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## Clan Grant Chief appoints Clan Grant

### Society, USA president as his very first Official Representative



*Dr. William "Bill" Grant, president of the Clan Grant Society, USA and Official Representative of the Clan Grant Chief in the USA.*



*Dr. Grant's new banner, the Grant pinsel.*

In a handwritten letter, The Rt. Hon. Sir James Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant, Bt., Lord Strathspey, 33<sup>rd</sup> Chief of Grant, has appointed his first Official Representative in the United States. The new Official Representative is Dr. William "Bill" Grant current president of the Clan Grant Society in the USA.

The Clan Grant Society celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at

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*Pictured above: The Rt. Hon. Sir James Patrick Trevor Grant of Grant, Bt., Lord Strathspey, 33<sup>rd</sup> Chief of Grant at his home in Strathspey, Scotland.*

*MacMhuirich/Currie Learned Kindred  
and Clan Macleod at the 2017 Tattoo, on pages 27, 29 & 31 this issue.*

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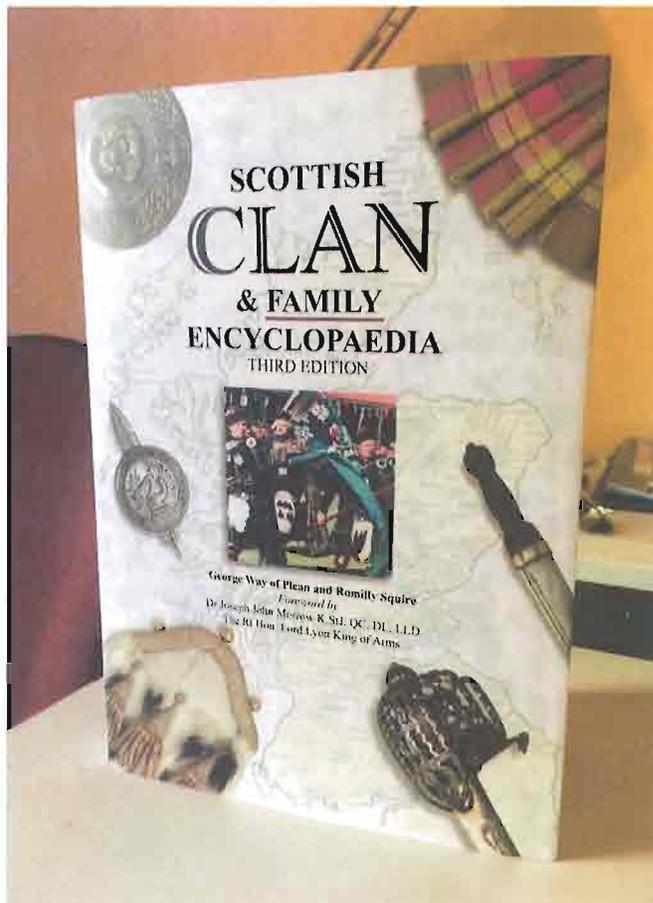
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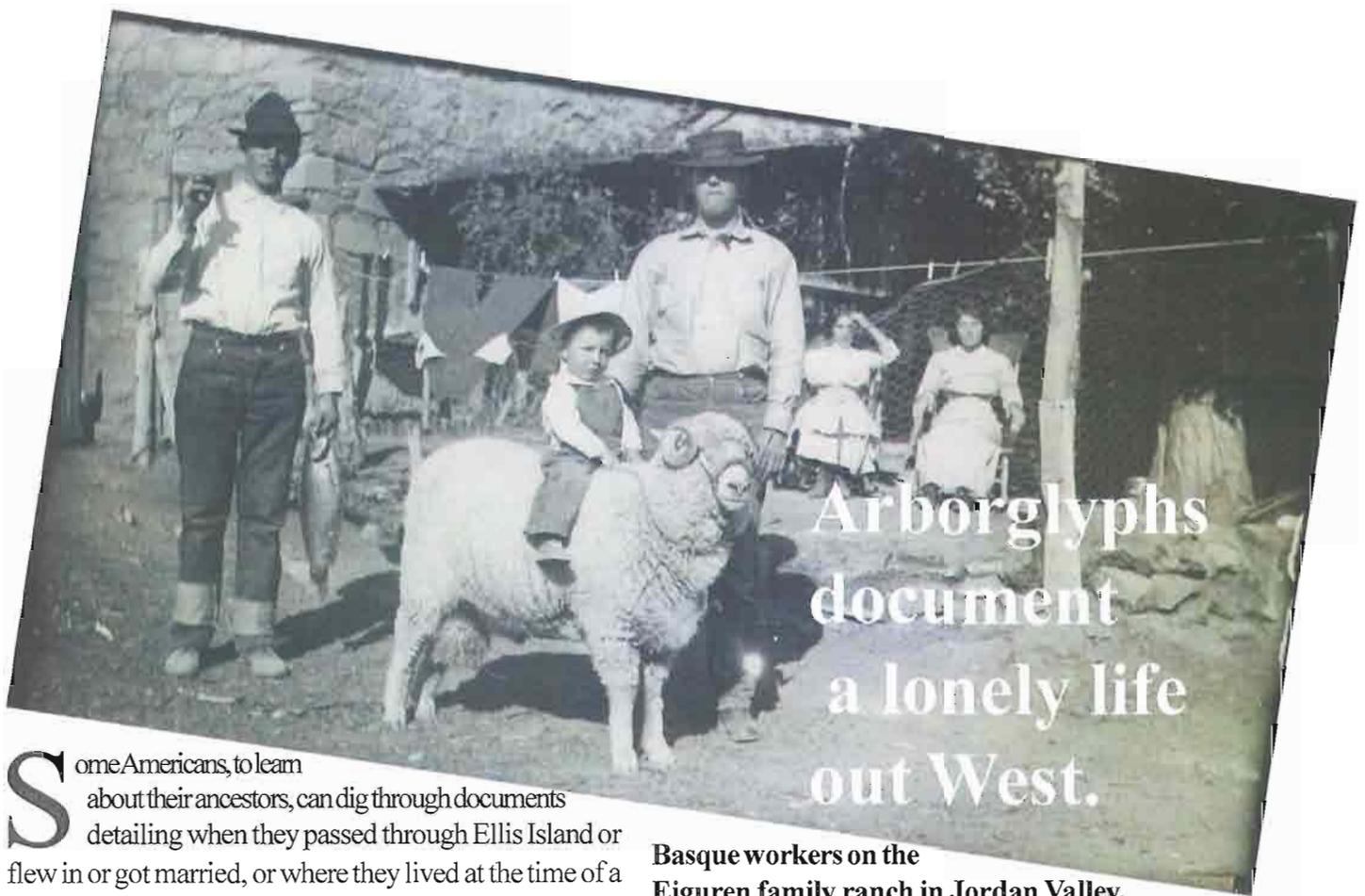


