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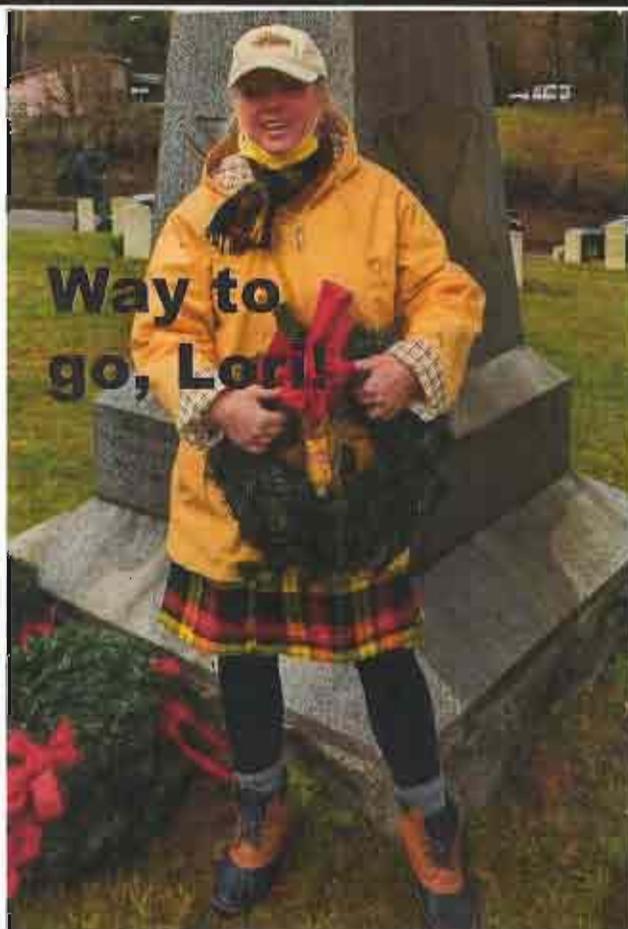
During the February Executive Council meeting, the officers of CBSI voted to fund a new genealogy website for Society members. This site will provide a searchable database of the genealogical information that has been submitted by members over the years of the Society's existence.

At this time, the website is being built, with Gedcom files being uploaded as they are completed.

Currently the Sept files are the most numerous, as those were compiled in 2017 for exactly this purpose.

There are many Buchanan files which are in process at this time and as they are completed, they will be added to the website's storage.

In the Histories section of the website, you will find scanned copies of various writings regarding the Buchanan Clan, including works by William Buchanan of Auchmar, Alexander Buchanan, QC, Patrick Buchanan & John Guthrie Smith, to name a few. In the documents section there are printed materials pertaining to various families



Here's Lori K. Gibson of Oakville, Washington, placing wreaths for "Wreaths Across America" at the Orting Old Soldiers Home in Orting, Washington last year.

within the Buchanan genealogy, from many different areas. You may find some of these reference works to be helpful in your own research.

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AUDACEO JUVO - JUSTICE FAVORS THE BOLD
An Ancient Chiefly Buchchan Motto



Greetings

Paula

the Lady Buchanan

Lockdown with dogs & family



Bertie

Before

Bertie

After

Bertie & Poppy on the sofa.

Well, things have been pretty quiet here at Cambusmore as we have been in full lockdown in Scotland for the last few months since the last newsletter, really.

It looks like it will continue for the next few months, too.

My children are still at home due to their universities closing in person tuition and are working as hard as ever and have taken up other interests which they can do from home.

Lucy is actively working with a UK-based children's charity called HoneyPot which looks after childcarers aged 5 years to 12 years. These young childcarers struggle at the best of times but this lockdown has made things much harder for them as they cannot get any respite help.

She chose them as a charity for a fundraising event she is involved with.

Bruce is spending a great deal of time with his cars, one of which is in pieces in a garage. He is learning how to maintain cars himself.

His other car is looking really good actually. He is busy with this in-between his coursework.

The dogs are loving lockdown as they get a house full of people with loads of walks and attention. So they are happy.

Actually, Bertie had lockdown hair and was in-

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from the PRESIDENT

David Byrne, President, CBSI

There is certainly a new sense of optimism as we see the increased administration of vaccines here in the United States and the United Kingdom. I have been getting word of more Highland Games and Scottish Festivals being scheduled, or perhaps more accurately, returning to the schedule this year. The Society will get the word out to you all as we learn of them.

The pandemic was an event of historic proportions that will affect humankind for years to come. Events like this have occurred regularly throughout history. While not on the same scale as the pandemic, the Clan Buchanan went through an event that changed the Clan forever when the last chief before modern times, John Buchanan, died in 1682 without an heir.

I just completed a free three-week online course *Highland Clans and Scottish History*, (<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-highland-clans>). It is part of the University of Glasgow on-line curriculum and it was an excellent explanation of how Scottish clans and clanship functioned during the period of 1423-1800 A.D. and I recommend it highly. As I progressed through the course it became more apparent to me what the impact of John Buchanan's death, and the loss of the clan lands, would have meant to our ancestors living at the time. 1682 was still at the height of the clan system which would not begin to seriously erode until after the Acts of Union in 1707 and escalate after the uprising of 1745 and the Battle of Culloden and then the Highland Clearances.

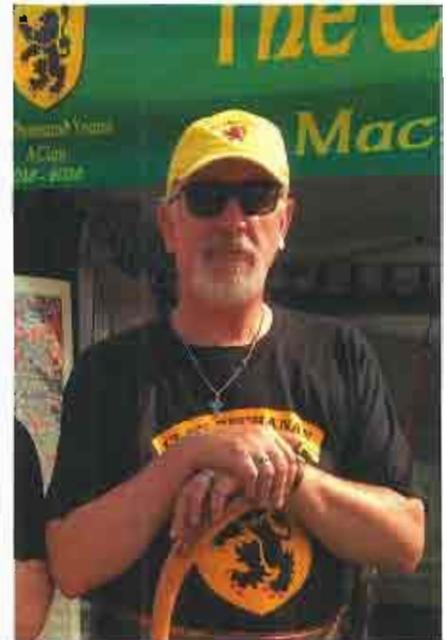
Scottish clanship was a powerful social and economic arrangement between the clan chief and his clan. It affected everything about their lives and well being. Agriculture, trades, housing, music, culture, tradition, and the administration of the law; were all controlled by the clan at a local level.

After the loss of their chief and their land, our clan folk at the time would have found themselves in an exceedingly difficult and embarrassing position. It is hard for us now to truly grasp how strong a bond existed between the highland people and their clan and chief. This would change dramatically during the 18th and 19th centuries, but the bonds were still strong in 1682.

I often get asked by our members why their families left Scotland in the 1700s to go to Ireland, Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Australia and other parts of the world?

To understand the diaspora more fully, it is important that we look to Scotland and what was happening to our Clan and to Scotland as a nation at that time. When we do, the story of our people becomes easier to understand and their strength and determination to forge a new life in new lands becomes easier to admire.

