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#### We Are The Scottish Society of Louisville...

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 President Bruce Wilson

#### wow!!

This month sure was a busy one. It was also a very fun one. We had a great turn out at Glasgow Highland Games. We were chosen for the Best Clan Tent Award. It was a great honor, and, totally surprising. So many people came into the tent to see how Scottish they were, and, to take information on joining us. So many great members came to help; it was amazing.

We were also well represented at the Knighting Ceremony at Scottish Rite of Louisville. I'm overwhelmed by the amount of the Society members that turned out. Of course, we received a FREE dinner!! Bein True Scots we canna turn that down. Thanks to all of you for the wonderful participation.

To all of you who have asked how I'm feeling, I'm getting better. I'm scheduled for a CT-scan this Friday.

See you all real soon,

Bruce





RECORDING SECRETARY
Linda Wilson

General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2019

The meeting started at 7:05pm with 46 attendees. President Wilson was not able to attend due to illness, and Vice President Jim Hughes presided over the meeting in his absence. Mr. Hughes asked if there were any visitors this evening. There were 2 visitors, Donna Alcorn and Jeannie Cummings. They were given a warm welcome by Mr. Hughes and a round of applause from the audience.

Mr. Hughes then asked for approval of the May 2019 General Membership Meeting minutes. A motion was made by John Moffett and a second was obtained from Jeff Hughes. There being no discussion, a vote to approve the minutes was called for and obtained. Mr. Hughes then read off the list of June member birthdays, followed by the singing of Happy Birthday.

Mr. Hughes reminded us that our July meeting will be held at The Celtic Pig in downtown Louisville. We will have a scotch tasting as well, which met with much approval.

Mr. Hughes brought up the old business of filling the chair for the auction. There was considerable discussion, and Christian Kreipke volunteered to be the chair for the auction committee. Thanks so much, Christian, you will have plenty of help!

Mr. Hughes informed the membership that Mr. Wilson had contacted Locust Grove about using their large meeting room, and it is not available on Tuesday evenings.

There was further discussion about using Oxmoor Farm for our dinner and auction. There was agreement that we need more specific information, and Jack Bowling volunteered to measure the rooms and halls available for our use. There was a general consensus that more people might come if we use a new venue, especially one that allows adult beverages to be served. We know from our previous tour that we will need a caterer for our food and other refreshments, as there is no kitchen available on the site, and that we will need to rent tables, but the Farm has chairs we can use.

The question of having meetings at Oxmoor Farm came up, and it would cost \$100 for meetings, but would be at least \$200 cheaper for the auction. We are still looking for another location for our meetings. There was a question asking if we have to pay the church if we move our meetings elsewhere, and Jeff Forbes stated that we would not.

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Judy Stubbs pointed out that we may not need so many business donations for the auction, as it took so much time to make those arrangement, and a new chairman might be able to set that aside this year. Mr. Hughes replied that he likes the increase in business donations, and hoped that it could be continued. Judy also stated that she would be glad to assist Christian, as she still has all the paperwork and lists of donors to help him with the auction.

In further discussion, Connie Fry suggested that many of the silent auction items, such as specialty baskets, could be put back into the regular auction to save time, as we have had to be done by 9:00pm. Mr. Hughes pointed out that over the last two years, when Judy Stubbs expanded the silent auction, we had made more money on those items, and he would like to see that continue. We would also be able to stay at the Farm later than we have at the church, making that a moot point. At that time, Mr. Hughes moved the meeting on to new business.

The Heritage Committee Update was given, with one application so far for the September 30th dead-line.

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 introduced Nancy Dotson for our approval as a new member. The membership voted and approved her. She paid her dues today, and her name will be sent to the Board for their approval at the next meeting. Another visitor Lynne Yule-Bowman also came in a bit late and joined the society that night.

Electronic Commissioner Damien Burns stated that the only news he had to report was that e-mail flashes have been going out through him. Several people pointed out how much they like the flash mailings as a way of getting Society news.

