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“Pipes of Christmas” Concerts return for 15th joyous Season! Features World Premier

The Pipes of Christmas will celebrate its fifteenth season with performances in New York and New Jersey this December. The holiday favorite, produced by the Clan Currie Society, opens on Saturday, December 14 at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at 921 Madison Avenue (at 73rd Street) with performances at 2 and 7PM. The concert moves across the Hudson River on Sunday, December 15 to Central Presbyterian Church located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ for a 2PM performance.

For those weary of the ceaseless stream of secular holiday music from department stores to TV, the Pipes of Christmas offers a spiritual and traditional take on the season that connects concertgoers to the holiday in a fresh, meaningful way. The show features tunes such as *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, *Joy to the World*, and *Amazing Grace*, all performed live on various Celtic instruments. Not only does the performance define Christmas cheer, but also it invigorates those of Scottish descent to retrace and reconnect to their ancestry.

The concert presents the music of Christmas accompanied by readings taken from the Celtic literature of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Featured performers

include James Robinson from the film “Braveheart,” New England fiddle champion Paul Woodiel, “Riverdance” piper Christopher Layer, Gaelic Mod champion harpist Jennifer Port of Golspie, Scotland, and the Pipe Major Kevin Ray Blandford Memorial Pipe Band from Redlands, CA.



The concert will also feature the world premier of “Lullaby for a Prince,” specially commissioned to mark the birth of HRH Prince George of Cambridge. The piece is written by Scottish composer Steve Gibb of Inverness, Scotland. Honorary Chairman for the 2013

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Happy Halloween! Happy Halloween! Happy Halloween!

Clan Bell North America



This old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship.

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concerts is acclaimed Scottish writer Alexander McCall Smith author of the highly successful "No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" series

Proceeds from the concerts support a music scholarship program which includes annual gifts to the National Piping Centre and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (both located in Glasgow,) the Gaelic College of Nova Scotia and Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas. The Clan Currie Society is also the Title Sponsor of the US National Scottish Harp Championship.

Commenting on the Society's music scholarship program, stage and screen star Alan Cumming said, "I am delighted that proceeds from the Pipes of Christmas will result in these important gifts which ensure that the future of Scottish culture is safer with these generous scholarships."

An experience that has become a tradition for many can be a special event for anyone. As cool weather arrives, tune into the holiday spirit and prepare to be dazzled by the Pipes of Christmas.

Named one of New York City's "Top Ten" holiday events, the 2012 concerts are made possible by a generous gift from Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland and the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, NJ.
Tickets Available Now

General admission tickets start at \$50 and are available via mail order. A downloadable ticket order form can be found on the concert's website at www.pipesofchristmas.com. Tickets for the NY concert may also be purchased online at www.smarttix.com or by phone at (212) 868-4444. Reserved patron seats are available at both venues.

About "The Pipes of Christmas"

Since making its debut in 1999, The Pipes of Christmas has played to standing room only audiences. Now a cherished holiday event, the concert provides audiences with a stirring and reverent celebration of the Christmas season and the Celtic spirit. Audience-goers return year after year to experience the program, many reporting that the Pipes of Christmas has become part of their family's annual Christmas tradition.

The concert has been lavished with critical acclaim. In his review for Classical New Jersey Magazine, Paul Somers wrote, "The whole evening was constructed to introduce gem after gem and still have a finale which raised the roof. In short, it was like a well constructed fireworks show on the Glorious Fourth. The Westfield (NJ) Leader described the concert as "a unique sound of power and glory nowhere else to be found."

About the Clan Currie Society

The Clan Currie Society, based in Summit, NJ and Edinburgh, Scotland is an international, non-profit cultural and educational organization. It is the preeminent Scottish-American cultural society in preserving and promoting Highland heritage at Scottish Games, ethnic festivals, as well as community groups and classrooms. The Society has over 2,000 members worldwide that gather via the Society's website and at special events and clan gatherings.

