

# The Scottish Society of Louisville

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CLAN BAIRD AND ITS HISTORY was presented by Cheri Eskridge at the SSL Online Video Conference on July 28, 2020 our monthly meeting.

Baird's early ancestors originated in France & Italy.

In 1534 William Baird purchase the Auchmedden Castle held in the family until the 1745 uprising. Auchmedden was absorbed by the Gordons until 1854 when Robert Baird re-purchased it. Finally in 1925 the land was sold off in pieces.

The last Chief of Clan Baird was in 1775. Clan Baird elected Richard Holman-Baird as Commander and in August 2019 Lord Lyon King of Arms confirmed his status. In 2019 the first family gathering was held in Scotland in over 200 years. You might recall that Richard Holman-Baird served as Chief for last years Glasgow Highland Games in Kentucky.

Some other interesting information William Baird settled "BAIRDS"town, Kentucky. He was also a surveyor and drew the first map of Louisville in 1779.

If you didn't attend the presentation Damian Burns recorded the presentation and it is available.

### **CLICK HERE** for the Presentation.

In researching for this presentation Cheri found a note about the Baird's Swallowtail butterfly. She remembered taking a picture of a butterfly in 2016 in her back yard. She compared the two and they were exactly the same butterfly.



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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.





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# From The President Bruce Wilson

Welcome, and hello to all our fellow members.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the virtual meeting this month. We had a pretty good turn-out, but it's just not the same as meeting face to face.

The program this month was a history of the Clan Baird. Cheri Eskridge did a really good job, and I want to thank her for all the work she put in to research her presentation.

No one has volunteered for Regional Celtic Commissioner, and we really need someone in this position. Please think about this, and contact Robbin Goodin with any questions about this important job. During the pandemic, this job has actually been on hold, as there have been no events since February.

As of now, the Celtic Festival at Active Heroes is still scheduled for October 3, 2020. What with Covid-19 still ongoing, most events have been postponed or canceled. We will keep you updated throughout the year on other events, and when we can have in-person general membership meetings again.

We are all hoping that a cure comes about, so we can all get back together. Until then, you all take care and stay safe.

President Bruce Wilson





RECORDING SECRETARY
Linda Wilson

Virtual Membership Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. Robbin Goodin introduced our presenter, Cheri Eskridge, with a program about the history of Clan Baird. There are several different spellings of the name, including Bard, Barde, Baard, Bayard, and Beard. Her connection to the clan is her great grandmother, Mary Baird.

She shared pictures of the Clan Baird Crest and Coat of Arms. The Crest bears a wolf's head, eagle's head, or a boar's head. The Coat of Arms bears a boar's head; there is a tale that a Baird saved the laird at the time during a boar hunt in 1194. There was no coat of arms registered with the Lion Court until the 1700s. There had been no chief since 1775, though a new clan chief, Richard Holman Baird, was elected in 2019 at the Glasgow Highland Games.

The surname originated in the south of France; Bar-le-Duc, Montbard, and Bard in France, and Bard in Italy. In Scotland, the Bairds are found in Auchmedden, New Byth, Gartsherrie, Saughtonhall, and Lanarkshire.

- ♦ 1178: Henry de Barde witnessed a grant given to William the Lion
- ♦ 1194: Hugo de Bard witnessed safe-conduct granted to William the Lion
- ♦ 1240: Richard Baird granted the charter of Little & Meikle Kyp (Lanarkshire)
- ♦ 1306: Robert de Barde granted the charter of Barony of Cambusnethan by Robert the Bruce
- ♦ 1328: "Company of Bairds" settles Robert the Bruce's debt to England
- ♦ 1345: Robert de Barde succeeded by the Somervilles; Cambusnethan lost
- ♦ 1430: Baird family granted land in Forest of Boyne by the Earl of Huntly
- ♦ 1534: Andrew Baird purchased the estate of Auchmedden from the Earl of Buchan

### Other information

- Clan Baird did not have a chief since 1775.
- Richard Holman-Baird serves as Chief of the Glasgow, Kentucky Highland Games
- Richard Holman-Baird of Rickarton, Ury, and Lochwood was named Commander of Clan Baird in August 2019 by the Lord Lyon King of Arms

The bridge at Auchmedden was built in 1719 by James Baird, 6th Laird of Auchmedden and Alexander Garden, 2nd Laird of Troup. The Bairds were Jacobites, and the Gardens were Hanoverians, but put aside their differences to build the first means of travel connecting Aberdeenshire and Banffshire.

