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Scottish community loses great friend, Dr. William "Bill" Burnnam Keith

Dr. Bill Keith passed away Wednesday morning, November 7th at the Mississippi Hospital for Restorative Care in Jackson, Mississippi due to complications from heart bypass surgery.

Dr. Keith was born February 15, 1934 to Reverend George and Dove Byrd Keith in Jackson, Kentucky. He graduated from Breathitt High School. Following service in the US Army, he completed his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at Eastern Kentucky University. Bill spent 2 years teaching math and science in Ohio before returning to pursue graduate studies.

He completed a Masters of Science in biology at the University of Mississippi. It was at Ole Miss that he met his future wife, the former Elizabeth Snellings of Bruce, Mississippi. They married December 28, 1963.

He received his Doctorate of Philosophy in Zoology from the University of Georgia in 1967 and completed a post-graduate fellowship in steroid biochemistry at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. After completing his studies, Bill and his wife settled in Water Valley, Mississippi to raise their family.

Dr. Keith joined the faculty of the Department of Biology at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi in 1968 and remained there until his retirement in 1999.

Following the death of his parents, he developed an interest in his Scottish ancestry and became involved

in the Clan Keith Society, USA, Inc. He served as State Convener for Mississippi, Director, Treasurer and President of that society. As Clan Keith Society president, he was especially proud of starting the organization's

youth scholarship program. In addition to his service for the Clan Keith Society he served as Treasurer for Council of Scottish Clans and Associations. He was a freemason of Valley City 402 in Water Valley, Mississippi as well as an Honorary Colonel of the Kentucky State Militia.

Dr. Keith enjoyed playing with his grandchildren, debating world history and politics, and smoking his favorite pipe. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, children Patricia Keith and

Jonathan Pittman of Washington, DC, Billy and Elizabeth Keith of Rome, Georgia, John and Amy Keith of Evanston, Illinois, and Margaret Keith of Annapolis, Maryland, and granddaughters Anna Katherine Keith Pittman and Louisa Keith Pittman.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, George Emerson Keith.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to: University of Mississippi Foundation William B Keith Memorial PO Box 249 University, MS 38677 Donations can also be made online by credit card by visiting <http://www.umf.olemiss.edu> just be sure to note the donation is to go to the William B Keith Memorial.



Please tell everyone about *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree!*

“I uploaded my grandfather!”

When you work in genealogy, you get comments and communications from folks that make you laugh.

A wonderful example was, “Last week, I uploaded my grandfather and this week I plan to upload my grandmother, but I’ve forgotten my account’s password.”

Sometimes an enthusiastic researcher will fly into a library and say something like, “I need to get my family history done and my mother’s waiting in the car.”

One of my favorites, “I need to find that book

that I used last summer - or maybe it was year before last - but it’s blue and has gold writing on the cover.”

Another favorite. “Where is information on my great-great grandfather? He had red hair and could sing tenor.”

I dare you to read this and not at least think about giggling: “So you can see what I’m talking about, I want to forward you my marriage certificate and three children, one of which is a mistake, as you can see.”

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Lord Strathspey to visit Stone Mountain Highland Games

Lord Strathspey and Judy are making plans to visit the Stone Mountain Highland Games, just east of Atlanta, Georgia, this October 17-19.

The United States Clan Grant Society will be reserving a bank of rooms at the Hilton, the host hotel, for several days around the games weekend.

Saturday night Clan Grant plans to have a catered dinner and US Society AGM at our Atlanta Burns Club which is an exact replica of the Burns Cottage in Alloway.

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Some common fraternal organizations are: A.O.H. - Acient Order of Hberians (Irish), I.O.O.F. - Independent Order of Odd Fellows, W.O.W. - Woodmen of the World, B.P.O.E. - Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, F.O.E. - Fraternal Order of Eagles, A.L.O.H. - American Legion of Honor, K.C. - Knights of Columbus, A.O.F. - Ancient Order of Foresters, K.M. - Knights of Malta, M.W.A. - Modern Woodman of America.

Thanks to *Kishwaukee Genealogists Newsletter*, PO Box 5503, Rockford, IL 61125-0503.

The name game: Where did that name come from?

Have you ever wondered how your given name was chosen? Why do we, for the most part, have middle names? For some it is as easy as looking back a generation and you will find a like named person.

Was this the person for whom I was named? Maybe, maybe not. A good discussion of naming conventions can be found in Emily Croom's *Unpuzzling Your Past*.

Naming patterns have been used throughout history. The one that most directly affects us in America is the one brought to the colonies from England and Wales during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (Croom, 37-38).

Of course there were no rules concerning this practice, but it was adhered to by many. Many times a middle name may be a mother's maiden name, a practice to insure that her name was perpetuated in her new family.

Here is the most common pattern:

- The first son was named after the father's father.
- The second son was named after the



mother's father.

- The third son was named after the father.
- The fourth son was named after the father's eldest brother.
- The first daughter was named after the mother's mother.
- The second daughter was named after the father's mother.
- The third daughter was named after the mother.
- The fourth daughter was named after the mother's eldest sister.

Thanks to the *Ballentine Branches*, 2714 Phyllis Dr., Copperas Cove, TX 76522-4311.

Orkney Island Facts:

4,000,000 tons of coal were supplied to the naval fleet in Scapa Flow during WWI.