chiefs, et al.

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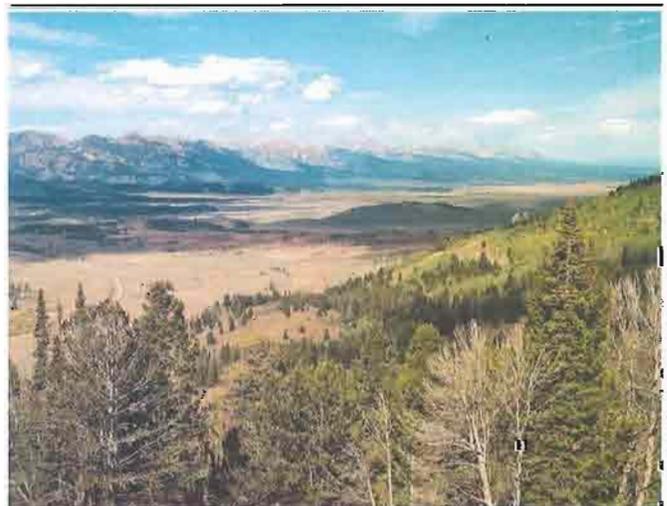
Some Americans, to learn about their ancestors, can dig through documents detailing when they passed through Ellis Island or flew in or got married, or where they lived at the time of a census.

For some Basque families in the United States, the only record they have of their immigrant ancestors is carved into trees in secluded aspen groves throughout the West. Names, dates, hometowns, and other messages and art scar the pale bark of aspens where Basque men watched over herds of hundreds of sheep from the 1850s to the 1930s.

The Basque are a genetically and linguistically distinct people from a region of the western Pyrenees straddling France and Spain. They speak Euskara and are believed to be the oldest indigenous group in Europe. Many came to the United States in the 19<sup>th</sup> century in search of opportunity—often in the form of gold or jobs—and ended up in parts of the Great Basin—Southeastern Oregon, central Idaho, and Nevada. Some started ranches, while others found themselves in sagebrush-covered hills and mountains, alone but for hundreds of sheep, a donkey, and some dogs to keep them company.

“This is a pretty anonymous group,” says John Bieter, a Basque historian at Boise State University in Idaho. For many of them, there aren’t records of them emigrating from Europe or entering the country, or em-

**Basque workers on the Eiguren family ranch in Jordan Valley, Oregon, in the southeastern corner of the state.**  
*PASCAL EIGUREN PHOTO, OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, #38052*



ployment records detailing where they were taking on sheep. But they did make tree carvings, known as arborglyphs, which are often found near campsites or rest stops where the herders and their charges would spend the hottest hours of the summer days. The biographical information they carved with knives now al-

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low researchers and descendants to track their movements around the West. “It’s about as close as a documentation trail as you’re going to get,” says Bieter.

Herders often returned to the same places, year after year, and updated the trees they had signed, which has created a record of cultural shifts. “When you track herders over time, you find Americanizing influences,” says Bieter. The first time they signed, for example, many used a Spanish or Basque spelling and a European date format, with the date first and month second. But later arborglyphs show that some herders changed the date format and how they spelled their names—from Lorenzo to Lawrence, for example.

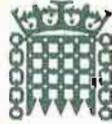
Some got a bit more creative. Certain arborglyphs include markers representing hometowns or favorite soccer teams. Others depict churches or farmhouses from back in Basque Country. Animals and fishing boats have also been found. One carver managed to fit part of a poem on a single tree. Other carvings feature naked women in a variety of positions—references to encounters with prostitutes, in some cases. “As you move later into the 20th century, you get a lot more political,” says Bieter. As tensions mounted between the Basques and the Spanish government, and when the Spanish Civil War broke out, shepherders carved messages expressing support for Basque causes and their dislike for dictator Francisco Franco. Aspen trees are usually between three and 18 inches in diameter—with such a limited canvas, herders carved what was most important to them. What remains is a guide to how that changed over time.

Today it’s rare to find an arborglyph with a date from the 1800s. Aspen trees live for around 150 years under ideal conditions, and many of the earliest arborglyphs were carved on trees that have since died. “We’re trying to document as fast as we can the ones that are still remaining,” says Bieter. “What we’re trying to beat now is just time and fire.” Climate change is shortening the tree’s longevity, as extreme weather patterns and larger wildfires affect the regions where arborglyphs are found. Vandalism is also a concern—people have even cut down trees to steal particular works.

Thousands of these trees have been documented in Idaho, California, Oregon, and Nevada, and databases hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno and Boise State University contain photos, drawings, and transcriptions gathered by historians, forest archaeologists, and community groups. We may have already missed out on the first 50 years of Basque shepherd history, but there’s still a chance to document what remains—a seemingly never-ending task in a vast landscape dotted with the welcoming shade of aspens.



