledges tried to fit into a confined space.

Mum steered head-first into a snow bank, only to find it was a thinly covered lump of granite, which presumably she had seen there before. As she dripped blood into the sitting room, Maggie Budge leapt up with a startled cry and headed home but Mum was the accident-prone youngest of four and her mother just sighed and went to phone the doctor and fetch the

Cuticura ointment..

There is a story that a maid who worked at the Braes hotel was making her way gingerly across Hellihole when a sledge swept her feet from under her and carried her all the way to the bottom of the hill.

Belly-gutser was the inelegant but expressive term for lying face down on the sledge.

Brothers Billy and Leslie Thomson were sledging down the road in this style when they met an army lorry coming up. The boys put their heads down and emerged unscathed but the driver took a long time to recover.

Especially considering Orkney's role in WWI, the army's ignorance of Orkney seems surprisingly extensive. One soldier swore to my grandparents that his platoon was told they were being sent on exercise to a secret location, where the natives might not be friendly to the British cause and were to be avoided.

After travelling a considerable distance by rail and sea, they spent a couple of weeks in bleak terrain, living on iron rations. The soldier

and his friend were out together when they saw an old man walking along the road. They agreed to risk approaching him, to ask if there was somewhere they could get something else to eat, so one got into the ditch, covering their quarry with his rifle, while the other waylaid the pedestrian. They were promptly invited home with him, where they were thoroughly well fed and told they were on Hoy.

Of course security was a concern and led to perhaps understandable over-reaction.

Jim Sutherland was tall and blond and dressed in boots and gansey as he headed for his sailing boat. The MPs let him leave HQ a few hours later, after his family went along to the Stromness Hotel to vouch for

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him not being a Norwegian who had just crossed the North Sea in the boat that had been found in Sandwick.

Some officers took a rather unusual approach to checking security; one walked all the way along the street dressed as a German. To his fury, he wasn't challenged once. The General himself took to breaking into camps and leaving a sign of his undetected presence. Next morning the unfortunate camp would have its shortcomings pointed out.

There were many trigger-happy guards around Stromness, longing for a chance to pepper the General's backside.

When Eric Linklater received his military appointment his wife Marjorie, who later became such an integral part of Orkney society, wasn't at all sure she wanted to spend all the year in Orkney and expressed her concern about facing a winter here. The postmistress reassured her, "Ah, buddo, buddo, if ye can stand the summers, the winters are no so bad."

She had good reason to say that, as during the war years at least one summer was so grey and wet that the children were given vitamin D tablets when they went back to school.

It was commonly believed in Stromness that it was the fault of the Ness Battery, whose guns were breaking up the cloud layers. It was so reliably wet that Mum remembers deciding with her friends which indoor play area they were going to use the next day.

All the big ships in the Flow had their own drifters, to ferry personnel and supplies to and fro. Those vessels not large enough to have their own drifter were well-served by the "trot boats". They were operated from an office in Lyness and could be sent anywhere in the Flow on any errand.

My uncle Walter, later the long-serving purser on successive St Olas, began his sea-going career on the trot boats.

Traditionally, the newest member of the crew had to be the cook, no matter what their aptitude for the role. This was no problem for Walter, who was a born cook, but then the young son of the Longhope head-

master joined the crew. His father had been unable to persuade him to stay on at school and asked the crew to help convince the boy that a life at sea wasn't for him. They did their bit by giving him a fairly hard time, especially about his cooking. This wasn't hard to do, because it really was dreadful. They finally told him that if he burnt the porridge again they were going to throw him over the side.

Next morning, they were as good as their word, but they did throw the lifebelt after him. He wisely decided to return to dry land, and his studies. He was by no means the only bad cook around. At the small camps, some luckless recruit seems to have been chosen entirely at random.

My grandmother was asked to give weekly lessons to the cook of a camp near Houton, in the hope he could master some basic meals before his comrades went down with food-poisoning or malnutrition. Over a few weeks she made some progress but then the lessons stopped.

