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Field Marshal Montgomery claim 2011 World Pipe Band Champion title

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The World Pipe Band Championships returned once again to its heartland, on Glasgow Green Saturday 13th August 2011, where Premier endorsers Field Marshal Montgomery of Belfast, Northern Ireland, won the coveted 2011 title in convincing style. The weather was mostly dry, although generally heavily overcast, with the band delivering exceptional performances, continuing their well-deserved unbeaten run this season and claiming the best MSR drumming accolade along the way.



The Field Marshal Montgomery Pipe Band is Northern Ireland's premier Grade One pipe band. Current Scottish and British Champions, they were runners-up at last year's World Championships, and winners of the title in 2006 and 2007. The band has won over 40 major championship titles and has so far claimed the world title six times and in 20 years has never been out of the top six at a Grade One major championship, which makes for 99 consecutive major prize-winning performances going into the 2011 Worlds.

Defending 2010 World Champions and fellow Premier endorsers, St. Laurence O'Toole from Dublin, claimed fifth place, with truly excellent performances

that many were surprised had not placed the band higher, while Fife Constabulary were placed eighth, receiving much praise for their consistently great drumming.

Throughout the day, members of Field Marshal Montgomery, St Laurence O'Toole, Fife Constabulary, Peel Regional Police and Canterbury Caledonian Society pipe bands vis-

ited the Premier stand, with the full drum corps of Field Marshal, St Laurence and Peel Police entertaining crowds of fans with their world class drumming demonstrations.

The Premier stand this year showcased many of the finest pipe band drums in the world, including several HTS 800 side drums which displayed various examples from the new range of premium shell finishes alongside Premier's legendary Diamond Chrome fittings. There were expert Premier staff on hand to answer questions and talk to visitors, with the day proving to be among the busiest and most successful World Pipe Band Championships so far.

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Fly an American Flag on September 11, 2011



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Rah! Rah! Narra the Cheerleader is ready!

Miss Narra, The Wonder Cat, is ready for the 2011 football season in her cheerleading outfit. Her hijinks on the sidelines are legendary. At 17, her routines are perfect and her leaps defy gravity!

Just this morning, Miss Narra was practicing in the sunshine on the kitchen floor. She had a pyramid of The Golden Boys - that's Bicket and Peggie Hairy - as the foundation and Angus Wangus Dangus Fangus along with the shy Miss Priss as the second level. Miss Narra herself was perched regally at the top of the catly feline pyramid.

Unfortunately, by the time I went for the camera and got back, the troop of cheerleaders had declared a snack break.

A letter from your editor...

Recycling as a way of life...quilting



Last time, we were visiting the subject of recycling. I forgot one very important aspect of using things over and over. I forgot all about quilting.

I might be a member of the last generation of folks who did not recycle because it was “trendy” nor “hip” nor “young.” My generation - and the ones who came before me - recycled because it was just the way you lived and the way you survived. We live that way today.

Quilting was the way you wasted no precious fabric. Today, quilts are made from new fabric purchased just for the quilt. Quilters carefully coordinate all the colors and types of fabric.

My grandmother and the quilters of her day - and before her day - used what they had. Come to think of it, isn't that the way our Scottish ancestors lived too?

I have many of my grandmother's quilts including one with squares of that awful red tiger skin that my brother's and I cried about. I have a butterfly applique quilt done by my great grandmother and quilts done by my

father's sister, too.

Lovingly wrapped in a white cotton sheet on the shelf of my closet during these hot months, is a quilt of silk.. My beloved grandmother saved every tiny scrap of silk material she came upon - and did that for most of her life. When I was in high school, she thought she had enough silk scraps to begin her crowning quilting project - her silk quilt!



There were scraps of silk from my mother's and my Aunt Mildred's Baptismal baby dress - since they both wore the same one - and scraps from my grandmother's silk blouse from when she married my grandfather, Robert Benjamine Bishop. Bits of silk from the dresses of “Mrs. Clyatt” (after whom my mother, Elizabeth Clyatt Bishop, was named.) were in her silk-treasure drawer.

The collection included an entire silk dress from Aunt Jessie - who knew of my grandmother's silk saving project and gave

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Please fly your American Flag September 11, 2011 - ten years after “9-11”

Please join in this FLY THE FLAG campaign and PLEASE ask your friends and family to also fly our American flag.

On Sunday, September 11th, 2011, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this tenth anniversary of one our country’s worst tragedies.

We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn’t take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American Flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds



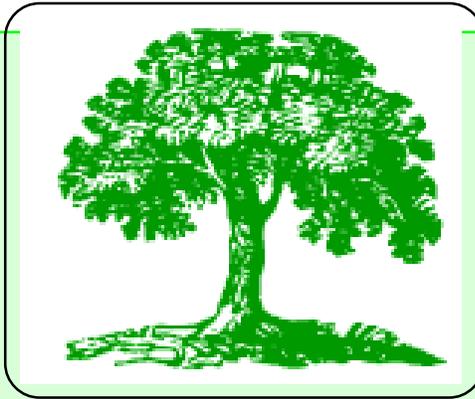
*Fly an
American flag
on 9/11.*

World Champion Pipe Band, *continued from page 1*

The championship, which has been held in Glasgow for more than 60 years, drew more than 30,000 spectators from all over the world to see 230 pipe bands, and 8,000 of the very best pipers and drummers compete. With performances starting early in the morning, and Field Marshal Montgomery being an-

nounced as champions after more than 9 hours of fierce competition, the event ended with the amazing spectacle of the thousands of pipers and drummers who had been competing throughout the day taking part in a march past before the 2011 world champions were crowned.