*This Idaho carving from 1975 lists the name, Jose Maria Eizaguirre, and the hometown, Amoroto, of the carver. Amoroto is located in the Bizkaia province in Basque Country, where about 90 percent of Idaho Basques emigrated from, says John Bieter. BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES*



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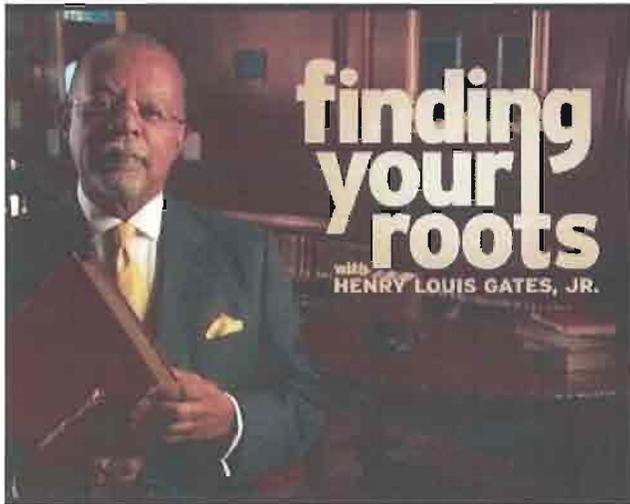
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That this House congratulates St Kilda Holdings Ltd, based in the Maryhill area of Glasgow, for publishing the third edition of The Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopaedia which was written and edited by George Way of Plean and Romilly Squire; notes the third edition is a substantial update by the original authors aided by leading academics in Scottish history and contains new scholarly articles as well as the histories and crests for 346 clans, which is 200 additional crest designs; further notes Scottish clans, from the Gaelic clanna meaning children, are Scottish kinship groups which historically formed the basis of highland society and which retain an official structure recognised by the Court of the Lord Lyon; and welcomes the news that Dr Joseph J. Morrow, QC, the Right hon. Lord Lyon King of Arms has praised St Kilda's team for pursuing this daunting task which took 12 years to complete and hopes St Kilda has a successful future in publishing.

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**Your editor has a note and thanks for the arborglyph article on pages 3 & 5**

Years ago, I had my own DNA done by the laboratory of Dr. Bryan Sykes, the author of *The Seven Daughters of Eve*.

When my results were in, I am the “daughter” of the lady he called “Helena” who lived some 26,000 years ago. She lived in what is now the Basque region of France. It is located between France and Spain.

The same day I received my DNA results, I received a newsletter from one of the clans which had a most interesting article about the origin of the Scots...and, guess what, that article said the first folks who came into what is now Scotland came from “the Basque region between Spain and France!”

So, I have always felt a closeness - if you can be close after 26,000 years - for the people of this region!

The article on pages 3 & 5 is thanks to *The Atlas Obscura* website and also to *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, which pointed my way to the complete article.

Both of the sites are free.

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**Fall Games, etc.**

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\* November 10 – 12: **Salado Scottish Festival, Salado, TX**

<http://www.saladoscottishfestival.com/>  
 \* November 17 – 18: **Mount Dora Scottish Highland Festival**, Mt. Dora, FL  
<http://ci.mount-dora.fl.us/698/Cultural-Events> (City website)

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# Flowers of the Forest



The Clan Sutherland Society of North America sends condolences to the families of their members who have passed away this past year.

**James Baker, Steven Brazeau, Beverly Babb Elliott, David Lightowler and Alice Ann Sutherland** have all died.

They will all be missed by their CSSNA family.

**Christopher Anderson,** Edinburgh piper and composer. Born: 26 August, 1933, in Edinburgh. Died: 5 September, 2017, aged 84.



Chris Anderson was never too proud to recall the poverty and hardship of his upbringing in Leith, but thanks to his dedication and perseverance, and a generous helping of talent, his playing of the bagpipes was to take him around the world and help Edinburgh City Pipe Band win five World championships.

As a member of the band he marched in Red Square and played or appeared in a number of well-known films.

He later went on to help other pipers develop their skills, became a respected judge in competitions and successful composer of pipe music that provided him with royalties during his retirement.

Christopher Anderson was born in Murano Place, Leith on 26 August 1933 to his Irish father Christy and Scottish mother, Mona.

Christy, who worked on the Edinburgh trams as a points engineer, died early in his childhood and 'Jimmy' became his father-figure, serving in the Paratroops during the Second World War and losing a lung when the transport ship he was on was sunk in the Mediterranean

with practically all hands.

As a member of the local Leith Boys Brigade Chris learned to play the bagpipes and it became one of three uniformed organisations that were to shape his life. Providing him with many competitions and ceremonial events

Chris established himself as an exceptional and reliable piper and was soon in demand.

Attending Broughton Primary and Secondary Schools, Chris initially worked as a laboratory technician in the Geology Department of the University of Edinburgh but gave that up as soon as he could to join the First Battalion Scots Guards in 1951, where he saw service in Egypt and became a member of its pipes and drums.

Thanks to its reputation and international popularity Chris was now learning and performing Scottish dancing as well as playing to audiences around the world in auditoria such as Madison Square Gardens.

Chris had by now met his wife to be, Moira Ponton, an attractive Edinburgh lass whom he married in 1956.

Having served the three years he had signed up for Chris left the Scots Guards with a glowing testimony from his commanding officer, to join the Edinburgh City Police where he now joined its pipe-band.

Formed in 1882 the Edinburgh City Police Pipe Band had won the Grade 1 World Pipe Band Championships in 1919, 1950 and 1954 but was now about to enter its halcyon days under the direction of Iain McLeod, also a Leither, who became Pipe Major in 1959.

Chris is survived by his wife Moira, his three daughters and six granddaughters, so he was delighted when a great grandson, Jamie, was born in Ireland last year, breaking the all-girl spell and taking his family's journey full circle.

# The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!



Chief Steven  
MacTavish

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Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson,  
Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant  
spellings.*

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# Clan Ramsey has pipe tune named in its honor!

Andy Simpson, Pipe Major of the Wilmington, NC "Port City Pipes and Drums" has composed a tune entitled *Clan Ramsay*. You can see and hear Andy playing the tune on You Tube by clicking on this link: <<https://youtu.be/s8SVyfLNmy0>>.