A visiting senior officer, on seeing the food that was being served, had lined all the men up and asked them what they'd done in civilian life. Reluctantly, one of them admitted to being a cook. He had decided he'd like to do something different during his war service but he was despatched post-haste to the kitchen.

At the beginning of the war, as the servicemen flooded in, there was a bit of a culture clash. The minister in Sanday recorded the shock of his parishioners at the language used by men building a wireless station and the men on an anti-aircraft gun were taken aback when their undemonstrative Orcadian fellow-gunners applauded instead of cheering when they shot down a plane. It soon settled down to cheerful co-existence and one small plus to be taken from the war were the bonds that were formed and the windows that were opened, on both sides, to very different worlds.

Quite a few servicemen remembered their time in Orkney with such fondness that they retired here and many never left at all, adding another flavour to the rich Orcadian mix.



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# McDuffie DNA Surname Project

## final report- over 5 years in the making

### *Background*

The McDuffie DNA Surname Project was started just over 5 years ago by Rod Macduff, and Australian radio engineer who wished to trace his ancestry. He has organized and funded this independently of Clan MacFie, but has cooperated closely with the clan and is a member.

Using paper records such as birth, death, and marriage certificates, there is a limit to how far back we can trace our ancestors. Scottish records get patchy before 1700 and it is often difficult for USA and Canadian families to establish links back to their Scottish ancestors. However, Y-chromosome DNA testing will accurately



identify male bloodlines. Using a simple cheek swab, living males can have their DNA tested. From the Y-chromosome marker results produced, they will find that their results will match almost exactly all males

with the same surname as themselves who are descended from a common male ancestor as many as 10 generations ago and beyond. This makes it possible to link distant cousins and bridge gaps in the paper record where there is either no data or unclear data.

The project was set up in 2004 and in five years has had 136 people join the project.

The McDuffie DNA Surname Project was set up with the following objectives:

- ◆ To determine, if, the clan is of Celtic or Norse origin.
- ◆ To determine how many separate bloodlines there are.
- ◆ To determine, if, the McDuffies, MacFies, McPhees and McAfees have a common ancestor.
- ◆ To determine, if, the MacFies, etc have their origins in Argyllshire.

There is now sufficient data to draw firm conclusions and issue a final report.

### *Main Bloodline Group 1*

This is the dominant bloodline, containing a total of 33 members. Fascinatingly, it contains all main surname spelling variants, namely: McDuffie, McDuffee, McAfee, McPhee, McPhie, McFee and McFie and all the Mac of variants thereof, thus absolutely and conclu-

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sively proving that all were once the same name. One Duffie and three Catheys have matched Group 1.

This Group 1 bloodline is that of the immediate past Clan Commander, Sandy MacPhie, who has so encouraged this project. It is also the bloodline of the new Clan Commander Iain Morris McFie. Additionally, it contains the line of the last McPhee on Colonsay, the ancestral home of the McDuffies. There are also those in this line, descended from ancestors on Mull and on Skye, thus confirming the history that MacPhies were dispersed all over the Inner Hebeirdies. The history linking McDuffies with Antrim is also confirmed, as there are those in Group 1 who can trace their ancestry to Londonderry. Several in Group 1 have descendants who migrated to the USA or Canada. One of the lines on Prince Edward Island is in this line. Clearly they would have come from the Inner Hebrides originally.

Finally, in Group 1 (and in others) the spelling McAfee is invariably connected with clan members who are Scots Irish who arrived in the New World from Ireland where the name McDuffie took on the spelling McAfee. By the same token MacDonald is rendered as McDonnell in Ireland. In earlier times movement back and forth between the Inner Hebrides and Antrim was commonplace. The McDuffie common ancestor in Group 1 may go back as much as 1000 years to the advent of surnames. It seems likely that the clan chiefs would have been of this line.

