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Fight looms over road plan for Battle of Killiecrankie site

Greg Russell



ANOTHER fight is looming over the site of the Battle of Killiecrankie on July 27, 1689 – the first and bloodiest clash of the Jacobite wars which left more than 2000 soldiers dead.

The Soldiers of Killiecrankie, a local group that marks the battle through re-enactments on its annual anniversary and works with battlefield owner Urrard Estate to promote responsible access through guided walks and a marked path, has called for improvement work on the A9 to be rerouted to avoid the “destruction” of one of its most important parts.

Their call came after a Scottish Government-appointed Reporter walked through the battlefield, after which Transport Scotland marked out the ground that will be destroyed.

Using the agency’s own markers, the Soldiers of Killiecrankie have created a video, which can



The Soldiers of Killiecrankie re-enact the pivotal 1689 battle between Jacobite clansmen and Scottish Government troops

be seen on YouTube, showing what they call the “full extent of the destruction”.

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Widow's Dower Interest, what is it?

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Dower rights were a protection to a wife so she would not be left out of her husband's wealth after his death. Upon the death of a husband, a widow was entitled to one-third of her husband's estate, thus her dower rights (as a wife) became her dower share (as a widow), often referred to as the widow's third.

Dower was a widow's right to a lifetime interest in one-third of all land owned by her husband, unless she chose, in place of dower, to accept other property left to her under her husband's will. Generally, dower applied to each parcel of land in which the husband held an inheritable interest at any time during the marriage. In the United States, dower is found in the eastern and Midwestern states where law was derived from the common law of England.

Researchers must determine the legal implications in effect at the time of the dower to form a hypothesis or a conclusion from the presence or absence of a wife or mother's mention in a deed, will, or intestate land distribution. If you locate a deed from a married man which his wife had not joined in making, does it mean that she had already died? In most American colonies and their successor states, a surviving wife who had not joined in the deed could sue the purchaser after her husband's death to recover her dower interest.

To avoid such issues, some cautious purchasers insisted that the wife join in the deed, so the absence of her signature strongly suggests her earlier death. However, you'll find many differences from one state to another. In some states such as Connecticut, until 1723, even the wife's own land that she brought to the marriage became her husband's absolutely, to sell or mortgage as he saw fit; therefore, the absence of her signature on a deed would have no genealogical significance.

Similarly, a deed from a son selling land he inherited from his father, which mentions that the land is subject to his mother's dower right, is proof that she was living at the time of the deed. But if she is not mentioned again, the genealogical significance depends on the time and place. The omission may mean only that what was left her by will was worth more and that she relinquished her dower rights. But if her husband died without a will and there is no record that she surrendered her dower rights to the son, then it's more likely she had died by the time the deed was created.

Until the enactment of married woman emancipation acts in



the middle to late nineteenth century, married women were subject to the legal concept of coverture. This doctrine placed a woman under the legal umbrella of her husband.

Only the husband could act for her in any legal proceeding, including selling her own land.

For most married couples, only the wife's dower rights mitigated the harshness of coverture.

For a more detailed discussion of this subject, please see the following links:

American Ancestors – Rhoda McClure – Dowry vs Dower Rights <<https://vitabrevis.americanancestors.org/2015/03/dowry-versus-dower-right/>>

Family Search Wiki – US – Official State Codes (Includes discussion of dower rights)

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A very real “Sword in Stone”

 **Atlas Obscura**

THE SWORD KING ARTHUR PULLED from the stone in legend was likely just that—legendary. This sword, with a story equally as unbelievable, actually exists in Tuscany’s Montesiepi Chapel.

Galgano Guidotti was born in 1148 near Chiusdino. After spending his youth as a wealthy knight, in 1180 Giudotti decided to follow the words of Jesus and retired as a hermit near his hometown.

He began to experience visions of the Archangel Michael, leading him to God and the twelve apostles on the hill of Monte Siepi.

In one vision, Michael told Giudotti to renounce all of his earthly possessions. He responded that this would be as difficult as splitting a stone, and to prove his point, thrust his sword into a rock.

To his surprise, the sword went through the impenetrable surface as though it was water. Shortly after, an errant horse led Giudotti to the very hilltop that had appeared in his visions, where he was moved to plant a cross.

Not having any wood handy, he plunged his sword into a rock, just as he had in the vision, where it was embedded for all time. One year later Giudotti died, and in 1185 Pope Lucius the 3rd declared him a saint, and the Montesiepi Chapel was built up around it.

Allegedly countless people have tried to steal



the sword.

On display at the chapel are the mummified hands of a thief who tried to remove the sword and was suddenly slaughtered by wild wolves.

Why only the hands survived is unexplained, but they serve as a warning to would-be sword snatchers. These days the sword is protected by a Perspex shield as well as the disembodied hands.

While the sword was considered a fake for years, recent studies examined the sword and the hands, and the dating results, as well as metal and style of the sword, all are consistent with the late 1100s—early 1200s. While it’s impossible to verify the sword’s legendary history, it does match up with Saint Galgano Giudotti’s timeline.

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[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Official_State_Court_Codes_\(National_Institute\)](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Official_State_Court_Codes_(National_Institute))

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Remembering Valerie Cairney

With many thanks and much appreciation to **Sean Cairney**

It is with great sadness that I am writing some of the hardest lines of my life, as I slowly come to terms with the fact that the founder and four decade publisher and editor of the *Scottish Banner*, my mother, Valerie Cairney has sadly and unexpectedly passed away.

Valerie's footprint: I know many readers have enjoyed her content over many years or met her at numerous Scottish events around the world.

Though the *Scottish Banner* has morphed and changed over time in what we offer, our look and our writers, Valerie's footprint is across each and every page still today.

Valerie's love for this publication and its readers and supporters was infinite. When she, along with my father Jim, came up with the idea of a Scottish publication back in the 1970s it really was a way for her to take on a job that suited her demands of being a mother to three children, and in many ways the *Banner* became her fourth offspring.

My mother would often say she would never have had the life she did if it was not for the *Scottish Banner* and she loved every minute of it.

She met so many people through her career from celebrities to royalty, but it really was the readers she loved to meet and hear from most.

For my mother, the relationship with the readers was so special and it was very much a two-way street, she loved them and so many loved her.

Our readership became extended family to her and she got to know so many incredible people and I have no doubt had she not been so busy with running the *Banner* she would have had a very busy

life keeping up with all the special people she met along the way. People's positive feedback about our content made all those long hard hours of work so worth it to her.

Valerie especially loved attending Highland Games across the world and connecting with people and enjoying the spectacle of Scottish culture.

