

CLAN BAIRD

Best of the Best Preliminary Marmalade Contest

Get out your spoons and jars, and begin working on your best marmalade of the year! The Dalemmain Marmalade Festival has added a “A Stirring of the Clans” category for their worldwide charitable contest. Clan Baird Society plans to enter the best of the best in 2017. Our contest will be held at the General Meeting in Winter Haven, Florida, during the Central Florida Festival and Games, on Saturday, January 14th, 2017 commencing at 2:00 PM.

Rules for the Clan Baird “Best of the Best Runoff”:

HOME-MADE AWARDS MARMALADE GUIDELINES

- Judging will be based on appearance, color, consistency, aroma & flavor.
- Use jam jars ½ pint to pint size (1/2 pound to pound) (even smaller is acceptable if posted from anywhere).
- Please include three jars; one for the

Clan Baird competition, and two others to be sent to Dalemmain for the worldwide contest, should you win the Clan Baird title. (The non-winning unopened extra jars will be donated to a charity food bank.)

- Use clean jam jars & fill jar to the brim.
- Label jar with type oranges used and date preserved



- No used lids and bands.
- Your name & telephone number on the bottom of the jar.
- Mail to Debra Baird, 3491 County Road 3459, Haleyville, Alabama, USA 35565 by January 1, 2017 in order to be included in

the competition, if you are not attending the General Meeting.

- If you are attending the General Meeting, please bring your entry to the Clan Tent by 1:00 PM, in order for the judging to begin at 2:00 PM.

Should you have more questions, please call Debra Baird at 205-454-6852 in the U.S. or add the correct numbers if outside the USA. Also, there is a website for the worldwide contest; <http://www.dalemmain-marmaladeawards.co.uk/>

Winners will be announced on Saturday, January 14th, 2017 by end of day, through display at the Baird Tent, and the Clan Baird Facebook Page. Ribbons will be mailed to the winners, if they are not at the games.

The top winner’s two extra jars will be posted to Dalemmain Mansion on Monday, January 16th, and all entry fees will be paid by the Clan Baird Society, on the winner’s behalf. All monies sent to the contest go to charity in northern England and Scotland.

We look forward to tasting your entries! What a great job that will be!



Ceud Mìle Fàilte!

(100,000 Welcomes)

We welcome to our
Clan the following:

John Baird Masloroff
Frankfort, IL



Flowers of the Forest

President Emeritus, Dale Baird, Sr.

Our Emeritus President, and distinguished life member, Dale Baird, Sr., from Colorado, died March 29th. Dale worked very hard to promote the clan and spent years searching the Baird's history. He organized trips from the states to Scotland discovering the regions of our heritage. He was responsible for the establishment of Tartan Day in Colorado as well as a member of the Scottish American Military Society (S.A.M.S.) participating in many parades and Scottish events, Burns Nights, and St Andrews Society Balls. He never missed representing the clan at highland games throughout the country and donated time and money for awards for the games, dancers and scholarships. Dale also was responsible for the encouragement of his granddaughters to dance and compete in the states and in Scotland.

Dale was an elder with the St. Andrews Presbyterian church, even carving a Scottish cross for the outside of the

building which still stands today. A true Scot, a great Man and Father. A memorial service was scheduled on May 14th, 2016, 12:30, at St. Andrews Presbyterian church, Denver CO. The service will include participation from the S.A.M.S. and an army honors team. He will be laid to rest at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

If you would like to send condolences, Dale's son, Dr. Daniel K. Baird's email is drdbaird@outlook.com.

Roberta "Bobbie" Roop

Bobbie died April 27th, at the age of 88, still young at heart and in action, Miriam Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island. Bobbie will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Roberta "Bobbie" Roop was our Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Rep, and State Leader over the years she was with us, which have been many, continuing until her death. Bobbie was one of our most dedicated members and friends. She is a legend in the tales of Clan Baird. Her husband, Cyril (Bud) Roop was also very active and served many roles in the group. He died in 2009.

If you would like to send condolences, please email Bobbie's daughter, Nancy at, bnb487@cox.net





Message from the President

Greetings from Clan Baird President

Greetings members! It has been a busy spring for Clan Baird Society Worldwide.

Mr. Bob Baird has decided to step down as secretary. We very much appreciate the hard work Bob has done over the years and the attention to detail he has shown to the Clan Baird Society. He and his family are very much appreciated, and the time they have dedicated to us will always be treasured. The Board met and according to our By-Laws, Jane Baird Elliott has been appointed to complete the remainder of Bob's term. We welcome Jane to her post as secretary and look forward to working with her.

David and Patricia Benfell have joined us from South Australia and have volunteered to be our Regional Coordinators for the whole of Australia. I know, that is a very large region, but they are planning ways to grow our membership there and the Board will work on a title that fits better, as we move along.