With thanks to <http://www.BuyOrkney.com>

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My grandfather was **WALTON MONROE SMITH** born 02/06/1868 (family bible) or 1872 (1900 census statement) in Doerun, GA. He was Mayor of Doerun and ran the bank in the 1930s. He died 10/23/1935 in Doerun. He married **GEORGIA MAE WATKINS**, born 08/22/1882 in Autreyville, GA in 03/04/1900. They had two sons **WALTON MONROE SMITH** born 0/23/1905, and **JOHN WATKINS SMITH**, born 01/13/1910 (my father) and raised a cousin (after her parents died) **WILLIE V. SMITH** born 4/27/1907. **JOHN WATKINS SMITH** married **GEORGIA EARL INABNIT**, born 03/11/1916 in Tampa, FL: on 2/24/1946 in Tampa, FL. They had two sons **MONROE PATTERSON SMITH**, born 4/29/1947, in Tampa, FL and **FRANKLIN WATKINS SMITH** born 01/04/1953 in Key West, Florida. **WALTON MONROE SMITH** married **MARGUERITE** (unknown last name) from Birmingham, Alabama. Her father was a doctor. **GEORGIA MAE WATKINS'** father was **BAKER E. WATKINS**, born 11/08/1858 in Covesey or Coosa County, Alabama. **BAKER E. WATKINS** was married to **JESSIE C. THIERS**, born 07/15/1864 in Florida, on 07/10/1879. **BAKER E. WATKINS'** father was **BAKER E. WATKINS** born (1801) 08/18/1800 in KY. He married (first marriage) **SARAH BERRY** born 07/06/1805, died 12/12/1858, (second marriage) **ELIZABETH OWENS**, born 1823 in Georgia, married 07/10/1860 in Sumter County Georgia. My brothers and I would appreciate any information on any member of the family listed here. Especially on our Grandfather **WALTON MONROE SMITH** and his father, grandfather, etc. **Franklin W. Smith,**



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530-754-5319, fwsmith@ucdavis.edu

I'm trying to locate any family members of **JAMES** and **SARA ODOM** from circa of 1912. There were seven boys and three girls born of this union. Abbeyville, GA was the birthplace of **WILLIAM**. I believe they were married in 1898, the same area. I think, the oldest **HUBERT** was born in 1899. The last name of **GIBBS** could possibly be the maiden name of **SARA**. Wilcox County has been mentioned. Any help would be appreciated. **Ruth Ann Odom, 9595 Adler Ave., Fontana, CA 92335, call at 909-822-8225.**

Seeking information on **JOHN THOMAS LOGAN**, born (1863) in Wisconsin, married **EDITH EVELYN REDFIELD**. Lived in Wisconsin, and N.D. Have her information; need **LOGAN** side. Want dates, siblings, birthplace, marriage, where buried, etc. Father's name: **WILEY LOGAN**. Please contact **Jerry Dodd, 3055 N. 30th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85017 or call 602-353-0447.**

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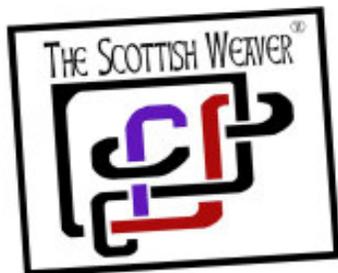
What did geese mean in the Celtic Culture?

In Celtic culture birds are usually used to represent prophetic knowledge, bloodshed, and skill.

Birds represented the messengers and servants of gods, omens of good or evil, bringers of luck, omens of death, and sacrificial animals. The interpretation of the flight patterns, habits and songs of birds were all methods by which knowledge of future events might be told or an unfortunate circumstance avoided.

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Supernatural powers were often attributed to birds by the Celts, primarily because of their power of flight and ability to leave the bounds of earth.

Because of the ability of birds to navigate air, land and sea they were often thought to be a link between this world and the Otherworld. They were regarded as divine messengers with the ability to traverse worlds, time and realities. The general qualities of birds which evoked religious or symbolic importance for various Celtic cultures included their ability to leave the earth and fly high in the heavens.

A number of birds in Celtic lore were considered symbols of war, depicted on helmets that have been found by archeologists. Geese, ravens and crows were associated with war because of their natural aggressive traits, which evokes the ideas of conflict and combat.

In Central Europe and Eastern Europe, bones of geese have been found buried in the graves of Iron Age Celtic warriors.

Britons did not eat the flesh of geese, suggesting a sacred taboo.

For more information go to: http://www.users.bigpond.com/troy-kim/the_goose.html or The Iona Community/Wild Good Publications at: <http://www.ionabooks.com/iona.asp>.

Thanks to Martha Mason and *The Argent Castle*, 3313 Dana Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55305.



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Clan Hamilton member's grandson, David Long, honored in Hollywood

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences honored David Long, a former imaging scientist at Eastman Kodak Company - and three other employees for their work on Kodak's VISION 2 family of color negative films, the current standard in the movie industry - with an Oscar.

David is the grandson of Clan Hamilton Society member, Richard Forsythe.

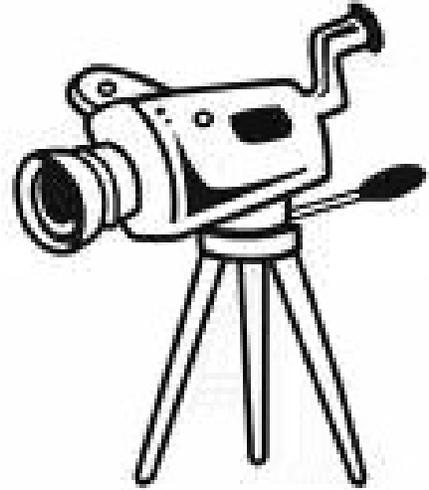
Kodak chairman and CEO Antonio Perez accepted the Oscar on behalf of the entire team. The ceremony was held February 9th in Hollywood.

David is currently program chair of the digital cinema degree in RIT's School of Film and Animation.

"To be recognized by the Academy for this work is an incredible honor," says Long. "So many fantastic technologies and so many impressive engineers and scientists have been a part of this tradition. It's very humbling to think that something that I helped create would be considered so meaningful to the growth and vitality of our industry.

