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Wallace statue near Dryburgh, Scotland in place for 200 years this coming September 22



Bob Wallace, Ft. Worth, TX

This year's Bannockburn 700 ceremonies celebrate a most important milestone in Scottish history: the Battle of Bannockburn, which saw the Scots under King Robert I, the Bruce, take on Edward II's English army in June of 1314 just a few miles below Stirling Castle.

Later this year, however, another anniversary will come along that may be missed by many folks. September 22 marks the 200th anniversary of the first statue in Scotland honoring Sir William Wallace. Overlooking the River Tweed in the Scots Borders countryside stands a red sandstone statue of Sir William Wallace looking across the river with

sword on one side, shield on the other.

Commissioned by the 11th Earl of Buchan, David Stuart Erskine, the statue was unveiled on 22 September 1814. Sculpted by John Smith of Darnick, the figure stands some 21 feet above the ten-foot plinth, statue and base carefully restored in 1991. The site can be reached from a small car park off the B 6356 road (follow signs for Wallace Statue and Scotts View). An easy walk will take you to the base of the statue.

If you would like more information on the great Clan Wallace, please contact the author of this article, Bob Wallace in Fort Worth, TX. Email: bob.wallace39@gmail.com

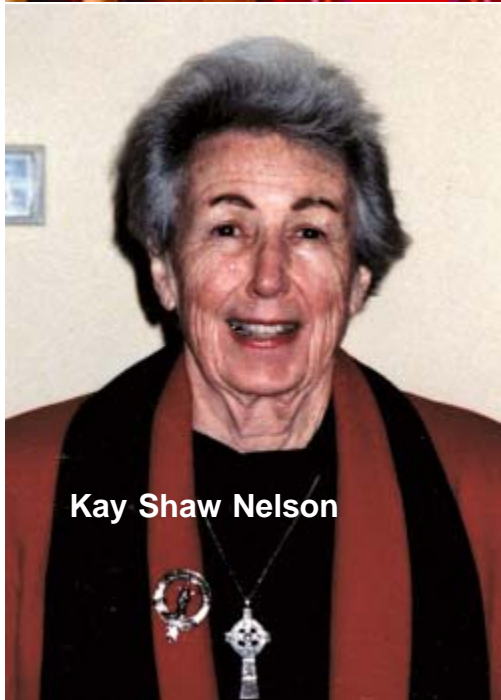
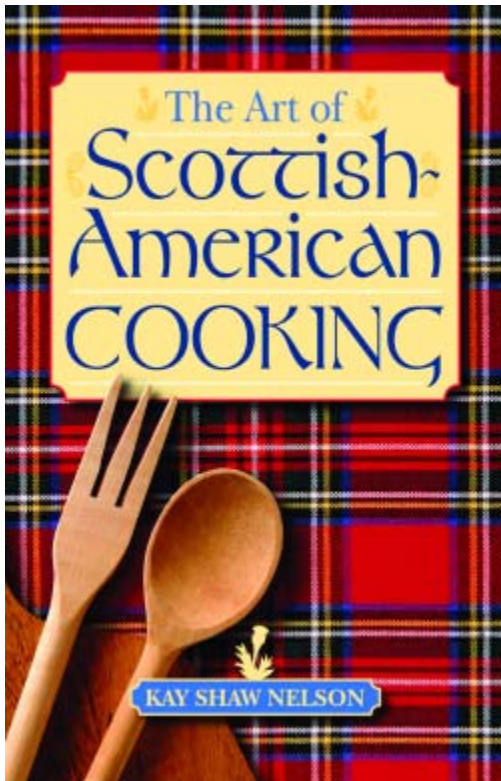
Did you know? The *Star Spangled Banner* was made the US National Anthem in 1931.

A Highlander and his Books

The Art of Scottish-American Cooking

By KAY SHAW NELSON Reviewed by Frank R. Shaw, Atlanta, GA, USA,

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Kay Shaw Nelson

Like many of you, I have had the privilege of enjoying some great meals in America, Europe and the United Kingdom, especially in Scotland. Yes, Scotland! Scottish food gets a bad rap by some, but I can tell you they have never had the opportunity to dine in the home of Angus Tracey on the Black Isle to the delight of his poached salmon, in the kitchen of Clan Shaw Chief, John Shaw of Tordarroch, where his wife Sylvia served the most delicious roasted chicken you've ever tasted, sat at the table of Ken and Jean Cox a few miles down the road from Culloden for a full Scottish meal, feast on Jamie and Meta Scarlett's Scottish venison at their Milton of Moy home, stay at Dunain Park Hotel just outside Inverness and enjoy as good a breakfast prepared by Chef Anne Nicol (nee Shaw) as there is anywhere or stand in line at her nightly sideboard filled with scrumptious homemade desserts, or eat the most succulent lamb one could ask for in the Edinburgh home of Robert and Pauline MacGillivray. So much for the naysayers!

Now along comes Kay Shaw Nelson with a cookbook that speaks to every Scottish-American heart. She has done the world, and Scottish Americans in particular, a great favor by giving us *The Art of Scottish-American Cooking*. Anything but a novice in the kitchen, this author of 20 cookbooks gives us a wealth of Scottish-American recipes. She takes us through the alphabet of Scottish food from Annapolis Deviled Crab to Williamsburg Spoon Bread, touching on all points in between. The list makes you want to go back to Scotland and put your knees under a Scottish table or venture to that favorite part of America where the Scots left their culinary marks.

In Kay Shaw Nelson's cookbook you will learn about Scottish men and women who impacted our eating habits in the United States. You might be surprised at the list: John McIntosh (apple); Mary Johnson (hand-cranked ice-cream freezer); Philip Armour (Armour & Co.); Rev. Sylvester Graham (Graham cracker); Joseph Campbell (soups); another Campbell family along with the Hutchinson family (Moon Pie, one of my favorites as a child along with an RC Cola); David Jack (Monterey Jack cheese); Julia Child (cookbooks and television shows); Rev. Elijah Craig (Bourbon whiskey, my kind of minister!); Dr. James Crow, (Old Crow Bourbon whiskey); and let's not forget James Beard and Craig Claiborne (a Scotch egg lover) who probably did more to *refine* the food tastes of America than any other two people. These folks all have one thing in common – they are Scots or have Scottish

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ancestors.

