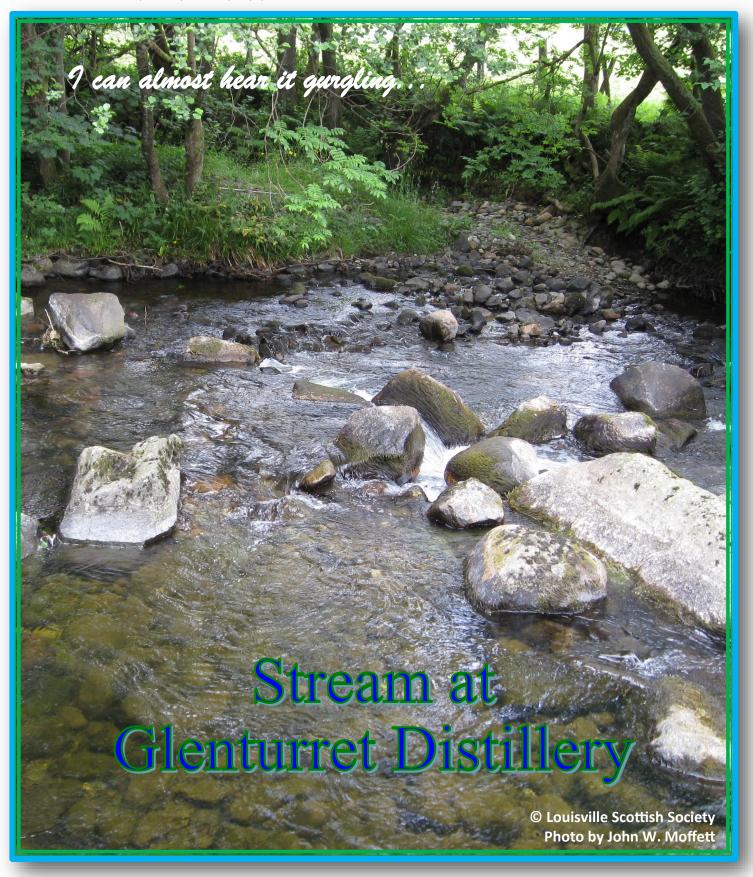


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Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish Ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious affiliation.



From the Front Page



This photo was taken in 2014 by John Moffett at the Glenturret Distillery near Crieff, Scotland (about 20 Miles

West of Perth). The water source is Turret River (above) and the Turret Reservoir.

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From The President Bruce Wilson



RECORDING SECRETARY Linda Wilson

Good day to all. We have a lot of events coming up in the next few months, and if you can volunteer at any of them, we will greatly appreciate it. It doesn't matter if you are a new member or not, we would be glad to see you. There will always be someone there who can show you what needs to be done, and all of our events are a lot of fun, too!

As you know if you have been to the meetings, we will be at the Celtic Pig restaurant for this year's auction. There is plenty of parking in nearby lots and garages, and some street parking, which is free after 6:00 pm. I want to thank Melissa Ingram for donating the room in her restaurant and preparing the refreshments, and Judy Stubbs for volunteering to take over the auction when Christian Kreipke was suddenly moved to Kansas City by his employer.

For those who are concerned about driving to downtown Louisville, or driving at night, please contact me or any other Board member to see who might be able to give you a ride. We will also have people available to escort you to your vehicle, and Melissa will set aside two parking places in front of the door as a loading zone, and some of her employees will be available to help get items into and out of the restaurant.

We are so looking forward to our upcoming events; World Fest on the Belvedere, the Columbus Scottish Games, the Central Highland Scottish Games at Eminence, KY, the U of L International Center's 70th anniversary at the Speed Art Museum, the kirkings at local churches, and of course refreshments and the auction at the Celtic Pig. Check out our Events at a Glance page in the newsletter to keep up to date, and find necessary details.

Hope you all can come and join us in these events. We would love to see ALL of you.