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Flowers of the Forest

J Selmer Robertson, Jr 11/9/1922 - 8/8/2011. J Robertson was born in Parsons, Kansas, November 9, 1922 to Edythe and J Selmer Robertson, Sr. He was the eldest of three children, a brother Richard and a sister Nola.

In 1929, his family moved to Long Beach, California. J graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1942. After graduation, he was hired by the Los Angeles County Forestry Department and Fire Protection District and was stationed at Battalion 6 protecting North Los Angeles County.

In December of 1942, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and entered active duty in January of 1943. J served in the European Theater during World War II and received an Honorable Discharge in March of 1946.

After the War, J returned to Los Angeles County Fire Department and married Lola Cook September 19, 1947. J and Lola moved to the San Fernando Valley after the completion of their new home in 1948. Through the years they had five children: Kathleen, J (III), Nancy, Steven, and Laurie Anne.

J was a loving and dedicated father who served as President of the Mission Hills Little League and led the family on a multitude of summer adventures throughout the United States.

As his children grew J became interested in sailing. He joined the Valley Ho Power Squad-

ron where he reached the rank of Commander, mastered the curriculum, and eventually became a skills instructor. In addition, J was active in the West Coast Yacht Club where he also rose to the rank of Commander. His sailing travels took him from the northern coasts of Oregon to as far South as Panama.

In 1974, after 32 years of service with the LA County Fire Department, he retired from Station 110 in Marina Del Rey. He readied his sailboat Kalana III (an Islander 36) and set sail

for Hawaii with three fellow fireman. Eighteen months later he returned to Marina Del Rey and continued sailing for many years in local waters.

In addition to sailing, J was very active in the Clan Donnachaidh Society. He served as



President of the local Southern California Branch and served on the International Board of Directors. J is credited with being the inspiration for the Seaside Highland Games through his good-hearted prodding and his loving encouragement. J also served as the Prior of the Priory of Robert the Bruce Knights Templar.

In later years, J and Lola cruised to many International destinations, some of the most memorable were the Antarctic, Tahiti and the Mediterranean.

J is survived by Lola and their large and loving family and will be missed by us all.

2011 Seaside Games not to be missed!

The Seaside Highland Games, already choc-a-block with wonderful things to see and do, is adding new and exciting things to the Highland experience of all who attend!

Bagpipe Bands already committed will arrive from all over California and many of the Western States. Premier Highland Dancers by the scores will amaze you from their Amtrak California Stage near the front gate.

And the Scottish athletes—the Highland Heavies—will return to the friendly environs of Morgan Arena just at the end of Clan Row. But they will return—not with just their normal feats of strength and agility but with the new **LIGHT WEIGHT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL** held exclusively at Seaside!

And if you really believe the “Light Weight” throwers are light-weights, think again! This will be an awesome show featuring the best athletes from around the world.

For those of you who love Sara Goodman’s All Breed Herding Dogs demonstrations (and who doesn’t), have no fear as she will be right beside the athletes in her very own “Oceanside Herding Arena!”

That end of Clan Row will be one very popular destination.

What else is happening there you ask?

Well, in addition to our beloved Bydand Forever, the Gordon Highlanders recreators (whose live black powder show occurring in Morgan Arena each day), we are welcoming back Richard Brown’s Highlander Warriors whose encampment beside Bydand’s will impress you and whose action packed sword demonstrations on the green will send you back to those earlier, wilder days.

On a more “civilized” note, the music wafting in from across the way on the Celtic Rock Stage will be favorites Eric Rigler and his band Bad Haggis. That is not a commentary on either haggis, the Scottish delicacy, or Eric’s music which is amazingly GOOD...just a name!

Eric brings with him this year a new band (new to us at least) called Anita and the Yanks. You will be pleased to hear the soothing melodies sung by Anita Mansfield and the hard-driving rhythms set up by her band.

Moving back through the more than 80 Clan Society encampments we come to Center Stage where so much action is focused.

First is the unfortunate news of our working without Star Performer Alex Beaton this year. Many of you know that Alex was seriously injured in a home accident at the end of July and remains hospitalized but making steady progress as we speak. So serious, however, that the Seaside Games has set up a “Matching Funds” benefit to assist Alex and Linda when this is all over and that is high-

lighted on the next page in this *BNFT* issue. Thank you, Beth!!

That Center Stage will still be a happening place with the return of perennial favorites, the Browne Sisters and George Cavanaugh and adding the fantastic musicianship of the Southern California band Sligo Rags. You will not want to miss a beat of their exciting sets.

While you are in the area, look for Alex’s tent and the wonderful volunteers selling his products led by the dear Helen and Bill Eisenhower. We cannot leave this area without a mention of Saturday’s noon-

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Seaside Highland Games has “We love Alex” page to assist Alex Beaton.

<http://seaside-games.com/weLoveAlex.php>

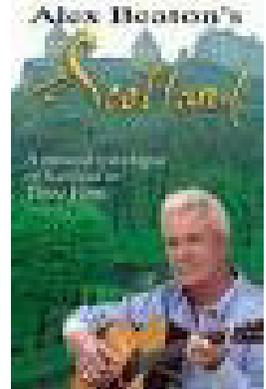
John and Nellie Lowry of Seaside Highland Games have made it possible for there to be a central place for friends of Scottish entertainer, Alex Beaton, to assist in the medical bills and other expenses that are mounting daily since Alex was hurt in a serious accident at his Franklin, Tennessee home on July 2.

Now, Alex has been moved from Nashville, Tennessee to the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia. (No visitors, please.)