One of my favorite recipes in this book is Scotch Fried Chicken. You'll enjoy letting your friends know that one of the "great Scottish contributions to the American cuisine is fried chicken." As documented in their travel books, in 1773 on the Isle of Skye, Dr. Johnson and James Boswell "were served fried pullets" (a young chicken which we seldom killed in SC during my childhood since they would eventually become hens). Immigrants to the Carolinas from Skye carried this recipe with them. I still recall my mother's Sunday fried chicken as a boy growing up in Mullins, South Carolina, and I now know that my ancestors came up the Cape Fear River from the Isle of Jura to settle in what is now Bladen County, North Carolina. Jura was not that far from the Isle of Skye.

There is also mention of literature in Kay's recipes with quotes from the big three - Scott, Stevenson and Burns. In reference to the lowly herring, Sir Walter Scott wrote, "It's nae fish ye're buying, it's men's lives." He made it clear that he liked his salmon plain and simple for he wrote, "The most judicious gastronomes eat no other sauce than a spoonful of the water in which the salmon has been boiled, together with a little pepper and vinegar." This great entertainer, who hosted hundreds of people over his life time at Abbottsford, had a fondness for desserts and once described them as "a fairy feast of cream, jellies, strawberries, almond-cream, and lemon cream." How many know that Robert Louis Stevenson spoke of Scotland's most famous Scottish oatmeal dish, porridge, with a "they"? Listen up, "*They're* fine, halesome food, *they're* grand food, parritch." We are familiar with Robert Burns' tribute "*To A Haggis*" but Burns speaks of porridge as "The halesome parritch, Chief of Scotia's food." Burns, known to take a wee dram or two, enjoyed the "social glass" as he called the national drink, Scotch whisky. I've read a lot of Scott and Burns and some Stevenson but never realized their love of food as Kay has so excellently presented throughout her book.

I've often heard there are two kinds of people in this world - those who are Scottish and those who wish they were! This book gives credence to that statement. Many of us have ridden through the beautiful Scottish

Highlands, so buckle up; you're set for another great ride! Kay Shaw Nelson has given us a wonderful collection of Scottish-American recipes. This book is a tribute to Scottish-American people. There is not a page in this book without interest - it is Scottish-American food at its best!

I do not say this about a lot of books I review, but *The Art of Scottish-American Cooking* is worthy of your purchase. You will be tempted to consider it as a gift to yourself, for your family, and for your friends on their birthdays and at Christmas. Simply put, this book is nothing but a taste of friendship and love, Scottish-American

style. I've eaten at Kinloch Lodge on the Isle of Skye where one of Scotland's most celebrated chefs and writers of cookbooks holds court. I have fond memories of that luncheon with Susan, my wife, and friends, Susan and David Shi of Furman University. The food was excellent, but with all due respect I have to say, "Move over, Lady MacDonald. There's another writer in town!"

Purchase price of this hardcover book is \$21 at www.pelican.com or you may call 1-800-843-1724. The media mail rate is \$2.95, plus 50 cents for each additional book shipped. ISBN 978-1-58980-386-2.

And I close this review with a recipe to further whet your appetite

Etta MacKay's Salmon Dip

8 oz. cream cheese, softened

½ cup sour cream

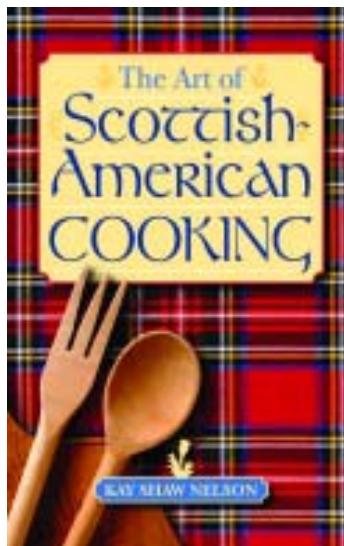
1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice

¾ cup minced smoked salmon

2 tbsp. snipped fresh chives

Salt and freshly ground white pepper, to taste

In a medium bowl combine cheese, sour cream, and lemon juice; blend well. Add salmon and chives. Season with salt and pepper. Blend well. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to serve as a dip for raw vegetables or with oatcakes. Makes about two cups.



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Flowers of the Forest

Memorial services were held Saturday, December 21st, 2013 at Shoal Creek Baptist Church, Clermont, Georgia for Mr. **William (“Willie”) Davidson Brown** of Clermont who passed away December 13th. Mr. Brown, who was born July 11, 1920 in West Calder Scotland, came to the U.S. at the age of 8 years old. He served in the Navy during WWII and married his life-long companion, Frances Hulsey.

He owned and operated Hulsey’s Home Improvement in the Gainesville (GA) area for a number of years.

Aside from leaving behind his wife Frances, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Pat Brown; a daughter, Myra Jo Brown; a brother, Alfred and his wife, Lottie Brown; grandsons, Steven Brown, Nathan Brown, Cooper Embry and Headen Embry; and 12 great-grandchildren



On Friday, September 18, in Kernow, many were shocked to be informed of the untimely passing of **Tony Piper**, or “Pipes” as he was known to so many. He was an “old Hill Boy” from Falmouth, Cornwall.

He served as a police officer and was always an outstanding Cornish patriot.

Following his retirement, he campaigned ceaselessly for Cornwall both politically and culturally.

A Bard of Gorsedh Kernow and always to be seen at the front of processions with a huge banner Piran with a smile as big as the flag. His love of Kernow and the other Celtic Nations was undoubted.

He was a member of many Celtic organizations and a founding member of “Cornish Solidarity” and was known far and wide. He worked tirelessly for pan Celtic cooperation. He was a true Cornishman and a Celtic legend.

Joel Ray McClung was born November 27, 1952 in Temple, OK, the son of Joseph Lee and Wanda Faye (Cook) McClung. On January 30, 2014, at 61 years of age he suffered a sudden and massive pulmonary event and he joined his heavenly Father in Glory.

On March 21, 1998, Joel married the love of his life, Jill Justice and thus began a beautiful partnership in marriage. He is survived by his wife Jill of the home, sons Joseph McClung and fiancé’ Kristina of Oklahoma City and Thomas E. McClung of Oklahoma City; daughter, Jessica Renee McClung of Midwest City; parents Joseph and Wanda McClung of Hastings, OK; brother, Mark E. McClung and wife Mary of Marlow, OK.; also, “adopted in heart” son, Mathew

Raugust and wife Catherine.