Pat Schweitzer brought 4 programs from the Glasgow Highland Games for anyone who wanted them, and people could see her after the meeting.

Archie Cunningham brought the award for the Trivia Quiz held last month, and presented it to Angie Bowling, a member of the winning team. It is a very small winners' cup, but he felt it was appropriate to the occasion, as he gave it to her with a wink and a smile.

Celtic Commissioner Robbin Goodin reminded us of the Knights of St Andrews at the Scottish Rite Temple in Louisville, dinner at 6:300, knighting ceremony at 7:30 PM. We have been asked to carry in the tartans during the ceremony, and she needed to know how many people planned to carry flags. She stated that she still has not received any information about a Buffalo Trace tour. She said that a card had been sent to the Louisville Pipe Band congratulating them on winning at Glasgow. She brought up a Ladies' Night Out, July 8th starting at 5:00 PM, dinner and a movie. This was warmly received by the ladies. She said a night out for the men could be set up at a later date.

As our Entertainment Commissioner, Robbin told us we would be having a look at Bob Forbes' hiking vacation on the Isle of Skye, after which Jeff introduced his brother. Bob showed us a Story Map of the trip he and his wife took to Scotland and the Isle of Skye. He is an excellent photographer, and his narration kept us spellbound as he pointed out the highlights of their trip to Glasgow and then to the Isle of Skye, a beautiful countryside of hills, streams, lochs, and winding trails. His experiences on the single-lane roads on Skye were illuminating! At the end of his presentation, Bob went on to play on his guitar and sing "O Flower of Scotland", a lovely, haunting song, and considered to be the unofficial anthem of Scotland, according to a poll taken there. Bob's entire presentation was very well received by the membership with much applause. We would love to have him come back, and let him know as much.

The meeting was dismissed by Vice President Jim Hughes at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted By Secretary Linda Wilson

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By Linda Wilson
I looked on-line, and found the
lyrics for "O Flower of Scotland"
and here they are:

O Flower of Scotland,
When will we see
Your like again,
That fought and died for,
Your wee bit Hill and Glen,
And stood against him,
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
To think again.

The Hills are bare now,
And Autumn leaves
lie thick and still,
O'er land that is lost now,

Which those so dearly held, That stood against him, Proud Edward's Army, And sent him homeward, To think again.

Those days are past now,
And in the past
they must remain,
But we can still rise now,
And be the nation again,
That stood against him,
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
To think again.
The Hills is bare nou,
An Autumn leafs,
Lies thick an still,
Ower land that is tint nou,

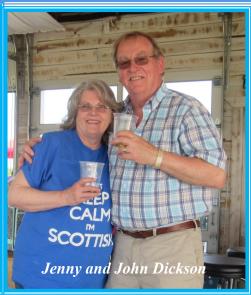
That thae sae darlie held, That stuid agin him, Prood Edward's Airmie, An sent him hamewart, Tae think again.

O Flower of Scotland,
When will we see
Your like again,
That fought and died for,
Your wee bit Hill and Glen,
And stood against him,
Proud Edward's Army,
And sent him homeward,
To think again, to think gain,









# Dinner and Auction Chairperson Found

SSL was seeking a new Auction Chairperson and several people to assist on that committee. Tasks required include cashiers for cash, checks, and charge cards. Also, several

people to help with getting the tables ready for the silent auction and the jewelry table. The chairperson, as well as other members of the committee, will need to contact individuals and businesses for donations of items or gift cards. There will be other duties as needed, and the chairperson will need to coordinate the efforts of the other members of the Auction Committee.

At our general meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> Christian Kreipke volunteered to take on the task. I believe former Auction Chairperson, Judy Stubbs, will be helping. Christian, thanks for stepping up!