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Tom Hodges writes about Gettysburg with Hugh Judson Kilpatrick, Andrew Cowan & William Kilpatrick



A calvary general rode with Sherman's army as it passed through Atlanta, Georgia. The general's name was Hugh Judson Kilpatrick (1836-1881). General Kilpatrick's actions around Atlanta have already been documated by Clan Colquhoun. The most complete version can be found at <http://www.clancolquhoun.blogspot.com/> under the label "Hugh Judson Kilpatrick."

Judson Kilpatrick was aggressive to the point of being reckless with the men he commanded. This recklessness earned him the nickname "Kil Cavalry" or "Lil' Kil," a comment on his stature.

General Kilpatrick was careless with his preparations for battle. He wouldn't wait for support to be set up before charging into battle.

Kilpatrick always wanted to be ahead of the similarly ranked officers in a battle to gain favor. He always dreamed of the glory he would bask in after he won the battle for everyone else.

Sometimes he was successful, but mostly he ended up wasting his men and horses needlessly.

The Gettysburg battle was a large three day event that some historians say changed the course of the war. Promoted to General by this time, Judson Kilpatrick made the same tactical mistakes he had made so many

times before. The attack he ordered on the third day at Gettysburg become one Kilpatrick's most controversial decisions.

This decision culminated in the death of General Elon Farnsworth and sixty-six other members of the 5th New York Calvary.

The one monument at Gettysburg that depicts Kilpatrick's Gettysburg experience is far off the battlefield in the northeastern woods behind Big Round Top. It is an area not traversed by most visitors to the battlefield.

Earlier that same third day of the Gettysburg battle, a 21 year-old artillery captain was right in front of charging rebels from Pickett's, Trimble's and Pettigrew's Division (known today as "Pickett's Charge").

Andrew Cowan was born in Ayrshire, Scotland.

By the third day of Gettysburg, he was Captain of the First New York Battery.

Captain Cowan's cannons ended up just to the left of the famous "copse of trees" General Lee had told his men to guide on as they charged across the battlefield.


However, this was not Cowan's original position. His battery was brought up to reinforce the front wall after another battery was badly damaged during the Confederate's bombardment before the "charge."

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MONUMENT TO GEN. KILPATRICK

Will Be Unveiled in West Point Cemetery on Wednesday.

Special to The New York Times.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Oct. 12.—A monument to Gen. Hugh Judson Kilpatrick, of civil war fame, who died in Chile while Minister there, will be unveiled on Wednesday in the cemetery at West Point, where he was buried. His grave was unmarked, and the monument is the result of a fund started by the Rev. E. A. Hamilton of the First Mounted Rifles and David G. Montross of Peekskill, a member of the Harris Light Cavalry, officially the Second New York Volunteer Cavalry. On Wednesday the annual reunion of the survivors of the Harris Light Cavalry will be held, and the association will take part in the unveiling ceremonies at West Point.

At West Point there will be a parade, of which Col. S. A. Mills, Superintendent of the Military Academy, will be grand marshal.

The monument is a plain stone weighing fifteen tons and about ten feet in height. The only inscriptions are the word "Kilpatrick" on the base and on the face of the die the words "Erected by his comrades and friends." On the obverse of the die is a bronze medallion with Kilpatrick mounted on a horse. George L. Hughson of Peekskill was the designer and builder.



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Men’s from Pickett’s Division got within 10 yards of Cowan’s position. Captain Cowan survived the war and wrote an article of his experience at Gettysburg for the National Tribune in 1908.

“....and five of the company, mounted, with grooms and body servants in a forage wagon, in their new and unstained gray made a tour of the State with the flag, the company’s colors, the segments of silk cut and fitted, but not sewn, from house to house until the sweet-hearts of each man in the company had taken a few stitches in it...”

From *Absalom, Absalom!* by William Faulkner

When the Civil War began in 1861, William Hobson Kilpatrick was a 41 year old lawyer in Corinth, Mississippi. In a letter supplied to us by historian Wiley Sword, the division between people in town over secession is clearly conveyed.

Lawyer Kilpatrick and another lawyer were “bound” over “...in the sum of \$500 each to keep the peace” after one of the many fights broke out over whether Mississippi should leave the Union.

William Hobson Kilpatrick was born in 1820 in Maury County, Tennessee. His parents had been from North Carolina. William married Jane Edmonson and together they built Oak Home which is on a historic tour in Corinth, MS: <http://www.city-data.com/pictures/picv22986.php>.