Joel was a man of God. He loved his Lord, who, by faith in Jesus Christ saved him from his sin and gave him the promise of eternal life in Heaven. He faithfully served God through his local church for many years and had many wonderful relationships, honoring God through them all. Joel loved music and spent his life using his musical talents to glorify God and bless others. Many of his relationships began in some type of musical setting and soon grew to a close bond. Joel was a man of his word and his friends valued his advice and counsel.

His relationship with his wife Jill was one “making beautiful music together”, both literally and figuratively. They loved playing their instruments together, whether it was for a wedding, a concert or simply for their own enjoyment. Friends would agree that Joel was happiest when he and Jill were spending time together. Though well-known in the state for his bagpipe playing, he also especially loved playing the pedal steel guitar or fiddle,

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From Days Gone By



“In Flanders Fields the Poppies Grow” by Dave Chagnon

As all of should know, 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of World War I, “The War to End All Wars” - “The War to Save Democracy”. The USA didn’t enter into the war until 1917, missing much of the horrors of trench warfare and the staggering loss of lives that preceded our engagement. This is not to belittle the efforts or the losses experienced by American troops, but much of the true effects of the entire war missed us here in the US.

WW I brought to an end the age when the Great Homes of the aristocracy throughout Europe held sway, never to rise again. The war’s end on the 11th hour of the 11th month of 1918 (November 11th, 1918) also drove a stake through the heart of monarchy for many nations.

Unfortunately, the harsh conditions imposed on the losing side of the conflict by the terms that ended WWI, became the effective start of World War II that laid waste to huge portions of the world. So much for the “War to End All Wars”...

One of the most poignant pieces of literature spawned by the tragedies of WW I was a poem, very short, and very bittersweet, “**In Flanders Fields**”. I was very much reminded of this poem in 2000, when I was driving southeast on French Route A26/E44, a “route à péage” (toll road), just inside France’s border with Belgium. It was a glorious day in late June, the sky was a rich Delft Blue and big puffy white clouds were skittering along pushed by a gusty wind. The wind was also waving the brilliant red poppies in the median, as we rolled by road signs so reminiscent of WW I: Ardennes Forest, Meuse River, and so on. How could the sight of these poppies and those signs not make one think of this so-sad poem?

[From Wikipedia]

“**In Flanders Fields**” is a poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier, Alexis Helmer, who died in the Second Battle of Ypres. According to

legend, fellow soldiers retrieved the poem after McCrae, initially unsatisfied with his work, discarded it. “**In Flanders Fields**” was first published on December 8 of that year in the London-based magazine, **Punch**.

It is one of the most popular and most quoted poems from the war. As a result of its immediate popularity, parts of the poem were used in propaganda efforts and appeals to recruit soldiers and raise money selling war bonds. Its references to the red poppies that grew over the graves of fallen soldiers resulted in the remembrance poppy becoming one of the world’s most recognized memorial symbols for soldiers who have died in conflict. The poem and poppy are prominent Remembrance/Memorial Day

symbols throughout the US and the Commonwealth of Nations, particularly in Canada, where “**In Flanders Fields**” is one of the nation’s best known literary works.

*In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

To know that we, as the human race, have learned nothing in the last hundred years, is a blight that, maybe someday, we’ll finally overcome. In the meantime, the poppies continue to grow, in abundance. Shame on us...

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Mary, Queen of Scots & Florida: stitching together history

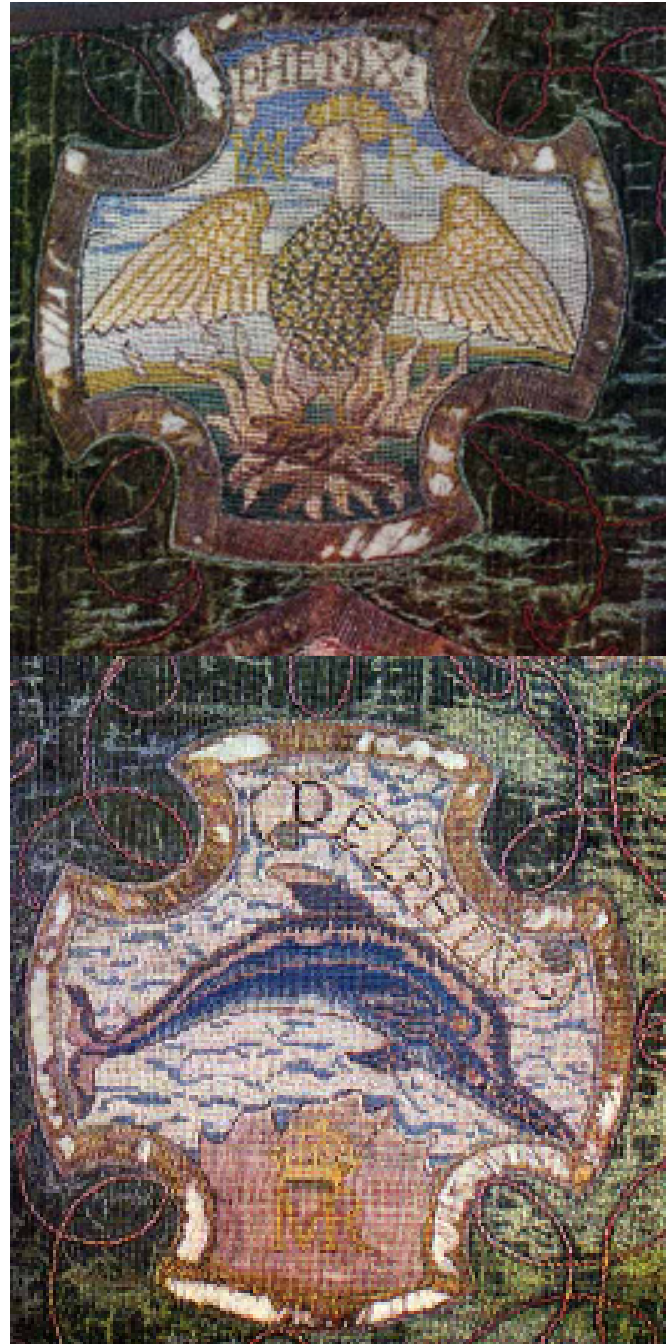
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Much is known about Mary, Queen of Scots: queen at 6 days old, her Roman Catholic faith, and her marriages to the Dauphin of France, Lord Darnley and the Earl of Bothwell. There is also the loss of her son to her enemies, her throne and eventually her life in the upheavals of the 16th century. Queen of Scotland by birth, Queen of France by marriage and the would-be Queen of England by intrigue, Mary is alternatively known in history as a victim, a schemer, a martyr or simply a monarch who played the great game and lost. Take your pick. What is less known is that Mary was also an accomplished embroiderer, and based on some recent research, is believed to have created needlework patterned on designs provided to her by Jacques le Moyne de Morgues, a Frenchman who survived the doomed colony of Fort Caroline, in modern day Jacksonville, Florida.