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Clan Baird Contributions to the World include;

- David Baird (grandson of John Baird, Lord Newbyth)
   general Napoleonic Wars
- William Baird settled BAIRDStown, Kentucky, later changed to Bardstown
- ♦ James Baird first trade expedition from the US to Mexico
- ♦ The Rev. Dr. George Husband Baird principal of Edinburgh University
- ◆ Early 1830s William Baird (the Bairds of Gartsherrie)
   − the leading producer of pig iron
- ♦ George Alexander Baird, AKA Mr. Abington the most successful gentleman rider of his day
- ♦ Andrew Blain Baird first all-Scottish attempted flight
- ♠ Robert Wilson Baird First Wisconsin Company (Robert W. Baird Investment firm)
- ♦ John Logie Baird Television
- ♦ jessie little doe and her husband Jason Baird save the Wampanoag language by learning and teaching it to others. They are raising their daughter to speak Wampanoag as her first language. The federal government is currently trying to deny reservation standing to the Wampanoag people, though they have lived on their land for over 15,000 years.

Cheri gave us her favorite quote when working on genealogy; "Ancestry is like the potato; the best part is under the ground."

There was a question and answer session which was very brief as there were few questions, though several comments as to how much members enjoyed her presentation. For those who missed the meeting, there is a Clan Baird PowerPoint on the members' website. Not as good as being there, but it includes some nice pictures and some more information not included in the minutes.



### **Business Meeting**

Mr. Wilson started the business meeting and thanked Cheri for her presentation, which was very well done. He also thanked all the members who attended our membership meeting.

Mr. Wilson called for a motion to approve the June minutes; this was our first virtual membership meeting since lockdown. John Moffett made the motion to approve the June minutes, and Robbin Goodin seconded. The minutes were approved by the members present.

Vice-President Jim Hughes gave a Heritage Committee update. There have been no new applications for funds since June.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge gave the amounts of funds in the general fund and Heritage fund. There was a question about Woodhaven Country Club, and Cheri stated that there is no penalty if we are unable to have Burns' Night in 2021. John Moffett pointed out that even if there is a vaccine available early in the year, people may still be afraid to go out for a few months. Some people will not take vaccines, making for a continuing dangerous situation for those with other health issues. Robbin suggested that we might put on a virtual program if we are unable to have a large gathering; she recommended that we see the one that Grandfather Mountain did since they had to cancel their event this vear.

Secretary Linda Wilson and Robbin Goodin kept track of members in attendance, and are happy to say that we had 22 and 1/2 members participating, as Shawn and Jennifer McLeod's baby was present at the virtual meeting.

Education and Program Commissioner Robbin Goodin asked if anyone would be interested in a flag passing at Iroquois Amphitheater. Marla Jo and Dianne Holland had volunteered, but have found they cannot participate when they found out the date it is being held. Bruce and Linda Wilson, and Gary Schweitzer said they may be able to participate.

The auction came up, and there was some discussion, but Pat suggested we discuss it at the next Board meeting.

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If you know someone who cannot get out because of the Coronavirus, please call and see how they are doing. Many of us are bored and lonely, and could really need some communication from our friends. And, with social distancing and mask-wearing, it should be safe enough to visit with friends and family in very small groups.

Mr. Wilson read off July's birthdays; Jenny Dickson 7/7, Melissa Ingram 7/8, Robbin Goodin 7/11, Steve Goodin 7/14, Clay Ackiss 7/15, John Dickson 7/17, Joan Hale 7/24, Timmy Sorrow 7/30, and Linda Forbes 7/31.