Long's roles as an imaging scientist on VISION 2 were understanding the physics of such components as color reproduction, light capture and image aesthetics and designing the photographic behaviors of the films so that images are reproduced the way a cinematographer wants.

With thanks to *An Darach*, Newsletter of the Clan Hamilton Society. Visit <http://www.clanhamilton.org> or write Sheri Lambert, 910 E. Lorraine Ave., Addison, IL 60101.



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Upcoming events for those of Scottish heritage here, there and all over!

June 6 – 7, Greenville (S.C.) Scottish Games, held at Furman University. Visit the website www.greenvillegames.org to find out more about the games, places to stay while you are there and things to do around the Greenville area.

June 12-13, Utah Scottish Association Highland Games. Thanksgiving Point, **Lehi UT**. For more information about the games: <http://utgames.sitebones.com/>

June 6-7, Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games. **Arlington, TX**. For information about the games: <http://www.texasscottishfestival.com/schedule.htm>

June 7, Potomac Celtic Festival, Leesburg, VA. For information about the games: www.pcfest.org

June 7, Caldwell Idaho Scottish Games. Symms Athletic Field, The College of Idaho.

June 20-21, 22nd Illinois St. Andrew Society Scottish Festival, **Chicago**. For more information: <http://www.chicago-scots.org/highland-games-3.html>

July & August

July 10-12, Payson, Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games. For more information: <http://www.paysonscottishfestival.org/events/schedule.html>

July 10-13, 53rd Grandfather Mountain Highland Games near Linville, NC. For more information about the games: <http://www.gmhg.org/>

July 25-27, 62nd Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games and Clan Gathering, Enumclaw Expo Center, **Enumclaw, Washington**. For more information: <http://www.sshga.org>

August 16, 2008. 30th Maine Highland Games, Brunswick, Maine.

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Clan Hamilton sets AGM at Grandfather Mountain

The Annual Meeting of the Clan Hamilton Society will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 11 AM at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in the Council Tent.

If you are a Clan Hamilton Society and cannot attend the meeting, your latest newsletter contains an Assignment of Proxy so that your vote on any issues will be recorded.

The proxies should be received by 28 June 2008.





July 10 - 13, 2008

MacRae Meadows, Linville, NC

Thursday, July 10th

Picnic, Torchlight Ceremony & Sheep Herding

4:30 PM Picnic - Food concessions are available at MacRae Meadows or you can bring your own.

Scottish Entertainment

Traditional Celtic Music. Performers to be announced

Sheep Herding: Sheep Herding with Border Collies on the field.

7 PM The Bear: Assault on Grandfather This five-mile footrace climbs 1,568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather mountain. Over 800 runners will start up the Old Yonahlossee Road from Linville at 7 PM, circle the Highland Games track around 7:15, and head up the Grandfather Mountain summit road

More Sheep Herding

Torchlight Ceremony:

Opening ceremony announcing each participating Clan's arrival to the Games

Friday, July 11th

8 AM The Grizzly Bike Race

9 AM MacRae Meadows Opens: Preliminary athletic competition, sheep herding, music/dancing exhibitions. Celtic Groves will be open and other activities will highlight the day.

Opening Ceremonies

- Highland Wrestling Clinic for children
- Children's Tent and Field Activities
- Harp Workshop
- Sheep Herding
- History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents
- Highland Dancing Pre-Championship
- Lochaber Trump Competition in the Harp and Fiddling

Tent

3:00 PM Day events completed, preparation begins for Celtic Jam

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Presents:

7 - 11 PM Celtic Music Jam Concert tracing the evolution of Celtic Music from the ancient to the contemporary at MacRae Meadows.

8 - 10 PM Ceilidh

Family gathering of Scottish folk music, song and dance. Hayes Auditorium at Lees-McRae College. \$10 adults/\$5 children 12 & under (Tickets sold only at the door).

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents

8:00 PM - 12 AM Scottish Country Dance Gala
Williams Gymnasium at Lees-McRae College. \$20 dancers / \$3 spectators. (Tickets sold only at the door).