# SCOTLAND FACTS FOR JULY

- 1. Loch Awe is the longest Loch and is about 25.5 miles long.
- 2. Scotland boasts 790 offshore Islands but only 93 are permanently inhabited.
- 3. McCaig's Tower, inspired by the Coliseum in Rome, overlooks the town of Oban.
- 4. Loch Morar is the deepest Loch and is about 1017 feet deep.
- 5. In Scotland a burn means small river or stream.
- 6. St. Andrews is the oldest University in Scotland founded in 1413.
- 7. Firth means where the river starts to widen as it nears the sea, an estuary.
- 8. In Scotland a baby or child is called a bairn.
- 9. The battle of Bannockburn took place in 1314.
- 10. Edinburgh is the capital and Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland.



#### **Membership Update**

#### **Annie Rivers reported**

Visitors: No visitors-they became members.

Membership as of June 25th:

New members: Nancy Dotson, and Evelyn ("Lynne") Yule-Bowman,

- 72 Family Memberships
- 47 Individual Memberships
- 31 Lifetime Memberships
- 150 Members Paid



#### **Glasgow Highland Games**



For making the Glasgow Games a great success for Scottish Society of Louisville. We had a great turn out of members and was the Honored Society again this year.

Mark your calendars for next years games:

May 29th—May 31, 2020



# Celtic Connections

Happy summer everyone!

So glad to see such a good

turnout in Glasgow Highland Games. Wonderful weather, fine friends, excellent athletics, inspiring music, and such a variety of food. We always enjoy starting the weekend with the raising of the clans on Friday evening. We had 3 people with us from Clan Hay this year and members of the Scottish Society of Louisville and Clan McFritz were present as well. Louisville had a rousing showing! Then we stick around and listen to some music and get the car unloaded for the tent set up in the morning.

The Scottish Society of Louisville was the honored clan again this year and we had a huge tent area where we welcomed people in and helped them find their roots. The tent was staffed and visited by so many people which made for a fun and festive area. Clan Hay and Clan Anderson were right there in the mix. All 3 spaces in a row. Thank you, Glasgow! And it wouldn't be Glasgow without the Clan McFritz across the way, who give freely every year and keep the fun alive for us all. Maybe next year we can even get Clan Moffat over by us! Again a great showing for Louisville. (See Photos Page 8)

I love this weekend and all the activities. We were honored this year to be able to present the William Wallace Drummer of the Day Award to Liam Wiley from Medina, Oh. Liam is 14 years old, homeschooled and has recently taken up drumming. He plays with the Eagle Pipe Band and this was his first competition. He was thrilled and shocked to receive this award and gift certificate to the Scottish Trading Company. Thank you SSL president Bruce Wilson for presenting the award and June Wallace for continual funding in memory of her husband William. It is such an honor to give to young people who will help keep these traditions alive. (See Photo Page 10)

The annual potluck Saturday night was held in the lovely outdoor, open-air venue space of the Barren Breeze Bed and Breakfast where many of the weekend participants stayed. It was a beautiful evening with a gorgeous sunset. The event was well attended by SSL members, guests and even our lovely hostess Amy. She spoiled us all weekend, so it was a treat for her to join us and let us spoil her. Food was abundant and varied and included a steak treat for all provided by Christian.

Sunday was another lovely day and the parade in the afternoon was well attended. Thank you, everyone, for making the whole weekend and potluck special.

If you have never been to the games in Glasgow, KY, please put it on your bucket list and join us next year for a day or for the whole weekend. Your life will be richly enhanced!

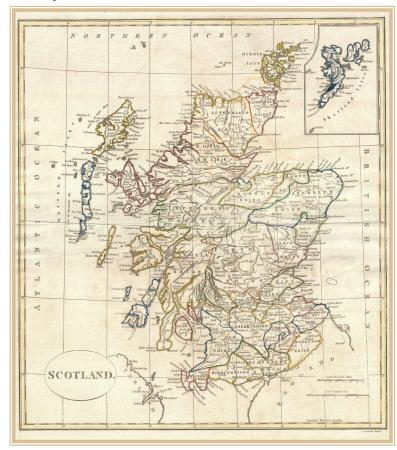
We are looking forward to the Knighting Ceremony at the Scottish Rite on Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the ceremony. Be sure to contact Robbin Goodin, Regional Celtic Commissioner to put your name on the guest list if you haven't already. We will march in the flags to the music from members of The Louisville Pipe Band and stay for the ceremony and remembrance of Bannockburn. A stellar evening! We are so honored to be asked to participate by the Knights of St. Andrews. (See Story & Photos Page 12)

A guided tour of the Buffalo Trace Distillery is in the works for later this summer. Stay tuned for details!