Pipe Major Simpson is a native Scot, born and raised in Fife, Scotland, near St. Andrews.

He joined the Scots Guards as a teenager and the Guards made him a piper.

He laid the pipes down when he was discharged from the Guards and didn't pick them up again for nearly 25 years. But he said it was like riding a bicycle—you never forget how.

After moving to the United States in 1987, Andy took up the pipes again and competed at highland games at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina and Charleston, South Carolina where he won first place gold medals in 1992 and 1993 in the March and March/Strathspey and Reel categories as a Grade II piper in the Eastern United States Pipe Band Association (EUSPBA).

In 1992 PM Simpson formed the Port City Pipes and Drums in Wilmington and has taught dozens of pipers since the band was first formed. The band still plays in Southeastern North Carolina and in Myrtle Beach, SC.

PM Simpson has composed many tunes and won a tune writing competition held by the EUSPBA. The organization was looking for a march that



would be entitled the *EUSPBA March* and PM Simpson won.

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If you are engaged next Halloween, don't forget to try this....

John Ramsey, president of the Clan Ramsay International, Inc., says, in the latest *Ramsay Report*, that newly engaged couples in Scotland put nuts in the fire on Halloween.

He continues that if the nuts burn quietly the marriage will be happy.

If the nuts spit and hiss - the marriage will be stormy.



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## Jolly - Carswell wedding

On May 20, 2017 Christian Carswell & Michaila Jolly, who have been sweethearts since middle school, were married.

The wedding was performed by Michaila's father and it included a Scottish "Hand Fasting Ceremony". The event venue was The Colonnade at the Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.



The newlyweds then left for a honeymoon trip to Scotland. They enjoyed it so much that Christian's mother, Kandi Ramsey Carswell, reports that they want to move there.

Most attendees of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, held each year in July, know Christian, a Burke County, NC native.

But for those who do not, Christian always enters the amateur athletic events, wearing the Ramsay Blue Tartan, and he normally wins every event he enters. This year he was named, for the second year, "Athlete of the Games" for 2017 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

It was a busy spring for Michaila who graduated May 10, with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, and a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Western Carolina University.

Two weeks later, on May 20th, she was getting married.

It is not often that The Clan Ramsay International, Inc., is able to report on matters of the heart so please take this time, in thought and prayer, to bless Christian and Michaila on their marriage.

*If there is righteousness  
in the heart,  
there will be beauty  
in the character.*

*If there is beauty in the  
character, there will be  
harmony in the home.*

*If there is harmony  
in the home,  
there will be order in  
the nation.*

*If there is order in the  
nation, there will be peace  
in the world.*

*So let it be. Amen.*

*Scottish Blessing*

# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

*'S Rioghal Mo Dhream!*

**Royal is my Race!**

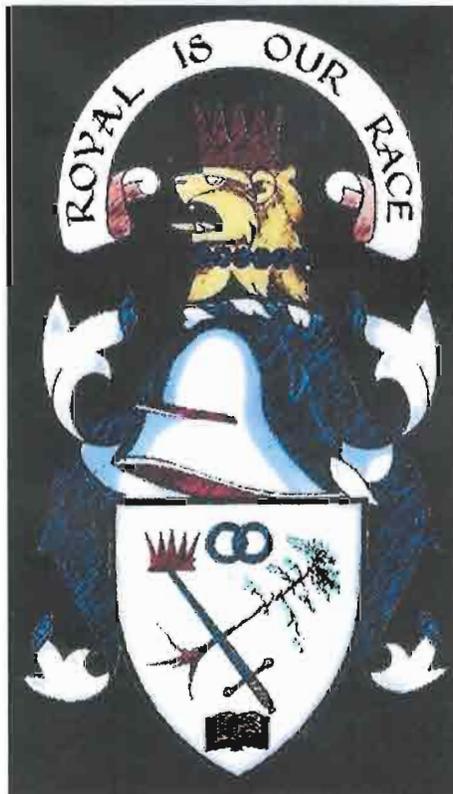
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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# A dissertation regarding *The Hobbit* - read it!

Abstract: J.R.R. Tolkien is a professional scholar specializing in Old and Middle English philology and has demonstrated a thorough knowledge of Old Norse. A review of works cited in his essay "On Fairy-stories" reveals that he is well read in traditional fantasy and is especially familiar with Celtic fairy tales and with the stories involving King Arthur.

The body of this study presents the results of a survey of certain major medieval works in English, Norse, Irish, Welsh, French, German, and Italian, particularly those alluded to in Tolkien's published scholarship and those suggested as possible sources in reviews of Tolkien's fiction. The main concern is with motifs and

characters in *The Hobbit* which seem to echo those in works of medieval heroic literature, but particular attention is given to motifs which also occur in *The Lord of the Rings*, Tolkien's major fictional effort to date.

The basis for the organization of this study is the division of *The Hobbit* into four parts, each of them beginning with a journey in to the wilderness and ending with rest and reprovisioning in a house. Because most names of characters and places are introduced in the first part of *The Hobbit* the discussion of that part would be over long if it also treated derivations of names.

Therefore, following an initial chapter examining previous criticism and a second chapter developing the four-part structure of *The Hobbit* there is a third chapter devoted only to the sources of Tolkien's names in medieval languages, particularly in Old English and Old Norse.

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## Eclipse!

Clan Ramsay's Carl Bailey had an Eclipse Party....

