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# Storm Francis: Rail, road and ferry disruption across Scotland

Gusts of 51mph recorded in Islay as strong winds bring down trees



  
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Alastair Dalton

A fallen tree blocked the Aberdeen-Inverness rail line between Dyce and Inverurie with disruption expected to continue until 6pm.

Earlier, flooding closed the Edinburgh-Aberdeen line in Fife as Storm Francis swept in gales and heavy rain across much of Scotland.

At least nine ScotRail trains were delayed or cancelled by water on the tracks at Burntisland.

A fallen tree narrowly missed a house in Kirkintilloch Road, Lenzie. Picture: Alison Hardie.

Network Rail engineers were checking the site and disruption was expected to continue until 3pm.

In Glasgow, a fallen tree caused a power failure in overhead lines in the east end which was

expected to disrupt cross-city services through Queen Street low level station until 4pm.

Network Rail tweeted: "We've located and removed a tree branch that was resting on the overhead lines between High Street and Bellgrove."

A tree destroyed part of the pavement on Kirkintilloch Road in Lenzie and narrowly avoided a house garden. Picture: John Devlin.

CalMac's west coast ferries were severely affected by the storm, with sailings cancelled on routes such as to Arran, Cumbrae, Gigha, Islay, Kilcreggan, Rum, South Uist and Gourock-Dunoon.

Be careful.

**September 13, 2020**





# Letter from your editor

## A few things learned while sheltering at home and sorta scared



*This is what happens when you don't go to get your hair cut for seven months. Ah, pandemic...and when you are goosed! Who? What? Yikes!*

What really frightens me, and Tom too, about this pandemic are the people who seem to ignore it all.

We go to town quite often to the grocery store, the drug store, the drive-through bank, the drive-through restaurants, the feed store, etc.

Tom chauffeurs me about, but has not been out of the car in downtown Clarkesville since all this started. He parks away from everybody and rolls up the window if anyone even walks near.

I am masked and gloved and Tom "sanitizes" me when I arrive back to the car. We truly do the best we can to be safe and not harm anyone.

We see so many who do not wear masks or gloves. We see so many who gather in groups and who go into restaurants. There's one very nice place in Clarkesville which has an outdoor dining room right by the traffic on Washington Street which is the "main drag" through town.

We see people just having such a good time, but ignoring social distancing or any "nod" to the fact that they are risking their lives and the lives of others.

It's NOT anything to do with our "rights." It's about saving ourselves and others and being able to finally return to what we all consider normal.

Youngsters don't think that should they become infected with the virus and go home to their parents and grandparents and aunts and uncles, they potentially could pass the virus on to all of those people beloved to them. Kids! Please think about how horrible it would be for the rest of your life to know you caused family members to sicken and die.

Please, folks, think.

**We have discovered the most wonderful television program.** It is called *Escape to the Chateau*. For the past months it has been on our Georgia Public Broadcasting System, but has recently disappeared from there. Ah hah! It is available on YouTube.

It concerns a very unusual couple who buy a chateau in France with 45 rooms, a moat, a walled garden and no plumbing, heating, or electricity.

Their adventures with their home are so much fun. You can still see it via YouTube. Just type in [YouTubeEscapetotheChateau](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EscapetotheChateau).

Let me know if you are as enchanted with the people and their lives as we are.

**I learned to garden from my beloved grandmother.** We would faithfully water her plants and shrubs each and every afternoon late.

With her teaching me and the necessity of watching the budget, I have figured out how to have a pretty yard without breaking the bank.

When we moved here, there was a very large black top parking pad in front of our house. There was no place at all for any kind of plants.

I brought a big pot of Lemon Balm with me in 2012 when we moved here.

I put that and all of my pots of herbs across the front and used mulch to hide the pots.

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# Clans Days in Europe 2021

## Contact for Clan Lamont, Mary Lamb

Dear Members and Friends of Clan Lamont,

Clans Days is an organisation based in Belgium which welcomes all clans in friendship. I got involved with them last year. The president is Tom Hay who is also president of Clan Hay.

They have social gatherings throughout the year, mostly held in Belgium and France, and I have attended a few. Most were cancelled due to covid this year, but hopefully the October event will go ahead and it is a Lamont who served in WW1 who is being honoured. All members of clan Lamont have been invited.

If any member has a relative or friend they wish to be announced at the Menin Gate, please inform me. Meantime, I will look at the CWG

website and pick Lamont names to be announced. Tom Hay, organiser, will order the wreaths if any member specifically wishes to lay the wreath at the ceremony please notify me. This year we need two wreaths. The second one for the grave of Private JAMES LAMONT at - Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge.

Last year I attended this very moving ceremony, accompanied by Lamonts from France, Holland and Belgium. Please inform me by 30<sup>th</sup> September if you plan to attend.

Event Clans Days 2020 – Poperinge, Ypres, Belgium on October 16 and 17.

If you would like the complete program and information, please contact Mary Lamb, <clanlamontsociety@gmail.com>

## TOUR GUIDETALES:PODCAST



Welcome to *Tour Guide Tales*, an exciting new podcast where you'll hear Scotland's amazing stories from the people who know them best - the country's captivating tour guides.

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The first podcast covers Edinburgh and The Lothians, with *Mary's Meanders* tours, revealing some of the incredible real-life tales behind locations used in the *Outlander* series. Future episodes explore the secrets of Glasgow Central Station, Orkney's Neolithic sites and our incredible coasts

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# First bottle from new Scottish whisky brand breaks world record at auction

THE COURIER.CO.UK Julia Bryce

The eye-watering price of £41k was achieved for a west coast whisky firm's first bottle of single malt, and will go to charity.

Nc'nean Distillery based near Drimnin is celebrating after its maiden single malt release *Ainnir* secured a final auction bid of £41,004 for its first bottle. The new release sold out of its 1,320 stock within 36 hours after the world record for first bottle sold at auction from a new distillery was obliterated.

*Ainnir* Whisky, The independent, organic distillery, founded by



*Annabel Thomas, Founder, Nc'nean Distillery.*

Annabel Thomas, auctioned bottles one to 10 of *Ainnir* on Whisky Auctioneer for charity, with the first bottle fetching quadruple the original record held.

The proceeds of the first 10 auctioned bottles will go to five charities including; Trees for Life, The Drinks Trust, The Ben, The Scottish Farm Land Trust and the Morvern Community Trust, supporting Nc'nean's local community, the environment and the UK hospitality industry.

In total, the auction raised more than £92,000 for charity.

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## A letter from your editor, continued from page 3

Eight years later, there is a wonderful "ruffle" across the front of our house! Mostly it is the miraculous Lemon Balm. An added bonus is that anytime I need to work in the front garden, it has the most wonderful lemony aroma!

During the winter, it doesn't look so nice. I have to cut all of the frozen Lemon Balm, which is dried and brown and not very attractive and take it into the woods where critters can use it to construct nests and houses.

The other three seasons, the front is really pretty (I think!).