The Lowry's have added a “We love

Alex” page to their Seaside Highland Games presence on the Internet. You may visit <http://seaside-games.com/weLoveAlex.php> for complete details and how you may be a part of the assistance for Alex Beaton.

You might also wish to visit Alex's official website: <http://www.alexbeaton.com>



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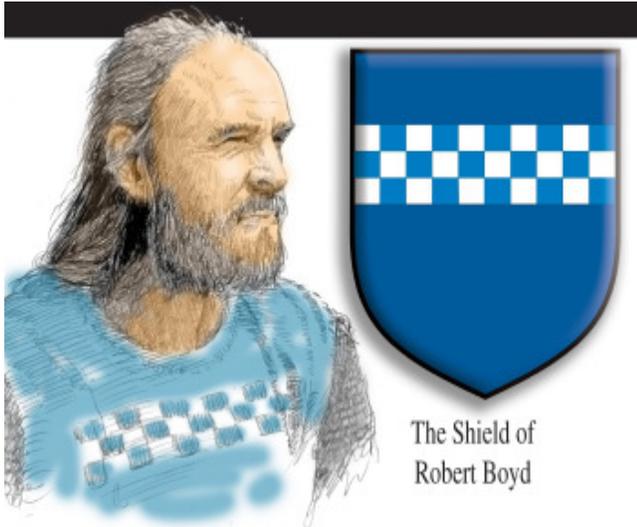
_____ August 18, 2011, From Alex...

I now have a small amount of movement in all my fingers in my right hand!! It is encouraging to see the small improvements. But what is most encouraging is all the love and support I am receiving from my friends.....I will never be able to thank you enough! God bless you all!

**Camden Simon ordained to the Deaconate in
The Reformed Episcopal
Church Aug. 22**



Clan Donald USA members at the ordination service for Camden McCall Simon to the Deaconate in the Reformed Episcopal Church on August 22, 2011. Brothers McCall Simon and Pierson Simon, Greg Manning and Fr. Camden Simon, Corinne Grizzard, Beth Gay-Freeman, Julie Manning, Carlisle Simon and Tom Freeman. Service was held at the All Saints Anglican Church, REC. Simpsonville, SC.



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is fixed!**

You'll read in Section B (which I always do first) that my computer was in the hospital with a grave diagnoses.

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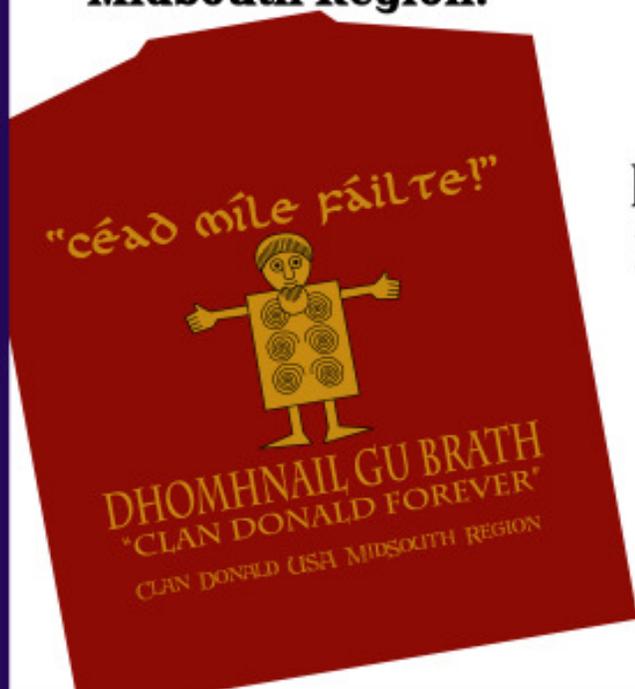
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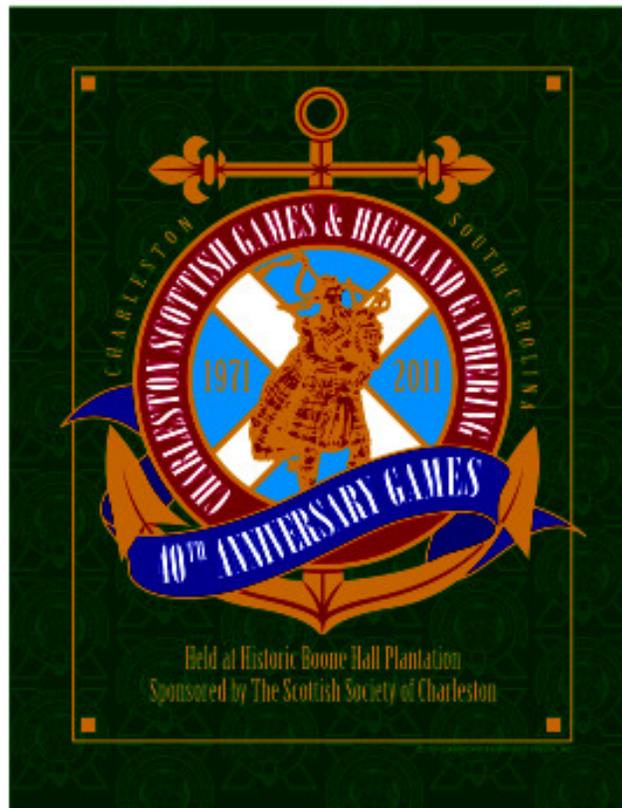
The 40th Annual Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Gathering will be held on the back lawn of Boone Hall Plantation, Mt. Pleasant, SC, on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Activities will run from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and tickets may be purchased at Sticky Fingers Restaurants or at the Charleston Scottish Society web site: www.charlestonscots.org. Advance ticket prices are \$17/adult and \$4/children under 12. Games' day prices are \$20/adult and \$5/children under 12.