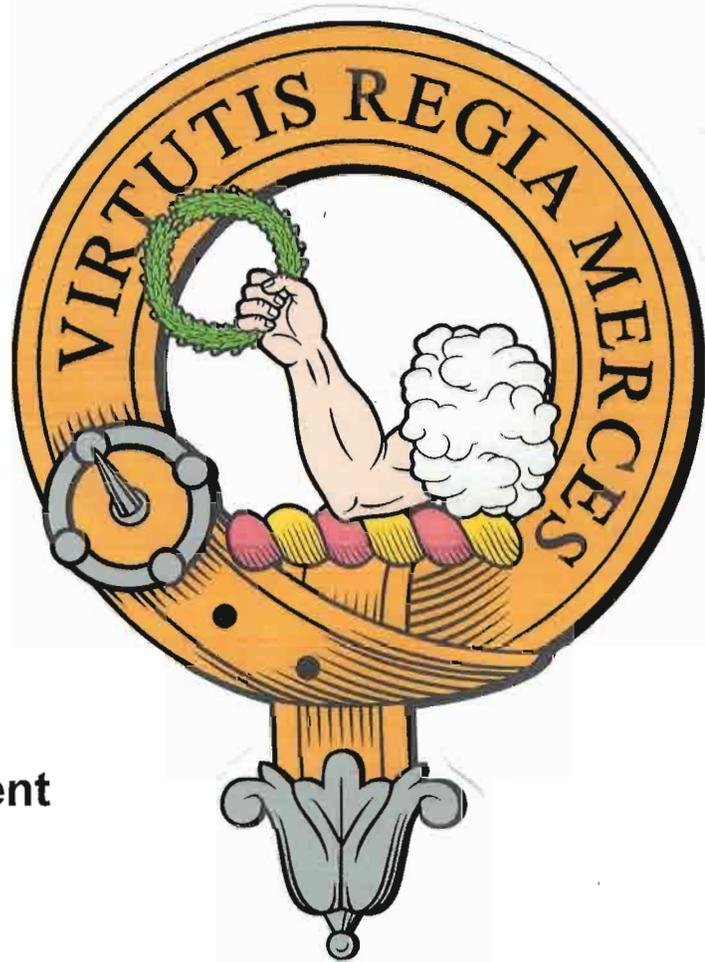
The four-legged member of the family took part as well!



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# SPANISH

# Surnames & Naming Patterns

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Most people of Spanish heritage, whether one is talking contemporary or historical, as a rule have multiple surnames. Most researchers base their findings on the last name only. For research in Canada and many European countries, that would usually be a valid assumption for ancestors that came to America.

In comparison to other cultures, people from Spanish speaking countries who continue to practice customs related to their Spanish heritage, often have long names in comparison to other cultures. Most people at the very least have usually two family names (surnames), if not more. Whether they publicly use them usually depends on whether they reside in a Spanish speaking country or abroad in an area or region that is heavily influenced by Spanish tradition and culture.

From an historical perspective, when a child is born, he/she receives the first surname from the father and the second surname is the first surname of the mother. Portuguese speaking countries also use two family names, but for them the mother's surname comes first. This custom is especially beneficial in situations where there is doubt about the identity of the father. You know for certain who the mother is. The following example illustrates this version: e.g. Juan Martínez Escudero + Marta Villanueva Cortés = Juan Martínez Villanueva.

When a woman marries a man, she never loses her maiden surname, and her family name is carried by her descendants (although just for one generation). Many Spanish speaking countries have the reputation for being ruled by machos, but this custom shows more respect for the women's dignity in this sense. The reason why a child acquires two surnames involves the follow-

ing scenario. The first surname is taken from the father's first surname while the second surname is acquired from the mother's first surname. For example, a man named George Perez Martinez marries Juana Garcia Sanchez. They have a daughter named Maria. Her surname would be Perez-Garcia.

There is usually no usage of the mother's first surname as the middle or second name for children as is the common scenario in many cultures throughout Europe, and in Canada and the United States. This rarely happens in Spanish societies, even within the growing number of Spanish-dominated communities within American culture.

This dual system makes research easy until

you reach the 1850s. Prior to this time, women took one set of surnames, and men another. For example, Gabriel Gonzalez de la Mogadishu marries Maria Jimenez. They have a daughter, Maria, who later appears in records as Maria Jimenez de la Mota, Maria de la Mota, and Maria Gonzalez de la Mota. At no time does she appear as Maria Gonzalez Jimenez.

Based on this example, males were usually given both of the father's surnames without any regard for the surnames of the mother. Females, with few exceptions, were given their mother's first surname as their surname. Their second surname varied, but usually, it was the father's second surname. Females were usually known by one surname instead of two. This may cause one generation after another of related females with the same surname without ever finding any indication of the father's surname.

Compound names are another characteristic of  
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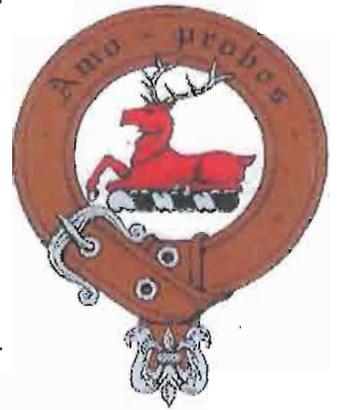


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**Spanish genealogy,**  
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Spanish culture. People sometimes merge their family names. This can be done for sev-