The Lemon Balm starts coming up very early in the spring.

This year, I bought some seeds for Zinnias, Marigolds and Coleus.

The Zinnias and Marigolds, I planted in my GrowPots along with my tomatoes. They have been so beautiful and continue to bloom and bloom.

I transplanted the Coleus plants to pots and have them all across the front. I think my budget, other than the ferns, was less than \$10.00. Whee.

Give me a call (706-839-3881) or email <bethscribble@aol.com> if you have questions. I am one of those gardeners who adores things

that "take over" in a garden!

I love the fluffy and wild English Gardens. This is my fun and fluffy Georgia Garden Ruffle!





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**Podcasts**, *continued from page 5*

and water with the Scottish Maritime Museum in Irvine.

**EPISODE 1 - OUTLANDER FILMING LOCATIONS WITH MARY'S MEANDERS**

Ever wanted to know the real history behind *Outlander's* iconic filming locations? In our first episode of *Tour Guide Tales*, Grant speaks to Emma Chalmers and Anne Daly from *Mary's Meanders*.

Their tour takes fans of the hit TV show, *Outlander* to some of the show's most famous places.

Tune in to hear about the real Scottish history of these incredible sites, and the amazing stories connected to them.

**EPISODE 2 - WALLACE MONUMENT**

In our second edition of *Tour Guide Tales*, we hear the tale of the Guardian of Scotland, Sir William Wallace.

Speaking to Ken Thomson of the National Wallace Monument, Grant finds out the story behind one of Scotland's most iconic attractions, as well as the national heroes, both old and new, it seeks to commemorate.

**EPISODE 3 - BLAIR CASTLE**

In this episode, Grant speaks to Mo Tracey from Blair Castle.

From royal kidnappings and Queen Victoria's private army to Scotland's final siege, we hear all about how this fairytale castle has been a fascinating place of interest over the last eight hundred years, and why its history is such a draw for people from all over the world - including some rather famous names.

**EPISODE 4 - A SHORT HISTORY OF THE HARD HAT**

This week, in celebration of Scotland's Year of Coasts & Waters, Grant speaks to Stuart Rich of the Scottish Maritime Museum.

With two sites at Irvine and Dumbarton, the Scottish Maritime Museum helps preserve the rich story of a cornerstone of Scotland's industrial past, it's maritime and ship building history.

We'll hear what life was like for families working in the often-unforgiving shipyards, the impact of the industry to 20<sup>th</sup> century Scotland, and some amazing stories behind just some of the boats in the Museum's care.



**EPISODE 5 - MERCAT TOURS**

Want to know more about the gory and ghostly past of Edinburgh? In this edition of *Tour Guide Tales*, Grant speaks to Tania Dron, just one of the tour guides for Mercat Tours in Scotland's capital.

From jealousy-fuelled murder and dismembered ghosts, to witch trials and cheating death at the gallows, you'll never feel the same when walking through Edinburgh's streets again.

\*Please be aware that this episode will occasionally feature more macabre themes of torture and death and listener discretion is advised.

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# The Unexpected Guests

Margo Fallis

## Ian and Mac

It was a dark and stormy night. Gale force winds howled through the tall pines, oaks and birch trees. The branches bent with the wind and the leaves shivered and rustled together, sounding like a swarm of butterflies migrating south. Ian and Mac huddled together against the trunk of the tree, holding tightly. Ian's arms were wrapped around Mac's leg. "Mac. I don't like this wind," Ian whined. "If I wasn't holding onto your leg, I'd be blown across the sea to Ireland."

It was difficult for Mac to hear what Ian was saying. "Hold on tight, Ian," he yelled, knowing the storm wasn't going to pass for quite a while. By morning, the worst had passed. Finally Mac was able to let go of the trunk. He sat down, exhausted, rubbing his sore arms. "You can let go of my leg now, Ian. The wind has died down."

Slowly Ian pried his arms off Mac's leg. He sat down next to him. They looked down. "Wow. Look at the mess. There are branches everywhere! Oh no! I see a few trees. They've been completely uprooted."

Mac shook his head back and forth. "We'd better get down and see if any of the other animals need some help. Some of them have lost their homes." They climbed down the tree and stood on the ground. Small branches and twigs crunched under every step. "You look over there and I'll go this way," Mac said, walking towards a toppled pine.

Ian carefully stepped between the broken branches. He spotted a bird's nest. It was still in the branch, but now it was lying on the ground instead of being high up in the tree. "Mac, come and see. Here's a nest and its got eggs in it. Where's the mother?" He looked around. "Oh no! The mother's dead, Mac. A branch fell on her. What will happen to the eggs?" Ian cried.

Mac came over and stood next to him. "We will have to take care of the eggs ourselves. Poor wee things." He carefully lifted the nest from the branch and held it tightly. "Come on, Ian. We'll take it up the tree. We'll have to take turns sitting on them and keeping them warm."

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# Clan Graham Society 2020 AGM News

Sun, Aug 23, 2020 10:41 am  
Lora Graham Greenland (ladyloragreenland@gmail.com)

Dear Membership,  
After careful consideration, the CGS Executive board has decided to transform the format of the AGM scheduled for November, 2020 in San Antonio. The 2020 AGM will be held via a ZOOM virtual meeting, Saturday, 11-7-2020 at 9 AM Central time.

We apologize for the inconvenience of changing your travel plans, however, the welfare of all our members is our priority.

Payments that have been received will be returned to members.

More AGM details will be announced shortly.

*\* I would like to take this time to request an annual report from all committee chairs and officers to be remitted by September 15th to me as per our By Laws, for the AGM review. Thank you for understanding as we navigate the current COVID-19 conditions.*

**Lora L Graham Greenland**

#### **In other news -**

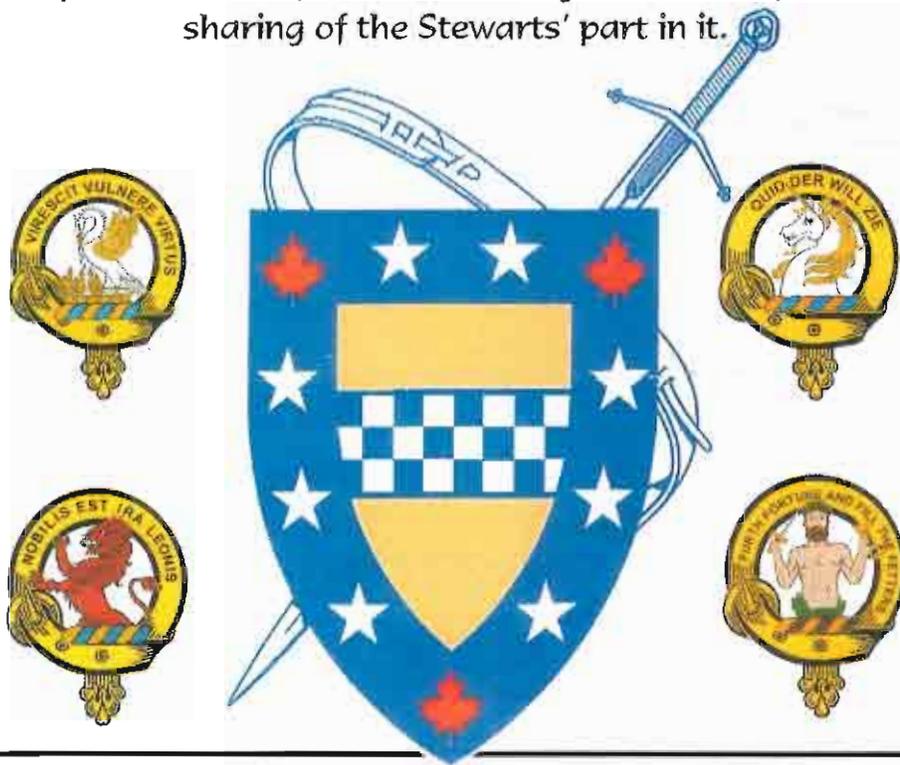
We are actively seeking a CGS member that would like to take the reins in publishing our Newsletter, using Publisher software.