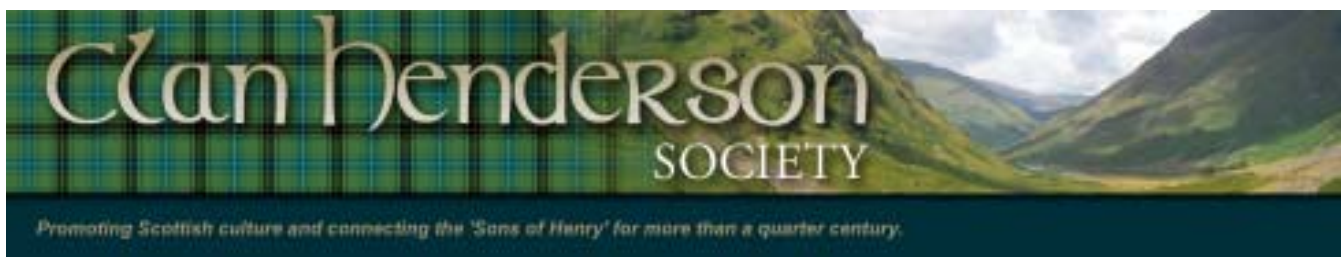
The records of Mary's embroidery and the Florida connection are not entirely clear, despite several authors' attempts on the subject. It is known that Mary was sent to France by her mother, Marie de Guise, to be raised in the royal household alongside her future husband, the Dauphin, and probably picked up the craft of embroidery from her first mother-in-law, Queen Catherine de Medici (herself an accomplished embroiderer.) After becoming Queen of France when her husband ascended the throne as King Francis II, Mary's chief embroiderer at court was Henry le Moyne, the uncle to our Florida Frenchman, Jacques le Moyne (born circa 1533). One biographer hypothesizes that the floral designs provided to Mary in France by the elder Le Moyne, were in fact, created by the younger Le Moyne during an apprenticeship, though this was not recorded in the royal receipts (and would unlikely be acknowledged by the master embroiderer of the royal household.)

What is recorded though is that the Jacques le

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(Above) A bit of Mary's stitchery.



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Mary Queen of Scots, *continued from page 9*

What is recorded though is that the Jacques le Moyne was a Calvinist, whereas his relatives were not. In an effort to spare him the religious persecution Huguenots were enduring at that time, the artist was sent with Rene de Laudonniere's expedition to the New World to create a Protestant colony in Florida in 1564 (and he is considered to be the first European artist to visit America). The Spanish were quick to evict the French from Florida in 1565 and Le Moyne was one of only 40 who survived the attack on Fort Caroline by diving into the St. Johns River and swimming to a nearby ship, which took him back to France. The remaining several hundred colonists were enslaved or killed.

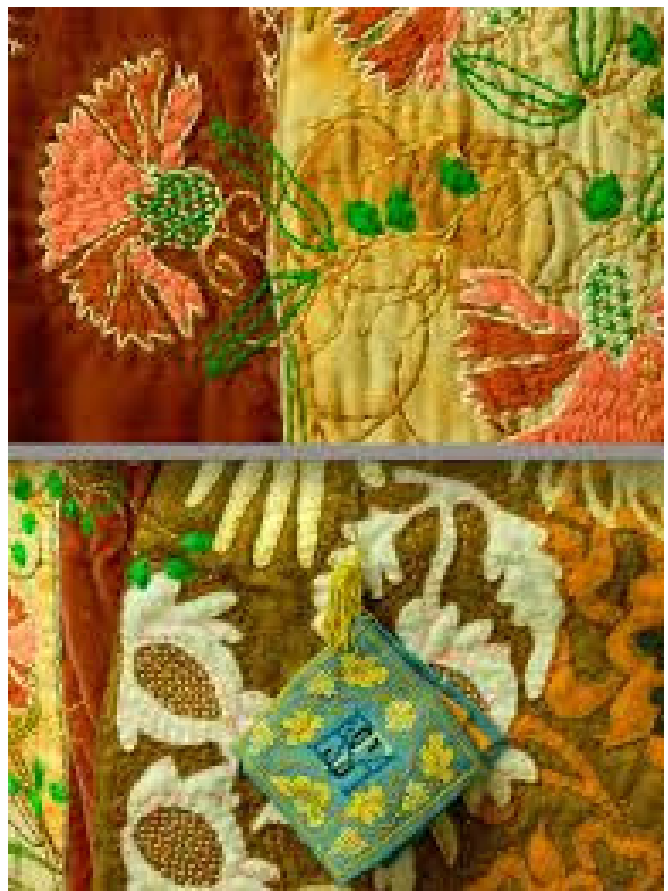
After a brief stay in France, Le Moyne moved to a more hospitable religious climate in England, where he became a celebrated artist of the botany and natives of the 'new world' (among his patrons were Sir Walter Raleigh and Lady Mary Sidney.) It is believed that when Mary returned to Scotland after the death of her first husband, she called upon the now famous younger Le Moyne for designs from his adventures in Florida. Interestingly enough, amongst Mary's later embroidery are designs of birds from America, peacocks and turkeys, plants of all varieties, including one Floridaesque design with a palm tree and tortoise. Many of these were completed during her brief reign in Scotland and more lengthy captivity in England. It is easy to conjure up an image of Mary stitching one of these designs while dreaming about Florida, distracting herself from one of John Knox's harangues or a Scottish council meeting.

Mary died in 1587. Jacques le Moyne died in 1588. While artifacts of both can be found throughout the world, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London has the distinction of housing both Mary's embroidery and the work of Jacques le Moyne. Alternatively one can visit the Fort Caroline National Memorial in Jacksonville, Florida to get a sense of Le Moyne's dramatic swim and the imagery he brought back to the most famous daughter of the House of Stuart.