This award-winning "Scotland for the Day" event is the second oldest Scottish Games in the Southeast and is known nationwide as one of the nicest and friendliest Games around. Visitors are entertained constantly throughout the day with a variety of competitions which originated in "auld" Scotland, including feats of strength such as "tossing the caber" (telephone pole), high-stepping highland dancers, and both pipe band as well as individual piping and drumming.

Other sights and sounds include touring the Scottish merchandise vendors and sampling Scottish foods. Visitors will also enjoy seeing the massed bands marching in step and entering the field for the Opening Ceremonies., watching Bill Coburn's sheep dog demonstration as

his border collies maneuver sheep and ducks through a maze back to their pens, and checking out all the kilt-wearers...all the while enjoying the bagpipes playing in the background.

For the music lovers, entertainment will be provided by *Sterling Bridge*, a Celtic group performing Scottish and Irish folk songs, and Alex Beaton, internationally known Scottish folk singer and recording artist who has performed worldwide. Children can participate in organized children's games and have their faces painted. And, there is always the possibility of Ronald McDonald making an appearance.



Looking for Scottish roots? Check out the Genealogy Tent or visit any of the 40+ clans in attendance. Who knows? Maybe you will find your clan and be invited to march in the Parade of Clans during Opening Ceremonies.

The Honored Clan this year is Clan Macfie and the Honored Guest is the Commander of Clan Macfie, Iain Morris McFie. Also being recognized are all the Past Presidents of the Scottish Society of Charleston for the last 40 years.

For more information, contact Bill McDaniel, Games Chairman (843.406.4867 • bill-mcdaniel@comcast.net).

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Speaking about people in “glass houses” A 1939 Pontiac made of a kind of glass!



This is a 1939 Pontiac auto; the body is made out of glass. It was exhibited in the New York 1939 World's Fair. The glass is a forerunner to plexiglas. *What a hoot! Sent to me by a friend via Internet.*

Fly your American flags on September 11, 2011

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COME JOIN US! The Clan Davidson Society, USA, Inc. will be sponsoring an *International Gathering of Clan Davidson* on the 2nd weekend of June (**June 10, 11 & 12**), 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.

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Wha' happened?

Roger Ferguson took this photo at Grandfather Mountain a month or so ago...but just sent it to me.

What happened? John R. Ferguson, in the photo too...denies ANYTHING happened.

It must have had something to do with my lovely black sequined sneakers!



The Shield of
Thomas Randolph
as Earl of Moray



Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward's army.

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 - ◆ When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.
 - ◆ A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
 - ◆ When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
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“This is the spirit of the Southwest Highlands”, distillery owner Dana Kanzler proudly proclaims. We are on the downwind side of the smoke chamber, as gentle, aromatic smoke from local mesquite wafts upward to the overhead air vents. Infusing two-row barley with local mesquite smoke adds a distinct regionality, or “terroir” to Arizona High Spirit Single Malt Whisky. Dried barley is milled into grist, one of the first steps in the process of distilling Arizona High Spirits Single Malt Whisky here at the distillery in Flagstaff. Kanzler continues, “Our products are hand crafted every step of the way – like a cobbler makes shoes. We employ only three people.”

Note: Arizona High Spirits Distillery (AHS) is owned by Mogollon Brewing Company, founded by Dana Kanzler in 1996. The Mogollon portfolio of bottled and canned beers has been a perennial favorite in the Southwest for years.

The distillery’s business plan was written in 2003. Approval for Arizona’s only licensed distillery came in 2004 – an achievement similarly born from that Southwest Highlands spirit, as variances were pro-

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Ray Pearson, *continued from page 20* posed and granted, and local state legislators, along with the Federal Tax & Trade Bureau all gave their support.

Also in 2004, the 16.5-foot tall, custom-made Arnold Holstein copper still arrived in sections from Germany and was promptly put in quarantine at Los Angeles Customs for two months, until officials were comfortable it was not a weapon of mass destruction or some type of experimental rocket – this was post 9/11, and released it. Soon, the still was making the distillery’s first spirit, Prickly Pear Vodka, in the brand new, 4500 square foot building, designed specifically for distilling spirits and brewing beer.

“After quite a bit of experimentation, we got serious about single malt, and laid down our first new make spirit – six 50-gallon casks – in 2008” explains Distiller Steve Hendricks. In mid-2011, after the legal aging period was met, 500 gallons of 40% ABV (alcohol by volume) whisky have been bottled and are in the hands of the distributor.” Kanzler adds, “After tasting it, and from all the totally positive feedback we’ve received from whisky reviewers, I wish we had made more”. Reserve stock is being held back for further aging and experimentation.

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Letter from your editor, *continued from page 3*

my grandmother her dress when their tiny little dog ripped the skirt with his sharp toes.

Aunt Estelle, who had many beautiful formal gowns for her Eastern Star ceremonies, contributed many gorgeous big scraps. (Aunt Estelle's dressmaker had instructions to save any sizeable scraps for my grandmother.) Even their brother's wife, Aunt Edna Mae, saved scraps from her own Sunday best dresses for my grandmother.

Jessie, Estelle and my grandmother, Annie Roberta, were known far and wide in West Florida as "the beautiful Macdonald girls". They were lovely when they were young and beautiful when they were not.

Scraps and whole garments of silk were included in my grannie's collection.

There were silk scraps from many friends and from my Aunt Mildred who was "Miss Madison" shortly after 1900 and who always dressed to the nines to go outside to her mailbox.