The Son: I cannot even begin to tell you how many people whether it has been in person, on the phone or by email have simply asked me "Are you the son?" I am of course so very proud to be one of her boys and it just happens to be I was the one to follow her in her footsteps and take a leap of faith and join the *Banner* many years ago and make a life out of being part of the amazing international Scottish community.

Sometimes to my absolute embarrassment, at the time, she talked of me in her articles, those articles I now treasure and have read a few over recently with a

big smile, one of the few smiles I have just now, but with each word her love and support came through.

It may be quite rare for a mother and son to work the way we did, but we did form an incredible partnership in both our professional and personal lives. We may have not always seen a page the same way, we did however learn from each other and she always said whilst the *Scottish Banner* is very rewarding it is also a challenging job and if I ever wanted out she understood.

There are few people who understand the

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Val Cairney, continued from page 9

challenges of running a business like the *Scottish Banner* like Val did, at each press time you may feel you can take a breather but in fact the next issue is only a few short weeks away from printing again, there can be a heavy travel schedule as you attend events (either across the country or the world), and of course all the hard work that is not always seen by others.

To this day I have known few people that have worked as hard as my mother did for all those years to keep the *Scottish Banner* not only going, but going from strength to strength for so many decades.

I was of course honoured when she asked me to take over as editor, a job she said I was made for. For me it was all part of my bigger job and that was being her son.

Her legacy: Valerie really was the *Scottish Banner*, and it was her, her legacy is across each issue still produced today. Since my mother retired four years ago, I have felt simply as the conduit to her vision and passion which never went away.

We often discussed so much in each issue, ideas about future issues and our combined hope for the future of the business. I know she was so proud of what she achieved with the *Banner* and was probably just as surprised as the rest of us when it carried her through her life. My mother also made it very clear to me on numerous occasions how proud she was that the *Banner* continues still today.

This publication is not just our family busi-

ness, but it is her legacy to both the international Scottish community and to me. I know my mother will rest better knowing how many her work touched and connected across the world.

Valerie passed away in Florida just before this edition went to press. I can already hear her telling me to “get the issue out on time, the readers expect it”.

She always wanted to know when each issue got off safely to press and as we call it “putting the issue to bed”, well now Val too has “gone to bed”

and leaves her family not only with a great sense of loss, but one of pride and respect. My mother broke many glass ceilings with the *Scottish Banner* and her other business ventures, and became an international entrepreneur, a passionate supporter of the global Scottish community and a friend to many.

To me she was so much more, my business partner, my friend, my hero, my mentor and most importantly my mother, who can never be replaced.

Now my family and I will come to terms with the finality of this surreal loss, made even more difficult in a Covid world, and remember one incredible lady who gave so much to so many, and one I was simply not yet ready to say goodbye to.

Rest in peace Mum and thank you for everything you have done xoxo.



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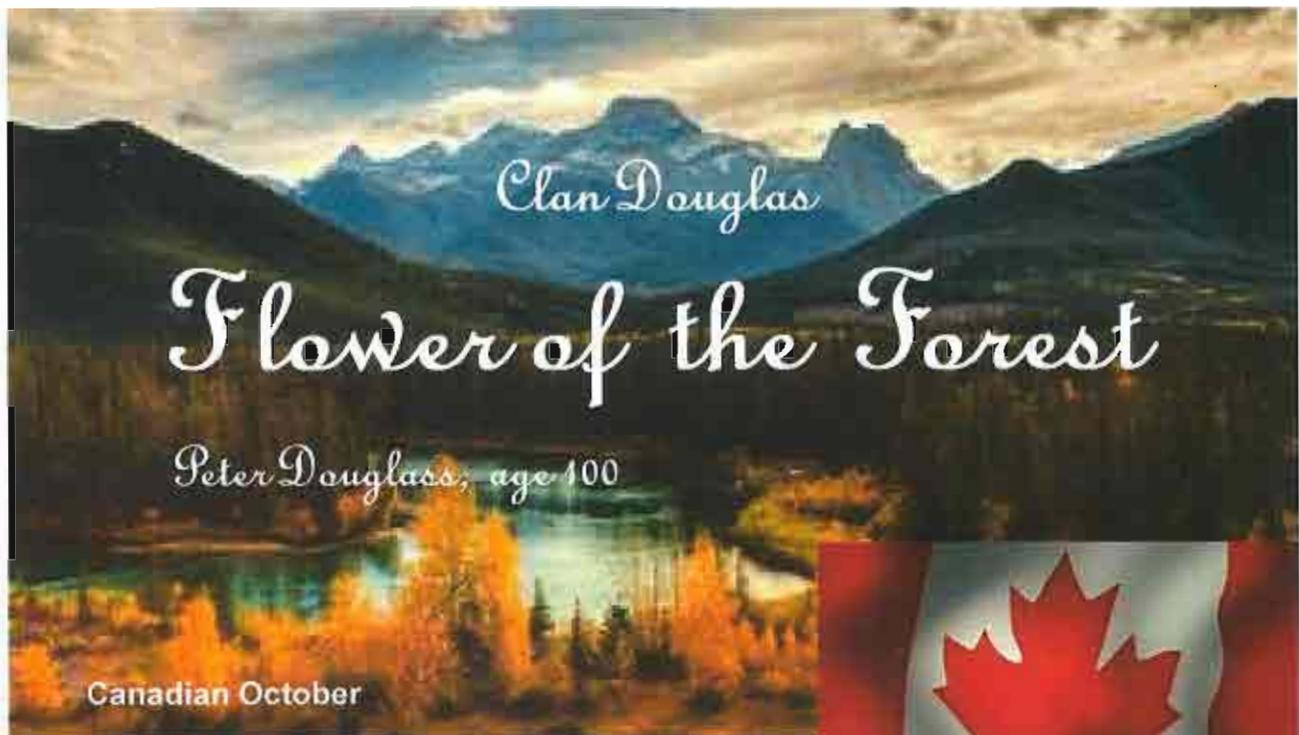
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Peter Douglass, age 100, of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia passed away at the Camp Hill Veteran's Memorial Hospital on July 3, 2020.

Born in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, he was the son of Hamilton and Grace (McCall) Douglass.

Peter was excited to reach the 100-year milestone this year.

Peter was a man with many interests, including boating, stamp collecting, ship modelling, genealogy, and especially his family's long history with his hometown of Dartmouth.

For many years he served as the Canadian Regent of Clan Douglas.

Always an active community member, he was a charter member of many organizations including the Masonic Wentworth Lodge # 108 and was the first Master raised in that Lodge. He went on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master, was a Member of the Scottish & York Rites, Dartmouth Shrine Club, and Philae Temple.