General Membership Meeting Minutes August 27, 2019

President Wilson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with 34 attendees. Mr. Wilson asked if there were any visitors this evening. There were 3 visitors, Ginny Lyon, Terry Pyles, and Priscilla Fikes. They were given a warm welcome by Mr. Wilson and a round of applause from the audience.

Mr. Wilson then asked for approval of the July 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes. There being no discussion, a vote to approve the minutes was called for and obtained. Mr. Wilson then read off the list of August member birthdays.

The question of having meetings at Oxmoor Farm came up, and we found it would be too expensive for our meetings, and for the auction.

The Heritage Committee update was given, with two applications so far for the September 30th deadline, for a total of \$400 requested.

Cheri Eskridge was not present, and Mr. Hughes asked Linda Wilson, the Secretary if she had the figures from the last board meeting. She did and provided the totals for both the General Fund and the Heritage Fund balances.

Membership Commissioner Annie Rivers was not present, and there was no report. However, we had introduced five new members; Jamie and Angie Gray, Allen Clement, Marcie Birk, and Izzy Swinney. All were approved by the members present and need Board approval. David and Carrie Rankin renewed their memberships and paid their dues.

Electronic Commissioner Damien Burns stated that the only news he had to report was that the web site is in the process of migrating to a new server, and as of the

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meeting, was not available. He hopes to have this completed in another week or so.

Pat Schweitzer stated that there are no upcoming events for the Clan McFritz.

Celtic Commissioner Robbin Goodin reminded us of World Fest on the Belvedere on August 31st. We will have tables in the Scottish tent and need volunteers to help people find information about their possible Scottish heritage. Robbin passed around the signup sheets, while she talked about the upcoming events. She told us that she talked to Peggy Bass, who is on the Mayor's staff. The city is setting up a Celtic festival, complete with several bands and a parade, on Sunday, September 1st. Peggy hoped that some of the Scottish Society might come to the event, and march in the parade.

We also need volunteers at the Columbus, IN Scottish Games on <u>September 14th and 15th</u>. She reminded us that we have a kirking at the Okolona Presbyterian Church in Louisville, and another at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New Albany, IN. For more details and events, please check the Events at a Glance page in the newsletter. U of L is having a celebration of the 70th anniversary of their International Center at the Speed Art Museum on Friday, October 11th.

Robbin suggested that we start a new event, and she wants to call it Fifth Tuesday FUNdraiser. About several times a year there are 5 Tuesdays in a month. We could meet at a restaurant on a fifth Tuesday and arrange for the restaurant to provide us with a percentage of the money taken in that evening. The Board will discuss this further, though it was met with interest by the membership. Next month, September will be a program by John Dickson; Halloween Stories in October; the auction and refreshments at the Celtic Pig Restaurant in November; no meeting in December. Someone also mentioned a tabletop curling match on October 19th.

As our Entertainment Commissioner, Robbin told us we could look forward to Judy Stubbs' program that night on Tartans and Tartan History, with assistance from Pat Schweitzer and her model, Angus (a mannequin), wearing the Kentucky tartan. Anne Lewis, daughter of Jim and Jean Hughes and a life member of the SSL,

baked and decorated cookies to look like tartans, and donated them to the evening's refreshments.

Dianne Holland was not present, but Jane Seelig told us there was no report.

Judy Stubbs made a short announcement regarding the Auction and told us she had sent out letters to businesses for donations. She said that Trader Joe no longer donates to anything but programs for those in need. It was suggested that she ask them to donate jars of peanut butter to the Strathmoor Church, to whom we donate items they need for their community. She said she would follow up on that idea.

Mr. Wilson adjourned the business meeting, and we broke for refreshments; the cookies were delicious.

Afterward, Judy presented her program about tartans; she talked a little about early tartans and clothing, then Pat displayed "Angus" in his Kentucky tartan. She explained how Kentucky came to have its own tartan; a lengthy process, of which she was a part. Judy then showed two interesting short films, one about Knockando Woolen Mill in Scotland, and the other about Lochcarron, Scotland, and their weaving industry.