If your birthday was not included or was incorrect, please contact Marla Jo Cameron at 502-468-9390 or her email Membership.

Hospitality Commissioner Anne Lewis offered to do the birthdays in August, as she doesn't have any other duties during virtual meetings.

Membership Commissioner Marla Jo Cameron apologized for her absence but reported the updated figures and advised that Mick and Kathleen Anderson had upgraded to Life Members. She indicated there have been no new members, but she has received several renewals. Current membership stands at 28 individual members, 58 family members, and 33 life members, totaling 119 members. Marla Jo says that she is still receiving renewals, so she expects these numbers to change.

Damien Burns gave the Electronic Commissioner's report. He is looking at software packages for locking down the website but has not reached a decision yet. He will inform the Board when he finds one that he thinks will work well for us. We need to have the current MOO and other documents on the site in a members-only section. John Moffett commented on this and pointed out that we need to lock-down our newsletters to avoid copyright issues, too.

Robbin Goodin gave the Program and Education Report. Our August program will be music, performed by Tom Cunningham and Kate Sanders. The September program would have been on the Kentucky Tartan, by Pat Schweitzer, but she is not comfortable with the virtual format and will present next year. Our October program will be Halloween stories by Mandy Dick.

There is no Regional Celtic Commissioner at this time,

though Robbin is acting commissioner for now, as there are no events at this time. However, when events can take place, we will need someone in this position. If you have any interest, please call Robbin Goodin at 502-894-8863 to get information about the duties involved. Please consider how you may help the Scottish Society; Robbin has stated many times that she will help whoever takes this responsibility on, but that she does not have the time or energy to continue both positions as she has done in the past. If you are interested, please contact Robbin at 502-894-8863 or Mr. Wilson at 812-948-9324.

John Moffett reminded us that he needs more memories for the newsletter. He puts them in when he gets them, and the pictures and articles have been well received. He thanked Robbin for this idea, which generates more interest and member participation in the newsletter.

Pat Schweitzer spoke for Clan McFritz. She said nothing is going on, though she has tried to share interesting bits on Facebook to generate a little interest and let the members know that Clan McFritz is still alive.

Dianne Holland was able to attend this meeting, and we were very glad to hear that she is doing well. Pat is our new At Large Member, along with Dianne. Pat told us that the Celtic Pig is closed until further notice, as people are afraid to come downtown due to the demonstrations that are just a little too close to the restaurant for comfort. The food truck has been broken down as well and has not run for the last week. If you think of it, please give them a call and let them know we are thinking of them at this difficult time.

Mr. Wilson called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:20 pm.



### **Editors Note:**

Ideas are needed! We currently do not have a program presentation for the September 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Please send your ideas to Robbin Goodin and start a conversation about the program idea you have. Ideas like, could we do an individual Scottish Trivia Game by James Hughes and Archie Cunningham. Instead of groups we could do individuals and see who the most knowledgeable member is.

Contact Robbin Goodin or call her at (502) 894-8863



# Programs and Education Report August 2020

So good to see folks on our Zoom call for the first Members Night Out last week. It was great to chat with people we have missed seeing. I hope more of you join us next time. Please join us on the 3rd Tuesday each

month. We will need a new volunteer to host each month, so be thinking about which month would be good for you to volunteer. Zoom is easy to download and manage. All you do is schedule a meeting and send Damien the invite to publicize to the general membership. Then on the evening of the meeting, sign on and admit all the participants wanting to join. My son Jason is willing to do tutorials on using it if you need help.

Thank you Pat for volunteering to host us in August. Ladies, we will resume our Ladies' night out when we can meet again in person.

Thanks to Cheri Eskridge for enlightening us on the history of the Clan Baird at our July General Meeting. Your presentation was fun and informative. And the butterfly story at the end was wonderful. If you missed our meeting on the 28th, Damien recorded it and it is available to the membership. CLICK HERE for the Presentation. Thank you Damien for your help with these presentations.