Along with his wife of 67 years, Augusta, he was an enthusiastic Fezeroo Volunteer for Shriners Hospitals for Children and could be found selling tickets in the local malls. His approach to selling made it hard for any passersby to resist buying at

least one ticket.

Peter was also a proud Canadian, having served his country overseas in WWII. His unit was mobilized for service with the Canadian Army Occupation Force in Germany in 1945-46. After returning home, he continued in his family's trade as a pattern maker and foundry owner.

Prior to going overseas, he had completed his apprenticeship at the Halifax Shipyards.

Later Peter, and his brother, Robert, started their own successful Detroit Diesel Allison distributorship, Seaboard GM Diesel.

One of Peter's proudest accomplishments was being a founding member and past commodore of the Dartmouth Yacht Club. From its very humble beginnings, this club has grown to be a premier location for boating enthusiasts.

Peter was thrilled to be asked to participate in the opening ceremonies of the new clubhouse in 2018.

Peter was pre-deceased by his wife Augusta (Salter) and younger brother Robert, and sister-in-

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THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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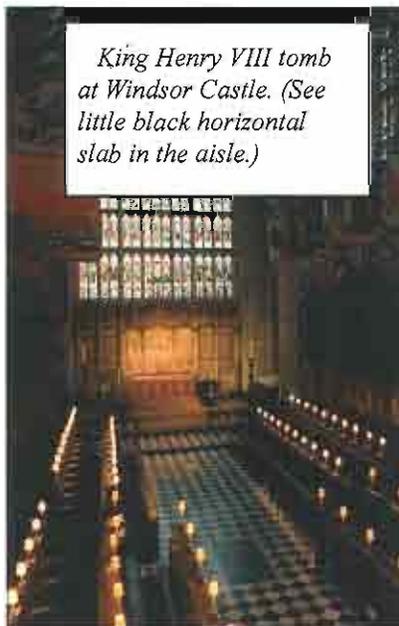


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WHERE WAS KING HENRY VII BURIED?



King Henry VIII tomb at Windsor Castle. (See little black horizontal slab in the aisle.)

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Neither the tomb, nor the masses, were completed as Henry had stipulated.

Despite his keen control of self-image in life and instructions for his tomb and image in death, poor old Henry remains in a 'temporary' vault under the Quire in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle in the company of his third queen, Jane Seymour, and also the body of Charles I and one of Queen Anne's tragically short-lived children.

The chamber is marked simply by a black marble slab placed there almost 300 years later on the orders of William IV, its functional description the only thing alerting us to his presence beneath.

A black marble sarcophagus confiscated from Cardinal Wolsey by Henry was to be used for his burial. However, the sarcophagus remained at Windsor for more than 250 years until the Georgians found a use for it and transported it to the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral, London, where it now holds the coffin of Admiral Horatio Nelson!

With many thanks to Scottish Heritage USA and their publication.

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law Betty.

He is survived by his two daughters Rebecca Paulus (Olaf) of Calgary and Susan Smith (Jim) of Dartmouth. Peter was proud of his granddaughter Crystal Côté, (Sébastien) of Edmonton, with whom he shared a love of sailing, along with their children Cameron and Logan; and grandson and fellow Mason Stephen Smith (Leanne Shaw) and their children Landon and Oaklyn.

Cremation has taken place. Due to travel restrictions, funeral and Masonic services will be held at a later date at Atlantic Funeral Home in Dartmouth.

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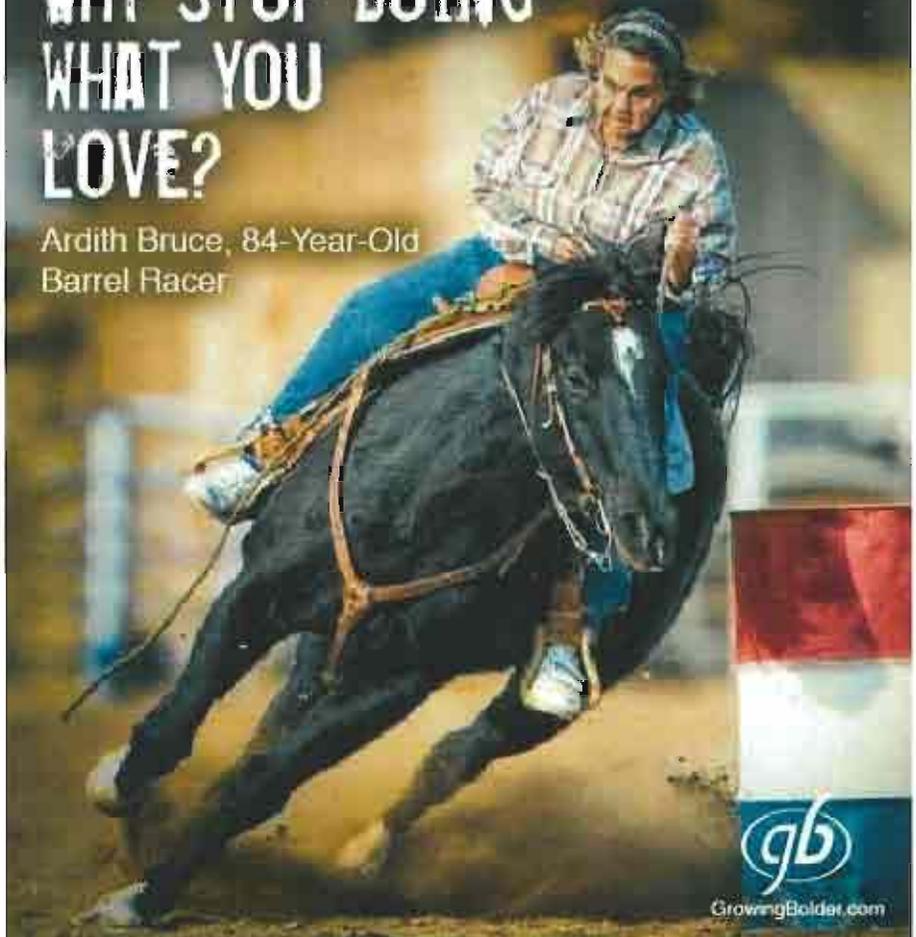
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Myra Turnbull Leaves Her Mark

Turnbull Clan Association Flowers of the Forest

The passing of ex-Provost **Myra Turnbull** MBE on 19 July was greeted with deep sadness in the town by former colleagues and her wide circle of friends.

She died in Queens House care home, Kelso, Scotland, aged 88.

John and Myra were married in 1956 and were blessed with two sons and a daughter - Barrie, Debbie and Hamish.

When John's father, Barrie, died John gave up his studies to carry on the Turnbull family Business of Grocers & Wine Merchants established in 1855 and the Owners of Turnbull's Scotch Whisky.