Your personal family history and genealogy is also intertwined with the events that occurred around them. As you research your family it is helpful and interesting to go back and search the history at the same time. As Buchanan Clan Tents once again begin to pop up at games and festivals around the world, be sure to join us and let us help you with that search.





creasingly doing a remarkably good impression of a highland coo and needed attention.

Fortunately, the dog groomers have now finally opened to a limited extent for 'desperate' dogs. He is now sporting a 'smoothie' hairstyle and looks several years younger and seems much happier as a result.

I'm not sure when people hairdressers will be allowed to open but at least Bertie is now not overheating.

One of the photos shows Bruce with Bertie in his newfound splendor and Poppy too joining in on the fun. (To the left.)

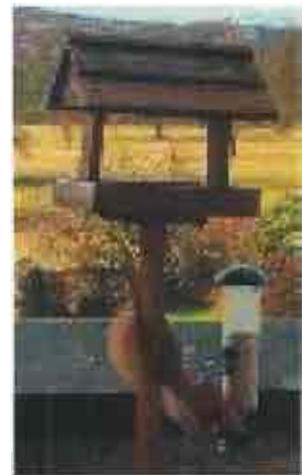
I have also put a photo of Bertie before his haircut. Also a pic of Bertie and Poppy on the sofa. Bertie seems almost half his normal size now but glad to be back home. (On page 2.)

I am really pleased to hear that some of the Highland Games are now going ahead this year.

I am sure it will be a great relief for many to start getting back to normal. It's been a tough year for everyone but I hope that there have been elements of it that have been positive.

I wish everyone the best of health and that everyone's lives can start moving ahead again in the new normal reality.

To the right is also a cheeky red squirrel, named Gus, doing some gymnastics to eat some peanuts from our bird feeder.



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de jure Regni Apud Scotos

Claude Buchanan, Clan Buchanan Herald at large Emeritus

For four hundred years, George Buchanan's Latin text, the *Dialogus de jure Regni Apud Scotos*, has been known to the Latinist legal philosopher as a profound study of the art and science of good government.

The work was published at the time when the Scottish people had forced Mary Queen of Scots to abdicate in favour of her infant son, James, and George Buchanan sought to establish the rights of the people to bring their Crowned Head to order.

This was, for the time, a novel principal to express and the book was widely and eagerly read by those reaching towards the more egalitarian principals of government that have now become part of our democratic parliamentary system.

Despite the fact that the *Dialogus* was not well received by King James (to whom the work was dedicated) or the establishment, and was condemned by the Scottish Parliament, banned after the restoration of Charles II and ordered by the University of Oxford to be publicly burned by common hangman, the book had a profound influ-

ence on the political thinking of the time.

In England, Parliamentarians cited Buchanan to justify their own proceedings against the King and the tendrils of Buchanan's principals, enunciated first in this Dialogue, can be found interwoven in the Constitutions and Legal systems that have stemmed throughout the world from what has been called the "Mother of Parliaments."

The work, although neglected by our own universities, was for many years in some Continental seats of learning

mentioned as a major classic, but only one translation into English by an American, Duncan H. McNeill, has been published.

This important exposition of early democratic thought has been made available to people throughout the world who study the evolution of principals governing the democratic heritage.

From your editor: Claude Buchanan sent the book to me to be brought to all of Clan Buchanan through the *Buchanan Banner*.

Since the length of the book is about 150 pages, it could not be presented in its

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A letter from Bryan Mulcahy

Here's a FREE Tracing Female Ancestors Webinar for everyone who is working on their genealogy!



Dear Buchanan friends, the May 7, 2021 webinar on Tracing Female Ancestors has been approved for presentation. However, the programming coordinator is currently involved with our virtual SW Florida Reading Festival program. Until this event is concluded the link to register will not be available on the library homepage. In an effort on my part to make the registration process convenient for everyone, there are two choices:

1. You are welcome to email me with your registration request. I will save them all and register you as soon as the link is established. My email is <bmulcahy@leegov.com>

2. Wait until the link is established and self register. I'm willing to do whatever is necessary to make every effort keep the process simple.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support.
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Genealogy website, *continued from page 1*

Please let us know what you would like to have added to the website or any comments you might choose to make. Society members may submit their family genealogies to <genealogist@theclanbuchanan.com> for inclusion in this project.

Please send a Gedcom file with any supporting documentation that you may have.

It is understood that if you choose to submit your records, they will become part of the searchable database on the website.

Please have a look at <www.buchanan-genealogy.org> and create your user account with the email address that you use for your CBSI membership.





- * *April 10-11, San Antonio, TX
Celtic Music Festival*
- * *April 2 - 3, Dunedin, FL
Dunedin Highland Games
& Festival*
- * *April 10 - 11, Colorado Tartan Day*
- * *April, Loch Norman Highland Games*
- * *May 1, Savannah, GA Scottish Games*
- * *May 22, Elkton, MD,
Fair Hill Scottish Games*
- * *May 1-2, Bernaillo, NM
Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival*
- * *May 15, Reno, NV
Northern Nevada Celtic Celebration*
- * *May 29, Greenville, SC
Greenville Scottish Games*
- * *June 5, Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee Highland Games*
- * *June 4-5, Glasgow, Kentucky
Glasgow Highland Games*
- * *June 12 - 13, Blairsville, GA
Blairsville Scottish Festival
and Highland Games*
- * *July 17 - 18, Elizabeth, CO
Elizabeth Celtic Festival*
- * *June 18 - 19, Chicago, Itasca, IL
Chicago Scots Highland Games*
- * *No events to be convened in Virginia
through 2021*

Here's "the Kitchen"



Above is a view of "Keppinch," or, the "Kitchen."

David Byrnes writes, "As we now know that the origins of the Buchanan Clan do not lie in Ireland but, in fact, in western Scotland long before the year 1,000 AD.

It is interesting to speculate on our early history.

There is one structure known as "The Kitchen" which may hold some clues.

This small island is really a crannog which is a manmade island dating from 500 BCE to 1000 CE. It lies just off the tip of the island of Clairinsh.

Historians even speculate that this crannog may have been the site of early Clan gatherings in medieval times.

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entirety here, or even serialized. My friend, Alastair McIntyre, at electricscotland.com has put the entire book in the Clan Buchanan section of electricscotland.com.

You may access the book by visiting the website: < https://electricscotland.com/webclans/atoc/george_buchanan.htm >

Evidence that Isabel Stewart is not the mother of Walter Buchanan's children

Patty Hopkinson, CBSI Genealogist Emeritus

Isabel Stewart (hereafter referred to as "Isabel") was a great-granddaughter of King Robert II, of Scotland, and wife of Walter Buchanan, chief of Clan Buchanan (hereafter referred to as "Walter"). There is confusion as to the number of the chiefs at this point depending upon which sources you follow. I will not attempt to identify which number chief he was. All sources seem to agree he was one of the Buchanan chiefs and he seems to have been chief by 1394 when he witnessed a charter.