Please contact President Elect, James Graham III for further information and discussion about using your talents towards our valued publication.

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# Clan Stewart Society in America, Inc.

501(c)(3) Not For Profit Organization dedicated to the preservation of Scottish Heritage and History and the sharing of the Stewarts' part in it.



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.)**

**The Unexpected Guests**, *continued from page 11*

Ian followed Mac. "I'll go first," Ian said. He softly put his furry body on top of the blue speckled eggs. "I'll keep them warm." He was feeling very sad about the storm and all the damage it did.

"You stay here with the eggs then and I'll go and see if I can find anything else," Mac said, climbing back down the tree. He walked around the woods, picking up snapped branches and tossing them out of the way. He thought he heard crying. "What's that?" he asked, listening carefully. He heard it again. Carefully, he crept over the branches. "Oh, it's a wee squirrel."

"I can't find my mummy," the wee squirrel sobbed.

"First of all, wee fellow, tell me your name," Mac said, picking him up and cradling him in his arms.

"Allen," he wailed. "I want my mummy!"

"Now, now, don't cry. I'll take you back to my place and we'll wait for your mummy there. She'll be out looking for you soon," Mac said, hoping what he just said was true.

He carried Allen back to the tree. "Ian, I've brought another friend back. We're coming up now," Mac called.

"What have we got here? A wee squirrel?" Ian said.

Allen looked at Ian, who was sitting on the nest. "My name is Allen and why are you sitting on a bird nest?" he asked, starting to giggle.

Mac put him down on the branch next to Ian and answered, "The mummy bird was hurt during the storm. Ian's taking care of the eggs."

"Oh. That's nice of you, Ian. Are you going to take care of me until my mummy comes?" he asked.

Ian looked at Mac and then down at Allen. "Sure, laddie. Come on; sit with me on the nest." Allen climbed on Ian's shoulder.

"I'll be off then. You two take good care of the eggs and I'll be back soon," Mac said, climbing down the tree. While he was walking around the woods, he found a wee chipmunk named Frederick; a wee frog names James, a wee hedgehog named Moira and a wee mouse named Sunniva. He carried them back to the tree. "Ian,

I've brought us some more friends," Mac called, climbing the tree.

Ian watched as the baby animals climbed onto the branch and sat next to him. "You've certainly been busy, haven't you, Mac?"

"The storm was bad. Their mums and dads will be coming soon, I hope. Until then, they stay with us. You watch them and I'll go and take one more look," Mac said, climbing down.

Ian sat on the nest filled with blue speckled eggs.

Allen sat on his shoulder.

Frederick decided it was more fun to play with Ian's long tail.

James plopped on top of Ian's head and made himself comfortable.

Moira and Sunniva curled up in his lap. They were shivering and shaking with the cold.

Ian removed Frederick's grip on his tail and wrapped it on top of the hedgehog and mouse to keep them warm. Soon all the babies were sleeping, along with Ian.

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Sunniva



Moira

James



Frederick



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Mac, who was exploring the ground, saw a fallen oak tree. Sitting on one of the branches was a large chipmunk. She was crying. "I've lost my wee baby," she cried. "Oh, the storm. It took my baby!"

Mac climbed through the leaves and branches and soon approached the sobbing chipmunk. "Is your baby named Frederick?" he asked.

"Why, yes it is. Do you know where he is?"

"I found him and he's at the tree with Ian. Come on, follow me," Mac said. She wiped her tears and followed.

As they walked past a large stone, they saw a mouse standing on it. He was calling, "Sunniva! Sunniva!"

"Follow me. I'll take you to Sunniva," Mac called. The mouse followed Mac and the chipmunk.

Soon they passed by a pond. Sitting on a lily pad in the center was a large green frog. "Croak! Croak! Have you seen my laddie, James?" the father frog asked.

"Follow me. I'll take you to him," Mac called. The large frog followed the raccoon, the chipmunk and the mouse.

"Help! Help!" Mac looked over and saw a squirrel. A large log was lying on top of its tail. "Help me! I'm stuck!"

Mac lifted the log and the squirrel pulled her tail out. "Thank you. Have you seen a wee squirrel? His name is Allen. I can't find him anywhere."

"Follow me," Mac said. The squirrel got in line behind the frog. Mac turned around. There was the chipmunk, the mouse, the frog and now the squirrel and all were looking for their babies. Mac knew they were safe with Ian.

They were nearing the tree when Mac heard loud sobs. He lifted up a branch and saw a hedgehog. "My wee, Moira. She's gone. I can't find her anywhere."

"Follow me and I'll show you where she is," Mac said.

When they got to the tree, they all climbed or hopped up to where Ian and the babies were. "My Frederick!" the chipmunk's mother cried, hugging him. "Thank you for taking care of him," she smiled and then remembering the storm, she frowned. "Oh, but where will we live? Our tree is lying on the ground."

"You can stay in our tree," Ian suggested. "There are plenty of good, strong branches."

She took Frederick and climbed up to the highest branches. "Thank you," she called down.

"James! There you are laddie. I'm so happy that you are safe. Come with me. Your mum is worried about you. We'll go back to the pond.

Thanks Ian and Mac for taking care of my lad," the frog said. He and James hopped down the trunk and headed for the pond.

"My wee Sunniva," cried the mouse. "Come on, lassie. Let's get to our own nest and give these nice raccoons some space. Thank you, Ian and Mac." The two mice scurried down the tree towards their home.

"Moira, my wee angel. There you are," the mother hedgehog laughed. She picked up her baby and gave her a big hug. "Thank you Ian and Mac for taking care of her." She took Moira's hand and they ran down the trunk, heading for their burrow.