John left us too soon in 1982, only five years after founding Turnbull Clan Association, as the result of a massive heart attack.

Always seeing the good, Myra says "We had a wonderful 25 years together."

Myra has held a number of well-earned and prestigious titles during her lifetime including Hawick Councillor, First Woman Provost of Hawick, First Woman Chairman of the Roxburgh District Council, and Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

To those of you who come from elsewhere and may not know what all that means you need to be impressed, as when with Myra, you were in the presence of greatness.

Her devotion to public service was recognised in 1996 when she was awarded an MBE.

Flowers of the Forest

Remembering

Myra Turnbull

1st November 1932 - 19th July 2020



*Peacefully at Queens House, Kelso on Sunday 19th July 2020.
Myra Shortreed, nee Sim.*

Much loved Mum and Grandmother.

Myra will be sadly missed by all her family, especially her children, Barrie, Debbie and Hamish, her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In all her years in local government, she fought in particular for her native Hawick civic life."

Burnfoot Community Councillor, Jamie Batten, added, "Myra loved Hawick and its people and worked tirelessly as a Roxburgh District councillor to make sure that the town was heard and properly represented. "She had a great love of our Com-

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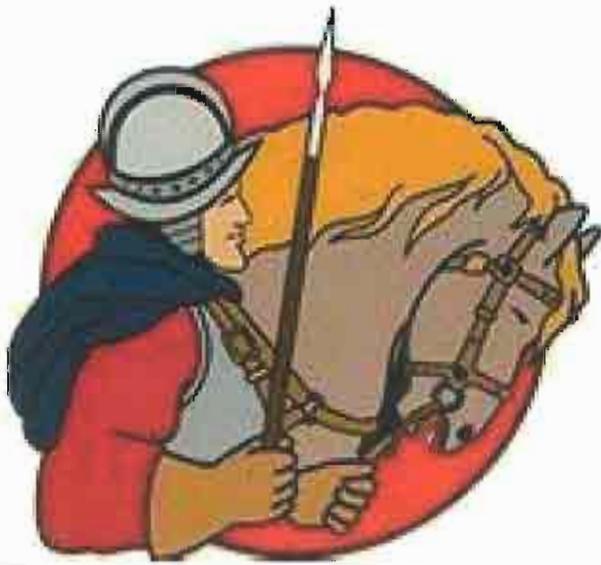
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Myra Turnbull, *continued from page 19*

mon-Riding and continued to attend Provost Council ceremonial events whenever invited. "It is a very sad day and on behalf of the townsfolk of Hawick, I offer my sincere and heart-felt sympathies to Myra's family and close friends.

Eidon Housing Association chief executive, Nile Istephan, added: "We are sad to learn of the passing of Myra Turnbull MBE. She served with distinction on the board of the association for nearly a quarter-of-a-century.

Myra Turnbull, TCA Co-Founder made history in 1988 when she broke into the all male world of politics in Hawick, Scotland.

The Scottish annual Border Ridings, known as the Reivers Festival, is now available via the Internet.

After over 140 years of celebrating this historic event, crowd restrictions forced it to be cancelled for 2020 due to the pandemic.

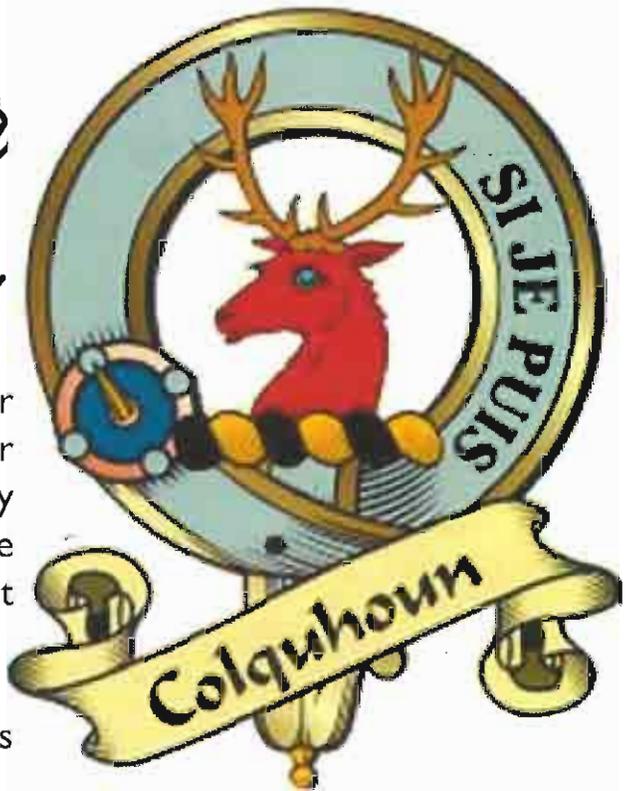
However, not to be outdone, the Festival has been offered on-line as an exceptional virtual event. The following web address shows the presentation.

Just visit <http://www.hawickcommonriding.co.uk>

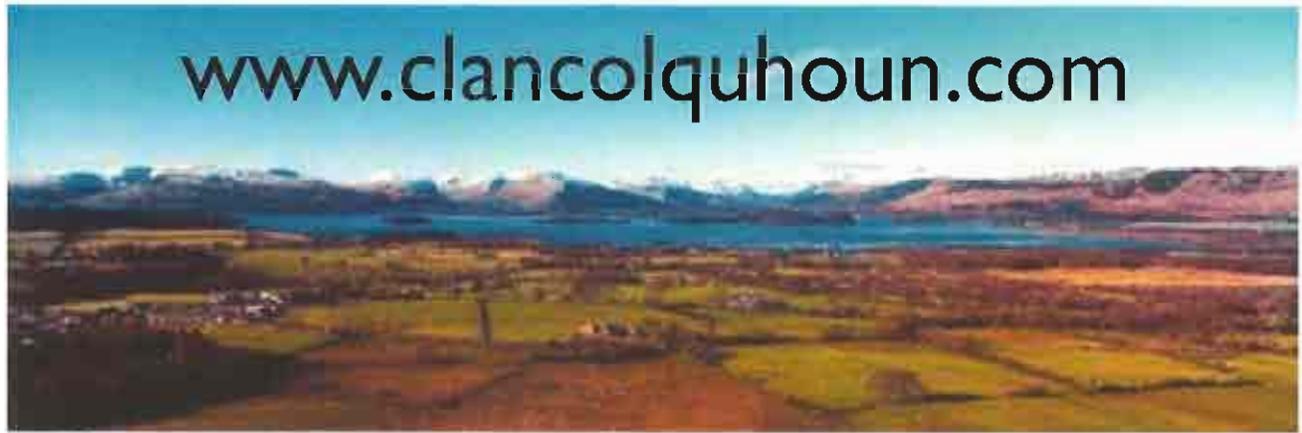


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If you know me even a little bit, you know I love treasure hunting in thrift stores. Years ago, I found the pan to the left for about \$1.00. I have used and used it, but never noticed the back. until today when I needed to scrub everything by hand. The back of mine is white on white and hard to read, but has the same information as the one pictured below!