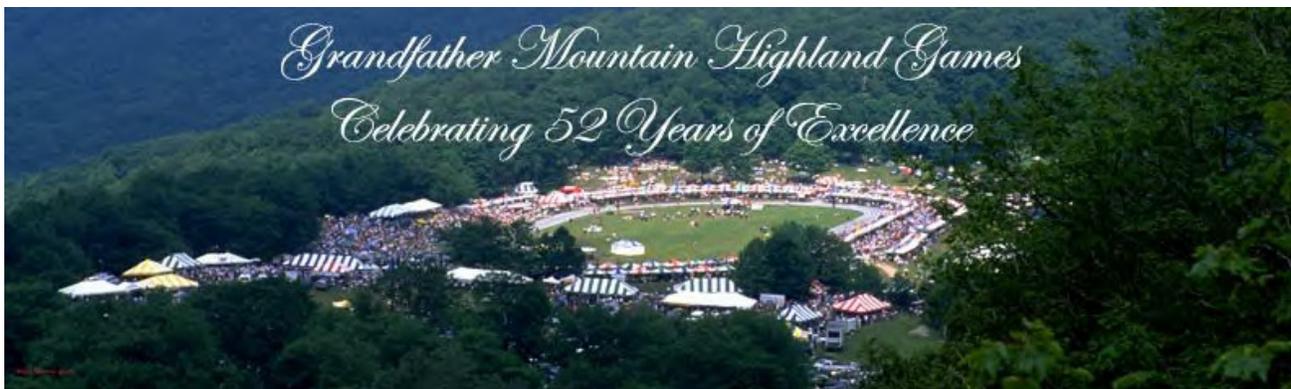
Saturday, July 12th

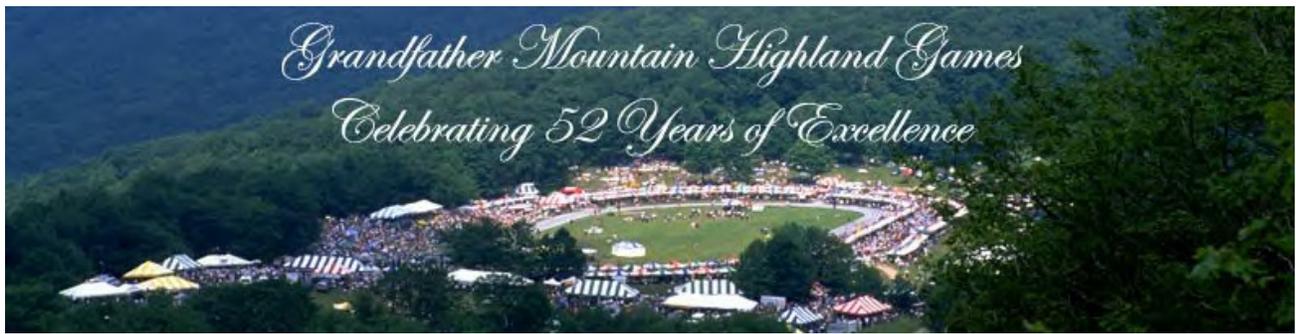
7:00 AM Mountain Marathon begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

7:30 AM MacRae Meadows Opens

- Amateur Heavy Athletic Qualifying Begins
- Competition begins for Highland Dancing Atlantic International Championship, piping, drumming, Scottish athletic events, track & field events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish fiddling, and Scottish harp.
- Children's Highland Wrestling Competition
- Sheep Herding
- Massed Bands on track
- Opening Ceremonies
- History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tent
- Children's Tent Activities

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Grandfather Mountain, continued from page 28

- Celtic Grove Music
- Highland Wrestling
- Harp Competitions
- Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition
- Scottish Fiddling Workshop & Jam Session

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents:

7:00 - 8:30 Piping Concert

Trillium Room, Broyhill Inn & Conference Center, Boone. \$10 (Tickets sold only at the door). Under age 5 free.

7:00 PM Celtic Rock Concert at MacRae Meadows.

\$10 Adults / \$5 Children age 5-12

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents

8:00 - 10:00 PM Ceilidh

Concert of Scottish folk music, song & dance.

Hayes Auditorium at Lees-McRae College. \$10 adults / \$5 children 12 & under. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games presents

8:30 PM Alex Beaton & Friends Concert by Scotland's premier entertainer. Trillium Room, Broyhill Inn and Conference Center, Boone, NC. \$10 per person. (Tickets sold only at the door).

Sunday, July 13th

8:00 AM MacRae Meadows Opens

- Scottish Heavy Athletic Demonstration and Clinic
- Prelude Music for Worship Service Begins

9:00 AM Scottish Worship Service Outside main gate, bring a folding chair. Includes Kirkin' of the Tartans.

Children's Border Collie Demonstration on the main field.

Celtic Grove Entertainment Begins

Parade of Tartans Guests of Honor & Distinguished Guests are introduced as all members of the sponsoring clans are invited to march in the parade behind the massed pipe bands.

Scottish Fiddling Competition

Atlantic International Highland Dance Championship Competition

Competition takes place throughout the day for Scottish athletic events, sheep herding, kilted miles, children's events, Scottish country dancing, Scottish harps, Clan Tugs-of-War. Celtic Grove entertainment continues.

History & Genealogy Studies at Clan Tents

Sheep Herding Demonstration

4:00 PM Closing Ceremonies



CONGRATULATIONS TO JORDAN PLEASANTS!

Jordan Pleasants (son of Chrystin Pollock Pleasants and Lonnie Pleasants) has just received his appointment to West Point. Needless to say, his family is thrilled for him as this is a goal he has worked hard to accomplish. Jordan was recruited to play football for the Black Knights and is currently training to play on the offensive line (most likely will be playing center).

Jordan attended Woodrow Wilson HS in Dallas where he played on the offensive line and was named to several all-district teams during his career. He lettered in baseball for four years and in football for three years. He also was in the National Honor Society, was active in the Eastern Orthodox Youth Organization, and was an altar server from the age of five until he left the Dallas area this year.

For the 2007-2008 school year Jordan has attended the US Military Academy Preparatory School in Fort Monmouth, NJ. He loved boot camp! The Prep School is the equivalent of a non-military school's "red-shirt" year for athletes. It was originally planned primarily as a transition for service men who wanted to attend West Point to have an intensive year of study in preparation for the rigors of attending West Point. While it still serves that function, it also serves to help prepare incoming athletes to master the demands of military life, academic life, and athletics. Jordan is looking forward to helping Army beat Navy!



Award to honor the late Bill Keith

The Bill Keith Scottish Heritage Award will honor the memory of the late William Burnam "Bill" Keith, past president of the Clan Keith Society and Treasurer of the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations.

Elizabeth Keith writes, "The Glasgow KY Games 2008 will to be a fun occasion and a cel-

ebration of Bill's life and association with our friends in Clan Keith and the Scottish Community. Our family is very pleased that the first annual "William Keith Scottish Heritage Award" will be presented at 3:30 on Saturday afternoon May 31, 2008."

If you would like more information contact Mrs. Keith at sayasyouwill@bellsouth.com

What is your umbilical line?

The term "umbilical line" refers to a single, very specific matrilineal line, that is, the mother's mother's mother ad infinitum. In an ancestral table, it comprises individuals numbered 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, etc. It is analogous to the sequentially numbered paternal line that follows a specific surname over generations. Although genealogists have long been obsessed with patrilineal-surname research, since the early 1970s the importance of umbilical lines has not been stressed.