Jack Bowling contributed some interesting information about very early tartans and how they were made, from gathering the wool, spinning thread, dyeing the threads, weaving, the cloth, and setting the dyes in the fabric. The entire program was well received.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bruce Wilson at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted Linda Wilson





(L to R) Peter, Father of Mayor Fischer, Mayor Fischer, Robbin Goodin, Rosie, unknown, and Bruce Wilson At WorldFest



(Photo on Left) Robbin Gooding, Gary and Pat Schweitzer and Bruce Wilson.

WORLDFEST 2019

The sounds and sights of World Fest are such fun. The SSL has been part of this free festival for too many years to count. It is always an early morning, setting up the tent for visitors, visiting with people from all over the world and marching in the parade. This year as we were visiting with old and new friends from Croatia,

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Mayor Fischer stopped by to chat. We had our picture made with him and invited him to come to one of our meetings. Who knows, maybe he will take us up on our invitation.

We had great help staffing the tables we set up. We even had a table for children to come sit and color or make a fringed tartan bookmark. Many thanks to all the fine people who helped make this day possible from the SSL and the city. This festival is known as one of the best in the state and all FREE!

This year for the first time on Sunday is Celtic Homecoming Day. Celtic music will be featured all day and night. The organizers have invited us to be part of the debriefing and other meetings to set up next year. Could be a fabulous tradition in the making.















Tartans and Tartan History Presented by Judy Stubbs

By John Moffett

August 27, 2019, General Meeting—Judy Stubbs presented a splendid presentation on Tartans and Tartan History. It was very educational and was well received by the members and guests present. She used embedded video clips to capture our attention which added to the enjoyment of the story.

Judy added to our vocabulary using new words associated with weaving tartans. For example, Tartans are comprised of "setts" or patterns woven on wool threads called "warp" (Longitudinal) and "weft" (horizontal) using a variety of colors and thread count. Surprising to all of us is the design is woven on the diagonal. This feature allows the tartan to repel water. Also ,we learned, that Clan identification is by the pattern (sett) and not the color.

Historically the threads come from sheep wool, made into yarn, on a spinning wheel and dyed with natural plant juices. Working with fleece requires it to be washed of Lanolin (oils) so it can be worked. From there it becomes more complicated using large mechanical looms in factories that can weave thousand of threads into cloth.

As a demonstration of the final product, Judy asked Pat Schweitzer to talk about the Kentucky Tartan. Past SSL Presidents, Pat Schweitzer, and Mr. Rupert Furgerson created and designed the Kentucky Tartan that was commissioned by Governor Paul E. Patton on April 20, 2000. It is one of 27 or more state tartans registered. The Scottish Tartan Authority records the number of threads and color of all registered tartans. The Kentucky Tartan contains seven colors, black, blue, green, grey, red, white and yellow. Each color has significance, but that is another story that Pat promised for next year.

As most Scotts know, in 1746 Great Britain's Parliament issued the "Act of Proscription" which banned the wearing of tartan in all forms. This was enacted to disrupt and end the Highland Clan System. The act was repealed in 1782 by what was called "The Dress Act". Sir Walter Scott's writings popularized the wearing of Tartan attire and it became a noble gestured to wear



Angus, as he is named sporting the Kentucky Tartan Kilt Owned and Operated by Pat Schweitzer

Tartan clothing by visiting Nobles and Dignitaries.

Women's Tartan Clothing was called an "arisaid" or "earasaid" and was similar to the men's belted plaid. Some Scotts would wear "trews" or trousers made of tartan material. Men would wear sporrans usually hanging from the belt.

Today there are over 500 tartans that have been woven; some are for clans and some have more than one (ancient or modern or hunting), others are district or regional tartans worn by those residing in a specific area. One of the most colorful events is when the SSL parades the family tartans at a Kirking.

Thanks Judy! Well done.





By Robbin Goodin Regional Celtic Commissioner

Happy dog days of summer to all! And it sure feels that way. Slow-moving time for nature, but a very busy Fall season of games, Kirkings, and events. Please make sure to check your SSL calendars for upcoming events. Be sure to let me know what you would like to help with. We can't do them without you.