### ***Other Bloodlines***

Now in common with all other DNA Surname projects, there are many different bloodlines bearing the family name. This can arise for many different reasons. At the time of origin of the surname around 1000 years ago, the surname would be a mark of affiliation to a group or clan of families living in close proximity

with a common destiny. There would be a clan chief and a number of other males in the group. Not all these males would necessarily have shared the same male ancestor at the time of surname adoption. Clans often absorbed other non-genetically linked groups as they expanded. Adoption of orphaned offspring or a sister was common, and if there was no heir it may also occur. Infidelity was a fact of life then as it is now. Over the years this leads to many genetically separate lines with a common surname. This can be seen in all other projects including the Campbell and McGregor DNA Projects. Consequently, different bloodline does not mean “not of the MacFie Clan”.

Some of the other Groups have clear evidence that they have had the MacFie name for many hundreds of years, having more than one member and surname spelling diversity points to this. In particular, Groups 3, 4, 5, 5a, 9, 10, 14, 20, 24, and 34 show this.

Group 9 is interesting, as these are the “Glen Urquart McFees”. This group of 14 members has almost identical DNA and all hail from Lochaber, Glen

Urquhart and in some cases can trace ancestors back to the early 1700s. In all probability all these members have a common ancestor within the last 400 years. This is supported by less spelling diversity, being confined to McPhee with two McPhies.

Group 3 has McPhees and McAfees in it indicating that one group were Scots Irish at one point.

Group 5 contains most of the McDuffs and Duffs. This is the Clan MacDuff bloodline. There is now sufficient data to show quite clearly that McDuffs and McDuffies are not the same bloodline. Earle Douglas MacPhie asserted this in his genealogies and has proved to be quite correct. McDuff Group 5 is a very “old” line too, again radiating from a common ancestor. The

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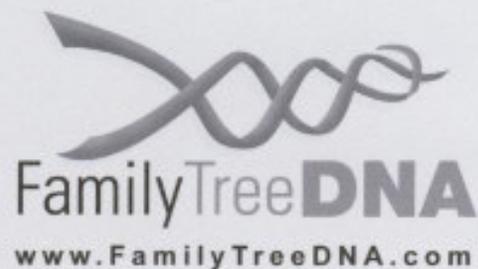
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origins in Scotland of this line seem to be in the county of Perth and adjoining areas. A 100% match between MacDuffs who now live in, has supported this theory. Both Duff and McDuff surnames appear in this group and there is significant genetic spread, evidence which supports the antiquity of this line.

Group 5a should be entirely independent from Group 5 as this group contains McAfees, a Duffy and a McDuffey.

Group 15 contains McFee and McAfee surnames.

Group 20 has four McAfees whose descendents are all in USA.

Group 24 has two McAfees.

Group 34 contains four McHaffeys.

### *Celtic and Viking Bloodlines*

Of the 40 separate bloodlines most are R1b Haplogroup, which in layman's terms means Celtic

origin. Other McPhees of 1 Haplogroup are of Norse origin. In common with most other Scottish clans the Celtic bloodlines are very strong.

### *Conclusions*

The project has been able to answer all the questions set at its instigation and in doing so confirmed most which is in the history books, regarding clan origins. There is probably not much more to be learned historically from the project, however, individuals who have not yet joined will be able to establish their bloodline by joining. At some point in the future the Clan may want to consider taking over maintenance and running of the project, however, for the time being Rod Macduff is happy to continue as McDuffie DNA Surname Project Coordinator.