There has long been a standing question about whether Isabel was the mother of Walter's children. If Walter's children were by Isabel, then later Buchanan Chiefs that were descendants of Walter and Isabel would have been descended from royalty and would have been very close in line to succeed to the Scottish throne at this time in Scottish history.

The two major resources that have compiled Buchanan genealogy are 1) *An Inquiry into the Genealogy and Present Stater of Ancient Scottish Surnames with the Origin and Descent of the Highland Clans and Family of Buchanan*, by William Buchanan of Auchmar published in 1725 ("Auchmar"); and 2) *Strathendrick and It's Inhabitants From Early Times*, by John Guthrie-Smith published in 1896 ("Guthrie-Smith"). Auchmar says Walter married Isabel and it is evidenced by a charter dated 1443. Auchmar implies that Isabel was the mother of Walter's children by his lack of mentioning an unknown first wife, or by not implying in any way that anyone but Isabel was the mother of Walter's children. Guthrie-Smith says that Isabel was Walter's second wife and

that his children were from a prior unnamed first wife. No real evidence is provided to support either position.



Robert II of Scotland

For many years I took the position until I saw evidence that Isabel was not the mother of Walter's children, I would assume she was because I could not find evidence that she was not the mother of Walter's children. Birth estimates for the Buchanan Chiefs in the tree at this point vary greatly and some of those estimates certainly would have made it possible for Isabel to be the mother of Walter's children. I changed my opinion once I looked at the question from the perspective of Isabel's family.

When you look at Isabel's family, it is hard not to conclude that Isabel was not the mother of Walter's children.

Isabel's Family

Isabel's father was Murdoch Stewart, Duke of Albany (hereafter called "Murdoch"). Murdoch was born 1362 and was executed on 24 May 1425. He was the son of Robert Stewart, Duke of Albany, and grandson of Robert II, King of Scotland. That is Isabel's royal connection through her father Murdoch.

According to the *History of the Partition of Lennox*, by Mark Napier, Esq. published in 1835 ("Napier") the marriage contract between Murdoch and Isabella was dated 17 FEB 1391. Isabel's birth estimate varies from as early as 1392 and as late as 1405. Traditionally, when listing children with estimated

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Walter Buchanan's children, *continued from page 8*

birth dates, the male children were listed first, with female children being listed second. Birth estimates would be then placed on the list. This would often lead to later birth estimates for females. The range from 1392 to 1405 is all plausible as birth estimates for Isabel.

Isabel's mother was Isabella, Countess of Lennox (hereafter referred to as "Isabella"). She was Countess of Lennox in her own right. What that means is that she did not gain that title by marriage, rather she inherited it directly from her father.

Females could inherit titles in their own right only when there was no legitimate male issue of the title holder. In this case, Isabella's parents were Donnchadh Lennox and Helen Campbell, and they had 3 daughters: 1) Isabella (married and had 3 daughters: 1) Isabella (married Murdoch Stewart, Earl of Fife, Duke of Albany); 2) Elizabeth (married John Stewart of Darnley, Lord of Aubigny, Concessault and Count of Evreux; and 3) Margaret (married Robert Menteith). Donnchadh had at least 4 illegitimate children, but illegitimate children could not succeed to titles. In this instance, because there were no legitimate male children, Lennox went to Isabella, the oldest daughter.

Isabella was imprisoned for 8 years after her husband, father, and sons were executed for treason for her son James' rebellion against King James I. Isabella recovered the estate of Lennox after the death of James. In 1437, Isabella ruled Lennox until her death in 1458.

Murdoch and Isabella had five children: 1) Robert who died in 1421 without children; 2) Walter who was executed in 1425 and died without children; 3) Alexander who was executed in 1425 and died without children; 4) James, known by the nickname "The Fat" who fled to Ireland after he led the rebellion that

led to his father's and brother's execution.

He lived in exile in Ireland until his death in 1429 (a few say 1449) and left no legitimate issue, and 5) Isabel married Walter.

We note that James "the Fat" had several illegitimate children while in Ireland. Since all of James's children were illegitimate, they were not entitled to inherit the titles of Albany from their grandfather or Lennox from their grandmother.

We can conclude that Isabel died before her mother or she would have received Lennox as the only living legitimate issue of Isabella.

Even though Isabel died before Isabella, if she had any legitimate children, those children would have been entitled to Lennox.

There is no evidence that Walter's children ever attempted to claim Lennox as they would have been entitled to if they were the legitimate issue of Isabel.

Napier provides additional support for this conclusion when he shows that in 1473 Lennox was ultimately bestowed upon Sir John Stewart of Darnley ("Darnley"). Darnley claimed Lennox by being the grandson of Isabella's sister Elizabeth.

So, from this I was forced to conclude Isabel left no issue from

Walter and that his children were by an unknown first wife.

(Footnotes) 1 One of James's sons was another James, known as James "Beg" Stewart. James "Beg" ended up marrying Annabella Buchanan, daughter of Patrick Buchanan, Chief of Buchanan, and grandson Walter.

This marriage and the marriage of Isabel to Walter demonstrates how close this branch of the Stewarts and the Chiefs of Buchanan were.

It has been stated that it was the closeness to the Buchanan Clan that allowed James "Beg" and his siblings to return to Scotland after James I death. James "Beg" left many descendants in the Balquidder area of Perthshire.



James I & VI of Scotland

*May all of Clan Buchanan Society International send loving
Get Well wishes to former genealogist, Patty Hopkinson!*



THE SEARCH FOR A BUCHANAN CHIEF, A JOURNEY OF 337 YEARS

Dr. Kelly Carter

This article was submitted by Dr. Kelly Carter, the Buchanan Commissioner for the Mid-Atlantic region. She is a retired U.S. Army Colonel and is now a Data Scientist with CACI, working with public sector clients to bring them Artificial Intelligence solutions.

It was a journey that took John Michael Buchanan Baillie-Hamilton more than twenty years of research, Court petitions, and a name change to complete.

It was an arduous task, and rightfully so, as the void he fills had been vacant for 337 years.

The last Chief of the Clan Buchanan, recognized by The Court of the Lord Lyon, prior to John Michael Buchanan Baillie-Hamilton, was John Buchanan of that Ilk who died in 1681.

At the time of his death, John Buchannan had no male heirs to whom he could pass the torch. Therefore, his death marked the end of an era, after which the clan was thrust into an uncertain future.

After 665 years of uninterrupted lineage, 19 successive lairds, the chiefly lineage effectively ended in 1681 and the house of Buchanan was no more.

Or was it?

Although 1681 may have marked the last year a Chief was seated, since that time, the Buchanans, their associated kindred, and those of the family septes around the world have been busy!