The men in the Corinth Rifles enlisted for one year. They spent most of that year in the Pensacola, Florida area. The Corinth Rifles were billeted at Fort Barrancas just across the sound from Fort Pickens on Pensacola Beach held by the Union army. After their enlistment was up, many men of the Corinth Rifles reenlisted in the 9th MS.

William Kilpatrick took another command before his enlistment was up. William was promoted to Major and took command of the 5th Battalion of the Army of Mobile (Alabama). Mobile, New Orleans, and other Gulf coast towns became prime targets of the Federal Army and Navy. The rivers flowing up into the southern states from these towns were used to launch attacks on the Confederate Army. On May 9, 1862 William was ordered to destroy everything the enemy could use before Mobile could be captured.

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William Kilpatrick’s first wife, Jane Edmondson, died during the war. He remarried Maggie Hay, but never moved back into Oak Home.

William became a county judge and served as Corinth’s mayor in the 1880s.



The Battle of Atlanta



Dull, Boring....and now, Bland!

You might have already heard about the twinning of the Scottish Village of Dull with the Oregon town of Boring which is a truly dull and boring combination..

It does get worse as the Australian shire of Bland would like to be a part of all this.

Local officials in Bland are hoping the move will raise the place’s profile.

Your editor has actually been to Boring, Oregon. My friend, Carol, and I didn’t mean to go to Boring, but somehow we arrived there. I saw a sign telling us that we were now at the high school...and said, “Carol, look. The school here is BORING.”

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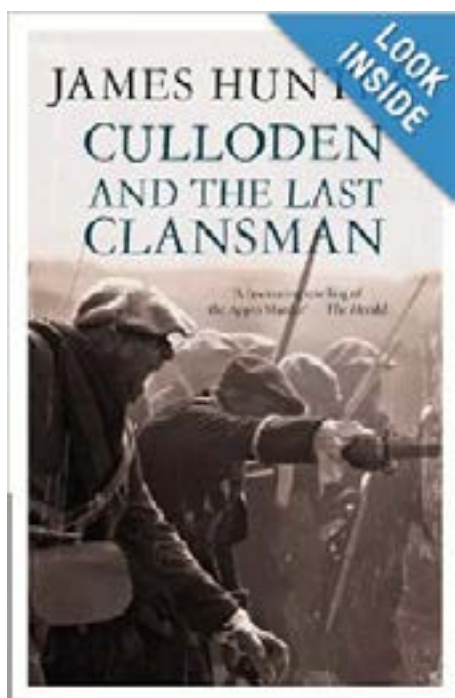


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Culloden and the last Clansman



If you read *A Dance Called America* by James Hunter, you will not want to miss his latest book, *Culloden and the Last Clansman*. If you missed the first dance, do yourself a favor and not miss this one. A wonderful tune it is!

James Hunter writes about the murder of Colin Campbell, a government agent and staunch Hanoverian. We are led to believe the accused murderer may be James Stewart, a supporter of Bonnie Prince Charlie and a staunch Jacobite. The author has lived his entire life in the same community where the murder took place 250 years ago. In this book, Hunter rivals Sir Walter Scott, the greatest writer of his time and father of the historical novel. The tale that the author weaves in this case with his use of historical facts is nothing short of brilliant. You cannot compare Hunter to Robert Burns because he does not write poetry and Burns did not write stories like Hunter. Scott did both, and although Scott has not been in vogue for many years, there are signs that is he "starting to come back into fashion again after long neglect," according to Stewart Lamont in his book, *When Scotland Ruled the World*.

Now, back to the story. This murder shook all of Great Britain, from the man in the street to the man on the throne, George II. Someone had to pay for the murder of Colin Campbell. The most likely suspect, Alan Breck Stewart, had quietly slipped out of the country,

leaving James Stewart guilty by association. The Duke of Cumberland (yes, the "Butcher" himself) thought the Scottish authorities were treating this matter too lightly.