Thank you, John, and everyone for your contributions to the newsletter. It is a fine piece of work. John, I know you put untold hours into making it beautiful and informative. I just love it. And the cooking corner is a grand addition. I make the recipes every month. It so helps our menus be more special. We had Melissa's Poor Man's Cobbler for our birthday treat!!! YUMMY!! So much to be thankful for!!

I hope you all can stay cool enough this month. Be safe until we meet again. Peace to all,

Robbin Goodin



## **August Program Reminder**

Tom Cunningham on the fiddle and Kate Sanders on the keyboard present

## The Scots-Irish Immigrant Experience

A musical exploration of the journey from the old country to America. Using the words of Robert Burns and others, and the tunes brought across the ocean, Tom and Kate will help you follow the path taken by millions seeking a better life in the New World. Don't miss the August 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting!

# Scottish Words

 $\underline{\text{NEUK}}$  – A corner bit of land that is out on a limb on the coast. i.e. the fishing villages stretching along the coast of Fife.

"It's risky up the neuk in a high wind; a fellow could take flight and blow clean away."

<u>SASSENACH</u> (sassenakh) – Traditionally, a name for an English person. Originally described as anyone not a Gaelic-speaking Highlander.

"I'd let my daughter marry a Sassenach, but only if she paid him no mind."



# Regional Celtic Commissioner Is Vacant and



# We need YOU to fill it!

The duties include reaching out to the communities in Kentucky and Southern Indiana and being our primary contact for information to flow into SSL. So we can be aware of activities of interest. Internally the duties are to register to attend games and community events like WorldFest and seek members to volunteer to participate at the SSL booth or tent. We also sponsor awards foe individual competitions at games for piping, drums, and Scottish dance. Contact any Board Member to express your interest.

Also, Robbin Goodin (the outgoing RCC) will help you get started and be available for support if it is needed.

It is a great way to meet people and help the Society grow in exposure.



# Membership Update

### SSL DUES RENEWAL

Dues renewal notices have already gone out VIA EMAIL. People can print off the form, fill them out & send the payment to

The Scottish Society of Louisville,
P. O. Box 32248,
Louisville, KY 40232-2248.

INDIVIDUAL - \$24, FAMILY - \$36 LIFE - INDIVIDUAL - \$240, FAMILY -\$360

Or you can renew your membership and pay your dues Online by clicking on Pay Dues Online below.

### **PAY DUES ONLINE**

For those who joined in January and February –your membership renewal is due April 1, 2021.

Thanks,
<u>Marla Jo Cameron</u>
<u>Membership Commissioner</u>

You are welcome to download the membership brochure which has the information to join.

CLICK HERE FOR THE BROCHURE

- **Family Memberships**
- 28 Individual Memberships
- 33 Lifetime Memberships
- 119 Members Paid





# Homemade Ice Cream

Submitted By Melissa Ingram

A custard-style ice cream base that any number of flavors can be added. Fresh fruit is wonderful in this recipe (peaches, bananas, strawberries, black berries and others).

# **Directions**

Whisk together the egg yolks, milk, sugar, and salt in a large bowl until thoroughly combined. Place in a heavy saucepan and cook on low heat, gently stirring constantly.

Cook until the mixture thickens and will coat a spoon 5 to 8 minutes. Do not let mixture boil.

Add Vanilla and stir, then pour the ice cream base into a bowl and allow to cool for about 20 minutes; place in Refrigerator and chill overnight.

The next day, pour into an ice cream maker, add fruit and freeze according to the manufacturer's directions.

Remove the ice cream, pack into a covered container, and freeze for 2 hours or overnight before serving.

# Ingredients

4 Cups Milk 8 Egg Yoks 1 Cup Granulated Sugar 1/8 tsp Salt

1 tsp Vanilla

2 Quarts Fresh Fruit



# SSL Celtic Connections Memories





















Egan Dickerson from Peoria, IL Winner: Al Smith Piper Of The Day Award 2016 Eminence, Kentucky

Encouraging
the Next
Generation by
recognizing
achievements
and creating
pride in our
Scottish
Ancestry.