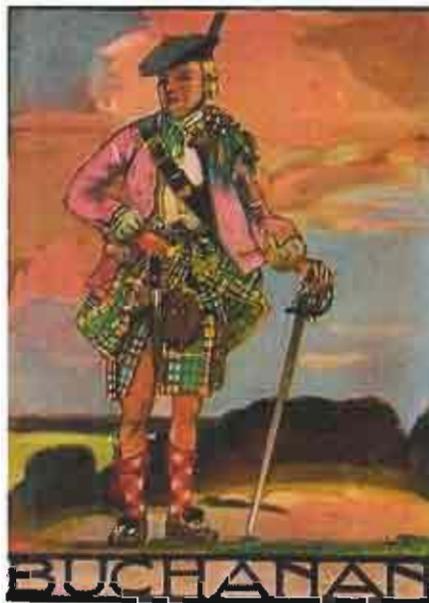
Over the past several hundred years, our cousins have made many important contributions and filled many profound roles, including serving as a

U.S. President, becoming a Scottish Olympic medalist, championing worthy causes as a British philanthropist, gaining global attention as a renowned Canadian soccer player, presiding as a member of the Australian Supreme Court, and contributing to the common good as noted soldiers, scholars, politicians, and artists.

The Buchanan name is unique among Highland families because it is derived from the lands upon which the Clan settled, and not from a personal ancestor.

Clan mythology names the founder of the family as Anselan O'Kyan, a nobleman from Ulster at the dawn of the eleventh century, in 1016.

The Buchanan Society (of Scotland) is one of the oldest clan societies world-wide and only affords full membership to those with the surname



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The Search for a Buchanan Chief, a Journey of 337 Years, *continued from page 10* ———

of Buchanan, MacAuslan, MacWattie, and Risk.

The Society was formed as a charitable organization in 1725 at Glasgow, Scotland. The Society's goal was to assist those members of the clan who were struggling financially. This goal is still championed by the Buchanan Society today.

Far and away from Scotland, across the Atlantic Ocean, the Clan Buchanan Society International was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America.

It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International (CBSI), to reflect the society's expanded purpose and membership. CBSI now includes many active members throughout Canada, Australia, and the United States.

In 2016, CBSI celebrated its birthday, 1,000 years as a clan.

The year 2016 not only marked the Clan's 1,000th year birthday, it was also the year that started a new chapter in the Clan's history.

Armed with the decades of research by the renowned genealogist Hugh Peskett, John Michael Buchanan Baillie-Hamilton brought forth an official petition before The Court of the Lord Lyon, the heraldry court of Scotland, to recognize him as Chief of the Buchanan Clan.

Hugh Peskett, also a Buchanan, is said to have promised his Grandmother that he would find the Buchanan Chief, and, in presenting this claim, he fulfilled his promise.

In determining whether John Michael Buchanan Baillie-Hamilton was the legitimate Chief of the Clan Buchanan, The Court of the Lord Lyon considered three primary factors.

First, the Court considered the way in which the title was traditionally conferred. Traditionally,

the title of Clan Chief is passed from father to child, patrilineally. First, to the oldest male heir, then to any remaining male heirs in birth order. If no male heir exists, the title is then bestowed on the female heirs, again in birth order.

Therefore, if a male heir exists, the oldest surviving son is deemed the heir apparent. Women were also designated as heir apparent should no male heirs exist.

Should the heir apparent produce no heirs, then, upon their death, their chiefly line was deemed extinguished; the office and title then passed to the decedent's next younger brother and then through that brother's lineage.

The brother's family lineage then becomes the new chiefly line. Similarly, when an entire chiefly branch has no more heirs, it is extinguished, so the most senior line to branch from the chiefly line, becomes the new chiefly line.

The second factor the Court considered, is the Buchanan surname itself, as the position and title are implicitly linked to the surname, Buchanan.

Therefore, a Harper or a Gibson, etc. cannot serve as chief of Clan Buchanan. One should note that for female heirs, who more commonly change their surnames upon marriage, arrangements have been made so that the husband and children assume her surname, and thus the surname, office, and title can be passed to her offspring.

This practice has resulted in names that are compound, hyphenated, or what is termed 'double-barreled.'

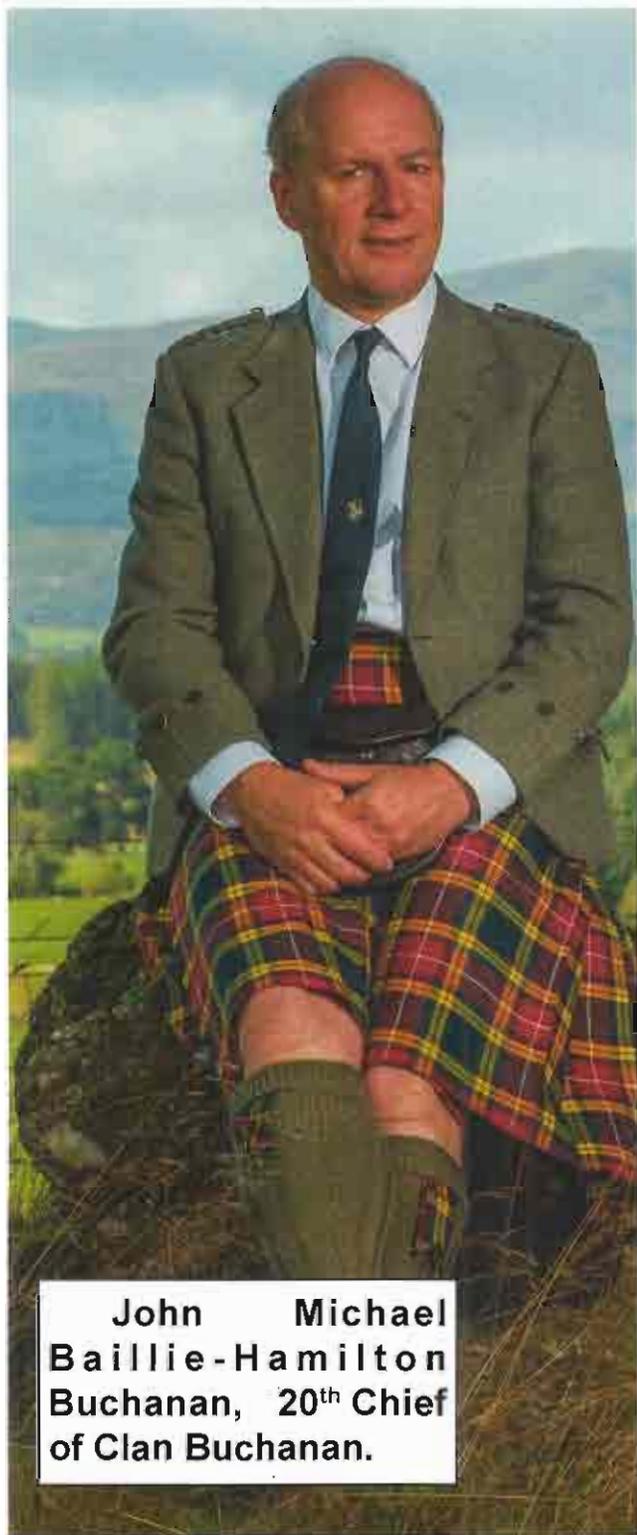
The Court has determined it is the last name that decides the matter. Thus, under these rules articulated by the Court, a Shaw-Buchanan is considered a Buchanan but a Buchanan-Shaw is considered a Shaw.