Thus, both the policies and loyalties of the Scottish authorities were called into question, and the King's younger son, the British hero of the '45 (he of the flower named after him, "Sweet William" in England but forever known as "Stinking Willie" in Scotland) "thought it prudent to ensure that James Stewart was hanged."

Scotland's Lord Justice General and Lord Advocate both tried the case, one as judge and the other as prosecutor. History records that the former was a Campbell and the latter was a Grant. Both were on the hot seat almost as much as the man fighting for his life. Even though a panel of three judges was used, no one wanted London to feel anything but their loyalty and obedience. To make sure the verdict was a "guilty" one (a verdict authorities wanted and had to have to maintain good relations with the Hanoverian government), a jury of fifteen men was selected, eleven of them Campbells. How about them numbers! A better jury could not have been found, bribed or paid for on behalf of the Scottish authorities.

The trial began at five o'clock in the morning and did not break until fifty hours later. Why so long? During those days, Scottish criminal courts required evidence

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I just love it when I can figure out something useful either in taking care of home or figuring out ways so that caring for critters is made easier.

Here are a few of my favorites:

It seems that dusting is neverending.

Well, this is just a logical remedy to keep everything in every nook and crannie clean as a whistle.

First, you catch one of your cats - your fluffiest one. Then, you spray the kitty with End Dust and return kitty to the house where the cat will run and play everywhere.

After a few hours, you take the sweet kitty outside and shake he or she over the porch railing.

Accumulated dust will fly off of kitty.

Voila! No dust in the house.

Better let you know that this is still in the planning stages. So far, the cats have not agreed to any part of this. In fact, I think they have been on the phone with their kitty lawyer and they are plotting very bad things for us if we even mention it again. Shhhh!

OK. Here's one that does work.

Dora is a black cat who came to us because we were trying to save cats of a friend of ours. Our friend was moving and could not take her cats. Her neighbor said she would take them to a "no kill" shelter.

Later in the day, the neighbor mentioned she had taken the cats to the county shelter. "But, that is a KILL shelter!" hollered our friend.

She called us.

I called the shelter and asked about the cats. The girl finally said she thought the old, black and spayed cat who was declawed might still be there.

We left immediately.

Tom went in the shelter and came out with our little cat carry case filled with black fur.

I held the case on my lap and put my hand inside and petted the kitty and was so happy we had managed to save at least one of the friend's cats.

We had to go to work that evening, so, we just took the new kitty by the house...and left for work.

The next day, I was working at my computer and the new black cat hopped up and took a nap inches from the keyboard. I worked a long time, but was amazed when the kitty awakened and stretttttccchhh-heeeedddd way out.

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"She is old and she is declawed?" I thought.

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Smelly? Really? Everyone smelly?

It is not often that an Italian opera kicks up a nationalist furore in Scotland. It is such a case concerning a recent production of Rossini's *La Donna del Lago* or *The Lady of the Lake* at the Royal National Opera House in London.

The problem was director John Fulljames' depiction of Highlanders as hairy, backward and barbaric, driving some otherwise sober academics to vulgarity of their own in criticizing the production.

The opera is based on Walter Scott's *The Lady of the Lake*, but would Scott have approved of such a demeaning depiction of Scottish Highlanders?

No, say the critics.

Fulljames defended his interpretation, based on recent cinematic depictions of Highlanders in *Braveheart* and *Highlander*.

"If you look at those films, the Highlanders are hairy. You do imagine they would be smelly," said Fulljames. He continued, "Everybody was smelly in the 18th century."

Many thanks to The Newsletter of the Celtic League, *Six Nations, One Soul*.

Who was Robert Todd Lincoln?



Robert Todd Lincoln was the only child of Abe and Mary Lincoln to survive into adulthood - with his three brothers having died from illnesses at young ages. Believe it or not, Robert lived until 1926, dying at the age of 83. But along the way, he lived a remarkable life.

For starters, he begged his father for a commission to serve in the Civil War, with President Lincoln refusing, saying the loss of two sons (to that point) made risking the loss of a third out of the question. But Robert insisted, saying that if his father didn't help him, he would join on his own and fight with the front line troops; a threat that drove Abe to give in.