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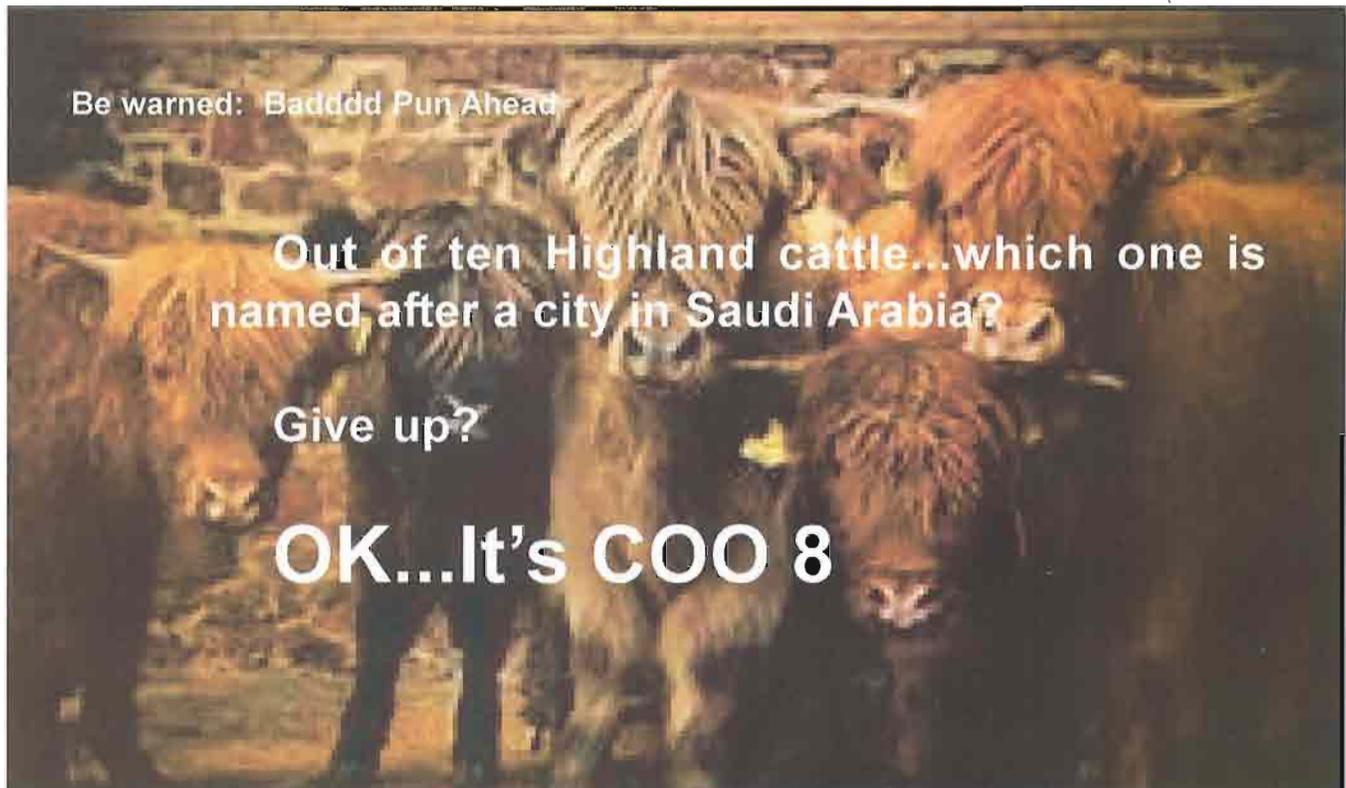
1. They don't want to lose the family name of the mother in the next generation
2. They belong or pretend to belong to the aristocracy.
3. They have family names that are very common (like López, Fernández, García, ...) and they want to distinguish themselves from the masses.

Some create Compound First Names. In many areas, especially throughout Latin America, people like to give their children several first (Christian) names, usually two or three, so that they are protected by the greatest number of Saints\*. Traditionally, one of the names

had to be the Saint of the Birthday, especially for females. One of the more popular examples of this for females is the name María. This is why most women use the other first name or a nickname.

Usually the second name is abstract because it specifies the name of some special family wish or memory such as Esperanza [hope], Concepción [conception], Dolores [pain], Encarnación [incarnation], e.g. names like, María de las Mercedes, María José, Carlos Alberto, Juan Carlos, etc. are very common. Another variation of this would be those that have Mixed First Names. In order to maximize the divine protection, some people have both a male and a female name. The first name will tell you the sex of the person. So if you meet someone that is called José María, don't call him María because he is male. The same way, if you know someone called María José, don't call her José. Usually only the names of María and José are borrowed from the opposite sex. In modern times, most people do not chose the names of their children because of this divine protection, they do so to honor an ancestor or for personal aesthetic reasons.

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## 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 Elliotts of known Scottish descent.

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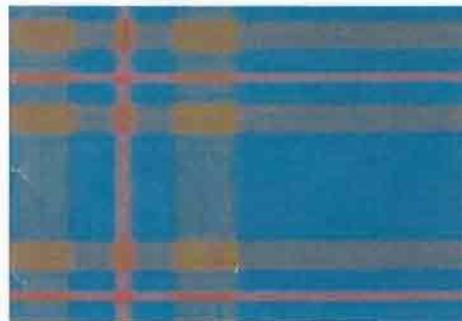
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# New appointments to the Clan Stewart Society of America board announced!

**Gerald Daniel** of Fayetteville, NC Regional High Commissioner of Region II and long standing active member of Clan Stewart Society of America, has accepted the appointment to the position of Vice President of the Society. We expect he will provide exceptional leadership and historical perspective to the business of the Society.

With the vacancy in Region V left by the departure of Mike Nichols of Russelville, AL, **Mike Walker** of Clinton, TN has accepted an appointment to the Regional High Commissioner Region V position.

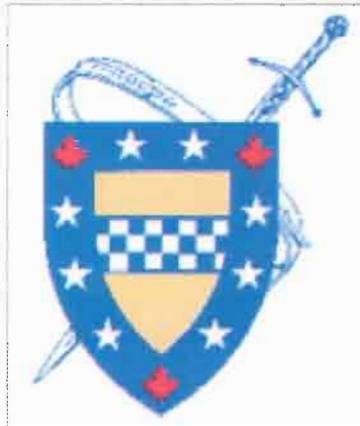
Mike Walker will have some big shoes to fill but he is equipped with the energy, knowledge, ideas and leadership skills to carry his region and CSSA into the future.

Lowell Johnson of Corinth, TX will be stepping down from the duties of Membership Database Man-

ager in January 2018 after long and faithful service in a position he inherited. The baton will be handed off, in a smooth transition, to **Terri Lynn Hagen** of Erie, PA as the Interim Membership Database Manager.

Since Dirk and Sue Leenders of Bradenton, FL are carrying four (4) positions of responsibility between them, an addition of an assistant in each of two of the duties has been agreed upon. **Star Walker** (wife of Mike Walker) has agreed to ease the burden of *Fesse Chequy* Editor by assisting Dirk in the quarterly publications and compliment the already ex-

ceptional newsletter (see Mike Walker above). **Paula Stewart** (wife of Duane Stewart) has also agreed to assist with the website as an editor to proofread, provide updates and review content while allowing Dirk to focus on the content input and design of the website.