I am really looking forward to our monthly programs in August-Tartans, in September-Samuel Seabury, in October-Halloween stories, and in November our annual dinner/auction.

A new event is on the horizon this year as we prepare for the 70th anniversary of the University of Louisville International Center on October 11, 2019. It will be held at the Speed Museum and incorporate peoples and countries from around the world. I used to dance with the International Folk Dance group here in Louisville when I was in my teens and throughout college and after. So I am very excited that we will be participating in this event. (and so will they) Scotland will be represented by the SSL, the Louisville Pipe Band, and the Highland Dancing Colman sisters. The attendees will get their fill of Scotland for sure!

Peace and Blessings,

Robbin Goodin Regional Celtic Commissioner





Tartan Tarts

Were served at intermission at our August Meeting on Tartans and Tartan History. These were made by Anne Lewis (Jim and Jean Hughes daughter). They were splendid. Thanks to Anne and Judy.







Congratulations to Ian Bailie, the son of Society life-time members, Marleen and Dan Bailie. Ian and his band friends in the Grade II St. Thomas Episcopal Alumni Pipe Band won the World Championships on Saturday, August 17 on the Glasgow Green in Glasgow Scotland. Marleen and Dan were there to listen to the winning performance and to celebrate the band's accomplishment.



lan began competing with the Louisville Pipe

band in 2005 while still in middle school; first playing the bass drum, then transitioning to flourishing tenor. In 2010 he moved to Atlanta to attend Georgia Tech and he was invited to play tenor drum in the Grade III Atlanta Pipe Band, successfully competing with them for more than 5 years. Since 2016, Ian has played tenor drum with the Grade II St. Thomas Episcopal Alumni Pipe Band based out of Houston Texas and he has joined the band in Scotland the last four years at the World Pipe Band Competitions. Congratulations, Ian!



SCOTLAND FACTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- The raincoat was invented in 1824 in Scotland by Charles Macintosh a chemist born in Glasgow – in Great Britain it is still called a "Mac".
- 2. There are as many people living in North America as in Scotland who claim Scottish ancestry at about 5 Million people.
- 3. In Northeast of Scotland, girls are called "quines" and boys are called "louns".
- 4. The smallest distillery in Scotland is Edradour and is about 70 miles due North from Edinburgh.
- 5. Fingal's Cave is on the Isle of Staffa (off the west coast of Mull) which is composed of hexagonal columns of basalt formations also of notoriety Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture – (Fingal's Cave).
- 6. Dundee is famous for Jute, Jam and Journalism.
- 7. In 1314 Scotland established it's independence from England.
- 8. The Orkney Islands is composed of 70 small islands.
- The town of Melrose is famous for devising Rugby Union Sevens.
- 10.Fort William lies below Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest mountain.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Publication deadlines: Please submit all information to me by the 28th of each month for the next monthly issue. If there are problems or questions contact me at 859-221-9037 or

eMail at John Moffett

Membership Update

Annie Rivers reported

Visitors: Ginny Lyon (Debi Pope's mother) and two friends of Alberta Baker (Terry Pyles & Priscilla Fikes)

Membership as of August 27th: We had 35 people attend.

New members: Two members renewed by paying dues, David & Carrie Rankin. New members Jamie & Angie Gray, Alan Clements, Marcie Birk, and daughter Izzy Swinney were approved by the members present and will need to be confirmed by the Board.

- 74 Family Memberships
- 49 Individual Memberships
- 31 Lifetime Memberships
- 154 Members Paid (Estimated)



QUAICH (PRONOUNCED "QUAKE")

A friendship Quaich filled with Scotch is presented to the Host of an Annual Family Gathering in Clan Moffat Society. It is a tradition that was started years ago and continues. Its a nice way of thanking the Host for all their efforts and a keepsake to remember the event.