But you know how clever Abe was. He gave Robert what he wanted, but wired General Grant to assign "Captain Lincoln" to his staff, and to keep him well away from danger. The assignment did, however, result in Robert being present at Appomattox Court House, during the historic moment of Lee's surrender.

Then, the following week, while Robert was at the White House, he was awakened at midnight to be told of his father being shot, and was present at The Peterson House when his father died.

Robert's three brothers - Eddie, Willie, and Tad, all of whom died.

Little Eddie died at age 4 in 1850 - probably from thyroid cancer.

Willie was the most beloved of all the boys. He died in the White House at age 11 in 1862, from what was most likely Typhoid Fever.

Abe grieved the hardest over Willie's death. It took him four days to pull himself together enough to func-

tion as President again. Lincoln had a temporary tomb built for Willie, until they could return home with his body to Springfield, and he often spent long periods of time at the tomb.

I guess Tad was a real hellion. None of his tutors could control him, which is why he grew up unable to competently read or write. He was a momma's boy; he had a lisp, and was probably mildly retarded.

He died at age 18 in 1871, most likely from the same thyroid cancer Eddie had died from, suggesting a genetic flaw.

But, back to Robert following his father's assassination, he moved to Chicago with his mentally ill mother, and brother Tad, who was 12 at the time. Robert finished law school and practiced the craft for a time, while constantly struggling to keep his mother in check.

As she had done as First Lady, Mary went on shopping binges that far exceeded common sense, driving what was left of the family fortune into bankruptcy, and leading to violent disputes between Robert and her.

Robert also had torrid battles with Mary to keep her from destroying Lincoln's private papers, not just for their financial worth, but for their historic value also, with Mary forever trying to tear them apart and burn them in fireplaces.

In fact, her irrational behavior (she was probably schizophrenic) grew so destructive that Robert had to

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The cat then leapt down from the computer table and "flew" through the house... banking off the sides of walls, leaping ceiling high...and having herself a wonderful time.

"Tom, I think we have been hoodwinked."

"Huh?" sez Tom.

"That old, declawed, spayed cat we got yesterday is an imposter," I said.

Tom said, "Well, is she black?"

"They did get that right," sez I.

We had to take her for spaying where the vet said she was a very young cat. (Oh, her name is the same as the late departed cat of our friend, Dora.)

She still has her claws but, is now spayed...she still loves to run through the house banking off of walls. She could win an Olympic medal if black cats were allowed to enter.

Anytime I need to go upstairs or go in the mechanical room - both places the cats are not allowed to go - Miss Dora has always been able to get a little head of steam up...and look like a cartoon "whoosh" as she goes between my feet and into somewhere, anywhere she wishes to go.

This has been a serious problem as going upstairs makes her want to slide outside....and going into the mechanical room downstairs allows her to leap up at least 10 feet and get into the inner walls of the house. The first time she did this I almost fainted I was so afraid I'd have to take an axe to the walls somewhere to rescue her from that dark and scary place.

She is so agile that she can make that huge leap up and disappear into the walls...which makes great entertainment for the others in our feline family...they all look as if they are at a tennis match following where Dora is in the wall. Their heads just swivel and turn in the same ways all together. I think they applaud her performance when she decides to come back and get out of the inner house walls.

I have solved all of the Dora problems of trying to go where she wishes to go and where it is not safe for her to be.

It cost 50 cents at the Dollar General store. They had THREE water pistols in a sack for only half a dollar.

Boyl They work on Dora Lou. All I have to do

now is hold my hand like a gun and say, "Whoosh."

Dora has escaped outside via our back door a couple of times.

Outside at our house is very dangerous for a cat. We have wild hogs, bear, deer... and many local dogs running free...not to mention Brown Recluse Spiders, ticks, fleas, Copperheads and rattlesnakes and, oh my, scorpions.

There is a pack of loose dogs at the house next to us through maybe 250 yards of woods.

Dora got out. I tried to think fast...so, I began barking as loudly and gruffly as I could. This got the real dogs at the next house going....I think they have four big Golden Retrievers.

"ARF! Woof! BowWow!" they all hollered.

Dora looked over her shoulder where the dogs were barking and she could hear them coming closer. She made a very fast beeline for the back door and safety from the DOGS!