Adeline Byrnes
Winner:
Joyce Deddens Highland Dance Award
2016 Columbus, Indiana

2020 SSL Events Schedule					
Date	Time	Day of Week	Event	Venue	Address
August 18, 2020	7:00 PM	Tuesday	Members Night Out	VIA ZOOM	
September 5, 2020		Saturday	WorldFest Online	Details Coming	
September 15, 2020	7:00 PM	Tuesday	Members Night Out	VIA ZOOM	
September 19, 2020	9:00-6:00	Saturday	Central Kentucky Highland Games	SSL is NOT Participating	
October 3, 2020		Saturday	Celtic Weekend at Active Hero's	SSL is NOT PARTICIPATING	
October 20, 2020	7:00 PM	Tuesday	Members Night Out	VIA ZOOM	
Jan. 30, 2021	6:00 PM	Saturday	SSL Burn's Night Gala	Woodhaven Country Club	Louisville, KY
Feb. 6, 2021	6:00 PM	Saturday	Bloomington Burn's Supper	Bloomington Free Methodist Church	Bloomington, IN

2020 SSL Meeting Schedule			
8/25/2020	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting Webex Video Conference, "THE SCOTS-IRISH IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE", Tom Cunningham and Kate Sanders		
9/27/2020	7:00 РМ SSL General Meeting, TBA (Pat Schweitzer on KY Tartan rolling to next year)		
10/27/2020	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, "HALLOWEEN STORIES", Mandy Dick		
11/24/2020	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, "DINNER AND AUCTIONS"		
	No Meetings in December		
1/26/2021	7:00 PM SSL General Meeting, TBA		

Regular Board Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every Month at 7:00 PM.
Regular Membership Meetings the 4th Tuesday every month at 7:00 PM.
Until further notice the Meetings are via Webex Video Conferences.

# August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						l Robert Harrison
2 Victoria Snelling	3 Full Moon	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Pat Schweitzer	II Jane Brown Seelig 7:00 PM SSL Board Mtg Video Conference	12 Sarah Colglazier	13	14	15 Jerry Colvin
16 Amy Johnson	17 Laura Doll	18	19	20	21 Jeff Forbes Holley Holland	22
23	24	25 7:00 PM SSL Video Conference Meeting "CELTIC MUSIC" Tom Cunningham & Kate Sanders	26	27	28 Anne Moore Moncie Rose Dan Bailie	29
30 Margaret McRae	31					

August Birthdays					
1-Robert Harrison	12-Sarah Colglazier	21-Jeff Forbes	28-Dan Bailie		
2-Victoria Snelling	15-Jerry Colvin	21-Holley Holland	30-Margaret McRae		
10-Pat Schweitzer	16-Amy Johnson	28-Anne Stokes Moore			
11-Jane Brown Seelig 17-Laura Doll 28-Moncie Rose					

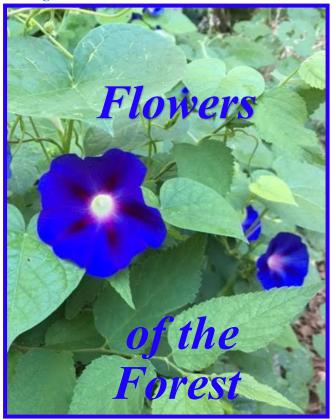
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# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bruce Wilson Full Moon	3	4 Jason Goodin	5 Judy Stubbs 146 <sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby
6 Eva Challis	7  Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 Stephen Kirzinger	14 Alberta Baker	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Start of Fall	23 Carolyn Cook	24 Alan Clements	25	26
27 Jamie Gray	28	29 John Moffett	30			

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS					
2-Bruce Wilson 13-Stephen Kirzinger 27-Jamie Gray					
4-Jason Goodin	14-Alberta B Baker	29-John Moffett			
5-Judy Stubbs	23-Carolyn Cook				
6-Eva Challis 24-Alan Clements					

Is your name missing from our birthday list? Contact Marla Jo Cameron at membership@scotsoflou.com to have your date and name added.