The author is indebted to Miles Harvey's *Painter in a Savage Land* and Margaret Swain's *Needlework of Mary, Queen of Scots* for the information in the article.



Mary Queen of Scots



More examples of Mary's embroidery



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Is the *Skye Boat Song* still in the curriculum of the modern grade school? Many a generation of school children learned this song and received their first fleeting introduction to Flora MacDonald via her role in assisting “Bonny” Prince Charlie to escape. Her legacy however is that she was the namesake for so many Flora MacDonald’s and other Highland girls for generations to this very day. By all accounts she was a quite remarkable person, and was as “MacDonald” as MacDonald can be.

Born in 1722 as Fionnghal NicDhomhnaill, daughter of Ranald MacDonald of Milton and Marion NicDhomhnaill on South Uist the Outer Hebrides. When her father passed away, her mother remarried to Hugh MacDonald Chief of Clan Ranald. As head of the Militia, he authorized the passes needed for Flora and “Bonnie” Prince Charlie and company to escape capture, via way of Skye and Raasay. Legend has it that she performed a remarkable Highland Dance at one point to distract scrutiny by the English authorities on her companions that included a disguised Charlie as Ms. Burke.

Either via informants or scuttlebutt of the sailors involved, the English focused on Flora and she was imprisoned for a time in the Tower of London, and then placed under house arrest until released in 1747 when the “Act of Indemnity” was passed. In 1750, she mar-

ried Allan MacDonald of Kingsburgh. They had 5 sons and 2 daughters before emigrating to North Carolina in 1774. Her stepfather, Hugh MacDonald, had died there in 1766. After her husband, Allan, and son, Daniel, had been captured at Moore’s Creek as Loyal Highland Scots officers, Flora went into hiding after American Patriots sacked their plantation home and robbed her of her belongings. She received help from some of her Patriot neighbors, however, a good indication of the respect held for her personally.

In 1778, Allan was released in a prisoner exchange and she joined him there at his new command in Nova Scotia. In 1779, while she and a daughter were returning to Scotland, she was wounded during an engagement with a Yankee privateer that engaged the ship she was on. By 1784, with Allan’s return, they reestablished themselves at Kingsburgh. She passed away there in 1790, already famous as the heroine who abetted Prince Charlie’s escape. Legend has it she once told William, the Duke of Cumberland, that had he lost at Culloden she would have helped him escape...but of course, would Hugh MacDonald have issued the passes... I think not. But Flora’s life is testament to Honor and Loyalty to the Clan Donald, and Highland culture.

Slainte Mhor. Daniel

Flowers of the Forest, *continued from page 5*

dobro, etc. in a bluegrass group.

Among his other interests were working out with his friends at The Weight Room (and encouraging others to do the same), assisting people with his mechanical skills as a repairman, and most recently a love for small aircraft, having fulfilled a lifelong dream a few years ago when he earned his pilot’s license and flew at every opportunity.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing and even had a career in law enforcement as a police officer and Oklahoma Wildlife game warden.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the ministry of J. Vernon McGee, which is through the Bible Radio Network, <http://www.ttb.org/>. Or to Kelham Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

Clan Macneil



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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Dr. Heidi Miller and Rev. Gary MacDonald were married at SMU's Perkins Chapel in Dallas on November 30, 2013. With them are their children, from left, Jeffrey MacDonald and his son Maxwell; Danielle Davis and her husband, Jonathan MacDonald; and from right, PFC Joshua MacDonald (US Army) and Brynn Yoder.



Pipes played by Don Shannon lead the bride and groom in the recessional during the wedding worship service at Perkins Chapel at SMU in Dallas.

Heidi Miller- Gary MacDonald nuptials

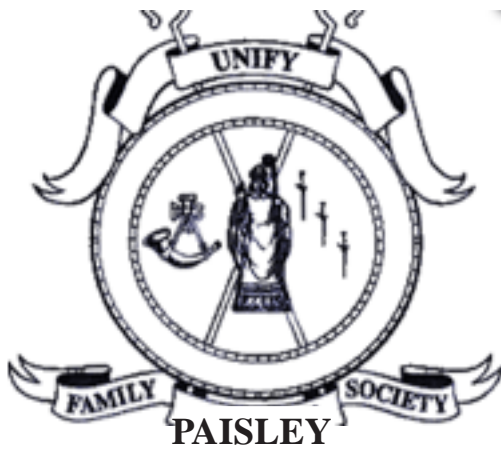
Clan Donald USA National Chaplain Rev. Gary B. MacDonald and Dr. Heidi A. Miller wedded during a worship service at Southern Methodist University's Perkins Chapel in Dallas on Saturday, November 30, 2013, after hosting for Thanksgiving their families from New Brunswick and British Columbia, Canada, and Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maine, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

Rev. MacDonald, who serves as director of Advanced Ministerial Studies at SMU's Perkins School of Theology, met Dr. Miller at Perkins, where she serves as assistant professor of Christian Worship. The service included elements of the Methodist, Mennonite and Celtic traditions, including tunes offered by piper Don Shannon, pipe major of the North Texas Caledonian Pipe and Drum band, and the Iona musical setting for Eucharist, led by Perkins' Rev. Dr. C. Michael Hawn. The service was conducted by The Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath, who also serves as a professor at Perkins and whose research interests include Celtic spirituality.

The couple was fortunate to honeymoon on the eastern Caribbean nation of St. Lucia before joining their homes in Dallas. As of this writing, they are still unpacking boxes.



With thanks to Clan Donald USA Central South Region and their newsletter, *Forward Together*. For membership information, please contact: Linda Tate at pinkpig48@msn.com



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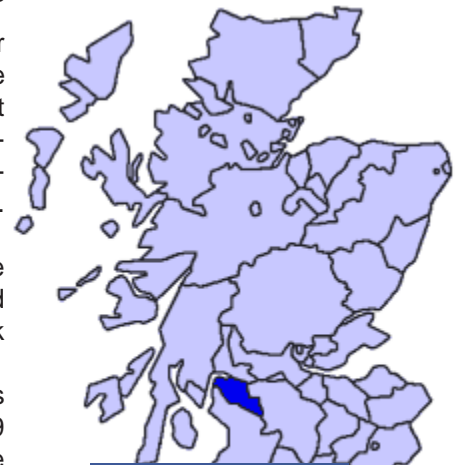


The Chiefly Arms of Paisley of Westerlea

The Paisleys are a family of considerable antiquity, having been associated with Lochwinnoch and Paisley (parts of what later became Renfrewshire), with Cunningham and Kyle (North Ayrshire), Innerwick (East Lothian) and Roxburghshire, since the time of William I King of Scots 1165 - 1214.