All that was left was Allen. His mum stood, looking at him. He was sound asleep on Ian's shoulder. "Poor wee thing. Must have had a terrible fright with all that wind and falling branches. I'll just carry him home. Oh, wait! We have no home. Can we stay in the tree here with you and Mac? We'll keep out of your way," she asked.

"There's plenty of room," Ian smiled. She picked up her baby and carried him down a few branches and found a comfortable spot. She put Allen down and began to build them a new nest.

Nobody came to claim the bird nest. Ian and Mac knew that nobody ever would. The days went



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by and much of the time was spent clearing the branches up. Soon the woods looked much better. One day, after a long day of working, Mac came back to the tree. "Mac. Mac. The eggs are hatching," Ian called. He moved off the nest. "All five of them are pecking their way through the shells."

Mac and Ian stared with amazement. Soon Frederick and his mum and Allen and his mum came over to watch. Five little baby robins soon were squirming about in the nest. "Oh, how precious," said the mother squirrel.

"We need to feed them. There are so many of them. How will we ever take care of them?" Mac wondered.

"Frederick and I will take one to our place," the chipmunk offered.

"We'll take two of them with us, won't we Allen?" the squirrel said.

The next few weeks were busy ones. The animals were always climbing up and down, bringing worms and crickets and seeds to the wee robins. Ian and Mac were happy. Soon it was time for the robins to leave the nest. They flew off, one at a



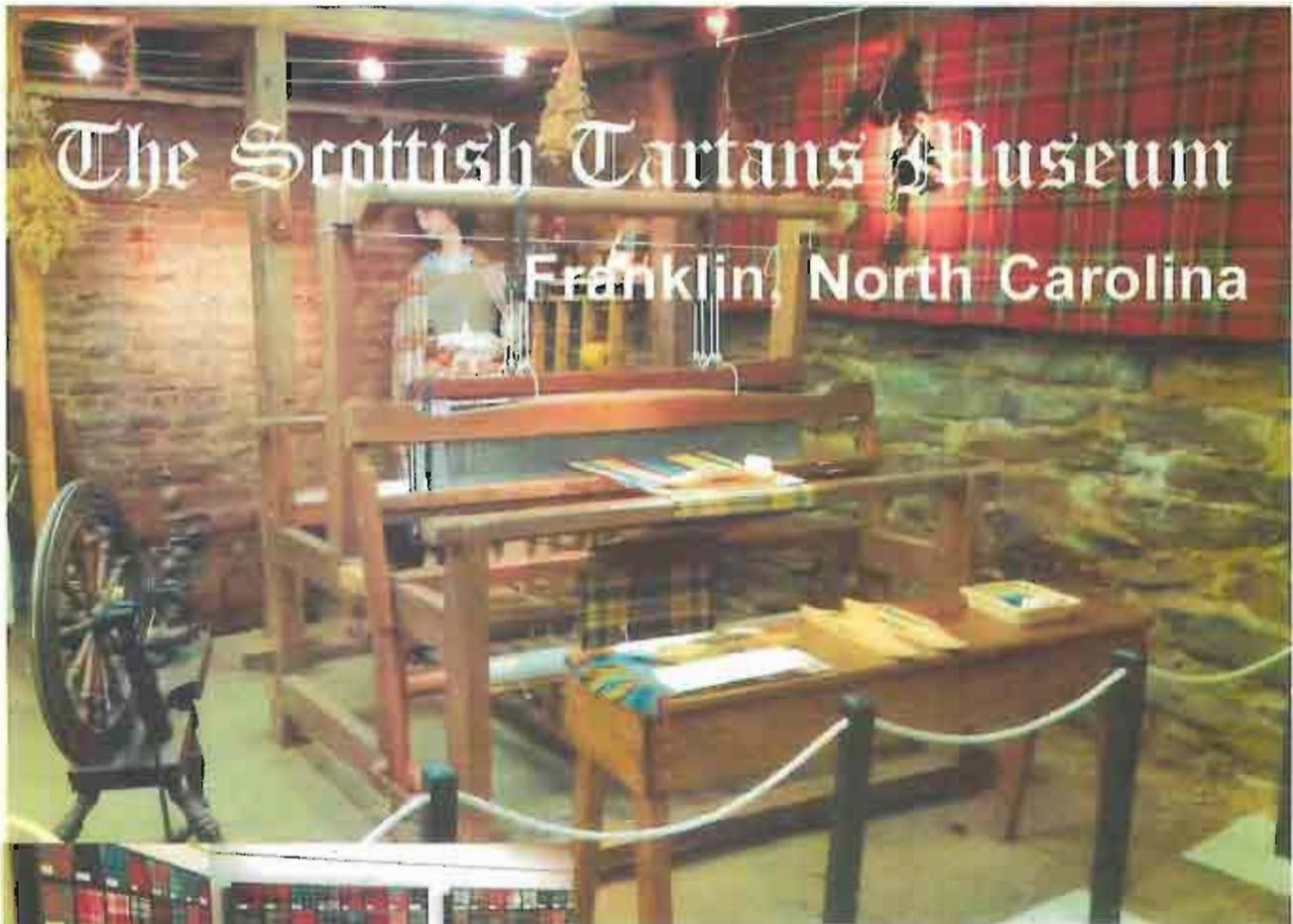
time, leaving Ian and Mac, the squirrels and the chipmunks at the tree. They flapped their wings and headed for the sunset. "Goodbye," waved Ian.

"Goodbye," waved Mac.

A few days later, the squirrels found their own tree to live in and left. The chipmunks followed shortly after that. Finally, Ian and Mac had their lives back to normal. "I say we sleep for a week," Ian said.

"I say two weeks," Mac replied. The two raccoons curled up in a ball and slept in peaceful slumber.





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.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

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Marking the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the European premiere of *Braveheart*, this special online event will feature three distinguished speakers who will provide an insight into the character of Sir William Wallace, and the film which brought his story to audiences worldwide.

**Programme**

7:00pm Introduction  
7:05pm Dauvit Broun (Professor of Scottish History, University of Glasgow).

What is revealed about the historical William Wallace by some discoveries in the last ten years.

It is tempting to think that all information about William Wallace from his own times was exhausted long ago. Some recent discoveries, however, offer a fresh understanding of his role as leader of the rising against Edward I in 1297, his position as Guardian, and how he was regarded by officials at the heart of Edward I's government.

7:20pm David Martin-Jones (Professor of Film Studies, University of Glasgow).

From the 'Braveheart Effect' to the 'Outlander Effect': Screen Tourism and Heritage in Scotland.

Books have been written about *Braveheart* and its influence on Scottish culture. However, the oft-cited 'Braveheart effect' – measuring the film's impact on tourism – tells a different, but no less-important, story. This a tale of the influential intertwining of Scotland's iconic heritage sites, their depiction on the large and small screen, and tourism.

7:35pm Julie Tinson (Professor of Marketing, University of Stirling).

Will the real William Wallace please stand up? Communicating individual and collective identities.