Thanks to: *Kinfolks*, Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society, Inc., PO Box 5652, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70606-5652.

The use of finger rings has been around for a long time

While there is a touch of barbarism in wearing rings on the fingers, yet the civilized hand has so long been adorned by them, that it would look plain and unfinished without its hoops of gold.

The ancient Romans wore the ring on the joint just under the nail. The Hebrews wore it on the right hand alone. The Greeks wore their rings on the fourth finger of the left hand, the Gauls and Britons on the third finger of the left hand. In Pliny's time the betrothal ring was an iron hoop, set with a loadstone instead of gem.

The Romans were even greater slaves to fashion than we of the present. They had winter and summer rings, the weight and color of the rings being adapted to the season. The Greeks wore weekly rings, which were charms, and were always intaglios and cameos. Talismanic rings were also in use among the Romans.



Seal rings were heirlooms and of great value in business transactions.

The wedding ring is of great antiquity. It is a common thing to find wives who have been married a lifetime, yet never have allowed the wedding ring to slip over the finger joint. It is considered unlucky to take it off. To lose it indicates a misfortune.

Taken from the *Roanoke News*, December 18, 1884.

With thanks to The Halifax County Genealogical Society, PO Box 447, Halifax, NC 27839.

Early epidemics were catastrophic to Native Cherokee Americans



European epidemics were introduced into the southeastern part of the United States by the DeSoto expedition, and are estimated to have killed at least 75% of the original native population.

How much the Cherokee suffered from this disaster is unknown, but their population in 1674 was about 50,000.

A series of smallpox epidemics (1729, 1738 and 1753) halved this number. The population remained fairly stable at about 25,000 until their removal to Oklahoma on the famous Trail of Tears in the 1830s



Why is our flag folded like that?

Have you ever noticed on TV or at military funerals that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times?

I've known how the 21-gun salute was determined (adding the digits of 1776), but only recently learned why the flag was folded 13 times when it is lowered or when it is folded and handed to the widow at the burial of a veteran. Here it is:

- The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

- The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

- The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country at attain peace throughout the world.

- The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for his divine guidance.

- The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

- The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stand, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

- The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces

that we protect our country and our flag against all he enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

- The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

- The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

- The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for

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I need family portraits! Ancestors known **ISAAC BEESON** 1729-1802 and **PHEBE STROUD** (Quaker). Harpers Ferry and Hopewell, Virginia. Slaves? Also **MARY ADELINE WHEELER** who married **JOHN DURKEE**, 8 April, 1823, Baltimore, Maryland news Archbishop **MARECHAL. J. CLAUDE RABISCHUNG** (1610-1666), wife **KLARA SHERMAN**, glass workers and blowers, St. Amarin, France may have been parents of **CHRISTOPHE RABISCHUNG**, 2 March, 1672. He wedded **ANNE MUELLER**. is looking for information on **JAMES** and **ELIZABETH TURLEY CREMEANS** son, **JOHN THOMAS CREMEANS**, wife **ALTOC CREAMEANS**. May 26, 1895. **CREAMEANS, J. T.**, 23; **CAZAD ALTOC**, 17, b. Cabell County,

Massachusetts. **CREMEANS, JAMES**, 21; **TURLEY, ELIZABETH**, 19, and information on surname **TURLEY**, and funeral of **LILLIE S. LEWIS** 1886-1973, Dalton, IL., buried Woodmere, Huntington, WV. Who attended funeral and where her family is buried. **ISABELL LEWIS**, born 1906, Chicago, IL. **LESLIE THOMAS LEWIS, JOHN & ISABELL**. Hal Lewis of 124 Cumberland Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14220

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Folding our Flag, *continued from page 16*

the defense of our country since they were first born.

■ The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

■ The twelfth fold, in the eyes of Christian citizens, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

■ When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things which have a deep meaning.

With thanks to Lauren Boyd.

Pat Carby, 7285 32nd Avenue, Crystal, Minnesota 55427 (email: User770295@aol.com) is seeking information on a **WILLIAM CALHOUN** that was born in 1773 in East Pennsboro, Pennsylvania to **SAMUEL CALHOUN** (b.1721 d.1773) and **MARY CLENDENNIN/CLENDENNING? SAMUEL** was the son of **HUGH CALHOUN** (b.1692 d.1753) and **AGNES JANE McCLEARY?** They are descendents of **ADAM CALHOUN** (b.1601 d.1634) and **LADY CHRISTIAN LINDSEY**. The information appears in **ORVAL CALHOUN's** books. **ORVAL** has written quite a bit of information about most all of the other children of **SAMUAL** and **MARY CALHOUN**, but it only shows a birth year of 1773 for their son **WILLIAM**.

McDANIEL/McDONALD. Calling all **McDANIELS** – if your line is in North Carolina back of 1830. My line is **NEIL ARCHIBALD; DANIEL; JAMES; JOHN; ARCHIBALD; DANIEL**. Counties Moore, Richmond, Onslow, Duplin, Edgecombe. Send charts. Please contact **Wimberley Winden, 1511 Buckmann Court, Houston, Texas 77043-3301**.