Peace to all,

Robbin Goodin Regional Celtic Commissioner





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#### **Visit Scotland Right Now**

Visit Scotland on your i-Pad, i-Phone or computer without leaving your location.

Take a 3.35 minute video trip to Scotland and see some fantastic scenery. I warn you it is very fast-paced, but it identifies most of the locations. You may want to review it multiple times. Clink on Link Below.

**VISIT SCOTLAND COM** 





#### **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Ladies- Please save the date: July 8th 5:00 PM.

Ladies Night Out Dinner and a Movie.

Details to be announced. Please contact RCC Robbin Goodin to get your name on the signup list so you can receive updates and details.

Click on Robbin below for eMail.

Regional Celtic Commissioner (502) 894-8863

































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#### William Wallace Drummer of the Day Award

Bruce Wilson, President of SSL, presented Liam Wiley winner of the William Wallace Drummer of the Day Award. Congratulations Liam and keep on drumming!

Best wishes from the Scottish Society of Louisville.





# Coming Next Month more photos and story about the Robert Forbes adventure to the Isle of Skye, Scotland Presented on June 25, 2019







June 27, 2019

Twenty Scottish Society of Louisville Members gathered with the Louisville Pipe Band after the Knights of St. Andrews Knighting Ceremony on the Scottish Rite Temple Steps.

What a great turn out!

(From Left to Right)
Pat Schweitzer
Linda Wilson
Robbin Goodin
Jenny Dickson
Christian Kreipke
Judy Stubbs
Lynne Yule-Bowman
Bruce Wilson

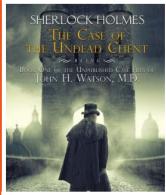


By Robbin Goodin

The Knights of St. Andrews Knighting ceremony and Remembrance of Bannockburn at the Scottish Rite Temple was stellar. This group of fine people gives their time and talents to make the world a better place. What an honor it was to march in the flags to the music of the Louisville Pipe Band in the magnificent auditorium of the Temple. The Knights were so gracious and even fed us a yummy meal beforehand. There were 20 Scottish Society folks in attendance, and we all had a glorious time. They showed a wonderful movie recounting the battle of Bannockburn. Then inducted 3 new Knights to the order. It was a proud moment for them all. Thank you, Tom Harper, for inviting us for the 5th year in a row. It feels good to support other organizations who have similar goals of service and fun!



# Mark Johnson Book Signing





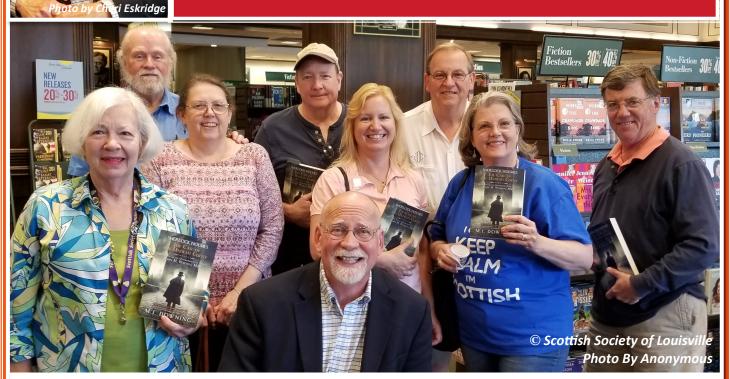


(L to R) Dianne Holland, Jean Hughes, Mark Johnson, Amy Johnson, and Jim Hushes

SHERLOCK HOLMES

"THE CASE OF THE UNDEAD CLIENT"