William I Paisley (died ante 28 September 1171) and William II Paisley (killed in battle ante 1218) were prominent in the following of the first three hereditary stewards of Scotland, while William II Paisley is also noticed attending the itinerant court of the King of Scots during 1179-95.

Separate and quite distinct branches of the family had already developed at Lochwinnoch and Paisley and in the Roxburghshire barony of Hawick before the end of King David Bruce's reign in 1371 and the beginnings of others are found in records for Edinburgh and the three Lothians from 1389 onwards and at Dunrod near Borke (Kirkcudbrightshire) in still Gaelic speaking Galloway from 1585.



Duncan W. Paisley of Westerlea
Chieftain of the Paisley Family

International Gathering, Scotland 2014

The Paisleys will begin our weekend on **Thursday, June 26** with a dinner at Ardtalla, Slamannen, home of our Chieftain and Lady Jane.

Friday, June 27 - Pipefest with clans and 1000 pipers marching from Stirling Castle down the hill and around the town.

Saturday, June 28 - Battle of Bannockburn 700th anniversary and clan gathering. Paisleys meet at the Paisley Society tent. Paisley family buffet dinner at Ardtalla, Slamannen.

Sunday, June 29 - Paisley gathering at Slamannen for a service at the old village church, a few Paisleys will be manning the tent at Bannockburn, and other events are being planned.

Monday, June 30 - Paisley historical tour and picnic,.

Turnbull's Grocery a presence in Hawick Since 1855

Turnbull's family grocery and producer of fine whisky has been a trademark in Hawick, Scotland for over 150 years. The shop, originally named The House of Turnbull, was founded in 1855 and was located at 51 High Street.

Over the generations, Turnbolls continued to maintain a strong presence on High Street.

When Turnbull Clan Association founder, John F. Turnbull took over the store in 1954 after the passing of his father Barrie, he added fine gourmet products to the store. These products included a specialty in roasting coffee beans and blending fine teas.

John ran the family business until his early death at age 39. At this time, his widow, Myra Turnbull, was unable to continue the business by herself, and it was decided that she and her son Barrie would scale back the company and continue solely in the supply of whisky to a small number of private customers.

In 2006, grandson of John and Myra, Ross Turnbull Irvine, sought permission from Myra and Barrie to re-establish the presence of Turnbull's in Hawick. Today, Turnbull's is once again hails a prominent storefront and business in Hawick. And, just last year, a second Turnbull's opened in Galashiels.

The present Turnbull's continues the fine tradition of gourmet offerings, including a deli, specialty home-made products, and of course, fine whisky.

Besides adding another shop in Galashiels, 2013



brought the addition of the next generation, when Ross and his wife Sharon became the proud parents of Alexander John Irvine.

Congratulations to Ross and Sharon from your worldwide Turnbull family on the birth of your son and with the continued success of Turnbull's.

With thanks for the above article to the Turnbull Clan Association newsletter, *The Bullseye*, published six times a year at 5216 Tahoe Dr., Durham, NC 27713. Contact editor, Betty Turnbull, at editor@turnbullclan.com

Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society invites you in March

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 9th, at 2:00 for our next Coastal Georgia Genealogical Society meeting, as Ann Staley of Jacksonville (FL) will be our speaker. She is a Certified Genealogical Presenter and always has an interesting helpful program. Visitors are always welcome! Details, contact: lepalm@comcast.net | Receive a sample of our "new" CGGS newsletter....done so well by Lodi Palmer. Please consider becoming a member by paying dues. Send \$10 for a year for one person or \$15 for a couple to treasurer Barbara Baethke, 135 Heritage Dr. Apt B4, St. Simons Is., GA 31522.

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The United States Mòd would like to extend a warm greeting to those clans who will be joining us in Ligonier, Pennsylvania on September 20, 2014.

An Comunn Gàidhealach Ameireaganach, the Gaelic Society of America, visits the games at Ligonier each year, to participate in the celebration of our shared Scottish heritage, by holding its annual Mòd at the games.

A Mòd, meaning “meeting”, or “court” in the old Scottish Gaelic, has developed in Scotland to be an event in which fluent speakers, as well as learners, sing, dance, recite prose and poetry, and put on plays, all in Scottish Gaelic, and are assessed and adjudicated in order to find the best of the best. For those who attend, it is a yearly celebration in the language of Scotland preserved and fostered for hundreds of years.

We here in the States who have the Gaelic, and are learning it, have held our own Mòd for 26 years, and this year we are keeping the tradition alive! For anyone who attends, it’s a great time to listen to native Gaelic speakers, fluent learners, and adventurous newcomers tackling Gaelic songs, stories and poems in competition and at cèilidhs.

In addition, both Gold Medalists from Scotland’s Royal National Mòd will be attending our event. This year, we will have the honor to welcome the female and male medalists, Eilidh Munro and Robert Robertson, brought to us courtesy of An Comunn Gaidhealach, Scotland’s Gaelic Society.

We have arranged for rooms at the Antiochian Village (<http://antiochianvillage.org/>) nearby to Ligonier for anyone who would like to stay with us and experience the Mòd from behind the scenes as well. We have a language competition on Friday night, as well as a song workshop on Sunday morning. This is wonderful opportunity to see what Gaelic is about, to experience it first hand, in a warm, welcoming environment. If attending the games and you already have arrangements, we would like to invite you all to stop by and see what we are all about!

If you would like to join us, the forms to make reservations are coming out shortly - you’ll see infor-



Ralph Comp named Clan Sinclair Eastern Region Vice President

Mel Sinclair writes, “It is my pleasure to introduce you to our new Eastern Region Vice President, Ralph Comp.”

Ralph was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He attended Milwaukee county public schools, graduating in 1958 from Bay View High School. Ralph entered the U.S. Navy, attended Submarine School, and was assigned to the USS Rasher SSR 269.