Long's Peak, Colorado

(Estes Park) *Revisited*



Estes Park, Colorado, 2003

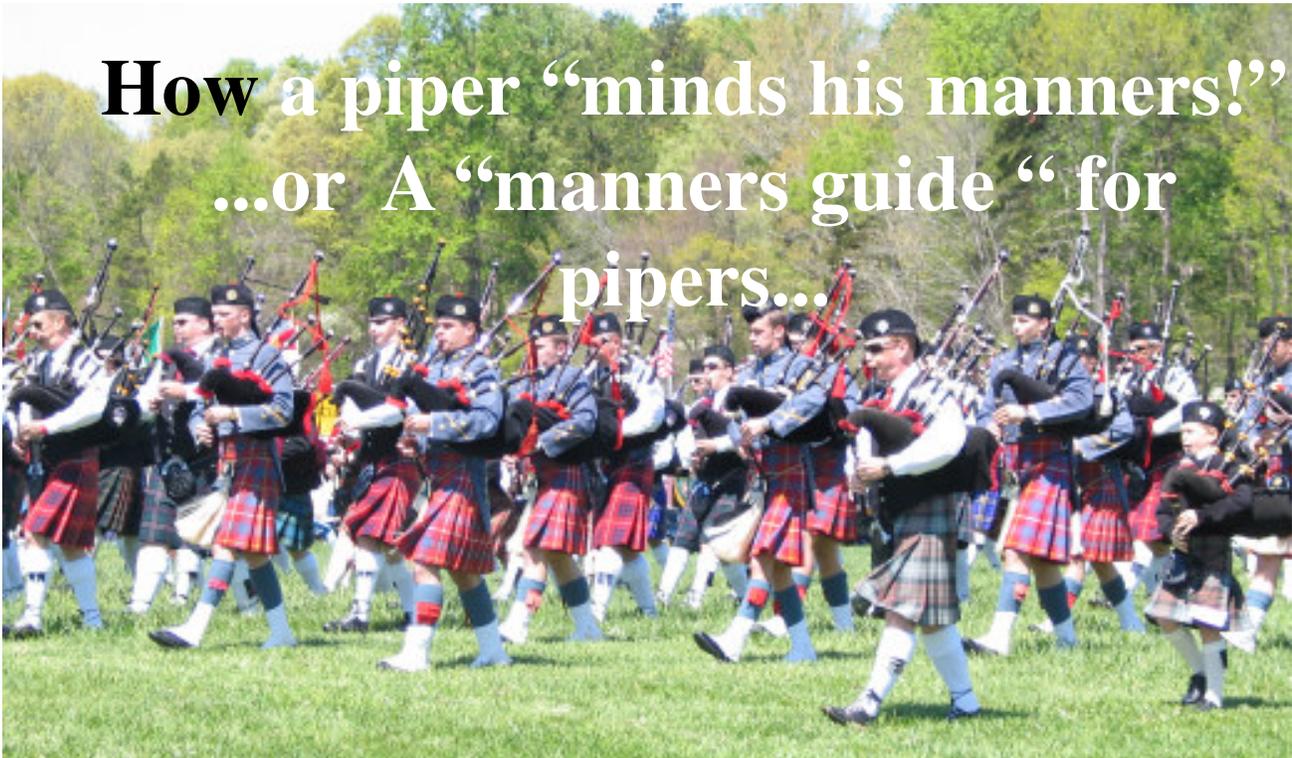
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How a piper “minds his manners!” ...or A “manners guide “ for pipers...



WARNING! The following may only be read if you love the pipes!

■ Always put your pipes down when embracing your fiancée.

■ When in church being married, ask the best man to hold your pipes while you slip the ring on your bride’s finger. After all, this is her big day and you must make some sacrifice.

■ If you are dressing your pipe bag with treacle or honey on the dining room table, see that there are no crumbs on the cloth. If these get into the bag, they may get onto the reeds with most undesirable consequences. Ask your wife or mother to put a clean cloth on the table.

■ When your wife is holding a ladies’ meeting in the house, do not play your pipes in the same room. The ladies will be too busy talking to listen attentively to your music.

■ Do not tune your pipes in the same room as others are watching television. Wait until after the epilogue or when everyone is in bed.

■ When playing at a wedding do not stand in front of the bridegroom and play a lament. It is equally bad taste to stand in front of the bride, especially if she is over forty, and play *When the Battle’s O’er*.

■ In competitions, do not approach the judges’ table with a truculent swagger and say, “Right, Jock, get an earful of this.”

■ It is bad taste to affix your chewing gum to the underside of his table. It is far better to stick it to the ivory bit on the end of your chanter until the conclusion of your recital.

Thanks to the *Clan Guthrie News*.

**What’s the difference between a bagpipe and a Vidalia onion?
Well...nobody much cares if you chop up an onion!**

If a gorilla sticks his tongue out...YIKES!

The Clan Baird Society Worldwide's publication *The Gryphon* has a list of things we all just need to know:

- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our noses and ears never stop growing.

- No word in the English language rhymes with "month". Orange is a problem, too.

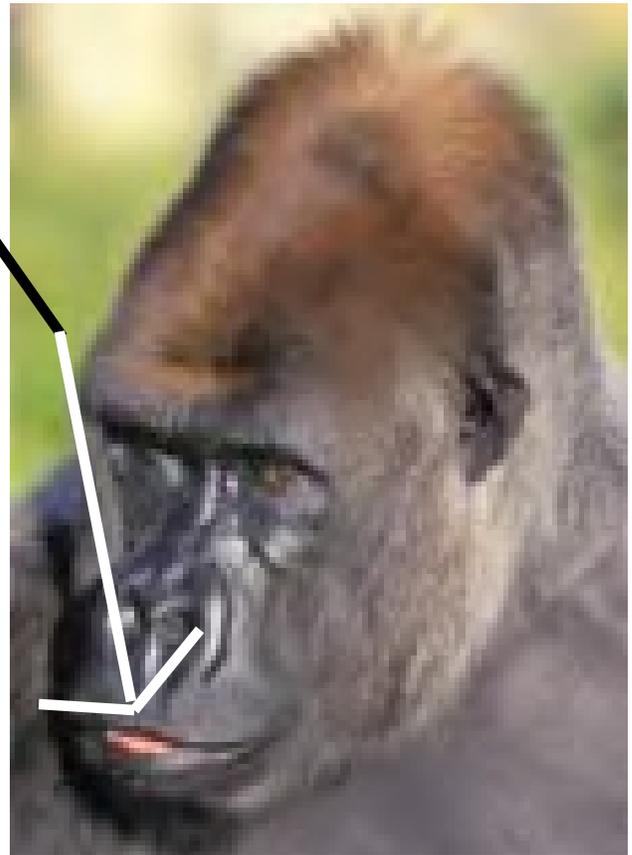
- The word "facetious" includes all five vowels in their proper alphabetical order.