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The Search for a Buchanan Chief, a Journey of 337 Years, *continued from page 11* ———

The Court has also stated that, in the case of a chief as the representor of the family, the surname cannot be a compound name. These rules initially presented an issue for John Michael Buchanan Baillie-Hamilton. However, this did not deter him in his mis-



**John Michael
Baillie-Hamilton
Buchanan, 20th Chief
of Clan Buchanan.**

sion to ensure that a Chief was seated as the head of the Clan.

Third, the Court considered an individual's connection to chiefly lands. We'll touch on this again shortly.

In October 2017, the Court posed the question: if the petitioner is not from the senior line of Buchanan (as may have been indicated by the people notified of the petition), what basis does he have for claiming the title of Chief?

A preliminary hearing was held to consider this matter on Nov 22, 2017, after which a petition was brought forward to the Court on December 5, 2017.

Proper notice was provided to give individuals that might object to the petition, or lay claim the position themselves, an opportunity to be heard by the Court. The petition was specifically made known to two individuals whom may have had a claim to more senior cadet lines than the petitioner.

It was also posted in a newspaper, on the Buchanan Society (Scottish) website, as well as the Clan Buchanan Society International web site. Those who wanted to challenge the petition were given a 42-day period during which they could come forward to contest the claim. None did.

On January 16th, 2018 the Court held that since no individuals came forward to oppose the claim, or claim the title of Chief, that there was a presumption of non-existent opposition. Further, the Court ruled that any senior lines were deemed extinct in the eyes of the law.

This ruling set the stage for a hearing of proof before The Court of Lord Lyon on March 22nd, 2018. It was at this hearing that the lineage of John Michael Buchanan Baillie-Hamilton was presented and proven to be connected to the Chiefly line.

Of prime importance to his claim was a 1953 Lyon Court document finding that John Michael Buchanan Baillie-Hamilton's grandfather was from the lineage of John Buchanan, the first house of Buchanan of Leny and Arnprior; vice the second house of Leny. Thus, he was from a senior line.

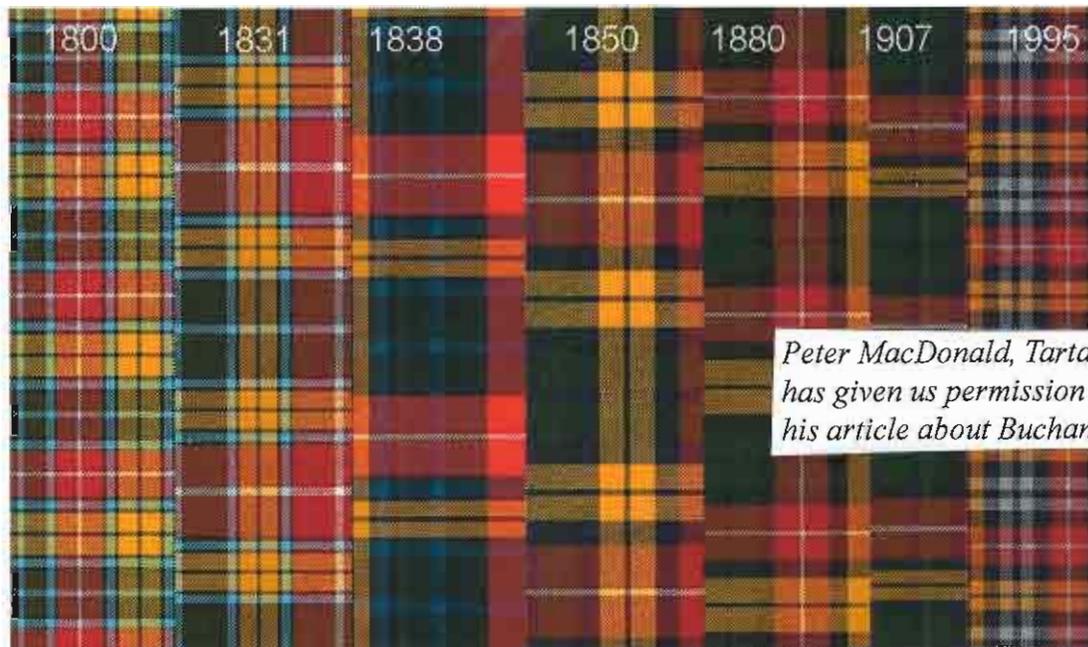
The Court went on to rule that, while not definitive, there was merit to John Michael Buchanan Baillie Hamilton's association of chiefly lands.

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Buchanan

INTRODUCTION

The Buchanan tartan has been produced in a plethora of versions over the years, many of which were the result of incorrect copying of earlier specimens (Plate 1). As discussed later, these errors were often the result of a failure to understand and/or correctly record the original asymmetric setting. It is one of the few old asymmetric patterns to have been adopted as a clan tartan before the 20th century and it remains one of relatively a small group even today.



Peter MacDonald, Tartan Historian has given us permission to reprint his article about Buchanan tartan here.

Plate 1. Variations in the setting of the Buchanan tartan over time. © The Author

ORIGINS OF THE SETT

The oldest record of the Buchanan tartan is a Highland Revival era cloak c1800-10 (Plate 2). Examination of the cloth confirms that it is hard tartan of the type produced by Wm. Wilson & Son, Bannockburn during the late 18th and early 19th centuries and importantly, that the pattern was asymmetric at that time.

In this early version of the cloth the red, green and yellow blocks are almost identical in size and the blue is Wilsons' *Light or Sectian Blue* as opposed to a mid-dark shade more commonly seen today. This piece includes an obvious weaving error in the light blue centred on the green (Plate 3). Such small asymmetric check patterns are typical of some of Wilsons' *fancy patterns*. They were often simply identified by a number although some were later named, often after a place, famous person or event. We don't know what this pattern was called c1800, nor when the name became associated with it but it was certainly known as Buchanan by 1831 as it is amongst the tartans given by Logan¹. It may have been designed for, or named after, a particular Buchanan individual or family but we will probably never know.