Bagpipe/Tenor Drumming Instructor Awarded Scholarship

Marleen Bailie, President of the Louisville Pipe Band and Director of Bagpipes and Tenor drumming at the Oldham County Schools Arts Center in Crestwood, KY, was awarded the 2019 MacLeod Scholarship from the Ohio Scottish Arts School (OSAS). The school provides comprehensive instruction in the traditional arts of Highland dancing, fiddling, harping, piping and drumming, by nationally and internationally recognized teachers. The MacLeod scholarship presented at OSAS recognizes a tenor drumming student that shares their time and talents to teach, promote and participate in the Celtic Arts through bagpipe band and solo tenor drumming competitions.



(From L to R) Angela Batovsky, Marleen Bailie, and Jacquelyn Ellsworth.

Bailie began playing the bagpipes in 1996, joined the Louisville Pipe Band in 2004 and has been an instructor at the Oldham County Schools Arts Center since 2017. "I think it important to be continually increasing my bagpipe and tenor drumming knowledge and technique to improve my musical performances and to ensure I am competently teaching others", said Bailie. "Attending OSAS introduces me to advanced instructors, new material and important trends in piping and drumming that I can bring back to my pipe band and my music classes. I was in class with Andrew Elliott, the lead tenor drummer from one of the best competitive pipe bands in the world, Grade I Field Marshall Montgomery, and he is helping me write tenor scores! How cool is that!"

This year two of Marleen's advanced bagpipe students,



(From L to R) World Class Tenor Drumming Instructor, Andrew Elliot, Bass Drumming Award recipient, Kelcey Land, Tenor Drumming Award recipient, Marleen Bailie, and World Class Snare Instructor, Graham Brown.

Angela Batovsky and Jacquelyn Ellsworth attended OSAS. Both students have been playing the pipes for one year and they are rehearsing and performing with the Louisville Pipe Band. "This is the moment I enjoy the most – seeing my students loving the pipes and playing them with others! Angela and Jacquelyn worked hard to learn the skills necessary to successfully participate at OSAS this summer – and the knowledge they gained from that experience will help them successfully rehearse and perform with the band."

New classes in bagpiping and drumming at the Oldham County Schools Arts Center begin September 9 for 15 weeks and are held one evening each week on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesdays. An open house at the Arts School, located at 7105 Floydsburg Road, Crestwood, KY, will be held on Tuesday, August 27 beginning at 5:30PM. Bailie, her students and advanced pipers from the Louisville Pipe Band will be available. Classes are open to children, age 11, through adults. Call the Arts Center at 502.241.6018 or Bailie at 502.386.2855 for additional information. Click below for eMail.

Marleen Bailie



September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Bruce Wilson *** *** ** LABOR DAY *** ** ** ** ***	3 Dave Barbieri	4	5 Judy Stubbs	6	7
8	9	10 7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting	11	12	13 Stephen Kirzinger Full Moon	14 Alberta Baker Columbus Scottish GAMES
15 COLUMBUS SCOTTISH GAMES	16	17	18	19	20	21 CENTRAL KENTUCKY CELTIC FESTIVAL
22	23 Carolyn Cook AUTUMNAL EQUINOX	24 7:00 PM SSL General Mtg "SAMUEL SEABURY" John Dickson	25	26	27	28 Jamie Gray
29 John Moffett	30					

September Birthdays			
2-Bruce Wilson	5-Judy Stubbs	14-Alberta Baker	28-Jamie Gray
3-Dave Barbieri	13-Stephen Kirzinger	23-Carolyn Cook	29-John Moffett
Is your name is missing from our birthday list? Contact Anne Rivers at membership@scotsoflou.com to have your date added.			