Now, there is a loaded (water) pistol at the back door too.

And, pistols at the mechanical room and at the door opening upstairs.

All I load the guns with is plain water.

It does work.

My ideas are fine should anyone wish to use them.

Let me know if your cats will cooperate with the End Dust plan! I think it is a fine ideal

I will be glad to teach you my dog barking skill too.

Should you ever have a cat who has fallen into your walls, I can show you how to take a hatchet and make a roomy hole in the wall for the cat to escape.

Yes, not here, but in another house.

But, that is a story for another day.

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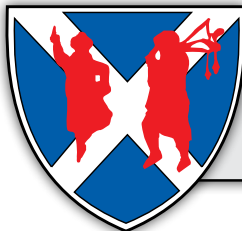
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to be heard in a single sitting, and sixty witnesses, a mockery if there ever was one, were heard during that time. No wonder it took three judges! Adding to the government's case was the fact that a recently fired gun that belonged to James had been dug up along with some broadswords. James helped set the noose around his own neck with his loose whisky talk and threats about and toward Colin Campbell. Some testified that James had planned the ambush of Colin Campbell that was carried out by Alan Breck, and James did not refute that testimony. The handwriting was on the wall, and it was as if James was reconciled to meeting his fate. The only question left for us to ask since it was proven that James sent Alan money after the assassination, is why it took five hours of deliberation to come up with the "guilty as charged" verdict.

He was sentenced to hang...in chains. Months later, while on the scaffold, he said, "I die a worthy member of the Episcopal Church of Scotland...may the same God pardon and forgive all that ever did or wished me evil, as I do from my heart forgive them...Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." As he climbed the steps to meet his executioner, it is said he quoted verses from Psalm 35 ending with "Lord, rescue my soul from their destructions."

Cnap a' Chaolais, the location where Stewart was hanged, was well traveled by Highlanders and chosen by the government to send a message of intimidation to all who passed by. The Hanoverians wanted all to see the "gruesome spectacle of James Stewart's chained-up and slowly rotting corpse." A detachment of officers, including seventeen soldiers, watched over his body day and night. More than two years after the hanging, portions of his still remaining skeleton fell to the ground.

Edinburgh immediately smelled a conspiracy by Highlanders and launched an investigation, only to find that a winter gale had caused the bones to fall. In an effort to keep James hanging around a little longer, soldiers from Fort William came to put the bones back on the gibbet since local people would have no part of such a gruesome chore. Even the soldiers had to be induced by whisky to replace Stewart's bones on the gibbet!

More years passed and down came James again, a bone at a time. This time, however, a Culloden veteran, John Stewart, gathered up each one. This Stewart eventually pieced together enough of the skeletal remains of James to arrange for a burial inside the crumbling walls of the auld Keil church at Duror. I believe James Hunter proves his point "that, when they hanged James Stewart on the afternoon of Wednesday, 8 November 1752, the Hanoverian authorities also hanged the last clansman" since by this time the Clan system (as a lot of us want to believe was still possible) was no more. All that was left of the old Clan system was memories. Or, should I say, the romance of the old Clan system is all that was left, then and today.

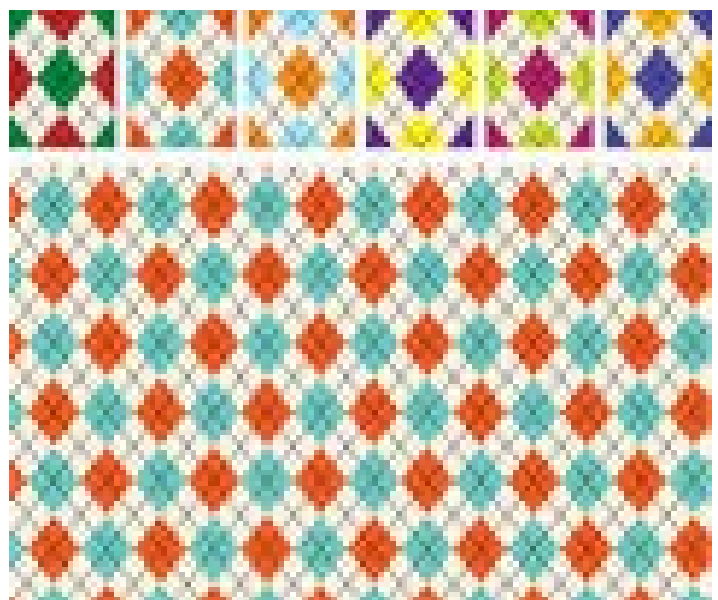
Hunter's style of writing makes you want to stay up all night to finish the book. His reputation is such that you want him to hurry and get his next book to the marketplace. If I was to score this book like I did my students at Roseboro High School in North Carolina too many years ago to tell, James Hunter would get an A+. I think Sir Walter Scott might give him the same!