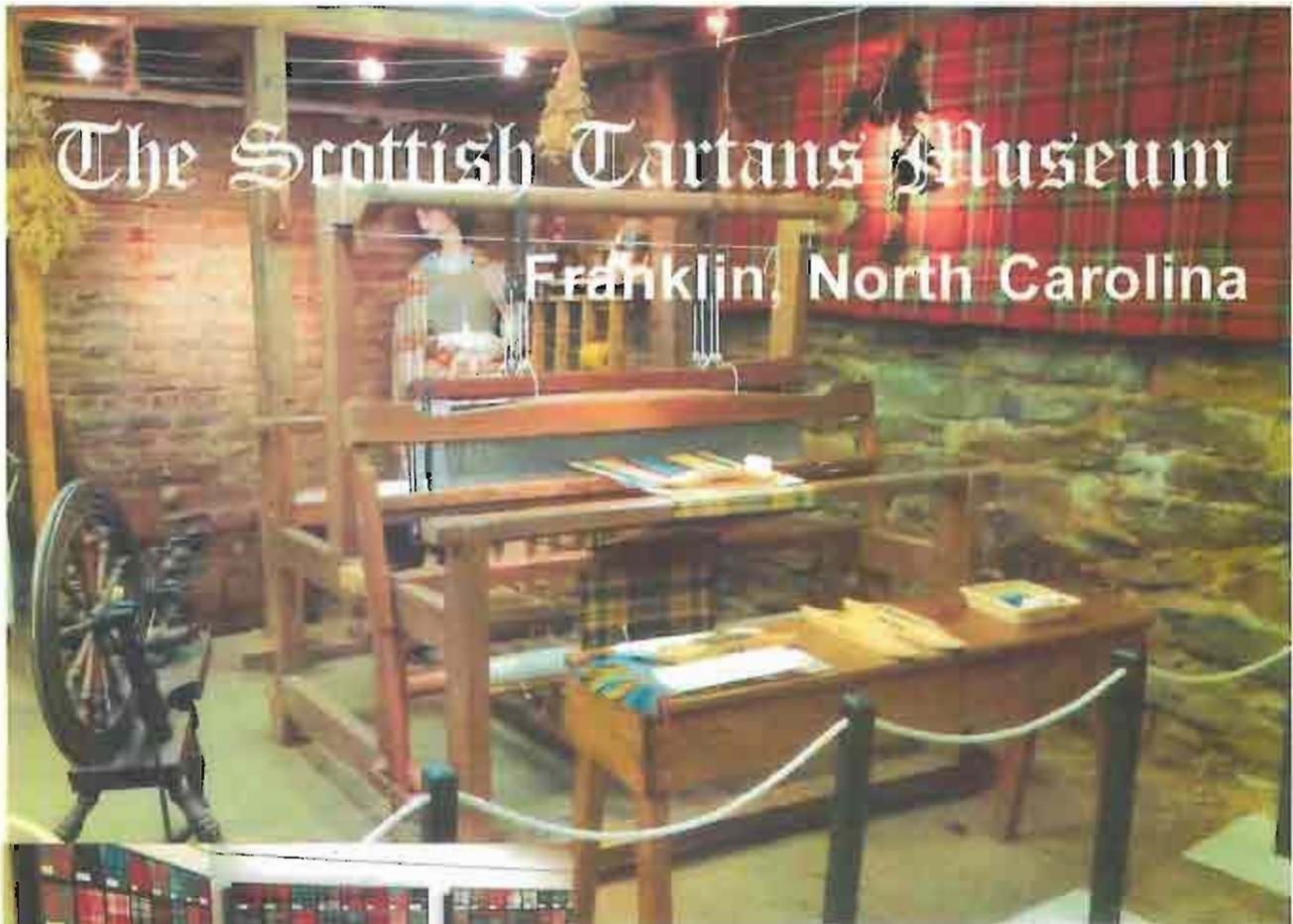
I've baked all manner of things in my dish and they have all worked out fine.

If you would like to see lots of these Dr. Douglas' products, just enter "Dr. Douglas' Wonder Baker" on your browser.

Some of them are quite expensive and some are reasonable...none as much of a bargain as my own buck pan!

There are recipes available, too.





The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

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We are open Monday through Saturday 10-5 pm (Winter hours are 11 AM until 4 PM)) It is always a good idea to call first if you are planning a trip to our quaint wee mountain town because we might have snow and ice.

Visit our website and learn some history as well

www.scottishtartans.org



A Story of Bravery, Kindness & Dedication

Colorado, USA by Carol Baird Elsner



This photograph is of new Clan Baird member, Carol (Baird) Elsner's, grandfather and grandmother, as well as her mother and siblings. It was taken in Paisley, Scotland.

Her grandfather, Alexander Baird, born in 1885, fought in World War I in France, with the Royal Scots Highlanders. He was killed while fighting with the 5th Battalion Cameron Highlanders on May 26, 1918 and is buried in Flanders Field (Plot 1 Row B Grave #4). He won many medals, including for Machine Gun Corps #140408 Argyle and Sutherlands, and Highlands s-18130 Scottish Rifles #1683.

He is bending down in the photo. The two ladies to his left are Carol's grandmother's sisters, and to his right is her grandmother, Margaret Borland Holmes Edmiston, who was born in 1890 in Paisley, but who died in Canada in 1984.

On her other side are two other sisters. The little boy in front is Carol's Uncle David Baird, and next to him is her mother, Margaret Baird. The wee bairn is her Aunt, Cicelia Baird. They were all born in Paisley, Scotland, but when their father was killed in France, their mother took the three children across the Atlantic, through Ellis Island, New York, and into Toronto, Ontario, Canada, looking for a better life.

She did this alone, when women did not travel alone, and certainly did not emigrate alone.

Carol considers her grandmother as her hero, for her bravery, kindness, and dedication to the family. She certainly was all that, and clearly, much more.

What courage she must have had.