By M J DOWNING (AKA: MARK JOHNSON)



(L to R) Judy Stubbs, Bruce Wilson, Linda Wilson, Scott Robinson, Mark Johnson, , Cheri Eskridge, John Dickson, Jenny Dickson, and Jeff Forbes

# **July 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Caleb Payne Independence	5	6 Scott Robinson
7 Jenny Dickson	8 Melissa Ingram LADIES NIGHT OUT 5:00 Din- ner & Movie	9 7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting	10	11 Robbin Goodin	12	13
14 Steve Goodin	15 Clay Ackiss	16 Full Moon	17 John Dickson	18	19	20
21	22	23 7:00 PM SSL General Mtg "SCOTCH TAST- ING AT THE CELTIC PIG"	24 Joan Hale	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Linda Forbes			

July Birthdays				
4-Caleb Payne 8-Melissa Ingram 15-Clay Ackiss 31-Linda Forbes				
6-Scott Robinson	11-Robbin Goodin	17-John Dickson		
7-Jenny Dickson	14-Steve Goodin	24-Joan Hale		

Is your name is missing from our birthday list? Contact Anne Rivers at <a href="mailto:membership@scotsoflou.com">membership@scotsoflou.com</a> to have your date added.

# **August 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				] Robert Harrison	2 Victoria Snelling	3 Minnie Hamilton
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Pat Schweitzer
]] Jane Seelig	12	13 7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting	14 VJ Day	15 Full Moon	16 Amy Johnson	17 Laura Doll
18	19	20	21 Jeff Forbes Holley Holland	22	23	24
25	26	27 Mary Kramer 7:00 PM SSL General Mtg "TARTAN HISTORY"	28 Marleen Bailie Anne Moore Moncie Rose	29	30 Margaret McRae	31

August Birthdays				
1-Robert Harrison	11-Jane Seelig	21-Holley Holland	28-Moncie Rose	
2-Victoria Snelling	16-Amy Johnson	27-Mary Kramer	30-Margaret McRae	
3-Minnie Hamilton	17-Laura Doll	28-Marleen Bailie		
10-Pat Schweitzer	21-Jeff Forbes	28-Anne Moore		

#### What is a Fly Plaid?

By John Moffett

Robbin Goodin sent me a note about an article she had read on the Fly Plaid and it provided interesting information. I did some additional research and have provided that information and some history.

Originally the Fly Plaid was worn traditionally by the Scottish Highlander's and was called Féileadh Mòr or Great Plaid. The Great Plaid was 9 yards long (or 8.2 meters). The Great Plaid was a large tartan cloth which was half pleated and the remainder wrapped around the waist as a belt and the upper half was worn over the left shoulder. The Great Plaid was very useful in the Scottish climate. It could be used as a cloak and hood during inclement weather or as a blanket to keep warm at night. The modern kilt separated the Great Plaid into two pieces; the bottom part being the pleated kilt of modern day and the top half as a Fly Plaid. Contrary to Wikipedia, I think the phrase "whole 9 yards" came from the size of the material used to make a Great Plaid or the Féileadh Mòr. It makes sense – but that wasn't one of the suggested origins of that phrase from all the information I found.

Today the Fly Plaid is typically worn on formal occasions. The Fly Plaid should be of the same pattern (sett) as the Kilt. It is either worn with a Prince Charlie Jacket or an Argyll Jacket with the plaid pulled through an epaulet over the left shoulder. A Clan Badge or broach is typically used to secure the corner end of the plaid in the front of the jacket, breast-high. It is important for you to check with the host of the event to see if Fly Plaid is appropriate for the occasion.