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Plate 2. Buchanan Cloak c1800-10.
Photo courtesy of the National Museum of Scotland



Plate 3. Asymmetric Buchanan tartan c1800-10 with weaving error.
Photo courtesy of the National Museum of Scotland

THE SETTING

Asymmetric designs often cause confusion and the Buchanan tartan is no exception. In this case the confusion goes back to the first known recording, that by Logan. His scales were based on samples provided by Wilsons and his method of recording was to measure each colour in $\frac{1}{8}$ th inch. However, the recording method was not applied uniformly even with symmetrical patterns. In the case of the Buchanan his count was written in exactly the same way as all the other counts, all of which are symmetrical (Fig 3). The count starts in the middle of the light blue stripe centred on the green and finishes with the whole of the white stripe centred on the red. We are fortunate that Wilsons' comments on Logan's scales survive. Of the Buchanan they said '*The scale given of this Tartan is very defective – a correct one is given – note this pattern is*'. The sentence is incomplete but it must surely have been a reference to the fact that the sett was asymmetric, a point supported by specimens of the time.

Logan's confusion with the Buchanan was the result of his recording method using scales in which the individual stripes were recorded in $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (Plate 4). It was a logical process for someone unfamiliar with weaving but it did require an understanding of layout of a tartan pattern and here, he was clearly at a loss. This is immediately apparent from his description of the process of taking a threadcount.

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'A web of tartan is two feet two inches wide, at least within half an inch, more or less, so that the size of the patterns makes no difference in the scale. Commencing at the edge of the cloth, the depth of the colours is stated throughout a square, on which the scale must be reversed or gone through again to the commencement'.

$\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch.	Colours.						
ABERCROMBIE.		8	blue	8	green	1	black
$3\frac{1}{2}$	green	$\frac{1}{2}$	red	8	black	1	blue
$\frac{1}{2}$	white	8	black	8	blue	7	black
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1	blue	$\frac{1}{2}$	green	1	black	$\frac{1}{2}$	yellow
1	black	$\frac{1}{2}$	red	8	blue	7	black
1	blue	4	green	8	black	6	blue
1	black	$\frac{1}{2}$	red	8	green	1	black
$3\frac{1}{2}$	blue	$\frac{1}{2}$	green	1	black	1	blue
BUCHANAN.		$1\frac{1}{2}$	red	2	yellow	CHISHOLM.	
$\frac{1}{2}$	azure	8	green	1	black	$2\frac{1}{2}$	red
8	green	8	black	8	green	8	green
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1	azure	8	blue	1	blue	2	blue
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2	yellow	CAMPBELL.		4	blue	11	red
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1	white	1	blue	1	black	8	green
CAMERON.		8	black	1	black	$2\frac{1}{2}$	red
$\frac{1}{2}$	yellow	8	green	2	blue	1	blue
4	blue	1	black	1	black	COLQUHON.	
$1\frac{1}{2}$	red	2	white	1	blue	$\frac{1}{2}$	blue
		1	black	1	blue	1	black

This is worn by the Duke of Argyll and the Campbells of Lochaw. The Earl of Braidalban & his clan, wear the following pattern.

Plate 4. Logan's scale for the Buchanan and some other tartans.

Two surviving specimens of the time confirm that one selvedge was the middle of the blue stripe centred on the green (Plate 5). Support for the pattern being asymmetric, and therefore that Logan's count was *very defective*, can be inferred from Mclan's plate showing the Buchanan, for which work Logan provided the text and the tartans¹¹. The plate's detail is not exact but is sufficient to show that the pattern was asymmetric (Plate 6). The authors wrote of it that: "The tartan of the Buchanans, as shown here, contains that peculiarity of colour which has, about the Pass of Balmaha and Loch Lomond side, generally procured it the name of the breacan bhui". The correct spelling, Breacan Bhuidhe means the yellow tartan. We have no idea how widespread the use of this tartan was amongst Buchanans around south Loch Lomond some 50 years after its apparent design by Wilsons and the Mclan-Logan claim may have been nothing more than artistic licence.

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Plate 5. A Wilsons' sample c1830-40 with selvedge (right) on the blue. © The Author.



Plate 6. Detail of the tartan from Mclan's original Buchanan plate. Photo credit: David Pope.

This article will be completed in the next issue of The Buchanan Banner.



Statue of Robert Burns in George Square, Glasgow, with a Buchanan tartan bonnet and scarf



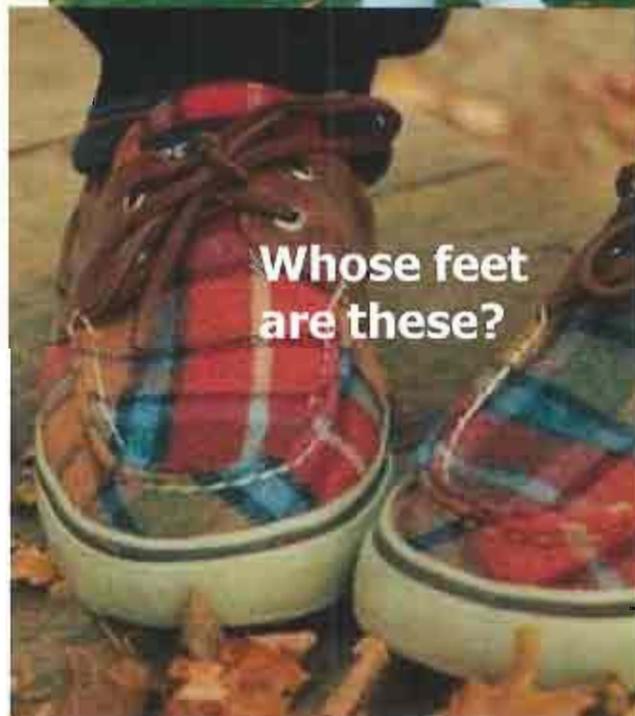
Does anyone know who this young man is?



Talk about snow!

David Byrne, CBSI president, sent along this photograph taken by NASA during this last winter in Scotland.

Brrrr! That's what it makes ME think!



Whose feet are these?

Follow-up on beginning your genealogy research



Christine Conlon (genealogyresearcher@comcast.net)

I don't know about those of you who work on your family genealogy, but when I began researching more than 20+ years ago I definitely didn't use "best practices". I didn't know about citing sources or the importance of this. I didn't use a research log or any type of log to record my various searches, I often accepted others' research as gospel. I just jumped in and began finding information. Well, I've learned a lot since I first began!

There are many resources online nowadays and you can learn nearly anything you might have an interest in. Many of the big-name genealogical sites offer webinars, some are free others are not. One that I particularly enjoy is *Legacy Family Tree Webinars*, <<https://familytreewebinars.com>> all live

webinars are free to the public and for \$49.95 (with discounts offered periodically) you can purchase an on-demand access webinar membership.

FamilySearch.org offers free Family History Library classes and webinars—for a listing go here<https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars>. *Family Tree* also offers online genealogy courses <<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/course/>>.

Many of the famous personalities in the genealogy world have their own sites, *FaceBook* pages, blogs, etc. and many of them offer their expertise in webinar format.

I have enjoyed Thomas McEntee's work for many years. At the beginning of January each year, he

hosts the *Genealogy Do-over* series on how to re-start your genealogical research. You can listen to the first of these Zoom interactive webinars. The address is at the bottom of the page No. 1. Here you can download the pdf version of the workbook at the bottom of the page No.2.