Clan Baird Names New Honorary Chieftain

**The Society has named
Roderick Gardiner Baird
as a new honorary Chieftain**



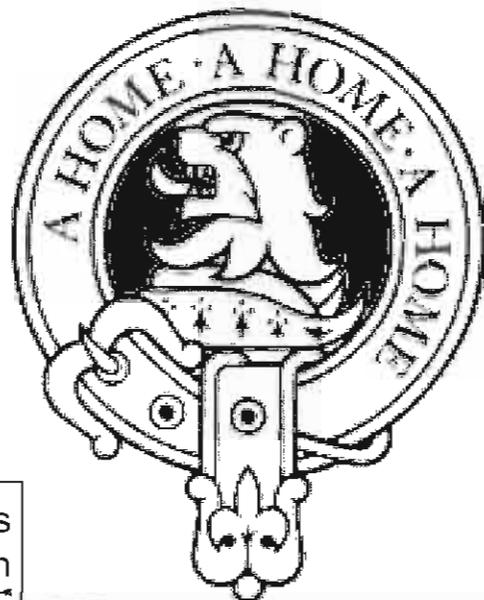
Roderick Gardner Baird

Roderick is a member of the Saughtonhall family, and he and his wife Julia live near Edinburgh. We are very happy he has agreed to be an Honorary Chieftain with the Society and look forward to working with him.



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And they are asking people to write to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, pressing her to protect the battlefield where thousands of soldiers met their deaths.

James Rattray, who co-founded and chairs the group, told *The National* they were concerned that Transport Scotland's proposals would destroy ground where hundreds of Jacobite clansmen and Scottish Government troops died.

He said they used two accounts of the battle from General Hugh McKay, the Scottish Government commander, and Cameron of Lochiel, the chief of Clan Cameron, which illustrate where their respective forces were positioned during the battle.

"He [McKay] survived and wrote in detail about the battle," said Rattray. "He talks in detail of how he aligned his regiments on the battlefield. He tells us where his left wing was anchored. He tells us where Urrard House was in relation to his battle line. So, with two points on the battlefield, we know where the Government battle line was.

"General Hugh McKay tells us he issued orders to all his commanders to start firing at 100 paces so, knowing where his battle lines were, we can pace 100 paces from the battle line.

"This pretty accurately tells us where the many men died that day – 100 paces takes us to the current A9. Why would anyone want to build a carriageway over this ground?

"Cameron ... tells us how he visited the

ground the next day with his Highlanders and how shocked they were by the bodies left on the battlefield."

Rattray, whose hillside home overlooks the battlefield, said he had been involved with the Killiecrankie site since the 1980s as a member of the White Cockade Jacobite re-enactment group. From 1993 they annually marked the battle by walking the route of the Jacobite army that day.

"My six times great grandfather fought here on the Jacobite side. My four times great grandfather fought on the Jacobite side at Culloden," he said. "In deciding the route of the new A9 carriageway, I do not believe Transport Scotland have taken in to account the above two pieces of evidence left to us by General Hugh McKay. I do not believe anyone who cares about Jacobite and Scottish history, after watching this video, can be anything other than horrified, by the proposed destruction."

MORE ARTICLES: A Transport Scotland spokesperson said they were aware of the sensitivities around what is an important battlefield.

They added: "Having published draft orders for the Killiecrankie to Glen Garry scheme in November 2017, we made a number of design refinements to reduce land take on the battlefield site following feedback from Historic Environment Scotland and the local community.

"We must observe our statutory obligations

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Captain Kirk, William Shatner, hints at *Star Trek* return and Outer Hebrides visit



Shatner, who played Captain Kirk in the hit TV show and numerous movies, has given up trekking the globe as well the final frontier.

But he admits Scotland's ancient caves and standing stones are still on his bucket list of adventures.

Shatner, who is currently presenting Sky History TV series *The UnExplained* and is also about to relaunch a questionable pop career, said: "I read a lot about the Hebrides islands including a cave that you really can't get to unless you use modern equipment.

"Yet people lived there 50,000 years ago. We know that because of the markings inside the caves that are 50,000 years old.

The Battle of Killiecrankie,

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and therefore approached the Scottish Government's Planning and Environmental Appeals Division to arrange a Public Local Inquiry which is now set for next January. As for all our road schemes, this is the appropriate forum for considering objections received but not withdrawn."

Alastair McIntyre wrote: I got in an interesting account of how the Battle of Killiecrankie site is in danger of having a road driven through it and decided to make this the Story of the Week. You can read more about this and watch some videos on our page for the battle at:

<<https://electricScotland.com/history/killiecrankie.htm>>

"These mysteries are all around us and we're tapping into them.

"It's unexplained. It's fascinating to me and I'd love to see them."

Shatner, who is enjoying life under semi-lockdown at his stunning ranch-style home in California, added: "Other than that, my longing is for peace and quiet.

"There's nothing I long for at the moment. Where else would I go?

"Listen, I am one of the very few fortunate people.

"Right now, through one window, I can see the whole of the west of the San Fernando valley.

"Behind me there's another window and we can see the whole of the east of the San Fernando valley.

"I can get in a car and go visit a horse and not touch anybody and get on a horse and ride all morning and come back and talk with you and feel that I've done something.

"I have travelled so much over the years that to be able to spend time in my home with the things I have acquired over so many years – including the lifeforms and the artforms – I'm totally content to be here."

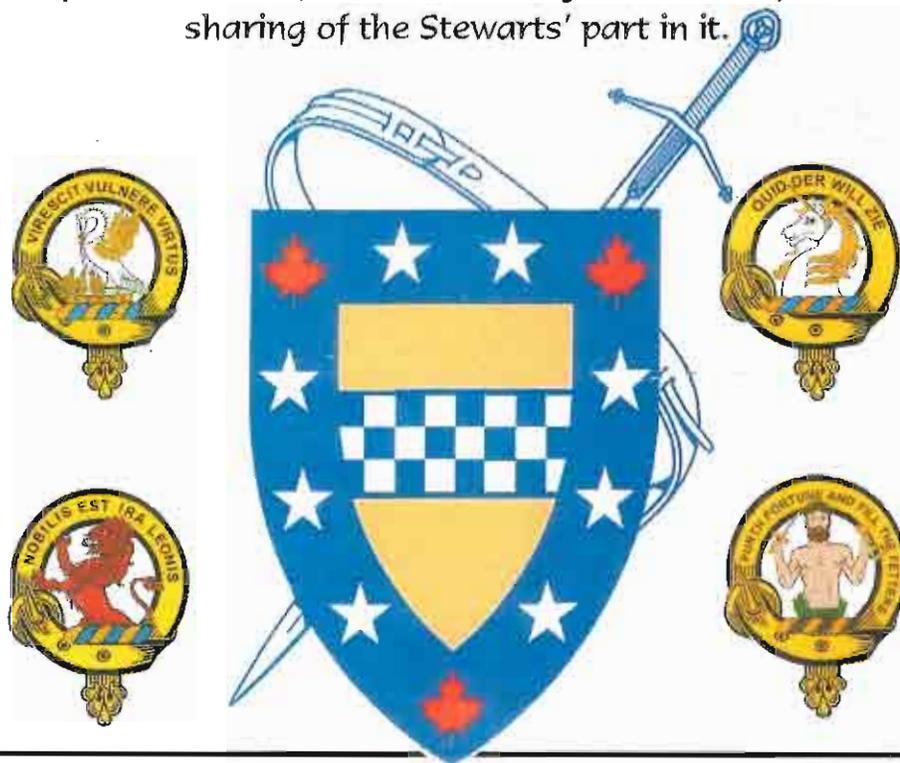
The veteran actor first fell in love with Scotland during a post-war trip for a role as Henry V at the Edinburgh festival.