Each characterisation of William Wallace tells a different story. Rebel, legend, freedom fighter, martyr and Guardian of Scotland are all images and

roles bestowed on Wallace. However, contemporary tales offer a new perspective on how the story of Wallace is told today, and reveal Wallace as Family, Wallace as a Symbol, and Wallace as Braveheart.

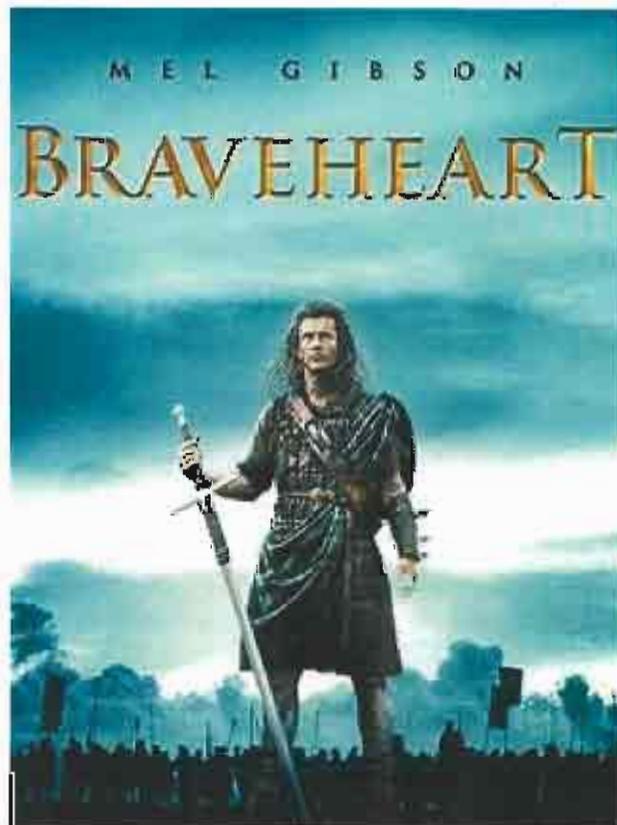
7:50pm Conclusion

**Event Details**

The virtual presentation (webinar) will start at 7:00pm and last for approximately 1 hour.

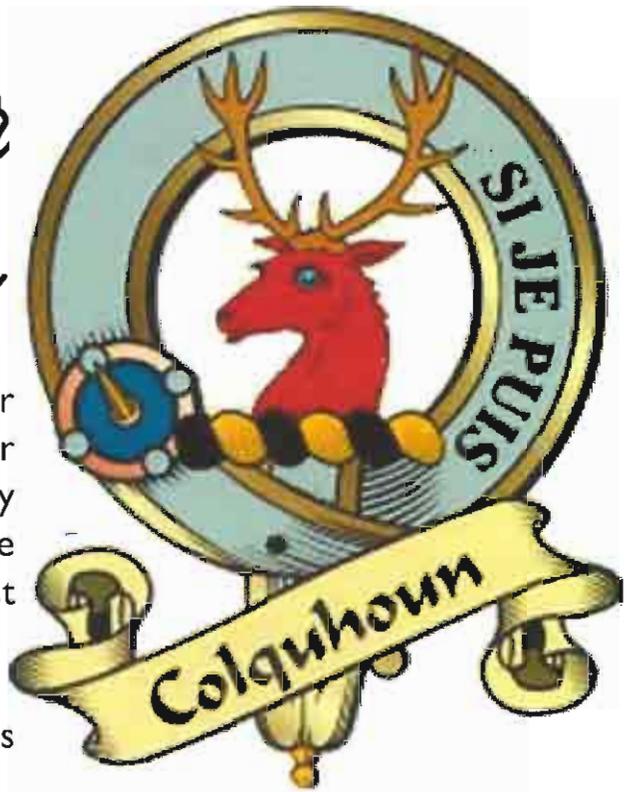
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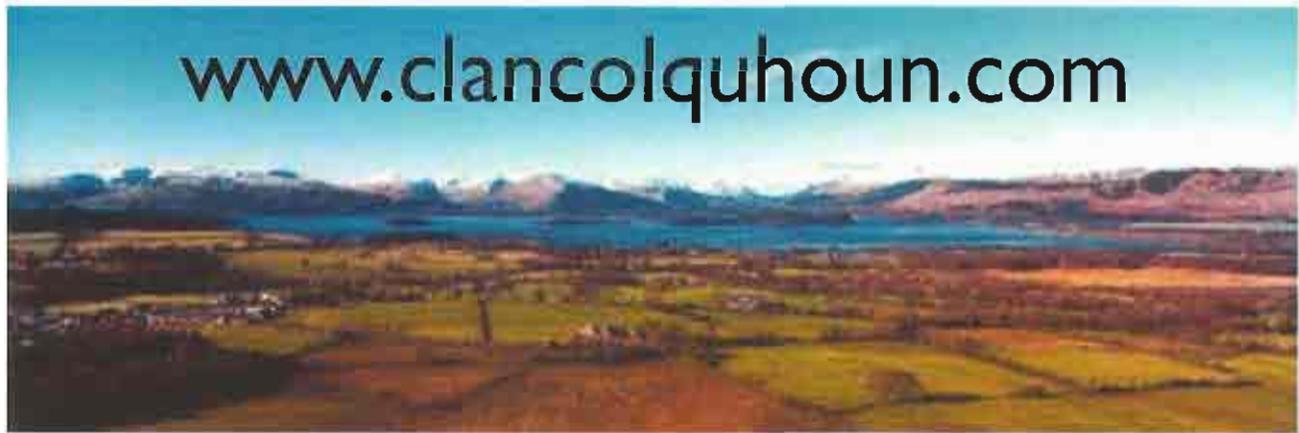


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# Clan Lindsay is going to Z O O M Into the future and you are invited to join us!

As most of you know, the 2020 Stone Mountain Highland Games have been canceled due to the Covid 19 epidemic. No games means we will have to be creative in order to have our Fall Council Meeting, and our required elections at the Annual General Meeting, which normally happens at the SMHG on Saturday.

Since we must meet these requirements, we are going to use technology to overcome adversity. We will have the Fall Council Meeting, followed by the Annual General Meeting in a virtual video chat room called Zoom.

Some of you may have heard of Zoom and some may have used Zoom technology to have video meetings. We are inviting all members of Clan Lindsay USA who wish to join us for the AGM to use Zoom to join us.

The AGM will start with reading of the minutes (a short version) of the Fall Council Meeting, then proceed with the Election of Officers and then the Installation of Officers for the Clan.

Afterwards, we will have a cocktail hour where you can chat with members of the Clan and we can pop small groups out into private chat rooms as you wish.

If you wish to participate and you have never used Zoom, don't panic. George Thurmond says, "If I can learn to use it, anybody can."

Prior to the Zoom meeting, you will need a computer with a camera on it or a smart phone (not

as good but it does work). Download the free program at Zoom.US. Click on the button called, "Sign up for Free" and it will ask you for a few things to set up your account. Then, on the main screen in the upper right hand corner, click on "Join a Meeting" and it will prompt you for a meeting number. David Lindsay and I will have a practice session prior to the AGM for those who wish to test their equipment and get familiar with the program.