The Fly Plaid can be purchased at many Scottish Merchants like the <u>Scottish Trading Company</u> (Smithfield Kentucky) or the <u>Scotland Shop</u> (Edinburgh, Scotland). With the Scottish Trading Company, you can purchase a Fly Plaid in your tartan for \$115 to \$150 depending on the weight of the material and shipping. If you purchase from the Scotland Shop your tartan would cost about £105 (as of 6/27/19 that is about \$135 US) plus shipping and heavier weight tartans would be an additional cost.

Check out the link <u>Guide to Wearing Fly Plaids</u> from the Scotland Shop.



Photo above is Robin Jarrett, Master of Ceremonies, at the 2018 Burns Night Gala sporting a Fly Plaid.

Source: Photo on File, Burn's Gala submitted by James Hughes-2018.



	EVENTS AT A GLANCE
7/8/2018	5:00 РМ Ladies Night Out— " <i>DINNER AND A MOVIE</i> " (contact Robbin Goodin)
7/09/2019	7:00 РМ SSL Board Meeting
7/23/2019	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting – "Scotch Tasting at the Celtic Pig" You need to come early if you are going to dine before the meeting begins. Contact Robbin Goodin to add your name to the list for Celtic Pig.
8/13/2019	7:00 PM SSL Board Meeting
8/27/2019	7:00 рм SSL General Meeting – " <i>Tartans and Tartan History</i> ," Judy Stubbs
8/30 – 9/2/2019	Labor Day Weekend, "Worldfest on the Belvedere"
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
10/19/2019	Kentucky Louisville Genealogical Society Presents "FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR" by CeCe Moore. Visit their website at <a href="https://kygs.org">https://kygs.org</a> for more information
10/22/2019	7:00 рм SSL General Meeting – " <i>HALLOWEEN STORIES</i> ", Scott Robinson
10/26/2019	6:00-11:30 РМ " <u>Masquerade Mystique Gala</u> ", Scottish Rite Temple, 200 E. Grey St., Louisville.
10/27/2019	<i>"Кіккіна"</i> – 10:45 дм, at the Okolona Presbyterian Church, 8015 Shepherdsville Road, Louisville.
11/10/2019	"Кіккінд" – 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"
	NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

#### FUTURE EVENT



# Our July General Meeting July 23, 2019 7:00PM Scotch Tasting Celtic Pig



When: Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Where: The Celtic Pig, 217 East Main St., Louisville, KY

Time: 7:00 PM General Meeting and Scotch Tastings to Follow.

#### Mark your calendars today!

For more information contact Robbin Goodin (502) 894-8863.

Call or email Robbin to add your name to the dinner reservation list.

#### FUTURE EVENT



## Save the Date & Register

October 19, 2019 8:30 AM -4:45 PM Louisville Genealogical Society

#### **Family History Seminar**



#### Seminar Lectures with CeCe Moore

Autosomal DNA: Discovering Your Ancestors In You Creating and Utilizing Genetic Networks in Your Research Genetic Genealogy Case Studies Law Enforcement and Genetic Genealogy

Early Registration (Register by April 30)—Members \$55 Non Members \$65 Lunch Included—limited to 300 people.

Holiday Inn Louisville East - Hurstbourne 1325 South Hurstbourne Louisville, KY 40222 See website for more info
<a href="https://kylqs.org/">https://kylqs.org/</a>
Contact <u>Jane Seelig</u> for more info
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#### **BEGINNERS LEVEL**

# TRACING IRISH ANCESTORS: BEGINNING RESEARCH TIPS

By Bryan L. Mulcahy

Genealogical research into the lives of Irish ancestors can provide interesting background details, such as unique traditions and folklore. Ireland and its people have a fascinating history. Unfortunately, the survival and accuracy of many records can also present some challenges.

The Fort Myers Regional Library offers a variety of study guides covering the process of tracing Irish ancestors in the United States and Ireland. Patrons may request these guides by contacting us via the email address listed at the end of this article. Our Genealogy Room print collection on Ireland has over 250 titles. There are at least 100 other items in our State and General collections containing information pertaining to Irish research. Databases such as Ancestry Library Edition, Family Search, and Heritage Quest also offer access to various aspects of Irish research.