He returned days before the UK went into lockdown in March for a screening of the film *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* at Glasgow's Royal

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The Stewart dynasty descended from King Robert I's daughter and her husband, Walter the Steward. Despite early unrest and weak government caused by several Stewart kings succeeding as minors, the dynasty flourished for over three centuries.

During this time, Scotland moved forward to become a modern and prosperous nation. Stewart monarchs such as King James IV and VI were Renaissance patrons of artistic, scientific, commercial, religious and political endeavour, sponsoring figures including the poet, Robert Henryson, and humanist, George Buchanan.

Also of significance was the arrival in the mid-sixteenth century of the Reformation movement, bringing about the replacement of Catholic Mary Queen of Scots by her son King James VI.

It was through the Stewart dynasty that the two thrones of England and Scotland - and later the governments - came to be united.

The 'Marriage of the Thistle and the Rose' took place at Stirling Castle in 1503 between King James IV and Princess Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England.

This union of the Scottish and English Royal families eventually led in 1603 to the succession of a Stewart (now with a change of spelling) to the throne of England.

CSSA is represented at approximately 40 Scottish/Celtic events around the country each year. We are always looking for folks with our passion to volunteer to start more.

We also have a presence on the Internet with a website, <clansstewart.org> (official) and a Facebook page listed as *Clan Stewart Society in America* (unofficial).

Though we have maintained our low annual \$25 membership, we are still able to sponsor trophies for dance, drums and pipes and establish scholarships for institutions providing cultural Scottish curriculums and we also sponsor the competition of a record-holding female athlete.

For CSSA membership information: <clansstewart.org> (You may pay your dues at that site, too.)

Concert Hall, after which he answered questions on his life and career.

Shatner said: "That movie, *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*, reaches for your heart and that's why it has remained popular. It's a good story.

"People react to it. I think it's the emotional identification.

"The first time I was in Scotland was not long after the war.

"I came to Glasgow and to Edinburgh. I was a hungry young actor with no money and the people couldn't do enough for us.

"I remember the people of Scotland were so friendly and kind.

"I got to taste the haggis and we ate in a family restaurant in Edinburgh.

"The hospitality was unforgettable.

"Back then, I was an actor who did Shakespeare and who also did farce.

"We did *Henry V* at the Edinburgh festival and had a wonderful time."

Shatner began his career as the business manager of the Mountain Playhouse in Montreal before joining the Canadian repertory theatre in Ottawa.

He made his film debut in 1951 and co-starred alongside Yul Brynner in 1958 film *The Brothers Karamazov*.

Fame beckoned as Captain James Tiberius Kirk in the *Star Trek* TV series that ran from 1966 to 1969. He then starred in seven *Star Trek* movies from 1979 until 1994.

"Star Trek was and continues to be a phenomenon," he said. "It's absolutely unique in showbusiness and keeps going on.

"I think that most of the time it was an intelligent show and that humans existing 300 years from now is a hopeful note. A positive note."

In 1982, he took on another major TV role as a detective in *TJ Hooker*.

He won an Emmy in 2005 for his role as Danny Crane in *Boston Legal*.

Now, with seven decades of acting under his belt, he's even hinted that he may play Captain James T Kirk one final time in a forthcoming JJ Abrams movie based on Gene Roddenberry's sci-fi characters.

But only if they can explain his character coming back to life after being killed off in the 1994 movie *Star Trek Generations*.

He said: "Nobody has ever approached me about doing another *Star Trek*. The actors that have

been on revivals of *Star Trek* in a so-called cameo were gratuitous.

"They didn't belong there.

"It offered the plot no furthering and I wouldn't want to do that.

"So, if with the Captain Kirk character, all these years later, you

can get a rationale for looking the way I am and being somewhere in space and arriving on camera, I'll get you JJ's address and you can send a letter to that effect.

"But you might not recognise me and I dwell on that."

The acting legend recorded an album featuring his spoken work versions of classic hits in 1968, including The Beatles' *Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds* and Bob Dylan's *Mr Tambourine Man*.

Now he is talking his way through a raft of blues standards on his fourth album, *The Blues*, out on October 2.

Despite turning 90 next year, he says the prospect of a pop career has given him a new lease on life.

Top guitarists have helped out including *Deep*

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In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an "X".

Kissing the "X" represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document.

The "X" and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

With many thanks to my friend, Fraser Gordon, in Glasgow, Scotland.



William Shatner, *continued from page 31*

Purple's Ritchie Blackmore, and ex-Steely Dan and Doobie Brothers member Jeff Baxter.

Shatner said: "I've been experimenting all along the way.

"An autobiographical album is in the making but another one that has been made is called *The Blues* and is my attempt to discover the blues.

"So there are two albums.

"Making these albums, I've got two guys in New York, a lyricist and a musician. The legend is that older people dry up, older people lose their