## **Patricia Stewart Bain**

March 17, 1954- April 3, 2020



Patricia Stewart Lathrem Bain died peacefully on Fri., April 3, 2020, after a long illness. She was a native Lexingtonian and the daughter of Nancye Williams Lathrem and Harold M. Lathrem. Pat is survived by her husband Roger M., a sister Laura Mason Wright (Dan), a brother Harold D. (Toby), step-daughter Laura Bain Pramuk (Edward), step-son Jonathan S. Bain, grandson, Aaron Pramuk and granddaughter Laura Faith Pramuk. She was loved by sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends.

Pat graduated from Lafayette High School as Valedictorian of her graduating class of 1972. She was a member of the marching band and active in music and scholastic activities. Pat was awarded a scholarship to Transylvania University and graduated with an Arts Degree in 1976, receiving an academic achievement award from the Department of Fine Arts. She began her Art career working in Medical illustration at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine, later as a commercial artist, and then as a freelance artist. In 1984, Pat returned to "Transy" to work as an Admissions Counselor. She later was appointed as the Director of Admissions and served as a member of the President's Board until 1993.

Pat was contacted and asked to come to work as a Para Educator by the Principle of the New Veterans Park Elementary School when it first opened. She was a proud member of the V.P.E. Staff until she retired in 2015 because of an injury. She missed her many dear friends and students; she loved children and teaching.

Pat was active in Lexington community activities and organizations. She received an award as an Outstanding Young Kentuckian by the Lexington Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) in 1971. She served as a Judge to the Miss American Coed Pageant and received an award in 1985 in recognition of her service. Being a cancer survivor, she organized and conducted an annual American Cancer Society Fund Drive at V.P.E. School. Pat served as a Board Member of the Oaks Condominium Community. She also owned and operated two home-based businesses. Pat, along with her family, grew up as a member of Central Christian Church where she sang in the choir with her mother and taught Sunday school. She later became a member of the Faith Fellowship Church and enjoyed singing in the choir.

Pat will be remembered as an intelligent, lovely, sweet lady with an infectious smile and a great sense of humor. She was energetic and always doing for others, giving of her energy and time. She was exceptional!

We wish to thank and express our gratitude to Dr. D. Doodenaugh, P.A. Trisha Garrett, and all of the caring wonderful nurses and aides who cared for Pat during the past few years at Northpoint SNF-Lexington.

A private burial for family members is scheduled at Blue Grass Memorial Gardens. Any contributions may be made in Pat's memory to the American Cancer Society.





# SAVE THE DATE

The Scottish Society of Louisville Invites You To Attend

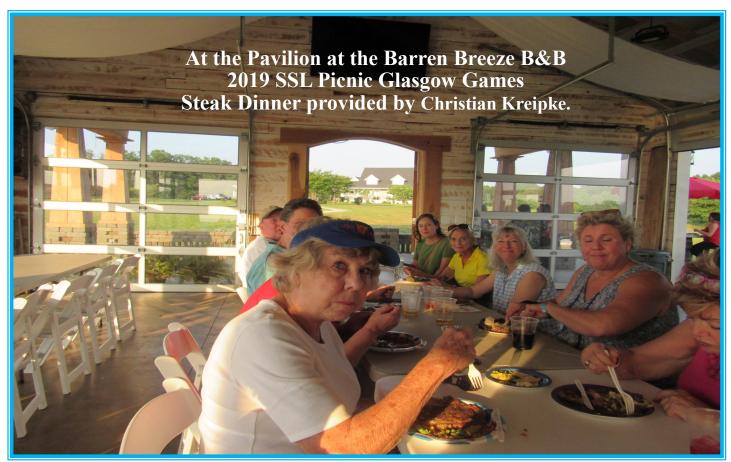
**Burns Gala** 



# Saturday January 30, 2021 6:00 PM

Woodhaven Country Club 7200 Woodhaven Road Louisville, KY 40291









Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S. Reference Librarian Ft. Myers Regional Library 2450 First Street Ft. Myers, FL 33901 bmulcahy@leegov.com

# BEGINNER LEVEL Black Hawk War

The Black Hawk War was a brief conflict fought in 1832 between the United States and Native Americans headed by Black Hawk, a Sauk leader. Other than briefly stemming the flow of migration into Wisconsin and Illinois, the costs to America in terms of loss of life, monetary value, and economic impact were insignificant.