The points listed below will help make the research process convenient and more successful:

Do not begin your search in Ireland.

Exhaust all possible records in the United States and Canada first.

Pay special attention to religious records since they are the most detailed and often were the first records in which immigrant ancestors appeared upon arrival in America.

Pay special attention to any information pertaining to where they came from in Ireland. There are

many Irish place names that may also appear later as townlands, towns, villages, baronies, and counties. These administrative divisions do not have the same jurisdictional meaning in Ireland as in the United States or Canada.

Beware of changes in the spelling of surnames. Do not dismiss the record if the name spelling is not the same as the one with which you are familiar.

Consult titles listed in bibliographies for additional sources of information. These books and articles have been written by specialists in genealogy.

Folklore plays an important part in Irish history. Many early records, memories, photographs, etc., have been passed down through generations. If you have any elderly ancestors who came from the old country, it is in your best interest to arrange an oral history interview with them as soon as possible.

Bryan L. Mulcahy

#### INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL

# Irish Immigration to the U.S and Canada

By Bryan L. Mulcahy

The Irish have played a major role in the settlement, development, and expansion of the United States and Canada. There were three distinct waves of immigrants that came to both countries. Each phase is listed below. The Fort Myers Regional Library offers multiple study guides that discuss this topic in greater detail. Researchers may contact us via the email address listed at the end of the article to obtain electronic copies.

Phase One: Scotch-Irish or Ulster Irish: Originated in Ulster (Northern Ireland) and were predominantly Presbyterians heading for the middle colonies of America. Pennsylvania was a major destination for this group, along with Maryland, Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia.

Upon settlement, they recreated their closely-knit family farm culture where hard work, family independence, and communal religion dominated all

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aspects of daily life. They also brought their Irish architecture, house plans, and the use of potatoes as a staple agricultural crop. In addition to their farming talents, they were soldiers, effective administrators and educators; this combination of characteristics made a powerful contribution to the building of the United States. By 1790, the Irish comprised 17% of the total U.S. population and of these, 70% were Ulster-Irish. Around 1,000 immigrants arrived annually in Philadelphia from 1720 to 1770, many of them coming in family groups, some even as full congregations led by the pastor of their respective churches. These people were tough, tenacious farmers, well-educated, prudent managers of money, and strongly identified with Biblical precedents.

Phase Two: The second great 18th century Irish migration was from the southeast counties of Ireland (Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford, and Tipperary) to the Atlantic province area of Canada. This group was composed primarily of Catholics and began in the early decades of the 18th century. The English West-Country merchants, who controlled the Newfoundland cod fisheries, discovered that they could recruit Irish youngsters for the cod fishery at a much cheaper rate than in the Bristol Channel area. From 1675 onward, ships from England's West Country sailed in the spring Waterford to collect provisions to and laborers. Waterford, Ireland's third largest city, dominated the Irish-Newfoundland trade between 1675 -1850, supplying the bulk of the provisions and passengers.

By the mid-1770s over 5,000 immigrants made the annual trip. At this stage, it was still predominantly a seasonal migration (spring-summer). Between 1790 and 1830, the seasonal migration pattern had given way to permanent settlement. Between 1800 and 1830, 35,000 Irish immigrants had arrived in Newfoundland. By 1836, Irish made up 50% of the total population of the island and St. Johns had become the first significant Irish town in the New World.

From Newfoundland, many Irish entered Nova Scotia, especially around Halifax. As the timber trade blossomed, this attracted others to New Brunswick and especially the Miramichi Valley. The migration field for these two provinces overlapped considerably with the Newfoundland one, although with a much heavier Cork presence, and with a more significant South Ulster component. Many immigrants used it as a gateway to

interior Canada up the St. Lawrence Valley or down the New England coast to Boston.