- Walter Cavanaugh, "Mr. Plastic Fantastic", has 1196 valid credit cards.

- If NASA sent birds into space, they would die. Birds need gravity to swallow.

- Einstein could not speak fluently when he was nine years old. His parents thought he was retarded.

- You're more likely to get stung by a bee on a windy day than in any other weather.



- **How can you tell a gorilla is angry? It sticks its tongue out.**

- If an orangutan belches at you – watch out. He is warning you to stay out of his territory.

- Dirty snow melts quicker than clean snow.

- You can only see a rainbow in the morning or the late afternoon.

- In 1984, a New Jersey man opened a summer camp for Cabbage Patch dolls.

- In Los Angeles, there are fewer people than there are automobiles

Using PERSI as a Genealogical Research Tool is simple to do

<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/publications/p/persi.htm>

Bryan L. Mulcahy, Research Librarian

PERSI is the acronym for the Periodical Source Index maintained by the Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. PERSI is the largest subject index of genealogical and local history articles ever compiled in one source. Prior to the inception of the project in 1999, genealogists were dependant on sources such as the Genealogical Periodical Source Index published annually. This was a very useful tool when and where you could find it. Its availability in libraries was limited. The concept of the Internet as we know it today was also limited in scope and availability to researchers. Michael Clegg, a member of the reference staff at Allen County Library, developed the idea of PERSI. More than 1,750,000 genealogical articles have been added to the database since its inception in 1999.

PERSI is a comprehensive source covering genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (taking French speaking areas of Canada into consideration) since 1800 which cover people, places, events, and records from the late 1600's to the present. Curt Witcher, library director of Allen County Public Library, has estimated that thousands of genealogists access PERSI via their home PC's or at library research facilities on a daily basis. Access was primarily available via the search site of ANCESTRY.com until recently. Heritage Quest has now taken over this primary access function. Patrons may access PERSI via the Heritage Quest on our library home page at www.lee-county.com/library using the following



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Accompanying the article citations is an extensive bibliography which directs the researcher to access needed articles from the publisher, from a nearby research library, through Inter-Library Loan, or from the Allen County Library. To obtain copies of articles from PERSI via the Allen County Public Library, the cost is \$7.50 per form which will allow you to order six articles per form. Complete the information on the form and send your check to Allen County Public Library Foundation, P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270. A charge of \$.20 per page copied will accompany your material which should be mailed to you within six to eight weeks.

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You may be a gypsy!

If your ancestors are from the Scottish Borders area near England, you may have some gypsy blood running through your veins! This is another example that if you label yourself as a Scot, you may have any number of bloodlines from the European continent.

Another good example – my Scottish ancestry is from the Isle of Harris and Lewis – one of the many homes to the MacLeods. Who founded the MacLeod clan? Two Viking brothers! Technically speaking, I'm not Scottish, but Viking! Find out why you may have a wee bit of gypsy in you.

In a country like Scotland where castles and stately homes are found almost everywhere, there is one palace where very different riches were celebrated. The Gypsy Palace may sound like a bizarre contradiction, but here lived crowned kings and queens. While they were not rich in the gold or the jewels associated with other famous palaces, these people were rich in other ways – in tradition and in spirit.

The Gypsies were first recorded in Scotland in 1506, having arrived from the Continent, and are thought to have their origins in the Persian Gulf. A nomadic race, the gypsy way of life was simple. They would find work on farms, doing even the most menial work through the spring and summer, earning enough food or money to see them through the long winter months. They never put much stock in possessions, apart from a fierce loyalty to their horses. Their society was hugely reliant on family, and it was the Faa family who made headquarters at Kirk Yetholm.

Located near the English border, seven miles (11 km) southeast of Kelso, Yetholm is adjacent to Bowmont Water and in the old country of Roxburghshire. The town Yetholm is the younger of two parts of a village, which also includes Kirk Yetholm. The nature of the land in the Borders – constantly disputed ownership between the Scots and the English – made it a perfect place for gypsies to settle. The Faa family's first official involvement in the area was reported in Chambers' Journal, August 18, 1883, "the land (where the Gypsy Palace stands), was given to the gypsies by Bennet of Grubbit and Marlefield, Laird of Kirk Yetholm, after a brave gypsy named Young saved his life during the Battle of Namur, in 1695."

The photographer, Alasdair Alpin MacGregor, met a resident of Yetholm called Robert Christie in 1935, who

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could vividly remember the 1898 coronation of Charles Faa Blyth, the last king: “There were ten thousand folk here the day Chairlie Blythe was crooned, and twa hundred cuddies [horses]. He was crooned oot there on the Green l’ Kirk Yetholm... The gypsies wended their way up the Loanings toward the tract o’ land known as the Common. There they put a tin croon on him, and broke a bottle of whisky ower his heid, and then bound a hare roond his neck. Chairlie then walked down the Loanings to his Palace as ‘His majesty’! The hare, of course, was indicative o’ the case – or rather, o’ the ancient art o’ poaching, whereby the gypsies derived so much o’ their sustenance. They regarded poaching as their birthright, so to speak.”