Another development is the suggestion from Andrew of Newbyth that we enter the worldwide Dalemain Marmalade Contest that is conducted in Scotland every year. They have added a Clan Challenge category as part of the "home-

made" contests, and we are planning to have our own clan contest at our General Meeting during the Central Florida Games in Winter Haven, Florida, January 14-15, 2017. <http://www.flascot.com/>

The winning entry in the Clan Baird contest will then be sent on as our entry in the Clan Challenge. So, everyone, start working on that orange marmalade. Rules are that it must be sealed in the normal canning procedures for jams and three pint or half-pint jars must be sent to Debra Baird, 3491 County Road 3459, Haleyville, Alabama, 35565 by January 1st, 2017. I will bring all the entries to the General Meeting and the winners will be announced at the end of the festival there. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons. Of course, if you want to bring your own entry to the games and Clan Baird Tent in Florida, we hope you will; that would be the best of all possibilities. www.dalemainmarmaladeawards.co.uk/

Earlier this spring, I spent some time working at the South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina <http://library.sc.edu/p/Collections/SCL?>. This is a special library that houses manuscripts and archived materials about the history of the state and region. Miss Nancy Crockett, a resident and teacher of the Waxhaw District, spent her life putting together records and family lists of all the original settlers. Her hand-written and typed materials were mostly what my sister Jane and my son Branton and I worked through during the week. What we found was what we already believed but needed confirmed. There were two

William Baird's in the Waxhaw region during the 1750's. One was from Pennsylvania, by way of Augusta, Virginia, and the other claimed to be from Virginia sometimes, Maryland sometimes, and mostly from Aberdeen, Scotland. His family moved around the region a great deal, and his youngest son was Washington Baird/Beards/Beaird (the family name was spelled all three ways in various documents). The evidence we found gives even more definite proof that this William Baird was the Jacobite prisoner who arrived in Maryland, August 1747, after having been tried and deported from Liverpool, England on the ship Gildart. The other William Baird is well documented to be Scots-Irish and the son very carefully outlined in many Pennsylvania Baird genealogies.

I look forward to working on my marmalade and the Clan Baird contest in January at our General Meeting. May you all have a happy summer.

Mhà an luchag riamh agad fhàgail gràn bionaichean le deur ann a shùil (May the wee mouse never leave your grain bins with a tear in his eye)

Your Servant,
Debra





The Last Clan Battle No Defeat in the North

Submitted by Isaac Baird ~

This is part of a series of articles chronicling the exploits of the Sir James Baird of Saughtonhall in the American War of Independence

Sir James Baird of Saughtonhall grew from irritant to monster. In each step of the American War of Independence where he led his men, the British forces gained a resounding victory. He surprised them at Long Island and broke the American Forces. He helped capture significant forts. He won at Brandywine and German Town. He stealthily defeated the Americans in covert night assaults.

His men followed him as a Clan Chief. Those men, born in the highlands, followed the call of the Clan Chiefs who fought at Culloden. Sir James Baird learned their language, customs, and culture. They gave them their loyalty. Sir James Baird of Saughtonhall, for this brief time, resurrected the Clan Baird. It was not the Kinship group we think of today in terms of a clan, although bonds formed in war are deeper than blood, but rather in terms of the Highlands. They gave them their loyalty, and led them in their own language as one of them. While the men were not surnamed Baird, they had sworn loyalty to him.

The British Forces faced a greater foe than the Americans. Distance, demography, French involvement, and campaigns in the Caribbean and India made holding the North a difficult task even with a string of victories. The plan to move to the Southern Colonies, where Loyalists were more abundant, began. The Americans scouted the British on

a daily basis waiting for them to move south. In addition, General Washington of the American military “thought it expedient to detach another brigade thither to act in conjunction with the one already there, together with Pulaski’s corps...”

Casimir Pulaski was a Polish Count who joined the American side. More than an aristocrat, he was noted for his swordsmanship and horsemanship. It is said that “when his horse was at full gallop he would discharge his pistol, throw it in the air, catch it as it descended, again hurl it with all his power in front of him and with but one foot in the stirrup pick it from the ground and resume his position in the saddle.” Known as the father of the American Cavalry, Washington ordered him to stop Patrick Ferguson.

Captain Patrick Ferguson, born in Aberdeenshire Scotland, and developer of the Ferguson Rifle, spent two weeks watching Pulaski’s movement. A breakthrough occurred when Lt. Gustav Juliet deserted from Pulaski’s regiment. He claimed “that Pulaski had directed in orders that no quarter should be given to any of the British soldiery if at any time a fight ensued.” Determined to surprise Pulaski, Ferguson called upon Sir James Baird. Between 3 and 4 on October 15th, Ferguson ordered the attack. Unfortunately, the Americans left “no sentinel, a criminal neglect...” They surrounded the Americans and when “awakened by the shouts of the British party around their houses, hastily seized their weapons and prepared to make a defence.” The American

Cavalry was “surprised and nearly cut to pieces by the light infantry under Sir James Baird”.