There are plenty of tutorials on You Tube and on the Zoom main website. Contact David or me if you need coaching.

We ask that you keep yourself muted when you are not talking, so that background noise does not affect the meeting. If you wish to speak, raise your hand and wave and someone will call on you. You can push the space bar down on your keyboard to temporarily un-mute yourself. After we get through with business, we can have some great time together visiting.

Please plan to join us for the meeting.

The Fall Council Meeting will start at 1:00pm EDT on Saturday, October 17, 2020 and the AGM will begin precisely at 5:30pm EDT on that same date, so make sure you have enough time to get signed in and join us.

The Zoom meeting number will be (839)-3266-2081. Call Tom Thurmond at (404) 797-7673 or email me at [tthurmond2003@yahoo.com](mailto:tthurmond2003@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

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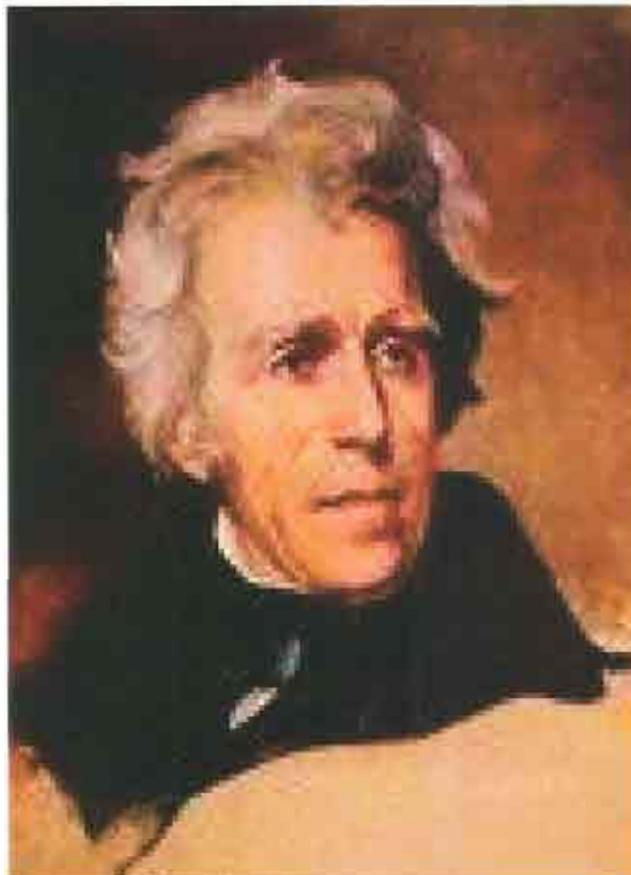
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## Congratulations to Nancy Knapp!

She won this award  
at the recent virtual  
Bitterroot Games  
and Gathering in  
Hamilton, Montana

## Please help Donald E. Jackson!



President Andrew Jackson

It is a long lived belief in our family that we are cousins to **PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON**. I know that his heritage goes back to **RICHARD JACKSON** who married at McDonnell in Keppoch, Scotland. I am having trouble finding a connection from Virginia back to Antrim Co., Ulster, Northern Ireland, and then to Scotland prior.

I would appreciate any help. Please let me know if there is a cost to acquiring any help that you might be able to provide.

Thank you for your consideration, Donald E. Jackson.  
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# The Armstrong Clan Society

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## Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families. 2. To provide for the preservation of all armstrong artifacts unique to the family. 3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public. 4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*. 5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

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For membership application, email **Janet Armstrong** at <jdumeyer@hotmail.com> or download from <<http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>>. Note, "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

To contact the Armstrong Clan Society president, **Chris Armstrong** at <chrisarmys@gmail.com>. Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 welcomes) to you!



**Lea Marajatta Rajala Fraser** died August 8, 2020. She was predeceased by her husband, Douglas James Fraser and the oldest of her five sons, Douglas Fitz-Douglas Fraser.

Lea was also predeceased by her parents Vaino Edward Rajala and Helmi Iona Rajala.

Leah was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada November 2, 1932.

As a child of immigrants from Finland, Lea grew up with one foot in the Old World and one in the New World. A precocious child, she grew up fast and upon meeting the love of her life married Douglas when just 17 years old.

After marrying, Doug and Lea moved to Cleveland, Ohio and it didn't take long for five boys to be born, practically tumbling out one after another.

Lea and her family moved to Roanoke, Virginia in the early 1960s, then to Raleigh, N.C. in 1968.

Douglas began exploring his Scottish heritage while in Raleigh, but when Doug and Lea moved to Decatur, Georgia, they became heavily involved in the Atlanta area's burgeoning Scottish community, including joining the St. Andrews Society,

participating at the Stone Mountain Scottish Games, celebrating Scotland's poet laureate Robert Burns' birthday every January and hosting many parties annually at their home for their friends.



Lea was especially pleased and proud to become a certified County Dance Instructor through the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

Lea is survived by sons Donald (Julie), Brian (Barbara), Cameron, and Blake (Meridith). She is also survived by Douglas Fitz-Douglas' wife, Jennifer, and their children, Justin and Tamsin, as well as Lea's sister Ruth (Kevin) Kerrivan, and their children, niece Lesley and nephew Bradley.

A private family memorial celebration will be held in November, details to follow.

# The Clan Skene

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# KILMARTIN GLEN: DUNADD FORT

**A natural fortification:** It's easy to see why Dunadd was desirable as the site for a power centre and fortification. Standing within a natural boggy basin, it sits atop a series of natural terraces. The fort was designed to make good use of the natural defences.

The climb to the summit indicates the importance of the site and its owner, the king. As you climb the hill you pass through a narrow natural passage, and through a series of terraces, each with the remains of once-formidable stone walls. The enclosure at the summit is surrounded by the strongest defences and is probably where the king would have ruled from.

**Home of kings:** Excavations in the 1980s found the mound was used as a fort more than 2,000 years ago. But the site is internationally renowned as a royal power centre of the Gaelic kings of Dál Riata, from about AD 500 to AD 800.

Dunadd is one of the few places referenced in early histories. It's first mentioned in AD 683, by which point it was already a major power centre – potentially already the chief stronghold of Dál Riata. It may also be the spot where St Columba reportedly met a merchant from Gaul in the late 500s.

**Power position:** On a terrace immediately below the citadel are some remarkable carvings in the rock. There you can see: a basin cut into the rock; an image of a boar; an inscription in the ogham alphabet; two human footprints.

The carved footprints are the most extraordinary of all. They may have been used during inau-

guration ceremonies for new kings, symbolising the new ruler's dominion over the land. Similar footprints can be found outside Clickimin Broch.

**A rich archaeological site:**

Artefacts found here during excavations in the 1980s confirmed Dunadd's royal status and revealed its international importance.