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
] Edyth Wheeler	2 Wayne Mains	3 Wendell Brown	4 Jason Goodin	5
6 Dan Bailie	7	8 7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting	9 June Fahey	10 Gary Schweitzer		12
13 Full Moon	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Camille Helminski Lynne Yule- Bowmen	17	18 Peter Matallana Linda Wilson	19 Debra Walker
20 Cherri Eskridge	21 Rosemary Fields	227:00 PM SSL General Mtg, "HALLOWEEN STORIES" Scott Robinson	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Angie Gray 5TH TUESDAY GET TOGETHER- TBA ROBBIN	30	21		

September Birthdays				
1-Edyth Wheeler	6-Dan Bailie	16-Lynne Yule-Bowmen	20-Cherri Eskridge	
2-Wayne Mains	9-June Fahey	18-Peter Matallana	22-Rosemary Fields	
3-Wendell Brown	11-Gary Schweitzer	18-Linda Wilson	29-Angie Gray	
4-Jason Goodin	16-Camille Helminski	19-Debra Walker		
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	EVENTS AT A GLANCE
8/13/2019	7:00 РМ SSL Board Meeting
8/27/2019	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting – "TARTANS AND TARTAN HISTORY," Judy Stubbs
8/31/2019	" <u>WORLDFEST ON THE BELVEDERE</u> ", Saturday Only.
9/10/2019	7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting
9/14-15/2019	"Columbus Scottish Games and Festival", Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Columbus, Indiana
9/21/2019	10:00 AM—7:00 PM "CENTRAL KENTUCKY CELTIC FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES", 955 Elm Street Eminence KY, 40019
9/24/2019	7:00 рм SSL General Meeting – "SAMUEL SEABURY", John Dickson
10/08/2019	7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting
10/11/2019	SAVE THE DATE: 70 th Anniversary for University of Louisville International Center at the Speed Museum. Details To Be Arranged. Watch for more information in future.
10/12/2019	"INDIANAPOLIS SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVAL", German Park, 8600 S Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46217
10/19/2019	Kentucky Louisville Genealogical Society Presents "FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR" by CeCe Moore. Visit their website at https://kygs.org for more information
10/22/2019	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting – "HALLOWEEN STORIES", Scott Robinson
10/26/2019	6:00-11:30 PM " <u>MASQUERADE MYSTIQUE GALA</u> ", Scottish Rite Temple, 200 E. Grey St., Louisville.
10/27/2019	<i>"Кіккінд</i> " – 10:45 ам, at the Okolona Presbyterian Church, 8015 Shepherdsville Road, Louisville.
10/29/2019	5 th Tuesday Get Together—TBA Contact Robbin Goodin
11/10/2019	<i>"Кіккінд</i> " – 10:00 ам, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1015 East Main Street, New Albany, Indiana.
11/12/2019	7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting
11/26/2019	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting – "DINNER AND AUCTION" and presentation of the Alex Rose Award.
	NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Louisville Pipe Band Half-way to St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser at The Blind Squirrel Sports Bar and Restaurant – September 19



The Louisville Pipe Band performs at 6:30 PM and 8 PM on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at The Blind Squirrel Sports Bar and Restaurant, 592 N. English Station Road, Louisville, KY. A portion of meal sales and the sale of band swag will go to the band toward the purchase of new instruments. Donations are accepted in advance at www.louisvillepipeband.org click on website and then click on the donation button. Come out with your family and friends to enjoy a meal, buy a T-shirt and listen to great bagpipe music!

The Band is a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and is financially sustained by performance fees, private donations and corporate sponsorships to support teaching programs, scholarships for students to attend piping and drumming summer schools, and for travel to competitions in Kentucky, Georgia, Indiana, and Ohio.

The Louisville Pipe Band was officially organized in 1988, but has its roots leading back to 1978 – and in 2000, the band was designated as the official pipe band of KENTUCKY. Today, the Louisville Pipe Band is one of only two competitive bagpipe bands in Kentucky. Members enjoy playing bagpipes and drums in Grade IV and Grade V sanctioned bagpipe band competitions, in sanctioned solo competitions, and performing for audiences in mini-band settings, parades and on stage. The band is registered with the EASTERN UNITED STATES PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION (EUSPBA) one of the largest and most respected bagpipe associations in the United States. Lessons are offered to individuals of all ages interested in learning how to play the bagpipes, snare or flourishing tenor drum.

The band wears the Ancient Henderson kilt in recognition of the historical relationship between Daniel Boone and Col. Richard Henderson. Clan Henderson assisted with the initial purchase of kilts in September 1994 and continues to kindly provide periodic financial support.