There were silk scraps from friends who lived far away. I remember my grandmother's delight when she would get an envelope in the mail filled with shimmering silks from a friend in New York or Virginia or West Florida.

There were scraps from my own hand-me-down dresses from my cousin Betty. Grandmother would make them over to fit me - and the scraps would find their way to her silk drawer.

There were scraps from the members of my grannie's Sunday School class and

other ladies of her church.

I remember my grandmother carefully pressing all of her scraps. I remember her cutting muslin squares as a foundation for the "crazy quilt" silk squares. I remember my grandmother sitting for hours sewing those bits and pieces of silk onto the foundation squares. I'll bet there wasn't a square inch of fabric discarded.

I remember my grandmother saying, "This quilt will have every single embroidery stitch I know in it."

She bought a whole box of black embroidery thread - and I don't know how many more boxes of black thread. She embroidered each and every seam on that entire double bed quilt with hundreds of different embroidery stitches in black thread.

The peachie solid color you see is from Aunt Jessie's dress

which had a very full skirt.

The red was from a blouse of my mother's.

The blue was from me.

I can sit and look at that quilt and the fabric bits and remember those whom I loved who had sent along scraps for my grannie.

Most of all, I can wrap that quilt about my shoulders, close my eyes and am transported backwards in time and can feel my grandmother's unconditional love for me.

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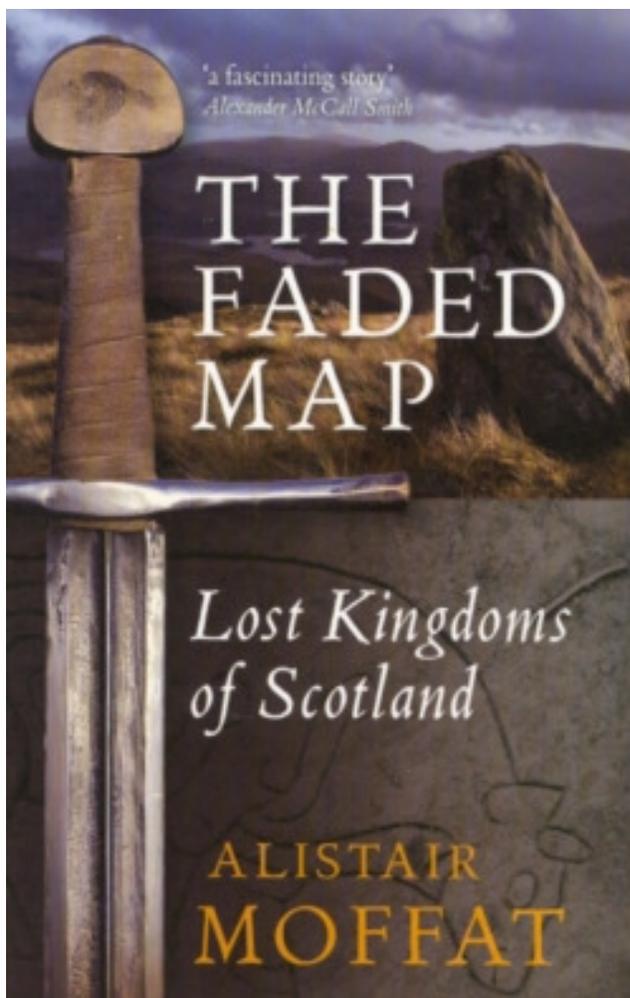
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New books from Unicorn Ltd., Inc.

We are starting to get in inventory for the fall Games (not too far off, now!). Among the new titles we have received, here are two which really are quite different and which move into historical territory that is unfamiliar but fascinating. As with all imports, supply can be erratic, and while we have good stock at the moment, if we run out, we will be happy to take your order and ship when more copies arrive. These books are not up on the website, so you'll need to email your order to Vicki (mcleod@scotpress.com) so she can arrange payment and shipping. Postage to US addresses is \$3.99 per order. Happy Reading! *Renny and Vickie McLeod*



First – **The Faded Map: Lost Kingdoms of Scotland**, by Alistair Moffat, (paperback, 272 pages, \$16.95) – requires considerable attention, because it deals with political structures that we rarely read about. We all know a great deal about Dalriada, the Pictish kingdom, the Lord of the Isles. But there are many other “lost” kingdoms which existed in Scotland between, say, 200 and 1000. For example, what do you know about Calchvynydd, Desnes Mor, Manau and the Land of the Kindred Hounds? And just where was Grimsdyke or the Wasteland and the Raven Fell? If you’ve often wondered what else was going on in that very confusing period between the time the Romans left Britain and Malcolm Canmore and Queen Margaret more or less put Scotland back together, you’ll enjoy this book. Keep in mind, though, that it isn’t fantasy or romance, but rather a detailed look at quite a few of the lesser-known bits and pieces that made up what we today call Scotland during this long period.

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Seaside Highland Games, *continued from page 8*



The Clan Buchanan Society, International at Seaside Highland Games.

time Grand Parade and Opening Ceremonies. You will see every Clan and moveable organization represented here and to be greeted by our Very Special Guest, The Marquess of Huntly, Chief of the House of Gordon, the “Cock o’ the North” himself, Granville Huntly of Aboyne, Scotland who will declare the Games “Officially Open!”

The amazing Wood family performers, “Celtic Spring” will hold forth to their usual record-breaking crowds on their stage in Vendor Building One, just steps away from the very active Children’s Glen where we have just added the popular Story Teller Neal McLeod who delights and entertains all ages.