Phase Three: The third phase of Irish migration began in the pre-famine period, especially post- 1815, when the Irish economy began to exhibit marked signs of strain. Uninhibited population growth in the 18th century had seen a massive demographic surge of population from around 1 million in 1600 to 8.5 million by 1840. Deteriorating economic circumstances made emigration a necessity for human survival.

Between 1815 and 1845, over 1 million Irish crossed the Atlantic and established a strong Irish footing in the eastern seaboard cities, long before the famine emigrants arrived. Irish-Canadian emigration was largely pre-famine in character and split between Protestants and Catholics. The bulk of these immigrants came from Ulster, due to an economic downturn in the linen industry. By the mid-19th century, the Irish were the largest ethnic group in British North America. Popular stereotypes have always painted the picture of an urban immigration. In reality, the majority of immigrants settled in rural areas. This was especially true in Canada.

In the pre-famine period, the regional origins of migration within Ireland are essential to an understanding of pre-Irish emigration. During this era and subsequent decades, Irish emigration shifted to the west towards the poorest and most densely populated counties along the Atlantic seaboard, especially Cork, Kerry, Clare, Galway, Mayo, and Donegal.

The famine broke the older pattern of chain migration, with close ties built up over several generations between "emigrant" and "host" regions. The famine also marked a decisive shift in the class origins of the Irish emigrants. Prior to the famine, the emigrants tended to be from the skilled levels of Irish society. This included carpenters, masons, shoemakers, and other skilled occupations. The famine and post-famine periods saw a shift to unskilled laborers, surplus children to alleviate over-population, and criminals who sought to escape imprisonment. Between 1820-1920, over 5 Irish immigrants came to the United million States. Over 1 million came to Canada during the same period and many eventually made their way into the **United States.** 

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 <a href="mailto:vicepresident@scotsoflou.com">vicepresident@scotsoflou.com</a>, or by using the online form <a href="mailto:here">here</a>.

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.

Webpage: <a href="http://scotsoflou.com/">http://scotsoflou.com/</a>
Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou">https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou</a>

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 <a href="mailto:membership@scotsoflou.com">membership@scotsoflou.com</a> about our memberships. Remember, every *new* life member is acknowledged at the Burns Night Gala!

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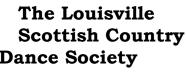
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www.louisvilleirish.com/

The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati

www.caledoniansociety.org

Columbus Scottish Festival

www.scottishfestival.org/

<u>Central Kentucky Heritage</u> Society

pthdvg@email.uky.edu

Evansville St. Andrew Society
Rosemary and Deron Cowan

**English Speaking Union** 

https://www.esuus.org/

**Glasgow Highland Games** 

www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

Indy's Irish Fest

www.indyirishfest.com

Irish Society of Kentuckiana

www.irishkyana.org

Kentucky Highland Renaissance

**Festival** 

www.kyrenfaire.com

Kentucky United Pipes and Drums

www.kentuckyunited.org

Louisville Fire and Rescue Pipe

<u>Band</u>

www.lfrbagpipes.org

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www.louisvillepipeband.org

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www.Louisvilleirishfest.com

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www.Mcclanahanirishdance.com

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www.wkyhighlandfestival.com

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www.bloomingtonscots.org

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#### Contact our Cheer Person

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, **Jean Hughes**, by calling her at (502) 438-9811

#### **Ongoing Events**

**The Louisville Pipe Band** meets from 2 PM - 5 PM on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at <a href="mailto:info@louisvillepipeband.org">info@louisvillepipeband.org</a>, or visit <a href="mailto:www.louisvillepipeband.org">www.louisvillepipeband.org</a>.

**The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums** meet from 6 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main Street in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502) 551-2732, or visit <a href="https://www.lfrbagpipes.org">www.lfrbagpipes.org</a>.

**The Louisville Scottish Country Dance Society** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2223 Woodbourne Avenue. For information, contact Paul Vice (evenings) at (502) 584-4222.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:membership@scotsoflou.com">membership@scotsoflou.com</a>