The war erupted soon after Black Hawk and a group of Sauks, Meskwakis, and Kickapoos known as the "British Band" crossed the Mississippi River into the U.S. state of Illinois in April 1832. Black Hawk's motives were ambiguous, but he was apparently hoping to avoid bloodshed while resettling on land that had been ceded to the United States in a disputed 1804 treaty.

The Sauk and Fox Indian tribes were two distinct and autonomous tribes that were allied together on political and social issues. By the 1780s both had become prominent in the region that included present-day northern Illinois bordering on Wisconsin Michigan. Both tribes had become prosperous, industrious, and were determined to have as little to do with white American population as possible. By 1804, the growing migration of Americans into their region led to significant tensions. The Louisiana Purchase further planted the seeds of discontent since it included giving America jurisdiction over the region.

After the War of 1812, whites settling the Illinois Country exerted pressure on the Native Americans. A treaty of 1804, which had no real claim to validity, provided for removal of the Sac and Fox west of the

Mississippi. A Native American leader, Black Hawk (1767 –1838), who was born in the Sac village near the site of present Rock Island, Illinois and who had fought for the British in the War of 1812, denounced the treaty and resisted removal. Years of intermittent skirmishing followed.

As the U.S. Army built more forts and droves of settlers moved into the territory during the next 15 years, Black Hawk grew increasingly angry. The white settlers had begun to occupy the village of Saukenuk, an area that would later become Rock Island, Illinois. Regardless of the provisions of the 1804 treaty, Black Hawk refused to leave his own home. He began to prepare for war. The return of Black Hawk in 1831 to northern Illinois sparked widespread panic among white settlers, and Illinois Governor Reynolds quickly called up the militia, which included a young Abraham Lincoln.

Early in 1832, General Edmund P. Gaines arrived in the area with a sizeable force of U.S. soldiers and Illinois militiamen. Initially, Black Hawk withdrew his large band of warriors, women, and children to the west side of the Mississippi. On April 5, however, he led them back into the disputed territory, believing that other Indian forces and the British to the north would support him in a confrontation. The following day, a large army of soldiers caught up to Black Hawk and his followers near the Rock River of northern Illinois. When neither the British nor his Indian allies came to his support, Black Hawk attempted to surrender. Unfortunately, one of his truce bearers was killed in the confusion, and the Black Hawk War began.

Casualties in the 15-week war were grossly one-sided. An estimated 70 settlers or soldiers lost their lives; estimates for the number of Indians killed are between 442 and 592. Black Hawk was captured and incarcerated for a time in Fortress Monroe, Virginia. In order to demonstrate the futility of further resistance to the powerful Americans, Black Hawk was taken on a tour of the major eastern cities before being relocated to an lowa Indian agency. He lived the remaining six years of his life under the supervision of a Sauk chief who had once been his enemy. Unlike Black Hawk, the Sauk chief had cooperated with the United States government.

The Black Hawk War is now often remembered as the conflict that gave young Abraham Lincoln his brief military service. Other notable American participants



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included Winfield Scott, Zachary Taylor, and Jefferson Davis. The war gave impetus to the US policy of Indian removal, in which Native American tribes were pressured to sell their lands and move west of the Mississippi River. For more information on this topic, including a detailed study guide, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Bryan L. Mulcahy bmulcahy@leegov.com 239-533-4626



# INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED LEVEL

# Plat Maps and Genealogical Research

When genealogists attempt to trace their ancestor to a specific town, obtaining a plat map or property ownership map should be one of the first goals. Plat maps show the exact parcels of land that our ancestors owned at a given point in time. Plat maps are documents drawn to scale, showing the divisions of a piece of land. The landowner's name is shown, along with the legal description of real property by lot, street, and block number in a particular town These maps show the land subdivided into lots with the location and boundaries of individual parcels marked as well as streets, alleys, easements, and rights of use over the land of another owner.