Scottish Country Dancers not just occupy but make come alive their own building, McBride Hall.

Our newly “resurrected” Scottish Fiddle Competition (after having been shelved in the State of California

for over twelve years) will return as an expanded and popular event for both Saturday and Sunday this year.

Premier keyboardist Shauna Pickett-Gordon and National Champion Fiddler Colyn Fischer, who are professionally known as Peat-Fire Flame, will oversee that Competition once again. They will also be in concert together with our Scottish Country Dancers at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel on Saturday night.

Other than that and a little Gordon “Dinner with the Chief” at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for a hundred and fifty, a wedding for two hundred plus extended hours for the Celtic Rock Stage—ALL on Saturday night—things are rocking along as usual!

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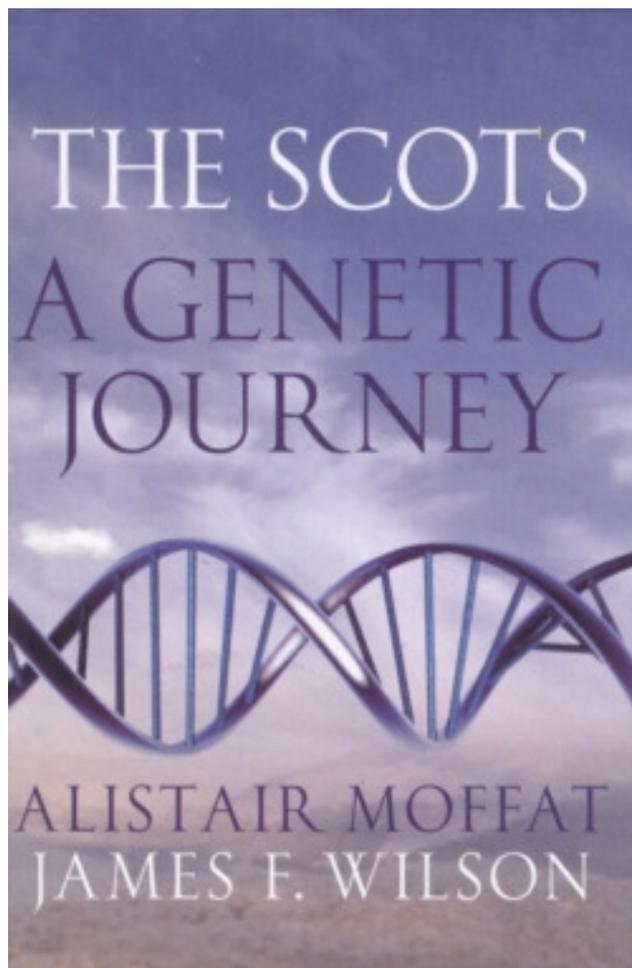
Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society meets 9/11

Our next meeting of the Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society will be on Sunday, September 11th, at 2:00 at the Airport Meeting Room, St. Simons Firestation, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

The program will be "What's In a Surname?" Several members will discuss interesting aspects of one their ancestors last names. Do you have an unusual or interesting story about one of your surnames??

Thanks to all of you who made the July meeting such a huge success!! We had 22 folks there including lots of guests. Please welcome new members Barbara Lane, Jackie Kindler and Paula Montague. We hope that all of the visitors will return in September. The meeting following that will be on November 13th.

New books from Scotpress, *continued from page 29*



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The second book is **The Scots: A Genetic Journey**, by Alistair Moffat and James F. Wilson (hardback, 256 pages, \$25.00). No one can be unaware of the mushrooming of genetic studies. Nor can we ignore the DNA analysis which is forcing us to rewrite the history of Europe and America. But rarely has a book concentrated solely upon the Scots and their very particular genetic construction. Too often, we assume that there is one genetic marker that distinguishes a Scot from, say, an Englishman. But, as this book shows, there are numerous groups within Scotland, perhaps ultimately descending from a common genetic source as we all are, but distinct from each other. This work deals with the separate markers that appear in Scotland. It looks, for example, at the S28 Y chromosome group, the M222 Y chromosome group, and the S145-str47 "Pictish" Y chromosome. If you are interested how the varying sub-groups interrelate to each other in Scotland, I would strongly recommend that you will really want to read this work. But be prepared to concentrate. It wouldn't hurt, for example, if you had read *The Faded Map* before you tackle this DNA study. I'm not suggesting that it's scientifically or medically complicated (although there is some of that), but rather that you've got to have some idea about the history of the sub-groups that Moffat is discussing.

Elwanda Hoffer Collection Index available online now. Just visit:

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The Elwanda Hoffer Collection is the lifetime genealogical collection of Elwanda Hoffer, who was employed by the State of Georgia Department of Archives and History.

Mrs. Hoffer's extensive collection was willed with the stipulation that it be kept intact.

The collection is housed at the LDS Church's Family History Center on Flat Shoals Road in Conyers, Georgia.

I want to let everyone know the Hoffer Collection has been indexed. Attached is the complete list of books, binders, paperbacks, etc in Excel spreadsheet format. As for the spreadsheet, the keyword columns will need to be cleaned up or at least be consistent in the information it provides and in time we may reposition the columns.

It can be sorted by any of the column headings. I am open to any ideas on how to improve its presentation and format. In total, about 125 hours were spent getting this information recorded in a meaningful way.

My sincere thanks to everyone who par-

ticipated in this effort.

During the coming months the FHC staff will organize the printed material by county, state and subject matter thereby making the information easy to locate and use.

The four-drawer filing cabinet is another task. It is filled to capacity.

In our review of Ms. Hoffer's collection we did not come across any computer disks containing her pedigree or family groups although it was clear she used Personal Ancestral File (PAF).