FUTURE EVENT



COLUMBUS SCOTTISH GAMES AND FESTIVAL

September 14-15, 2019 9:00 AM -5:00 PM

Convening for Scottish Society of Louisville

Be there to help visitors find their Scottish Roots.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!



When: September 14-15, 2019

Where: Bartholomew County Fairgrounds

750 W 200 South , Columbus, Indiana 47201

Time: Saturday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM (Closing Ceremonies)

For more information contact Robbin Goodin
Call at (502) 894-8863 or eMail by clicking on her name

FUTURE EVENT



Central Kentucky Celtic Festival and Highland Games

September 21, 2019 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Come and enjoy the day and help visitors find their

Scottish Roots

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!



When: September 21, 2019

Where: 955 Elm street, Eminence, KY

Time: Saturday: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

For more information contact Robbin Goodin
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BEGINNER LEVEL

Using Newspapers for Genealogical Research

By Bryan L. Mulcahy

Newspapers are beneficial for genealogical research. Researchers commonly encounter situations where official records have been destroyed in fires, natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes, or tornadoes. In other cases, records have been discarded accidently or on purpose, or they are unreadable and/or incomplete. Newspapers often contain much of that lost information. Births, marriages, and deaths are regularly covered in most newspapers and are especially valuable for the years before state governments began to compile vital statistics.

Articles published in the newspaper could shed light on daily community events such as the activities of farmers, merchants, and local civic, ethnic, religious and fraternal societies. These narratives can offer clues that may lead to other records sources that may describe an ancestor's property and provide the names of family members and neighbors. From a research perspective, the most useful genealogical information appears in the following sections:

Advertisements	Entertainment
Passenger List	Birth Announcements
Local Elections	Personal Notices
Church activities	Legal Notices
Police Blotters	Disasters/accidents
Marriage Announcements	Sports (Local)
Divorce Announcements	Military Service

For maximum success in using newspapers, it is wise to keep the following points in mind:

- 1. Verify that the newspaper covers the years when your ancestor or family resided in the area.
- 2. Have the patience to examine each issue that was published during this time span. Quick searches may result in missed pieces of information.
- 3. Do not assume that news about your ancestor or family was only covered in the local paper. Check other papers within the same region.
- 4. Browse through issues page by page to familiarize yourself with the community and potential relevant events.
- 5. Focus on articles or announcements about births, deaths or marriages.
- 6. Search for names of parents, spouses, children, siblings, and other known extended family members.
- 7. Be especially cognizant about articles pertaining to the history of local events such as wars, epidemics, local politics, economic conditions and other issues, which usually affected the entire community.
- 8. Advertisements can provide information on companies, businesses, services and products available in the community.
- 9. Do not ignore the society and local entertainment pages. While many of these pages would qualify as gossip columns, they may help you identify when family members came to visit for special family or community occasions, such as anniversaries for people, towns, counties, etc., or identify places of travel if they left the
- 10. Look for articles about your ancestor's church and church-related events.
- 11. Legal notices are especially important for probate matters. Laws usually required that a notice be placed in the local or regional newspaper for up to 30 consecutive days to inform all potential creditors and other interested parties of the pending proceedings.
- 12. Some early marriage applications required both parties to answer the following question: Is this your first marriage? If not, they required the parties to list previous marriages and divorce dates including the localities.



INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL

German Research Challenges: NAMES

By Bryan L. Mulcahy

Tracing German immigrant ancestors involves many challenges. Variant spellings of names often are at the top of the list. While this is not unique to German research, there are additional complications that add more confusion to the process. Handwriting in records, both in the United States and in Germany may be an issue.

In the 16th century, the French began the tradition of giving children of both sexes multiple names at birth. This tradition spread to Germany in the 17th century when France occupied areas in Germany and it became common practice as time passed. When looking for old German records, such as deeds and other legal papers, it is advisable to look under both first and middle names. You also need to look for both the German name and the anglicized name. Johann Johan, and Johannes all translate to John in English and we consider them to be the same name. In German naming patterns, Johann and Johan are always used with a second name, but Johannes stands alone. It seldom has a second name though there were exceptions.