In 1964, after two years at Marquette University, he re-entered the Navy and served until 1990. After serving aboard various submarines and tenders, Ralph was commissioned as an officer in 1978 and assigned to submarine tender in Holy Loch, Scotland, for two years. He earned a B. S. in Sociology from Florida Southern College in 1980 and an M. A. in Human Relations from Webster College in 1982.

Ralph married Dorna Lewin on Sept 14, 1984. Ralph has four children (Ralph A., Kimberly, Ronald, and Kara), two stepdaughters (Lisa and Edie), nine grandchildren, and three great-granddaughters, residing in Charleston, S.C., Stuart, FL., and Nashville, TN.

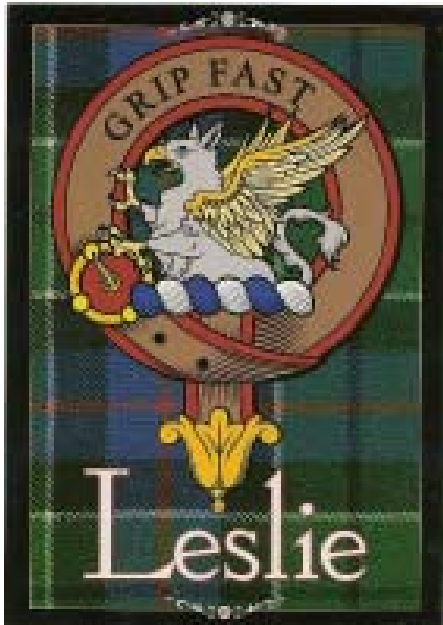
He retired as Port Operations Officer, Cape Canaveral, FL. in April 1990. Ralph served as State Probation/Parole Officer in a three county area of Florida and retired in August 2000. Ralph and Dorna currently reside in Summerville, S. C.

mation in this publication when they are ready.

Come stay with us and join in the fun! You don’t have to compete to have a great Gaelic experience at the Mòd!

The Mòd Committee hopes you will be able to join us in Ligonier, or if not, please consider making a donation. Registration forms and instructions for how to attend and donate will be coming soon!

Leis gach deagh dhùrachd, (with every good wish)
Mòd Committee, 2013



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CLAN SINCLAIR MEMBER, MIKE SINCLAIR, RECEIVES THE MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

With thanks to: *Yours Aye*, the publication of The Clan Sinclair Society.
For membership information contact their membership chairman: a.ginn@verizon.net

Principal Mike Sinclair has been instrumental in the planning, building and leading of Brashier Middle College Charter High School from the ground up, growing from 100 students in 2006 to 420 students in 2013. Embodying the mantra, “College for Everyone,”

Sinclair encourages seniors to enroll in college classes as part of their high school experience. By the time they graduate from Brashier (and 98.9 percent did so in 2012), college attendance is a foregone conclusion.

For Sinclair, success starts early in a student’s career. He identifies and intervenes with struggling students, and created the Freshman Academy for those who were failing more than one class, an effort that pays off in the school’s sky-high graduation rate.

Sinclair is as deeply invested in his teachers as he is in his students, a fact reinforced by Brashier’s participation in TAP: The System for Teacher and Student Advancement, now in its second year of implementation. As principal, Sinclair heads the TAP Leadership Team of master and mentor teachers that model research-based instructional practices and ongoing professional development. The result is a very low turnover rate among faculty, who embrace his policy of never giving up on a student. Aware of the family’s role in a student’s success, Sinclair block calls parents every Sunday about the upcoming week and schedules them for participation throughout the year.

Sinclair’s approach has paid off. In the 2011-2012 school year, 77.7 percent of upperclassmen enrolled in college classes earning 1,934 college hours, and 98.3 percent of the students passed their courses with a GPA of 3.2 or higher.

The class of 2012’s 98.9 percent graduation rate is compared with Greenville County’s rate of 65 percent. Furthermore, 2012 graduates received a total of \$2.2 million in college scholarships. These impressive

numbers have resulted in increased applications to the school, based on the reputation for success that Sinclair has built.

Sinclair’s positive impact on the educational community extends to the state and national levels. Described as an encyclopedia of best practices, he stays abreast of legislation, literature and statistics, using data to formulate results-oriented strategies. As a leader within the South Carolina Charter School Alliance, he regularly reaches out to state legislators. He guided the creation of a new charter bill that brought a \$150,000 funding increase benefiting all charter schools in the state.

Always involved in the larger educational community, Sinclair serves on the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) Review Team for the state of South Carolina and served as president of the Palmetto Charter Network. His ongoing efforts have improved relationships between public and charter schools. Cited as a model administrator, Sinclair is repeatedly asked to present workshops at the Middle College National Consortium (MCNC) in New York and co-instructs a graduate class in Building Learning Communities at Furman University.

Mel Sinclair writes, “Mike Sinclair is our eldest son. Mike started this school from scratch about 6 years ago. The Milken Educator Award is a national award and not a popularity or political award. We’re obviously very proud of Mike. He had prepared the meeting in the school gym for his school’s recognition of a nearly 99% graduation rate, and had no idea that the reason for the visit was to recognize him with the Milken award.

The students for the incoming freshman class are selected by lottery. They are not the academic cream of the crop but regular students who excel in the environment that Mike and his team have created.

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Medical History and Genealogy

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Genealogists are always looking for ancestral information, especially tidbits and fascinating details about the life and exploits of their ancestors, or unique physical features or traits. These discoveries provide researchers with hours and years of intriguing discoveries. While these details certainly are important for research purposes, they are not the only characteristics you may have inherited from your family. You also inherit medical conditions that may have had devastating consequences for your ancestors, but thanks to advances in medical technology, can now be overcome or at least mitigated.

The potential for conditions such as heart disease, breast cancer, prostate cancer, diabetes, alcoholism and Alzheimer's can be passed down through families. Medical experts recommend diligence in learning about health-related conditions that impacted our ancestors' lives. Many genealogists are compiling a family medical history or medical family tree as a method of documenting important health information about ancestors, including illnesses and diseases, along with family relationships. You can begin this process by talking with immediate family members such as parents, grandparents and siblings, since they provide the most important family links.

Taking the time and initiative to compile medical information will document hereditary patterns which may impact your health, such as trends toward specific types of cancer, early heart disease, or even something simple such as skin problems. This information can help you and your physician recognize family patterns and take preventive medical measures. Some medical experts recommend going back about three generations

to your grandparents or great-grandparents to document health-related issues. Try to collect details on every direct family member who has died, including cause of death, age at which they were first diagnosed, their treatment, and if they ever had surgery.