(Those long site addresses cannot be printed in a two column format. You just cannot read them. So, this is your editor's solution.)

I have been thinking about re-doing my research for a long while. I used to simply print things from the web & put them into a pile.

Someday I would get to sorting them out & filing them, but I didn't think this would be any more than a part-time hobby for me. When the piles began to

overwhelm me, I researched what the best way to organize my work would be and came upon a binder plan.

A binder for each family that I was researching, organized by name. That morphed into 4-inch binders (a constantly increasing number of them!) for the main family lines, with an indexed binder that contained instructions for the use of the system.

The index binder also had a page listing the various persons in the family line, organized by the Marriage Record Identification Number or MRIN.

Most systems for the organization of genealogy are male-centric, meaning they are organized by the

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males in the family tree. I use *Legacy Family Tree* software, which assigns Record Identification Numbers or RIN's to each individual who is entered, then an MRIN when there is a marriage recorded. I used the MRIN to index my binder system so that in order to locate an individual you would have to skim the entire index (the ID numbers don't correlate to an alphabetical listing of the surname), once you locate the correct male individual you take note of the RIN, to find their records in the RIN numbered tabs.

It's a good enough system, but you may have realized if you use something similar that it can become cumbersome when you begin to gather a lot of information.

Last year I decided to stop printing paper & filing in binders, I wanted to make everything electronic.

I know that not everyone is electronically oriented, but my ultimate goal was to be able to pass along a comprehensive but relatively small physical resource to whoever comes after me.

Each main family got their own external hard drive where the records pertaining to that family were stored, along with a Gedcom file of my research.

Previously I had created folders for people using their name as well as folders for headstone photos, census records, births, deaths, military records, etc. Now I wanted something that correlated better to my software's organization and which wasn't so scattered.

I decided that my RIN identification efforts weren't the best choice because they could change as I entered or removed data.

Now I have a main family folder with the surname as the title. Within that folder are folders for each individual named—Surname Given Name, which is also male-centric.

Within each male individual's folder, if they married, is another folder for marriage(s). Those are named—Groom's Surname Given Name-Bride's Surname Given Name.

All documentation that pertains to the bride/wife and this specific marriage is filed in the bride's folder. This allows me to create as many bride folders under the male's name as he had marriages.

One thing that this system isn't so good for is locating the females of my research, I need to know

who they married because all of the women's information is contained in the marriage folders under the husband's name.

This year the effort will be aimed at reorganizing my files, both electronic & physical, into the electronic folders for each family on a new 2 TB solid-state external hard drive—essentially beginning all over from the beginning. I plan to create completely new family trees and to better document my sources & download copies of each document into the pertinent folder.

One thing to note—there doesn't seem to be a one-size-fits-all or perfect system!

Then there's those boxes of pictures that need to be scanned and electronically organized.

The Search for a Buchanan Chief, a Journey of 337 Years, *continued from page 12*

In August 2018, the Court concluded that when taken in total, the evidence established that John Michael Buchanan Baillie-Hamilton's cadet line is now the senior line in the Buchanan Chiefly line.

Therefore, in addition to bestowing upon him the right to the title of Clan Chief—The Buchanan, they also bestowed upon him a name change. Placing Buchanan as his new surname, he became John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan, 20th Chief of Clan Buchanan.

The Buchanan has already started to assume his role and has participated in the Buchanan Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Scotland, May 2019.

In September 2019, he attended an international gathering of the Clan at the New Hampshire Highland Games, which is also the AGM for the Clan Buchanan Society International.

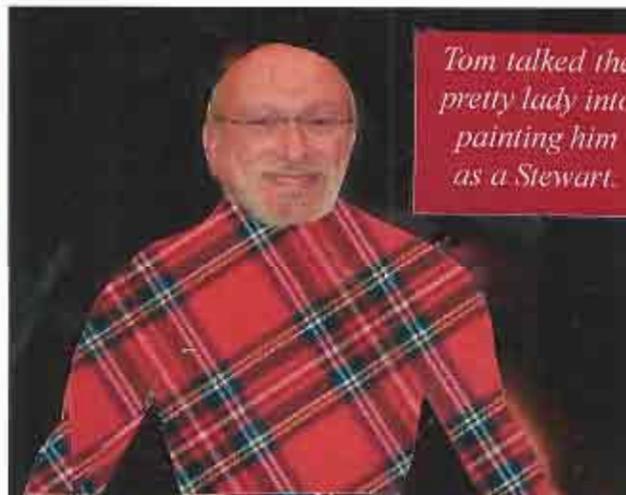
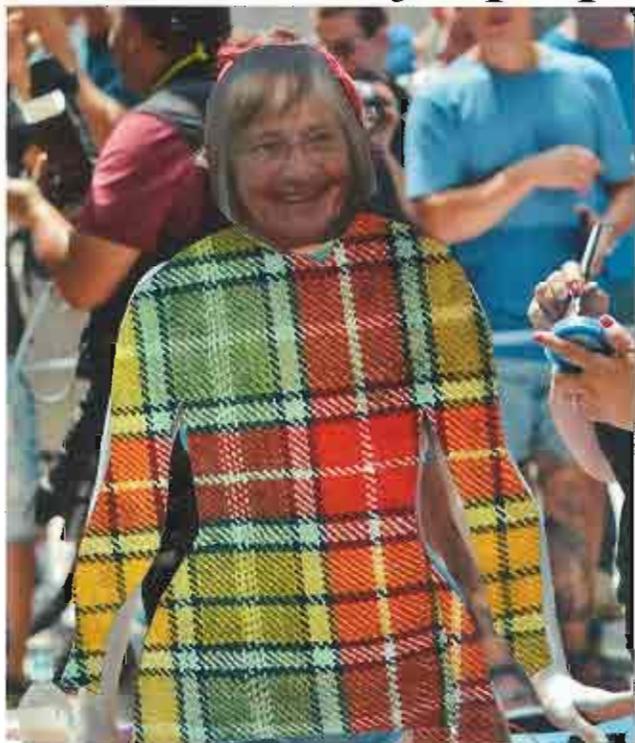
Whenever the pandemic allows it, John Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan will be inaugurated as the Chief of the Clan Buchanan.

Buchanan's from around the globe will join in rejoicing in this momentous occasion.

I am personally looking forward to this historic event with great anticipation, as our clan embarks on the next 1,000 years in our history.

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Warm the butter in the microwave until soft. Add sugar, salt, egg and vanilla – mix with a fork till well blended and smooth. Set aside.

In a separate bowl, mix the flour and baking powder till blended (you can 'sift' if you have a sifter). Then add the flour to the butter mixture and blend with a fork. (When the flour has been thoroughly mixed, the raw dough will be fairly dry and crumbly. If you keep the dough cool for the coming steps, it will be easier to work with.)