This book is available today at amazon.com All you have to do is type in the authors name and the book title.

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Mark your calendars now for October 19-20. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow clansmen.

Details about the 2014 AGM to be held in Scotland will be presented.

There are a limited number of hotel rooms in Richmond with a special priced being reserved for Clan Turnbull. Reserve your rooms now.

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The AGM banquet will be at 6:00 PM on October 19 at Olive Garden at 4467 S. Laburnum Avenue. Both hotels provide shuttle service to and from the airport and to the banquet.

Hilton Garden Airport is 804-222-3338 at \$99 per night. There is a restaurant on their site.

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have her put away, with his signature signing her into a psychiatric hospital, where she stayed locked up for three months.

Mary never forgave him for it and they remained estranged from then on - until Mary died at age 63 in 1882.

Worth noting, as a deceased President's wife, Mary had petitioned Congress for a pension, and she got one! She received \$3,000 a year, a sizable sum back then.

Of profound interest, as an adult Robert wrote there was a lot of distance between his father and he - caused mainly by Abe's being absent so much of the time during Robert's formative years. Abe was forever gone on state wide judicial circuits, or campaigning for office - or serving in the state legislature.

Robert writes that his most vivid memories of his father were seeing him pack his saddle bags to be off again. Nonetheless, Robert respected his father - and he wept obsessively the night he was killed.

In 1868, Robert married a senator's daughter and they had three children -- two girls and a boy, Abraham Lincoln's only grandchildren. Their son, whom they named Abraham Lincoln II (but whom they called "Jack") would die in 1890 from an infection arising from having a boil pierced under his arm.

He was 15 at the time.

The two daughters, however, lived fairly long lives -- one living until 1938 to die at age 69, and the other until 1948, dying at age 72.

The last direct descendent of Abraham Lincoln would be the child of one of Robert's daughters - Abe Lincoln's great grandson - named Bud Beckwith, who died married, but childless, in 1985.

In his own right, Robert made quite a life for himself. He got into politics and was highly regarded in those circles. In fact - he served as Secretary of War under President Garfield - and, incredibly, was with him when Garfield was shot at the Washington train station! And then, some years later, Robert would also be present when President McKinley was gunned down in Buffalo!

In later years, Robert would grow a beard. He would serve in other political appointments and ambassadorships, and later became president of the Pullman train car company, a booming enterprise back then, and a position he would hold for the rest of his life.

Worth noting, Robert was an avid amateur astronomer,

and even had an observatory built into his Vermont home (which is better described as a mansion), but the telescope was so well built and powerful that it's still used today by a local astronomy club!

A footnote: Abe Lincoln once said he doubted Robert would do very well in life. Beyond the fact that Robert was able to live in a mansion, he was several times offered the chance to run as President or Vice-President, with his every time refusing the offer. So, Old Abe's assessment of his son was way off the mark, wasn't it?

Of course, who knows how much being Abe's son influenced Robert's success in life?