## Clan Grant Official Representative,

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the 45<sup>th</sup> Stone Mountain Games in October 2017.

This event coincided with the appearance of the Grant pinsel, the banner which proclaims the Official Representative of the Chief is present.

Tom Freeman produced the new Grant pinsel.



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up living between the stone wall that marked the end of the sheep grazing territory.....a wall that still runs along the coast today.....and the windswept coast.



By the mid-1800s most of them had left Scotland completely, for Ireland, Nova Scotia in Canada, or the Carolinas in America. All that remains today is the wall.....and the ruins of the village cottages hiding in the golden gorse.

An interesting site to visit is the Clearance Village of Badbea. After the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745 was smashed by the English, much of the Highlands were placed under English overlords as a way of punishing and controlling the Highland Scots who had taken part in the uprising aimed at putting the deposed King James Stewart back on his rightful throne of both England and Scotland.

By the way, modern day Jacobites point out that using the true lineage of the deposed Stewart line, the rightful heir to the crown of the United Kingdom is not George, the young son of William and Kate...but rather Princess Sophie of Liechtenstein, a descendant of the Stewart kings.

But I digress,..... many of these overlords forced the Scottish crofters off of their farms so that the land could be used for huge sheep farms. These clearances in the wake of the rebellion forced inland farmers to the coasts where many tried to change to fishing for a living. Badbea was such a village in the early 1800s. They ended



*"Did not strong connections draw me elsewhere, I believe Scotland would be the country I would choose to end my days in." .....*Benjamin Franklin

*The End*

**Part III Ireland Dr. Pete Hylton, *Continued from our last issue***

As the community grew, additional rooms might be added stretching outward from the main structure. The remains of some of those rooms can be seen in the next photo.



There is a group here who refer to themselves as the Caithness Broch Project. They assist archeological exploration of ancient sites. In general, such sites are not reconstructed, merely excavated. (If it ain't broch, don't fix it ????)

They also have a long term goal of building a historically accurate complete broch as a tourist and educational center. Something more for me to get involved with.

I have mentioned the number of cairns, brochs and standing stones that you find around Caithness. I pass this broch every time I head south. It was built on a wee spit of land sticking out into the loch, so it would have been easy to defend.



Next are the Achavanich Standing Stones. These are unique, although no one has figured out

the reason. Rather than being erected in a circle, like most standing stone groups, they are in a horseshoe shape. Additionally, most stone rings are placed with the broad side of the stones facing the center of the formation, but this one has them with the thin edge facing the center.



The car behind the standing stones in the next photo is my new (used) car,...."Nissie." First Nissan I have owned since a racecar best forgotten back in the 1980's.



Caithness can be an enigma as regards time. The two photos below are an example. The first shows the Cnoc Freiceadain Cairns from perhaps 5000 years ago, with a field of wind turbines in the background. The next one shows a traditional Caithness stone wall, probably built 200 years ago, with the Dounreay nuclear power plant in the background.

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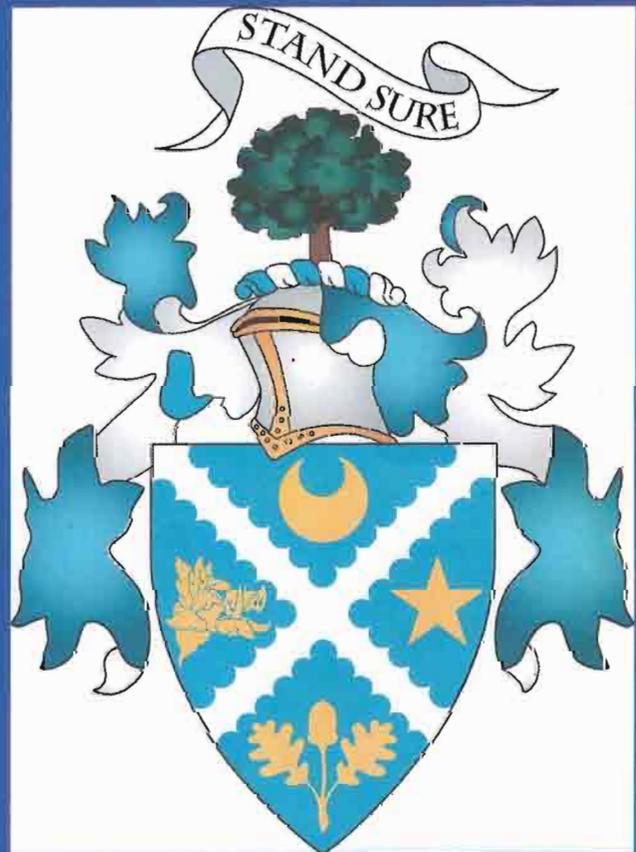
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# Whisky making returns to ‘spiritual home’ of Scottish whisky with Lindores Abbey Distillery opening

A new distillery has opened at the "spiritual home" of Scottish whisky, more than 500 years after its first dram was recorded. Lindores Abbey Distillery in Fife sits on the site of the earliest recorded place to produce a nip, and is now set to begin making the water of life once again.

The £7 million visitor centre and distillery was unveiled on Thursday – 523 years after the first written reference of production. Drew McKenzie Smith, custodian of Lindores Abbey, said: "Opening Lindores Abbey Distillery, at the spiritual home of Scotch whisky, is a special day for my family, colleagues, and the whisky community around the world.

"Twenty years ago, when I first read that the earliest written reference to Scotch whisky distillation in Scotland cited Friar John Cor of Lindores' commission by King James IV to turn eight bolls of malt into aqua vitae it changed my life and gave me the purpose and ambition to preserve Lindores Abbey for generations to come.

" In 1494, Friar John

Cor of Lindores Abbey paid duty on eight 'bolls' of malt to make 'aqua vitae', or alcohol, for King James IV. The old Scottish measure amounts to 350 litres.