Finds included: an impressive range of high-status weapons and metalwork, a large and diverse range of pottery, demonstrating the far-reaching connections of those who lived at Dunadd, as well as evidence that an outstanding range of high-status activities took place here. They including metalworking and fine craft activities, and trade across continental Europe – the source of some of the artefacts found. Indeed, Dunadd yielded the largest and most diverse range of pottery of any site in north-west Europe.

It was also a major production centre, and had one of the most significant metalworking workshops in Europe. Only one other site has produced nearly as many moulds – the royal site at Lagore, Ireland. The quality of its finished products – including Hunterston-type brooches – is unsurpassed.

**A prehistoric landscape:** A rich prehistoric landscape survives in Kilmartin Glen, providing a tantalising insight into its prehistoric population. The surviving rock art along the glen is remarkable for the number of elaborately carved outcrops, the style of and extent of the carvings, and their close association with other prehistoric monuments. No other place in Scotland has such a con-

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# THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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**Dunadd Glen, continued from page 29**

centration of prehistoric carved stone surfaces, and Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments.

Other carved rock outcrops around Kilmartin Glen include: Ach nabreck, Ballygowan, Baluachraig, Cairnbaan, Kilmichael Glassary.

Other monuments include: Dunchraigaig

Cairn, Glebe Cairn, Nether Largie North Cairn, Nether Largie Mid Cairn, Nether Largie South Cairn, Ri-Cruin Cairn, Temple Wood Stone Circle.

The glen is also home to an important collection of medieval sculptured stones.

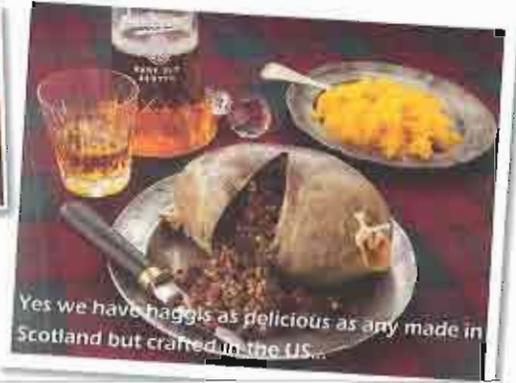
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# A book review by W. James Nethery, FSA Scot

*From the Antonine Wall to the  
Temple of Hymen*

by Lloyd D. Graham

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## W. James Nethery, FSA Scot

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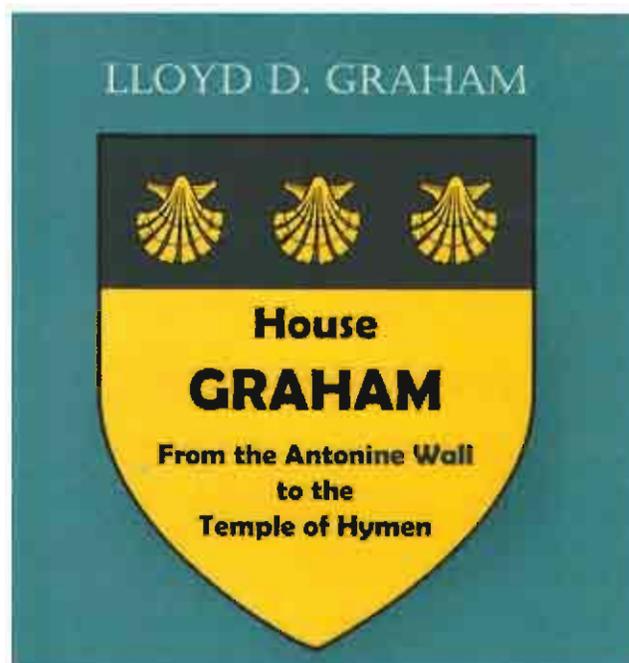
This book is an occasionally irreverent look at some illustrious and many nefarious Grahams. The author holds a doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology and did research in genetic engineering. He is trained in Gaelic languages, French and Latin and has studied ancient Egyptian and Hebrew.

This volume covers Graham Heraldry and History of their origins with a fascinating discussion of genetic genealogy which sheds new light on the subject. The Gallant Grahams, the 1<sup>st</sup> Marquis, Bonnie Dundee, Thomas Graham of Lynedoch and the 6<sup>th</sup> Duke receive their due respect but not all Grahams were gallant, three Grahams were executed as regicides.

The border reivers as well as the witches, mysticism, balloonists and the religious Grahams, the most notable of these was Patrick Graham, 1<sup>st</sup> Archbishop of St. Andrews are visited. The Graham banishment and the diaspora to Ireland and beyond is discussed. The Graham Manuscript one of the seminal documents of Masonic tradition is explained.

William Mentor Graham who was Abraham Lincoln's teacher and Dr. James Graham, pioneer sexologist; Sylvester Graham, inventor of the Graham cracker and "Don Roberto" Robert Cunninghame Graham, adventurer, activist and author are covered.

W. James Nethery, FSA Scot is the Seahchaidh, Clan Graham in North America.



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## Valerie Cairney has died

Valerie Cairney "Val" has passed away recently in Florida. She was founder of *The Scottish Banner* and worked closely with that publication for forty years.

If we can find more information, we will print it here.

Our sympathy and condolences to her family.



**Braveheart**, continued from page 21

webinar from your desktop, laptop or mobile device.

The webinar is free to join.

The webinar will be recorded and made accessible for viewing afterwards.

The Wallace National Monument: Contact Us: Telephone: 01786 472140 or E-mail: <[info@nationalwallacemonument.com](mailto:info@nationalwallacemonument.com)> Abbey Craig, Hillfoots Road, Causewayhead, Stirling, FK9 5LF, Scotland, United Kingdom.

## Gilnockie Tower asks,

### “Have You Heard?”

Hi, guid folks, whit fettle (how are you)? The tower has at last reopened and the team are working hard on the internals of the tower getting artefacts, pictures and other bits and pieces into place so that we can move forward with some speed.

My, my that was a appalling shutdown; that said, the team's hearts go out to those who have been through this awful time. We wish you well during your recovery. Our deepest condolences are sent to those who have lost loved ones during the past few months!

After wratchin' through our video library we have come across some interesting videos in and around Gilnockie Tower. Enjoy!

*There Be Dragons Trucker Gerry* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Om0Rhp-IUsQ>

*The Border Reiver* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-NrIfJboqg>  
*Trucker Gerry at Gilnockie Tower Armstrong Anniversary 2019* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We211-7B6Ec>

If you would like to see the entire publication from Gilnockie Tower, just visit: <<https://mailchi.mp/121074c5dc2c/issue-81-may-8986400?e=3d8058497f>>

You'll enjoy the publication, I promise! These are such nice folks.



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• Highland Echoes "Scotland in the Class"	\$16,900
• Scottish Tartans Museum Franklin NC	\$7,700
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*Eisenhower Suite, Culzean Castle*



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# We now know where almost all of Stonehenge's stones came from!