See the MacDuffee webpage [www.mcduffiedna.com](http://www.mcduffiedna.com)

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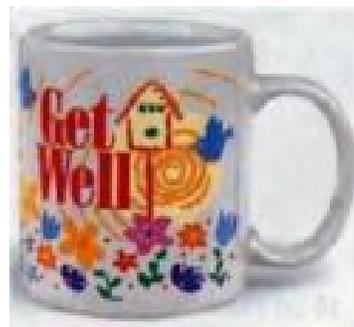
## Fritz McDuffie had surgery in June...and is doing well, all things considered



Mr. McDuffie writes, "I was in pretty bad shape before they successfully diagnosed the difficulty. The surgery was successful, but left me with impaired functions in my legs, particularly on the right side. This was caused by injury to the lower motor neurons, first noticed in 2000 when I had an operation on my spine, a level 5 laminectomy, that relieved some of the pressure on the nerves. I now have 8 disk protrusions vis-

ible on the MRI, and further symptoms. Nevertheless, I am almost free from pain although my mobility has been affected. I went through two

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# Colonial Ancestors in St. Paul's Parish

Jeannette Holland Austin

Settlers to Augusta, Georgia dates back to colonial days when the Indians and white men erected trading posts throughout the district and established a flourishing trade throughout South Carolina and Georgia.

Augusta was named after the Princess of Wales and is the second oldest city in Georgia and was the capitol from 1785 to 1795.

Governor John Milledge (1757-1818) was governor from 1802 to 1806 and died there.

Another prominent figure was General John Twiggs.

By the time of the American Revolution, St. Paul's

Parish was well entrenched with settlements such as the Quakers in Wrightsboro (now Thomson) who'd been enticed with land grants.

After the war, veterans from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia were granted large tracts of land. In 1777 the region became Richmond County and was named after the Duke of Richmond, a British defender of the colonists.

When tracing Richmond County, don't forget to also search the records of Warren and Columbia Counties. Some Wrightsboro's first records fell into Columbia County (now McDuffie).

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# Official Tartan Register begun

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)

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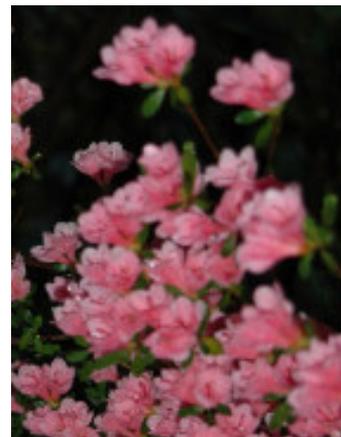
months of rehab after the hospital stay and am now at home and on the second floor with my computer.”

“I can move from my wheelchair to the bed, the toilet and tub-shower, and to other chairs. I am learning how to stand up against the file cabinets, and also to stand up in my walker, I am hoping to be able to really stand up and operate my walker after my legs get stronger. Each little goal leads to a bigger one, and I am ultimately going to be able to master the stairs while holding on the railings.”

*Dear Fritzie, All of your friends in the Scottish community wish you well and are holding you in their thoughts and prayers! Love, Beth*

# Flowers of the Forest

Longtime Clan Home Society member, **William Stanton Hume**, of Columbia, Missouri, passed away last June 27. Mr. Hume became a member of the society in 1981 and was the newsletter editor for many years.



He graduated from high school at the age of 15 and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Missouri in 1940. He worked his way through college as a commercial artist. Following his graduation at the University of Missouri, he returned there as a member of the drama department. Later, he joined the staff of Stephens College.

He attempted to obtain jobs as an editor or a cartoonist, but failing, he joined the US Navy, serving his country during World War II. He was a Damage Control Painter First Class, revived his art as a ventriloquist and cartoonist, performing in USO shows and writing for *Stars and Stripes*.

Following the war, he returned to Columbia where he opened his art studio. In 1951 he was reactivated in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict and sent to Japan. During that time, he created his well-known character “Babysan.” Babysan began as a newspaper cartoon and ended up as a bestselling book, related experiences of the United States Navy sailors with Japanese girls and culture. He returned to Columbia, where he was involved in a variety of creative projects and jobs.