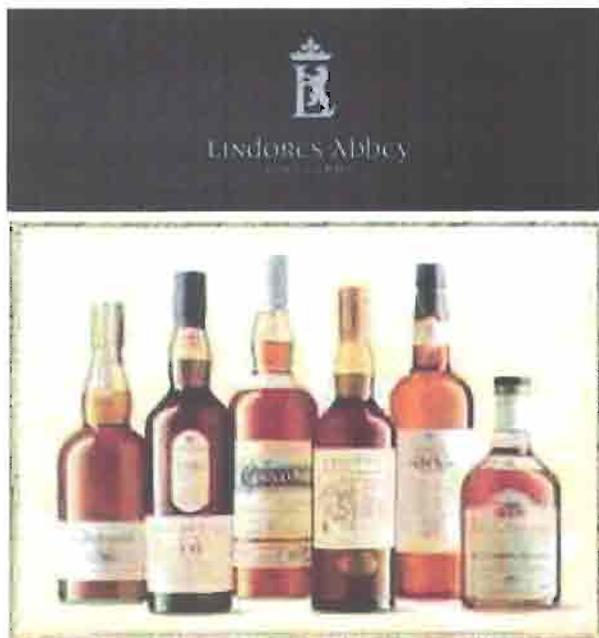
The new distillery will start work on its first spirit this month, using 100 per cent Fife barley and overseen by distillery manager Gary Haggart and whisky consultant Andy Cant.

Author Ian Rankin was among those at the launch.

Lindores is aiming to produce 150,000 litres of spirit a year, to be stored in Woodford Reserve and Old Forester bourbon barrels from Kentucky.

The abbey ruins – where William Wallace rested after the Battle of Black Earnside in 1298 and the burial site of the first Duke of Rothesay – will be open to the public as part of the new visitor centre experience.

Read more at: <http://foodanddrink.scotsman.com/drink/whisky-making-returns-to-spiritual-home-of-scottish-whisky-with-lindores-abbey-distillery-opening/>



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William Wallace visited Lindores Abbey in 1298



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The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email [membershipclankeith@mindspring.com](mailto:membershipclankeith@mindspring.com) 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 ever make. Hope to see you soon!



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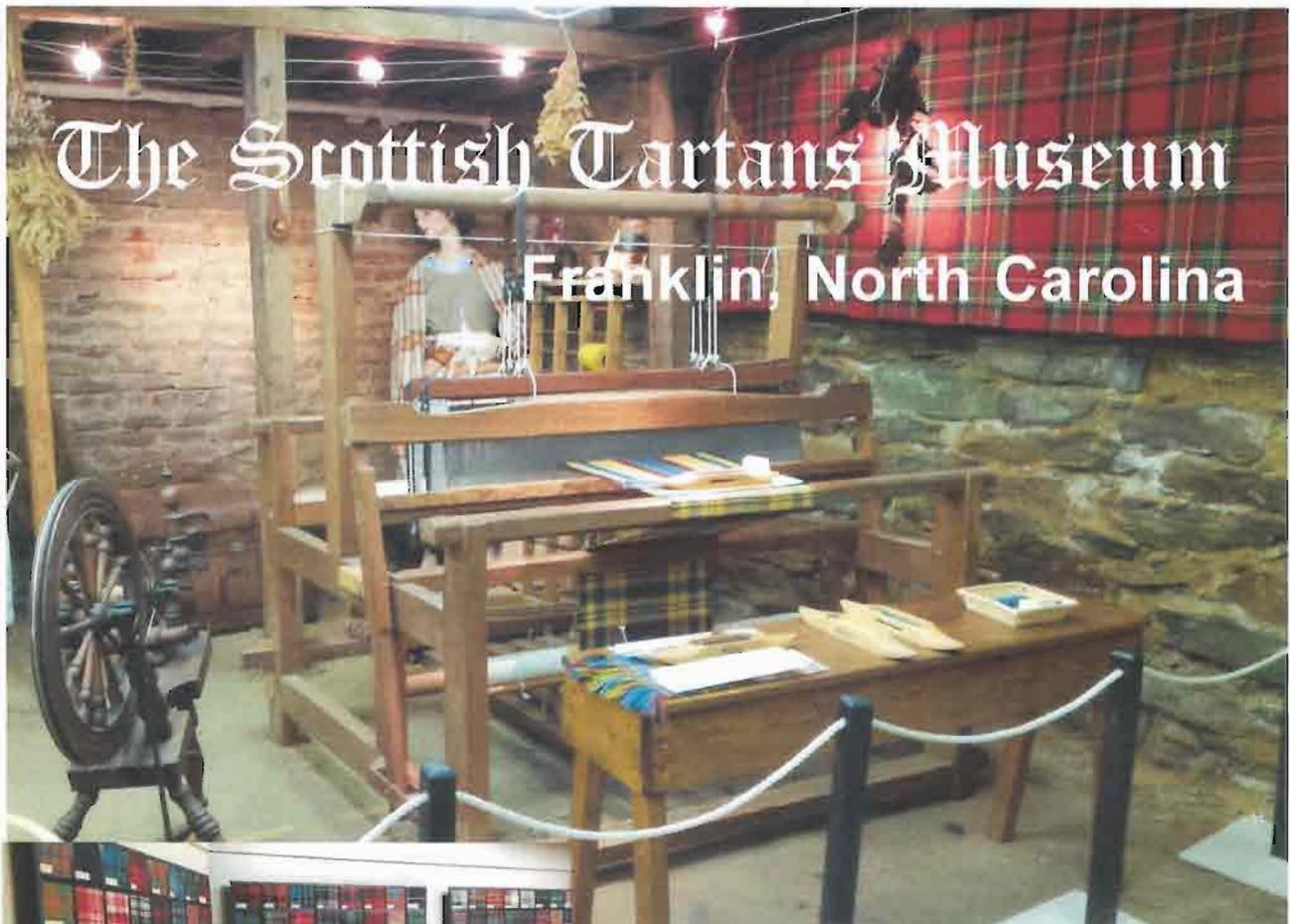
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