The British killed fifty men and lost only two men. When Pulaski awoke to the sounds of gunfire, he mounted his horse and rode. By the time he arrived, the British had escaped. This added fuel to the propaganda fire. Angered at the loss, two Quaker men were arrested. The son was flogged for providing compulsory service after his life was threatened. Two weeks later, with no evidence, Pulaski ordered their release.

In defense of Sir James, Captain Ferguson stated “it being a night attack, little quarter could, of course, be given.” Additionally, he must have thought that failure meant death as he heard from Juliet “that Pulaski had ordered no quarter to be given, he thought he could do no less than pursue the same method” What is often portrayed as a Gentleman’s war was really a vicious battle to the end.

Sir James Baird escaped and boarded a vessel to take him south. After being victorious in every fight, orders directed him away. No defeat would follow him in the North. He grew famous or notorious for the American side, and began to be mentioned in letters back to London. Sir James Baird and his Highland Clan did not stop their campaign. Ordered to Georgia, he would do something no one would suspect. He would capture a whole city.

...To be Continued “From Savannah Up”

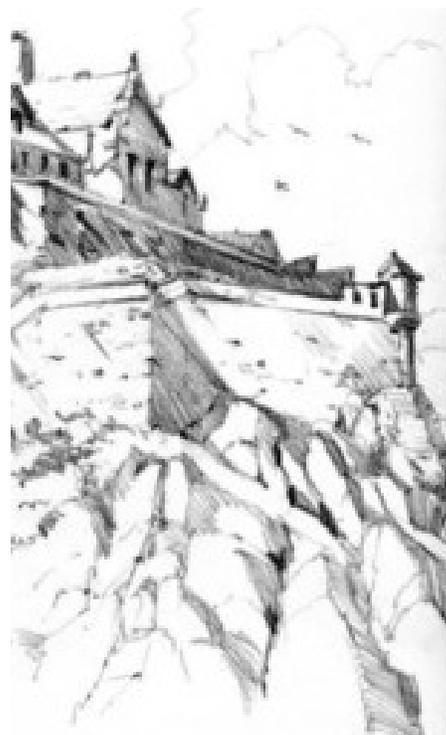


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CULTURE · TRADITION · INHERITANCE



Hi! I'm Erin Park, and in this space I will be talking a little bit about Gaelic, Highland, and Scottish culture and history. Feel free to send me any suggestions that you would like to see covered!

John MacFayden is not the most famous or most well-known of Gaelic poets, and certainly not a bestseller in many circles today. However he shows us with a freshness and sharpness a side of the Glasgow Gaelic emigrant community not always shown. He was born and raised in Mull in 1850, and like many others emigrated to the mainland to work at age 18, in his case for the Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company. It is not clear whether he lived in Glasgow, but he certainly would have been seen around the city frequently for work but most importantly in order to make a room full of Glasgow Gaels laugh with his songs. His first book of song-poetry went through two editions it was so popular, and he quickly published another volume in 1902. He hit the sociocultural jackpot: huge numbers of Gaels were flooding into Glasgow both for seasonal work and for permanent employment, publishing was successful, and the Highland societies were at their height of prestige. There couldn't have been a better time for a witty Gaelic poet in Glasgow. His songs tell stories, often comedic, mostly of Glasgow places and people, almost, as Michel Byrne describes, a Gaelic "vaudeville." With

strong imagery, simple and clear language, and humor galore, his poetry has lasting appeal. Some examples include his "Song of the Cheese" about a massive cheese that came all the way from America, a sight drawing all kinds of people round about. Another is "Song about Halloween," in which he describes authority being turned on its head as some young Gaels pull a trick on an English monoglot policeman who had been trying to keep an eye on their hijinks. A final example is "Song about the Monkey" about a monkey brought home by a young sailor, who ends up embarrassing the sailor with his dance skills at the next wedding!

MacFayden frequently mentions places and characters and customs and uses them as in-jokes, reinforcing a sense of community. Instead of using poetry to mourn his and his people's losses, he used humor and song to distract them from their troubles and to bring them joy, making his mark on Scottish culture and literature brief but precious, and an example to us today.



Clan Baird Society Worldwide Financial Statement

First Quarter 2016
January 1 through March 31, 2016

Income:	
Dues Received	1,040.00
Misc Income	
Donations	48.00
Quartermaster Sales	
Total Quarterly Income:	1,088.00
Expense:	
Advertising	
President-Membership	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Website	48.00
Genealogy	
Gryphon	417.14
Games	
Awards, Trophies & Donations	
Miscellaneous - PayPal fees	1.76
Total Quarterly Expense:	466.90
Net Income or (Loss) for Quarter:	621.10
Cash in Bank - Last Quarter:	7,566.23
Cash in Bank/Available Funds:	8,187.33
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