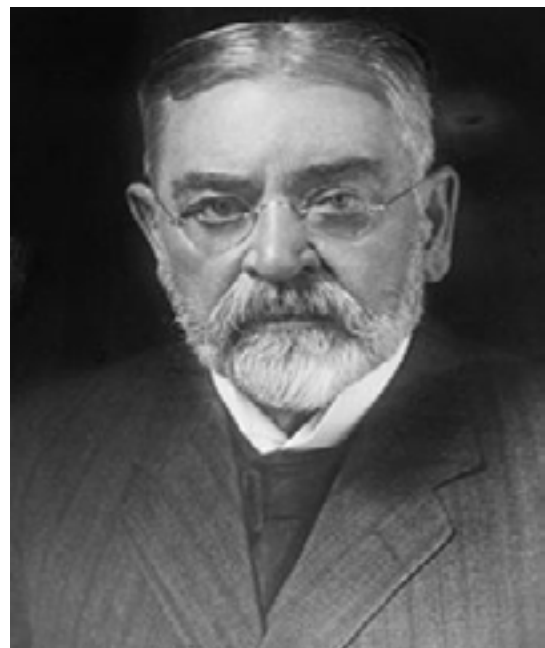
Anyhow and now for the most incredible thing there is to know about Robert Lincoln's story.

In his 20s, Robert was standing on a train platform in Jersey City, buried among a crowd of passengers attempting to buy sleeping berths from a haggard conductor, when the train suddenly moved. Robert was standing so close to the train that it spun him around and sent him dropping into the space between the train and the platform -- a perilously tight place to be against a moving train threatening to crush him!

Suddenly - a hand grabbed Robert by the neck of his coat and pulled him up onto the platform, a quick action by a solidly strong man who saved Robert's life.

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dynasty. The MacMhuirichs served for over 700 years as professional poets to the Lords of the Isles and later to the MacDonalds of Clanranald among other prominent Highland clans and families. The Red Book of Clanranald, one of Gaelic Scotland's literary treasures, was penned by successive generations of the MacMhuirich family.

Today, the Society is a respected producer of programs and events to honor Scotland's rich culture and heritage. The Society's signature events include The Pipes of Christmas, the annual observance of Tartan Day on Ellis Island – the largest attended Tartan Day event in the world, and the annual MacMhuirich Academic Symposium. To commemorate the 10th annual observance of Tartan Day on Ellis Island, the Society commissioned and launched the Ellis Island Tartan in April 2011. The tartan is designed primarily for all Americans whose ancestors came to the United States through Ellis Island. The Society's growing scholarship program provides financial support for students wishing to further their studies in music, poetry, and Gaelic history.

In honor of the clan's bardic heritage, the Clan Currie Society is also the Title Sponsor for the Scottish Harp Society of America's National Championship. The harp or clarsach was the instrument of the bard. The Society also produces the Harp Glen – a festival of the Scottish harp at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, CA – and participates in over a half dozen Scottish Highland Games in the US, Canada and Scotland.

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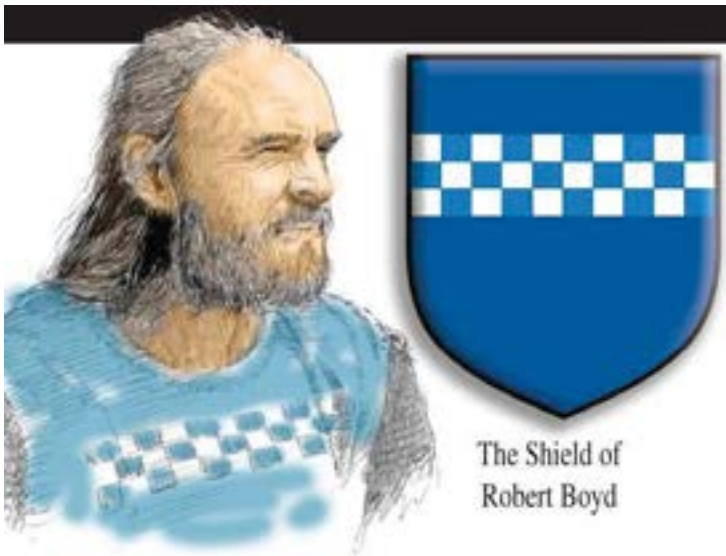


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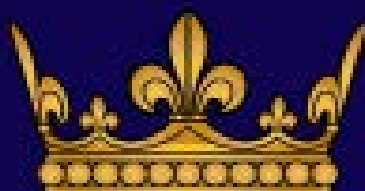
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