We did find a number of printed reports, pictures, etc., and will be reconstructing her genealogical lines based on this information using *Family Tree Maker 2008*.

Also, we plan on digitizing the contents of the filing cabinet to make it accessible by computer. If, on some rainy day, you have nothing to do... come by the FHC to see what Ms. Hoffer donated.

Many thank you's to everyone who helped with this very large project - and who will help in its completion.



Dr. Jim McAfee's Grant of Arms awarded by Lord Lyon of Scotland



Dr. Jim McAfee, President The Macfie Clan Society of America and Commissioner Clan Macfie, USA, received a Grant of Arms from David Sellar, Lord Lyon of Scotland, on 24 November 2009.

His Grant of Arms was based on (1) his long time affiliation with Clan Macfie, (2) His being president of the Macfie Clan Society of America for a number of years, (3) His being Appointed as Commissioner of Clan Macfie, USA by our Clan Commander, (4) and his genealogical research of his name, McAfee, and (5) being a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

Dr. McAfee says, "The process took about five (5) years but thankfully the Lyon granted my petition."

Belated Congratulations, Dr. McAfee!

If you have been awarded a Grant of Arms, send a jpeg of your Coat-of-Arms to **bethscribble@aol.com**.

Also, please, send a brief explanation of your Arms and the circumstances of your being awarded.

More puns from Beth² Alligood of Meigs, GA

- ♦ *The batteries were given out free of charge.*
- ♦ *A will is a dead giveaway.*
- ♦ *With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.*

Flowers of the Forest

May Davidson, the sixth great-granddaughter of Maj. John Davidson of Revolutionary War fame; joined the illustrious first families of Mecklenburg County when she was buried Monday at Rural Hill in the Davidson Burying Grounds, with a spray of white orchids on her casket.

Ms. Davidson was the last surviving direct descendant of Major John Davidson and his wife, Violet, that was born and raised at Rural Hill.

May and her siblings had not married and this brings an end to six generations of the Davidson Family that lived at Historic Rural Hill. The Davidson Family of Rural Hill and Holly Bend were one of the most prominent families of Mecklenburg County in the 18th and 19th centuries. The historic homestead was purchased by Mecklenburg County in 1992. It has been operated by Historic Rural Hill, Inc., a non-profit organization, as an historic site, working farm and the home of the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games since 1994.

The Davidson Burying Grounds, across Neck Road from the old plantation house, is a roll call of famous Mecklenburg settlers. The Davidsons, the Alexanders, the Brevards, the Springs families whose names live on in our streets, our towns, our colleges.

Gen. William Lee Davidson, for whom Davidson College is named, was a member of this old family, as was Ephraim Brevard, for whom the town Brevard is named.

May Davidson was born and raised at Rural Hill in Huntersville - originally 5,000 acres of gently rolling meadows and forest - owned by the Davidson family from 1760 until 1992.

She died at The Pines in Davidson on Wednesday. She was 92.

The Rev. Ed Wayland gave thanks to God for May Davidson, "one who journeyed with us these many years."

Funeral-goers - some wore hats and some mopped brows - crowded in the shade of a holly tree to talk about their late friend. They described her as an elegant, quiet lady, always someone you could depend on."

John Lyles, a retired minister and friend of the whole Davidson clan," said Davidson was "elegant, reserved and a genuine lady. Genuine," he said, "as in real."

After graduation from the Woman's College at Greensboro (now UNCG), Davidson worked for the state Department of Agriculture in Raleigh. In the Mid-1970s, during the Watergate hearings, she worked for U.S. Sen. Sam Ervin.

No matter how hard you might pump May Davidson for inside information about the hearings,

someone said, she never divulged a word.

Like her ancestors before her, she was dignified and loyal.

Her ancestor John Davidson (1735-1832) was a Mecklenburg magistrate, a justice of the peace and a signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in 1775, along with several of his family members. Davidson and Thomas Polk, another early settler, petitioned the N.C. General assembly for a public road from Mecklenburg County to the coast. And with Martin Phifer, another pioneer, Davidson presented a bill for the "public establishment of learning" in Charlotte. In his spare time, he was a blacksmith and a major in the Mecklenburg militia.

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Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 34*

John and his wife, Violet Wilson Davidson, are believed to have had 63 grandchildren. After Monday's service, funeral-goers gathered for lunch across the street at the white clapboard house, which replaced the original brick Georgian plantation house that John and Violet built in 1788. The clapboard house, as well as the 265 acres of the original parcel, was sold to the county in 1992.

Guests sat at picnic tables under spreading oaks, enjoying sandwiches - cream cheese and olive, ham, pimento cheese - pound cake and iced tea.

Conversation turned, naturally, to the past.

Someone recalled how Gen. William Lee Davidson's horse, borrowed from the major's stables, came galloping riderless up to the major's house after the Battle of Cowan's Ford in 1780. When the Davidson family saw the horse, they knew immediately their cousin had been killed. They found the general's body in a creek, stripped of its uniform and, they buried him 'secretly that night, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church on Beattie's Ford Road.

Another recalled that John and Violet started married life together in a two-room cabin they called Rural Retreat. Eventually, they built Rural Hill, the four-story Georgian, with a basement. It stood 98 years, burning in 1886. The chimneys still stand, as does a double row of boxwood that led to the original house.

May Davidson and her sister, Elizabeth, preserved the plantation records and journals, some going back to the 1830s, and donated them to UNC Charlotte.

What Davidson funeral would be complete without Davidson descendants?