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# 15th annual Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials set for November 7 - 8, Huntersville, NC

HUNTERSVILLE, NC: PETCO presents the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials on November 7 & 8, 2009. The Trials are sanctioned by the United States Border Collies Handlers Association and more than 100 dogs will be competing throughout the weekend.

Gates open each day at 8 AM, competition begins at 8:30 and additional activities begin at 10 AM. Admission is \$10 per person ages 13+, \$7 per child ages 5-12, and children ages 4 and under are admitted free. The complete schedule of events is available online at [www.ruralhill.net](http://www.ruralhill.net). Proceeds from all annual events are used for the preservation of Historic Rural Hill and its educational programs.

The Trials are open to any herding breeds, but the majority of entries are Border Collies. The Sheep Dog Trials are based on tasks that a working dog is asked to do on the farm. Points are earned for each phase of work. The dog and handler team is awarded points for demonstrating precision in the time allowed. One of 13 dog breeds that developed in Scotland, the Border Collie first appeared in the Border country in the 1700's. The Rural Hill Sheep Dog Trials are sanctioned by the US Border Collie Handlers Association.

In addition to the regional sheep dog competition, Rural Hill offers a variety of family activities each

day including the Dog Sport Demo Field presented by the Greater Charlotte Sheltie Club. Many other family activities will be available including a bounce house and inflatables, hayrides around the farm, an antique tractor display, Pumpkin Chunkin' with a model of an 11<sup>th</sup> century trebuchet (bring your leftover Halloween pumpkin or purchase one at Rural Hill), cornfield and logic mazes, the Rural Hill livestock, and more! The 1760's Davidson Family Homestead site will be open for visitors. Open hearth cooking and

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# Genealogical Research at Home

**Bryan Mulcahy**

Genealogical research is much like charity. It should begin at home. The first step involves recording everything you know about your family. The following points are of particular importance:

Inquire about the existence of official documents or memorabilia that may have been saved.

Talk to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, even neighbors.

When you interview older members of the family, consider recording their answers and memories on tape or video to preserve the information for future generations.

These interviews, also known as **Oral Histories**, may help you in future research. When a discrepancy arises; the tape may help you clarify what was actually said.

Family documents, photos and other sources can provide you with many valuable clues to get you started on your genealogy adventure.

They may include the names of ancestors, dates and places for births, marriages and deaths and insight into what life was like for your ancestors.

In almost every family, one or two members, perhaps more, become the “unofficial” family record holders. Perhaps we should call them the “family archivists.” For some reason, key family documents end up in their hands.

Beginning the research process at home may lead to several time and money saving benefits:

Provide links and clues to previously unknown or additional records and sources.

Identify additional family members in the old country or other places of residence.

Provide specific dates and places for birth, death, marriage, and other important family events.

Provide clues and insights about major events that impacted life decisions within the family or an individual member.

Provide clues on migrations both in the United States, Canada, and the old country.

May provide the researcher with original documents, photographs, certificates, etc.

May provide information and insights to help formulate questions and strategies for oral histories.

May help identify candidates to approach for oral history interviews.

One barrier to the efficient use of home sources

is the inevitable difficult family member.

While there are some families where one member hoards the family records, and does not share, this is relatively uncommon. In such situations, be as kind and persuasive as possible in asking the individual for permission to examine such records. When dealing with a difficult family member, avoid any mention of taking the records with you and returning them at a later date. Your chances of success in this type of situation are slim and none.

In other families where this is a problem, the record holder is usually worried

about preserving the records, and concerned that if he or she loans them to a family member, they may get accidentally lost or destroyed. The best strategy is to gradually gain their confidence by first requesting permission to examine the records in their presence. Make careful notes. At a later date, as you get closer to your family member, he or she will come to trust you more, and may volunteer to let you take the records to make photocopies. When it comes to historical documents and/or family heirlooms, overcoming barriers within a family, even in the best of circumstances, is usually a gradual process. This is particularly true if the documents or heirlooms are in the possession of an elderly family member.

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