*The main source for its largest megaliths is just a stone's throw from the iconic site.*



Isaac Schultz  
**Atlas Obscura**

ABOUT 4,500 YEARS AGO, A large stone was placed on a sloping hill on England's Salisbury plain. It was followed by another and another, until an entire henge had been formed, with its iconic "sarsen trilithons" towering over its human creators.

But at some point after that construction work several millennia ago, the location of the original quarries were lost to time. Only recently were the Preseli Hills of Wales pinned down as the source of the henge's smaller bluestones, which form a ring and a central horseshoe shape inside the larger henge structure. The big question that remained was: Whence came the bigger sarsen rocks—formally known as duricrust silcrete—and how did they make their way to the plain?

Now, a paper published in the open-access journal *Science Advances* proposes that all but two of the 52 sarsen megaliths were local stones hailing from Stonehenge's own Wiltshire county\*, about 15 miles north of the ancient site.

They isolated the location by testing a stone core that was extracted in 1958 for restoration, and then lost for six decades. The core, from stone 58, had been taken to the United States by a member of the drilling crew named Phillips, and its return meant that Stonehenge's sarsen could be tested without having to sample the site itself, one of the most protected heritage sites in the country. Following the media flurry surrounding the core's re-



*The sarsen trilithons at Stonehenge are an iconic image of the heritage site, and now we know that most are from just 15 miles north.*

patriation in 2018, a section of a second core turned up at the Salisbury Museum.

The repatriation of the Phillips Core, a rare piece of Stonehenge sarsen, made it possible for the team to identify West Woods as the stone's origin.

"There are literally thousands of pieces of sarsen stone sitting in museums across Britain. However, to my knowledge, the core from stone 58 is the only piece of stone where we can identify precisely which stone it came from," says David Nash, a geomorphologist at the University of Brighton, and lead author of the recent paper. "This makes it absolutely unique."

Using the Phillips core as a representative sample of the other sarsens at Stonehenge, Nash's team went about cross-referencing the stones' chemical signatures with sarsen outcroppings around England. The outcroppings—low, staggered protrusions of stone that show up in English valleys—are known as sarsen trains. Often, the sarsen can lurk just beneath the soil, never exposing its gargantuan size.

"When I was a young archaeologist working on the Berkshire Downs, the myth was that sarsens grew in the night—they were often ploughed up by modern machinery and a real pain to the farmers," says Vincent Gaffney, an archaeologist at the

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# The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



"O'n D'thainig thu."

Remember the men from whom you have come.

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## Stonehenge, *continued from page 37*

University of Bradford and national leader of the Stonehenge Hidden Landscapes Project, who was not involved with the recent paper. “It has, however, been relatively harder to identify a source for them than for the bluestones—until this recent work.”

Sarsen trains are so named for their low-lying, caravan-like trails in the earth.

The origin of Stonehenge’s stones has been heavily debated, and the truth has mostly eluded those studying the site:

William Lambarde, an English antiquarian who originally wrote about Stonehenge’s origins in his 17<sup>th</sup>-century dictionary, suggested the nearby Marlborough Downs as the origin of the rocks. (He also mentioned that “common people” believed a powder made from the rocks was as effective an antidote for poison as a unicorn’s horn.) For a long time, the story stuck.

“Whilst we have long suspected that they were taken from the Marlborough Downs, there have been multiple other suggestions—for instance, that they were present immediately around Stonehenge and that they were not moved very far at all,” Gaffney says. “This work appears to nail this and in doing so allows us to move on to other issues relating to the iconic monument.”

The team’s analysis of the Phillips Core quickly narrowed down the number of possible origin sites. The sarsen core was a solid match for only one site: West Woods in Wiltshire, where a large amount of sarsen once was, though much of

it was removed before 1900. Nash’s paper reports that John Aubrey, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century antiquarian, was the only Stonehenge scholar to have suggested West Woods area as the origin of the sarsen.

Sarsen makes up the bulk of Stonehenge’s rocky profile.

“We now know that most of the sarsens came from one area, so we need more geochemical work to pin down the location more precisely,” Nash says. “We also need to do archaeological surveys to see if we can identify extraction pits in West Woods.”

The relatively short distance to West Woods

doesn’t diminish the accomplishments of the Neolithic residents of the British Isles. The 15-mile trip from West Woods\* to Salisbury is even longer than a trip along the full length of Manhattan, from Battery Park to Inwood—which can



take almost an hour by subway. It was a schlep.

But as is always the case with Stonehenge, there is more to learn. Two of the remaining stones at the henge—there were originally about 80, and 52 remain—did not match the geological signature of West Woods, meaning that they came from elsewhere. The recent paper points out that the stones, numbered Stone 26 and Stone 160, are both situated at the northernmost points of their respective subsections of the henge. So after 400 years of theorizing, researchers have yet another mystery to investigate.



*The repatriation of the Phillips Core, a rare piece of Stonehenge sarsen, made it possible for the team to identify West Woods as the stone’s origin.*



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# A very rare photograph of Colonel Grant

**Roger Fenton Grant - Colonel Grant  
(1819 - 1869)**

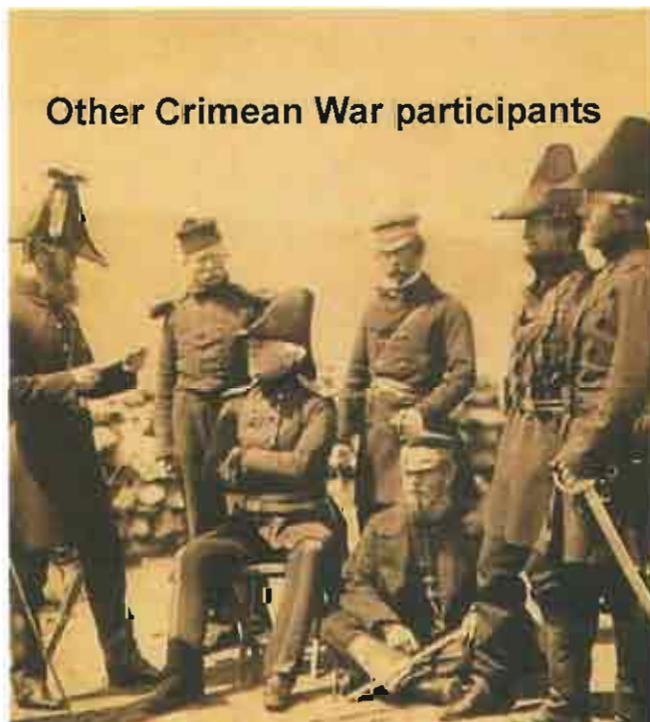
This photograph of Colonel Grant shows him standing facing slightly left with buildings behind him.

He is wearing the tartan kilt of his regiment the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders and rests his left hand on his sporan.

During the Crimean War the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders, also known as the Black Watch, formed part of the Highland Brigade.

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