Though May Davidson was the last direct descendant of John and Violet to be born and raised at Rural Hill, there were cousins on hand: Robert Davidson, a son of the late Chalmers Davidson of Davidson College, and his son Robert Jr, of Columbia, S.C., as well as Jim Davidson of Bahama, N.C. Someone asked Robert Jr. what it meant to him to be a Davidson.

He paused, chin in hand. "I wear that name proudly," he said. "Is it ever a burden?" someone else asked. "When I have to behave," he said with a smile.

I had occasion to meet May just once, in 2003.

She was, indeed the Le Grand Dame of the old school and a perfect delight to be around. Her passing marks the end of an era not just for the Davidsons of south west North Carolina, for the entire Clan.

Greg Dean is a long-time member of CDS-USA who resides in Pinehurst, TX. He sent this notice to me a few months ago. It's always a sad day when we lose one of our own and Becca sounds like she was one of the best.

Rebecca Elizabeth "Becca" Beavers Dean, 56, of Magnolia, Texas, passed away on Aug. 23, 2010 at her residence following a long courageous battle with cancer.

Rebecca was born Sept. 2, 1953 in Bonham, Texas, the daughter of James Ellis Beavers and Mary Elizabeth Shinpaugh Beavers. She was a 1972 graduate of Bonham High School and received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Rebecca married Greg Dean, April 5, 1986 at the

First Presbyterian Church in Bonham. She worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad in Houston, Texas and Omaha, Nebraska for 10 years.

She later returned to Sam Houston University to receive her teacher's certification. Rebecca was a gifted educator and taught in Conroe ISD and Montgomery ISD where she had to resign in May of 2010 because of her health. She was a member of the George Blakey Chapter of the DAR in Bonham.

Rebecca enjoyed reading, canning, crafting and baking cookies.

She was preceded in death by her father Feb. 14, 2010.

Surviving are her husband, Greg Dean of Magnolia; son, Jason Dean of Magnolia; mother, Mary Beavers of Ravenna; brother, Edward Beavers and wife, Lynn of Joshua; nephews and nieces, Paul Moore, Bobby Moore and wife, Stevie, Dusty Moore, Cassandra Beavers and Brittany Beavers; and great-nephews, Corey Moore and Jessie Moore.





*An Honest Man,
For a 'That ?*

A Glaswegian stops before a graveyard in a West End cemetery and notices a carved tombstone declaring,:

“Here lies a lawyer and an honest man...”

“Ach, who’d ewer think...” he murmured, “there’d be enough room fer twa men in that ane wee grave...?”

St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee invites you to Florida!

You are invited to our **Covered Dish Supper** which will be held Tuesday, **September 20** at 6:30 at the Friendship Pres-byterian Church in Killearn. A genealogy program is being developed at this writing.

Sunday, **October 16** at 3:00, marks our annual **New Members’ Reception** which will be held at the home of Al and Jean McCully.

Piper Major Joe Ashcraft, a 2011 Mitchell Scholarship recipient, will share his experiences and perhaps a *piobaireachd* or *ceol beag* from his time at the Sandy Jones Piping School this summer.

As most of you know, **St. Andrew’s Day** is held on November 30 in Scotland. We will celebrate this Scottish holiday on Sunday, **December 4** at 6:30 at Westminster Oaks’ Maguire Center.

For full information on the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, contact Eric King at ericking@comcast.net.

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These programs are free and open to the public. Receptions with light refreshments will begin both evenings at 7:00 pm; the lectures start at 7:30 pm.

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See Clan Currie unveiling of Lachlan Mor MacMhuirich Stone at Makars Court on the Internet

If you would like to see the pageantry of Clan Currie's unveiling of Lachlan Mor MacMhuirich Stone at Makars Court on the Internet, just visit:

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A reminder that the "Pipes of Christmas" concerts return to New York City and New Jersey December 16-18, 2011. Updates soon at www.pipesofchristmas.com. If you are in the area, or out of the area, don't miss these magical concerts.

Fort Myers-Lee County Library Genealogy Research Seminar

How to Interview Family Members, Friends, and Relatives

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Speaker: **Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference Librarian**

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This seminar will focus on techniques that have a proven track record for obtaining information relevant to genealogical research. The lecture will include a discussion of specific questions that can be especially helpful when dealing with elderly respondents suffering memory related challenges.

All genealogy programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. You may register online at the library website <http://library.leegov.com>, via e-mail at bmulcahy@leegov.com, or by calling the number listed below:

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Thomas Grotrian has passed away.
Our thoughts are with his family at this time.



Thomas Grotrian was instrumental in developing the World's biggest massed pipe band in Edinburgh, 1995. It was his vision and determination that brought thousands of pipers and drummers together to march along Princes Street to raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

It was this event that became the inspiration for Pipefest and since 1995, massed pipe band parades under the Pipefest banner have taken place in Edinburgh, New York, Chicago, the US Grand Prix, Indianapolis,

Rome, Paris, Shanghai and Nova Scotia.

Over \$750,000 has been raised for cancer charities by the players and spectators taking part.

Highlights have included: the Millennium Piping Festival attended by HRH Prince Charles; marching through Manhattan led by Sir Sean Connery and Mayor Bloomberg; marching under the Eiffel Tower in Paris; opening the US Grand Prix in a parade led by Sir Jackie Stewart; and Pipefest 2005 which attracted players from 32 countries.

After Pipefest 2005, Tom summed-up working on massed pipe band events: "We have had great fun". Indeed - there are many great memories, proud moments & fun times, all thanks to Tom!

Tom's funeral took place at Channelkirk, Oxton - in August. There were many pipers and drummers present who took part in the funeral.