When examining German baptismal records, you will notice that all the boys in the family are given the first name Johann, and they use their second name as they go through life. It is important to know this as you look for siblings of your male ancestor, Johann. Early on, the second name was for the infant's baptismal sponsor. Most male infants were named Johann. Girls were named Anna or Maria. If a child died at birth the name was used again for the next child of the same sex. The 19th century saw the custom sometimes revised to include up to four names at birth. Later the child as an adult might go by the final name in the sequence.

As time went on, the practice of naming children for their baptismal sponsor changed. Parents named their children after individuals who were prominent in the community e.g. political leaders, or after German nobility. This causes a problem in filing and indexing official records. Here is an example of this scenario. In Germany, the child was named Ludwig Wilhelm. In Germany

he went by the name Wilhelm as was the tradition. When he came to the United States he would adopt the Americanized version William Louis.

Family surnames can be equally challenging. Surnames can be even more confusing for the researcher because many German surnames can have various spellings. Prior to the 19th century German surnames were not standardized. Germans who came to the United States communicated their names verbally but they were often written phonetically.

Sometimes the spellings aren't even logical and vary among multiple record types. Sometimes the D and T are interchanged. In German the D is pronounced like our T. Therefore a change in the spelling occurs. Other reversals are B and P, V and F, and C, G, and K. The umlaut (two dots above the vowels ä, ö, ü) lengthens the sound of the vowel. When we write it in English, we add an e to the vowel. Therefore ä become ae, ö becomes oe, and ü becomes ue. Therefore the name Prätorious becomes Praetorious; Stöppler becomes Stoeppler, and Wüst becomes Wuest. Some of the beginnings of German names start with Sch: Schwartz, Schmidt, Schneider, Scharff, Schulz: Kn; Knorr, Pf: Pfeil, and Neu, Neumann.

Many names have suffixes such as berg, burg, bruck, mann, furt, stein, and thal. These have meanings such as mountain, castle, bridge, man, ford, stone, and valley.

When German settlers came to the United States they settled in areas where there were other Germans. Thus, the German family name kept its German character as long as they stayed within those German speaking areas. When either they or their descendants moved to more English- speaking areas, many of their German surnames were either translated or changed a great deal.

All these issues are encountered by genealogists doing German research. At times it can be a brick wall; hopefully knowing some of the traditions of German naming will help to make research more successful.

HAPPY RESEARCHING

Bryan L. Mulcahy



Information For Our New Members

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members. Their information is found on page 2 of this newsletter.
- All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- ♦ January/February brings our Burns Night Dinner. You won't want to miss that. There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time.
- May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid. Jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- November is a really fun meeting. We have a potluck dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item, if they wish, to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some of them ... well, you just have to be there to appreciate it. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote the Celtic-related "studies" by individuals.
- In December, we do not have a meeting.

We hope that you will attend as many meetings as possible (hopefully all of them). We are so happy to have you as a part of the group.



Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.), language (Gaelic, etc.) and athletics (Highland games).

This Fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up on the evening of the Society's monthly meeting from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, James Hughes, or by e-mail at vicepresident@scotsoflou.com, or by using the online form here.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31st and September 30th.

Find us on the Internet

You can find us on the internet in a couple of places.

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Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts

On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "hi."

Life Membership

Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can attain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a life membership for a single person is \$240. A family life membership is \$360.

Please see the Commissioner of Member Services, Annie Rivers, or for more details email her at membership@scotsoflou.com about our memberships. Remember, every *new* life member is acknowledged at the Burns Night Gala!

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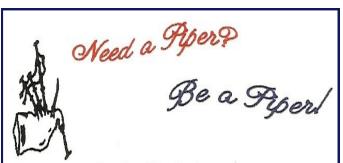
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Change of Address, and other information

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, et cetera, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, P.O. Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232, or e-mail Annie Rivers at membership@scotsoflou.com