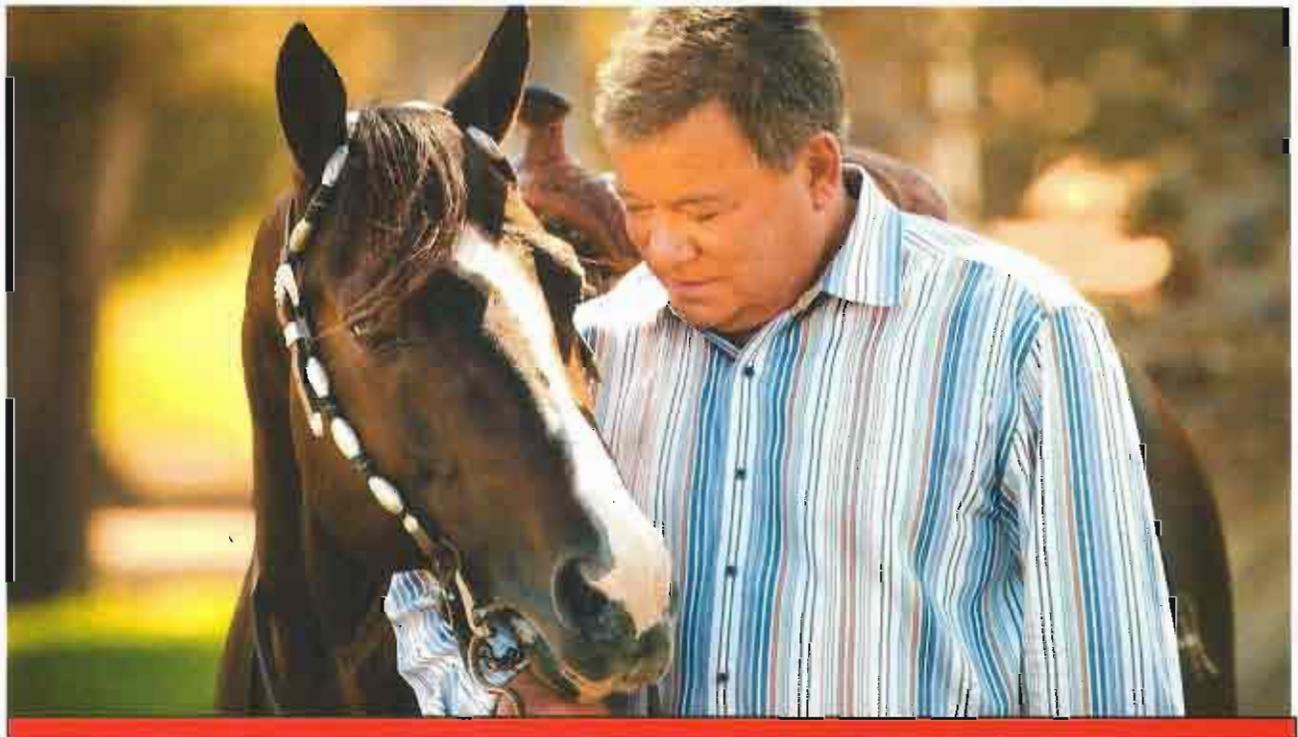
passion and it isn't necessarily so.

"I'm in more of a creative frenzy now than I've ever been and I'm creating beautiful, imaginative stuff.

"I'm working at a full range and being as creative as I've ever been in this lockdown.

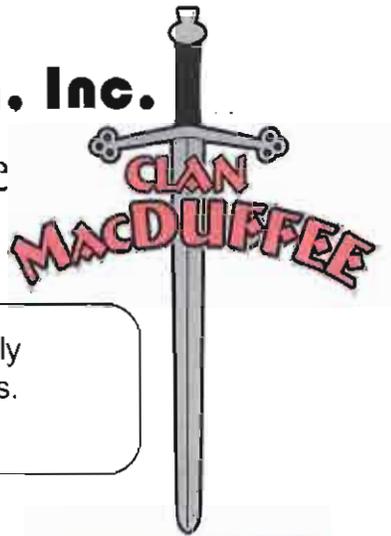
"I have the ability to work out here so I work out. I've lost weight. I feel better than I have felt in a long time.

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The Kirkin' o' The Tartans

With thanks to the Scottish Society of Louisville, KY, newsletter

“Kirk” is the Scottish word for church; tartan, or plaid, as it is generally referred to in the States, is a woolen cloth woven in one of several patterns of colored checks and intersecting lines, especially of a design associated with a particular Scottish clan. It is interesting to note that the Com-

monwealth of Kentucky has its own tartan! or bearing arms. They were forbidden to play the pipes as well.

In defiance of this proscription, the Scots would secretly wear or carry a piece of their cherished tartan to church on Sundays and at a pre-arranged signal, the minister, well aware of the practice, would in-



monwealth of Kentucky has its own tartan!

It could be said that the “Kirking of the Tartans” could be interpreted as “bringing the family tartans to church to have them blessed”.

While the practice began in America and had its inception in Washington D C during the early years of World War II by Dr. Peter Marshall, a native of Scotland and a Presbyterian minister who was at that time the Chaplain of the Senate, its origins can be traced back to the period following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, the final battle of the Jacobite Rebellion.

By government decree (The Act of Proscription), most male Scots were expressly forbidden from wearing any item of tartan

or bearing arms. They were forbidden to play the pipes as well. In defiance of this proscription, the Scots would secretly wear or carry a piece of their cherished tartan to church on Sundays and at a pre-arranged signal, the minister, well aware of the practice, would in-

corporate a blessing of the tartans and the clans they represented, into the prayer. Thankfully, in today’s enlightened times, there is no need to resort to such subterfuge and indeed, the tartan banners used in services today are proudly carried into church, generally to the accompaniment of pipes and drums.

Nowadays, services are held throughout the States and at various times of the year in churches of all denominations; they serve as a poignant reminder of the fortitude of those brave men hundreds of years ago who were determined to take whatever action was necessary to preserve this very important and visible aspect of their heritage.



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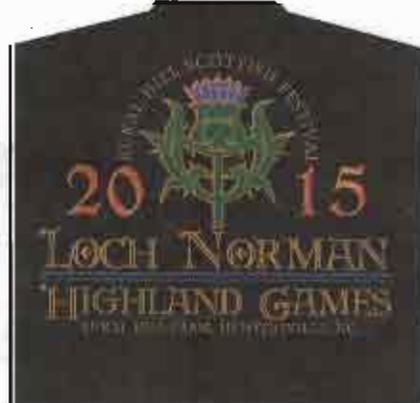
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Before architect James Craig designed the first iteration of Edinburgh's expansive New Town area in the mid 18th-century, the Scottish capital was significantly smaller than it is today with a high-density population of mostly poor residents. World's End Close had marked the city limit as it was once located inside a gatehouse called the Netherbow Port, which served as a passageway between the Royal Mile and the Canongate region of Edinburgh's Old Town.

Illustrated as an imposing fortification adorned with the heads of executed prisoners, the

Netherbow Port required travelers to pay a fee to both enter and leave the gates. Therefore, those who were unable to afford the toll were confined to Edinburgh for their entire lives.

When looking down at the cobblestone streets of the Royal Mile, you may come across occasional brass bricks. These bricks indicate where buildings once stood. Here at The World's End, you can see where the Netherbow Port was located. Just up from here, at the John Knox House, there is a tower that contains the bell that once rang out to indicate when the gates were about to close for the night. You may inquire within at the shop to see the bell, but only if someone is available to take you up the three flights of stairs.

Know Before You Go

The Netherbow Port was demolished in 1764, but a neighboring pub called The World's End, located on a corner where the Royal Mile intersects with St. Mary's Street, honors the history of World's End Close.



Clan Davidson Society USA



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