There was general distrust of the gypsies locally, but various people including the Quakers and a local man, John Baird, sought better conditions for the community. He brought about measures like full-time homes for the children of the gypsies (in taking some gypsy girls into his own home, others saw fit to do likewise), and encouraged their education, but this also saw the beginning of the end of their traditional way of life.

The last queen, Esther Faa Blyth, died in 1883 and her son, crowned king in 1902, died a few years later. The gypsy community intermingled with the local folk and effectively disappeared. However, if your surname is Baillie, Tait, Douglas, Young, Gordon or Blyth, you may well have Faa blood in your veins.

Despite the demise of the gypsy royal family, the ‘Gypsy Palace’ still stands in Kirk Yetholm, although it now hosts commoners as a bed and breakfast.

With many thanks to *The Palmetto & Thistle*, Scots-American Society of Brevard, PO Box 3325, Melbourne, FL 32902-3325.



Ancient Romans paid for peace with Scots

Roman soldiers kept the rebellious Scots under control using generous bribes rather than brute force, archaeologists have claimed. This discovery of a hoard of 300 Roman silver coins buried in an Iron Age pot on a farm in Elgin, Moray, on Scotland's northeastern coast, has given weight to the theory that the Romans avoided fighting local chieftains by paying them to keep the peace.

The coins span more than 100 years, from A.D. 60 in Nero's day to A.D. 197, the reign of Emperor Severus, when the Romans had all but retreated to Hadrian's Wall. They still had two forts north of the border, at Cramond, near Edinburgh, and at Newstead, near Melrose, but they were staffed by only small numbers of soldiers.

The soldiers made it their business, however, to march up the east coast as far as Elgin, about 200 miles from their northern frontier, to bribe chieftains not to cause trouble.

Fraser Hunter, curator of Iron Age and Roman archaeology at the National Museums of Scotland, said yesterday the find was "very unusual" and the first to show firm evidence of a financial arrangement between Romans

and the Scots.

Although buried Roman treasure has been found before – the largest find being 2,000 silver coins unearthed at Falkirk in the 1930s – this was the first time the money had been found in a local pot, rather than a Roman one, Mr. Hunter said.

"This find supports our theory that the coins were given to native chieftains as a bribe. The Romans were shrewd politicians and to keep the peace may have bribed tribes that were causing trouble, rather than going into battle. Here, far beyond the Roman frontier, it may have seemed simpler to bribe than to fight," he said.

The cache of denarii, the Roman silver currency, was

discovered during excavations by the National Museums, after an amateur enthusiast with a metal detector found 18 loose coins in a plowed field at Birnie.

Thanks to *The Scots Speak*, Official Voice of the St. Andrew's Society of Jacksonville, PO Box 5441, Jacksonville, FL 32247-5441.



Flowers of the Forest

Clan Pollock member and Kansas Commissioner, **Robert S. Slemmons**, passed away suddenly October 22, 2007. We received word recently from his widow, Dorothy. Bob was a longtime Clan Pollock member and he and Dorothy had hosted the Kansas games for many years for Clan Pollock. He and Dorothy had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary December 16, 2005. Bob is also survived by four children; twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bob was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Topeka where he and Dorothy sang in the Choir for over 50 years. Bob wrote volumes of memoirs, historical essays, children's stories, poetry and limericks. The full obituary from the *Topeka Capital Journal* can be found online at <http://tiny.cc/kORZK>

On his bathroom mirror were the words: "Life

is short, and we have never too much time for making glad the hearts of others. Oh, be swift to love; make haste to be kind."

We send our sincere sympathy to Dorothy and the rest of the family. Robert (Bob) S. Slemmons will be greatly missed.

Matt Blake, one of the drummers in the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Pipe Band passed away May 10th after suffering a heart attack the previous night. He was young, full of life and always happy and loved playing with the band. He left behind a wife.

Dorothy Campbell, wife of St. Andrew's Society of Detroit member and former president, Marvin Campbell passed away recently.



G T SOON..

Marti hurts her knee...

I know you all have missed reading Marti Van Horne's column in this issue of *BNFT*. I am glad to report she is doing well, but sorry to tell everyone that Marti slipped on a wet floor and broke a knee which required surgery to repair the damage.

If you'd like to drop her a note you may do so with email at MartiVanHorne@maupintravel.com

Clan Buchanan Society, International sets 2008 AGM at Pleasanton, CA

The Northern California Commissioner to The Clan Buchanan Society, International, Cindy Thames, and the entire Nor Cal Buchanan family would like to invite you to join CBSI for their 2008 AGM Labor Day Weekend in conjunction with the 143rd Annual Scottish Highland Games in Pleasanton, California.

The Sheraton Four Points Hotel, half a mile from the Alameda County Fairgrounds will host the Buchanans. Thirty-five rooms have been set aside under Clan Buchanan Society, International. There are five rooms available also on Thursday night and 10 rooms have been reserved for Sunday night. Call 925-460-8800 for complete hotel information.

The dinner will be Saturday night with a cost of \$32 per person. Please contact Maureen Snyder, 408-629-1430 to make reservations.



The official Arms of The Clan Buchanan Society, as issued by The Lyon Court, Edinburgh, Scotland.

COLORING BOOK OF CELTIC LANDS: IRELAND

Ireland is the island west of Scotland and England. There are many symbols associated with Ireland and on this page we present just a few. The *Claddagh* (say "kla-dah") is a design used to show love, faith and loyalty; the *shamrock* is a type of clover with three leaves and is the floral symbol of Ireland; the *Uilleann pipes* (say "ILL-in") are a type of bagpipe. A piper plays this instrument while sitting and squeezing air into the pipes from a bag between the piper's arm and body.