For family members with known medical problems, note information concerning personal habits such as whether they smoked, were overweight, etc. If a family member had cancer, be sure to learn the primary type and not just where it metastasized. If

your family members came from a foreign country, make note of that as well, as some medical conditions have possible ethnic roots.

If your parents are deceased, or relatives are uncooperative, you may have to seek alternative record sources. Gaining access to medical records is almost impossible due to HIPPA, unless you are fortunate enough that one of your ancestors obtained copies of their own records. Other sources of information may include death certificates, obituaries and old family letters. Even old family photos can provide visual clues to diseases such as obesity, skin conditions and osteoporosis. If you're adopted or are unable to learn more about your family's health history, be sure to follow standard screening recommendations and see your doctor for a physical examination on a regular basis. What you learn by compiling this information may save your life and that of your children.



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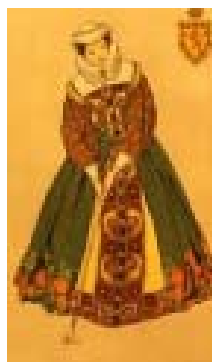
Viking Question of the day....

How did the Vikings send secret messages to each other?
Give up? It's simple. They used Norse code. (Intelligent folks love puns!)

Insomnia Swat Team



Someone sent this to me.
I keep falling off my chair laughing.



Ever wonder where the golfing term, "Caddie" came from?

In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from? When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf'. He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her.

Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her.

In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots slowly changed it into 'caddie.'

With thanks to Clan Davidson's *The Sporan*.

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Where did this come from?



So just where did we get the expression “blazing a trail.”

As the Scots made trails in the Eastern mountain ranges of the US, they would peel off a bit of bark from the trees to mark their way. Because of the way they handled the knife, this would often be in the shape of a small diamond.

When trying to give this mark a name, they decided that it resembled the white markings on their homeland horses faces, known as blazes. Hence, making a new trail became “blazing a trail.”

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CLAN DAVIDSON SOCIETY USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.

Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [www.clan davidson usa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].



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Orkney voted Best Place to live in Scotland

It's windy and wet with long, dark nights in the depths of winter, but the island community of Orkney has been named the best place to live in Scotland – followed closely by its northerly neighbour, Shetland.

The annual Quality of Life Survey from the Halifax bank found Orkney excels in a range of criteria including residents' health and life expectancy, crime rate, weather, employment, school results and personal wellbeing. Orcadians polled as among the happiest in the UK, with an average rating of 8.01 out of ten, compared to a UK average of 7.3. Source: Scottish Life.

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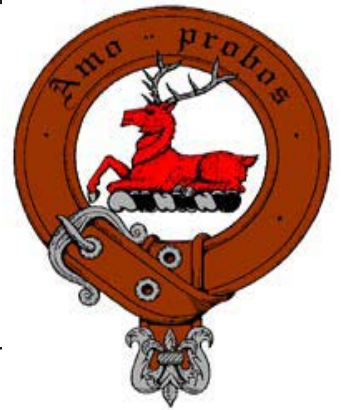
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COSCA Council of Scottish Clans & Associations

Bannockburn Live Update: Things are looking up! In the wake of the reshuffling of the Bannockburn Live event, Scottish Clans have secured an exclusive dedicated day of celebration and commemoration on the Bannockburn Battlefield

For those of you who, like the Council of Scottish Clans Association, are keeping a close eye on developments having to do with the Bannockburn Live celebration this summer in Scotland, the last 48 hours have been quite a ride.

After a few days of speculation, on Tuesday, VisitScotland announced that the Bannockburn Live celebration would be scaled back to a two day event with extended hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Although the Bannockburn Live events have been cancelled for Monday, June 30th, VisitScotland and the National Trust For Scotland have agreed to work together with the Clans to create a new event focused entirely on and for the Scottish clans and families who have secured a pitch at Bannockburn.

Many elements are at play in VisitScotland's decision and you can read VisitScotland's press release explaining the reshuffle at this website: <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1106025977727-141/Bannockburn+LIVE+programme+FINAL.pdf>.

COSCA and the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs have been in direct discussions with VisitScotland and, after the smoke has cleared a bit, we believe that there really is a good opportunity to design and create a true Clan Day at Bannockburn.

Here is where we are at present: 1. The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs (SCSC), in discussions with VisitScotland on Tuesday, were able to secure dedicated access to the fabulous new Bannockburn Visitor's Center, free of charge, on Monday, for the Clans who will be present at Bannockburn Live.

Our thanks go out to the SCSC and VisitScotland for putting this outstanding opportunity together.

2. We have confirmed that the NTS Bannockburn Battlefield site will be reserved exclusively for the Clans activities on Monday, June 30th. The events held at Bannockburn on Monday will not be marketed to the public

and will be dedicated to the interests of the clans exclusively. The Monday events will not be part of Bannockburn Live but will instead be considered a brand new event in the long list of Homecoming 2014 events.

3. We are delighted to be working closely with Clanranald Trust for Scotland to propose to VisitScotland and the National Trust for Scotland a truly exciting and satisfying slate of activities for Monday, June 30th at Bannockburn.

Clanranald is coordinating the Bannockburn Live Re-enactments and Medieval Village. They have generously offered to make themselves and their re-enactors available for the Monday events. We don't yet know exactly what that will look like but we will soon be putting meat on the bones of a very good celebration.

COSCA will be working with our partners, colleagues and friends over the next few weeks to pull together a celebration that meets the needs and interests of the clans and families who will be traveling to Bannockburn in June.

We will be working together with VisitScotland and the National Trust for Scotland to make it all work well. Toward that end, we will be welcoming any suggestions you may have. We will be reaching out to the leaders of the Clans and Family societies who will be attending Bannockburn for your thoughts and ideas about how to make Monday, June 30th a great day to be a Scot.

So, if you have a thought or if you would like to become involved in the work, please shoot us an email: coscainfo@gmail.com We would love to hear from you.

To keep you updated, we have added a dedicated Bannockburn 2014 page on the COSCA.net website. We will be populating the page over the next few days so remember to check it out often.

See you in Scotland in June! Chin up, face the wind!

Yours aye,

Council of Scottish Clans & Associations

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