Plat maps come in a variety of types. Some county plat maps are titled by township and range (e.g., Township 11 North Range 10 West), while others give actual town township names, instead and of numerical designations. Most plat maps have no date on them; the date can only be ascertained from the book containing the actual information. Plat maps are generally divided into 36 square mile sections. The boundary for each piece of property is shown along with the number of acres.

Knowing the neighbors of an ancestor can yield significant pieces of genealogical information. Many people lived their entire lives within 5-10 miles of where they were born. Individuals living in urban areas would

usually marry someone residing within 3 to 5 blocks of their home.

Residences are normally indicated by small black squares. Schools are shown by either a square, a building, or are simply labeled "school". Churches are labeled and may be designated by either a square or a building with a cross. Some are identified by а specific denomination. Cemeteries are also labeled, but in some early maps, the term "burying ground" was used. The business districts are frequently outlined and are usually indicated by many small plots of land with squares and rectangles. They will seldom have names. Post offices will also be designated on most maps. Rivers, lakes, and creeks are indicated, with main bodies of water, such as lakes and rivers, being named. Tributaries, though shown, are usually not named. Roads are designated by double lines and lines with hash marks indicate railroads. Some railroads are designated by complete names, while others only list initials. Some maps also show landmarks such as ferries, docks, lighthouses, quarries, and military installations.

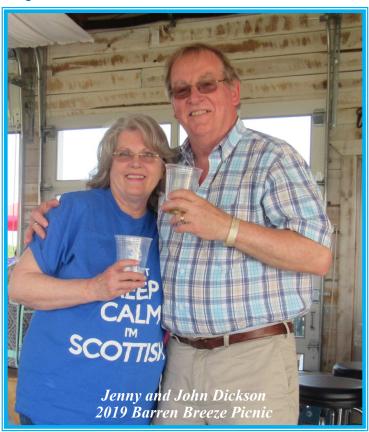
Using plat maps for research can also shed light on many other potential clues for additional research. Some major examples include:

- ♦ <u>Neighbors:</u> Our early ancestors often moved in clusters. By noting their neighbors, you may find a migratory pattern, especially if they disappeared by the following census. Because neighbors often intermarried, expect to locate parents, siblings or cousins.
- ♦ Locating Female Ancestors: Most sons and daughters stayed near the parents. Fathers often gave (or sold) land to a son-in-law, and so that missing daughter might be right next door. A son-in-law may parcel out land for the wife's family.
- ♦ Locating Ancestors Between Censuses: Some researchers have used plat maps to locate ancestors who were missed during a census enumeration. Researchers working during the years between 1881 and 1899 may find plat maps especially useful, since the 1890 census was almost completely destroyed. The result was a lack of federal census information during the years between the 1880 census and the 1900 census enumerations.

- Identify Additional Record Types for Research: Most plat books include both small and large land This can be beneficial for locating ancestors on multiple socio-economic levels. With the data provided by plat maps, specific township, section, and range number possibilities for particular areas of land, the researcher can seek additional information through multiple records types including census, church, deed, tax, and probate records.
- Maps and Atlases: Atlases and county plat books provide area maps and show land ownership by township. Block plats of projected towns in each county also can be found. A subscribers' index is usually at the end of the volume with general information on the owner and location of land holdings in the county listed by township and range. A few early photographs may also be included.

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# **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 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, <u>James Hughes</u>, or by e-mail at <u>vicepresident@scotsoflou.com</u>, or by using the online form <u>here</u>.

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, Marla Jo Cameron, or for more details email her at <a href="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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The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati

www.caledoniansociety.org

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Central Kentucky Heritage Society

pthdvg@email.uky.edu

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Rosemary and Deron Cowan

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www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

**Indy's Irish Fest** 

www.indyirishfest.com

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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 www.lfrbagpipes.org..

### 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 Marla Jo Cameron at membership@scotsoflou.com