On a piece of waxed paper on your counter, put a couple of handfuls of raw dough. Place a second piece of waxed paper on top of the dough. Then, with a rolling pin, press the dough down until it is about ¼" thick. Remove the top waxed paper. With a table knife, trim the round, ragged edges off, to leave a square or rectangle of raw dough. Put the 'edges' back into the bowl for the next batch.

With the table knife, slice the dough into 'cookies' about ½" wide and 3" long. Transfer the cookies to the baking pan, spacing them about 1" apart for baking. Alternatively, you can use cookie-cutters to make shaped cookies.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake for either: 14 minutes for chewy cookies that are not browned, or 17 minutes for golden brown edges, and crisp cookies.

The browner cookies seem to have more flavor.

Did anyone know Verli Kress/Cress?

Help, please!

We don't know where my maternal grandmother was from. All my DNA is Celtic. I'm wondering if you recognize this recipe?

We grew up having these cookies (recipe above) at Christmastime each year. I still make them. We also think that grandmother was illiterate. There are two legal documents I have with her name on them, and each spells her last name differently: **KRESS** and **CRESS**. Her first name was "Verli" and she lived in St. Louis, Missouri.

If this rings any bells, I would sure like to know more about her. Thanking you in advance,

Shirley Manchester (Bohannon) and use shirley.manchesten@sbcglobal.net to contact me, please.



Our own Tom Gibson, of Gibson Whisky, Ltd., has decided to enter the USA market.

He has started negotiations with an American company to this effect.



Former Regional Director for Clan Buchanan Society International **John T. "Oudi" Ouderkirk, Jr.**, 65, died Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at the Westerly, R.I. Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Sally Hanson, to whom he was married for over 31 years.

Oudi was a lifelong resident of Westerly, having been born in Ithaca, New York to Helen Brown of Tecumseh, Michigan and the late John T. Ouderkirk, Sr. He is also survived by his brother Eric, of Juneau, Alaska.

He was a graduate of Hamilton College and earned his law degree at Western New England School of Law in Springfield, Massachusetts.

After passing the Massachusetts Bar, John worked in the Massachusetts Court system. He was best known as a child or parent advocate. Later he did briefs for the Massachusetts Appeals Court, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.

As a willing volunteer, he served as an active member of the USCG Auxiliary, Point Judith, Flotilla #79, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and the West-

erly Amateur Radio Team. Oudi was also a lifetime member of the Westerly Yacht Club, member of the Westerly Elks Lodge #678, the Rhode Island Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Oudi was a long time member of the Clan Buchanan Society International and served as Region 1 Director of the CBSI in the 1990s.

He was well known in the New England Scottish community as he was involved with many highland games and festivals. He also enjoyed playing the bagpipes.



What did my cousins think?

Pastor Andy Hart (pastorandy@pcfallingspring.org)

As a Presbyterian Pastor, a lover of history, and a proud member of the Buchanan Clan, my mind often goes to wondering what my ancestors were thinking when events were occurring in Scotland. In the 1500s, events were taking place in Scotland which affect me on a daily basis, and most likely my ancestors.

The 1500s were marked by religious upheaval in Europe with the beginning of the Reformation. My ancestors were caught up in this storm as some of them, Huguenots, were repressed and killed in France, others were leaders of the Church of England, and three

eventually left Europe to come to the US on a ship called the *Mayflower* for religious freedom. Scotland was not immune from these currents, especially with the rise of a man named John Knox. He lived in the 1500s, the time of Elizabeth I. Very controversial, his writings provoked quite a storm in Scotland, and it is probable that our ancestors were caught up in it.

Knox was very opposed to Mary Queen of Scots. More specifically, he was opposed to her Catholic Faith and her enforcement of Catholic Beliefs. Still read in seminaries and history classes in the 21st Century, Knox wrote something called *The First Blast Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women*. In this work, Knox took aim at women ruling calling it unbiblical. Now, before Kamala Harris gets upset, most if not all people don't agree with this statement. Bad politics and bad theology. But there are two things in the work that are critical. First, Knox mentions that people have the right

to resist a ruler that goes against the will of God, and that ordinary people have rights. Scots, like those who came to Central Pennsylvania where I live (perhaps a Buchanan or two), were influenced by these ideas providing the first spark of what was to turn into the flames of the American Revolution.

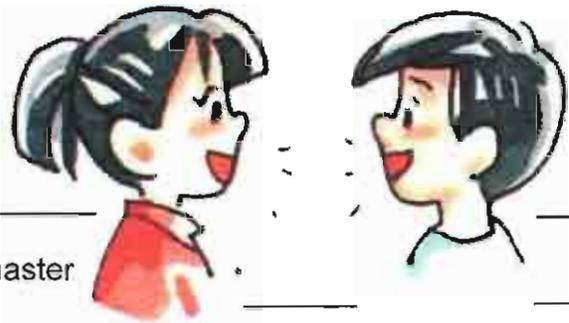
As a Presbyterian Pastor, Knox did something else which affects me and people all over the world. In other words, if there are Buchanans that are Presbyterian, what Knox did hundreds of years ago affects us today.

You see, the governmental foundation of the Presbyterian Church is found in the work of a man named John Calvin who lived in Geneva. The problem was that the system he developed was only practical to a city. Knox, who studied in Geneva, faced an issue which was the church government system needed to be for a national church. How can this be done? It sort of would be like taking a city government like Pittsburgh and applying it to the US. Knox developed governmental entities in national districts in both the lowlands and highlands called Presbyteries. These Presbyteries met yearly in Edinburgh to determine church policy. In 2020 it is how the Presbyterian Church works today affecting Buchanans all over the world.

So, I have to wonder what my ancestors thought as they discussed these events hundreds of years ago. However, what took place in Scotland some 500 years ago affects this Buchanan today.



THE SCOTS LANGUAGE



Danny McMurphy, CBSI Quartermaster

Scotland has four main recognized languages today, English, British Sign Language, Scottish Gaelic, and Scots. The latter three being a minority in Scotland.

Today, we wanted to touch on the Scots Language. Scots is recognized as an indigenous language of Scotland, a regional or minority language of Europe, and as a vulnerable language by UNESCO. Sometimes called Lowland Scots to differentiate it from Scottish Gaelic. Developed as a language parallel with English from Anglian, the language of the Venerable Bede, in the same way that French, Italian and Spanish developed as parallel languages from Latin.

As there are no universally accepted criteria for distinguishing a language from a dialect, there is sometimes difference in opinions about it! According to the Scots Language Centre, the name Scots is the national name for Scottish dialects sometimes also known as 'Doric', 'Lallans' and 'Scotch', or by more local names such as 'Buchan', 'Dundonian', 'Glesca' or 'Shetland'.

It is spoken in the following parts of Scotland: Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow, and Edinburgh as well as in the Borders, Dumfries and Galloway, central Scotland, Fife, the Lothians, Tayside, Caithness, the North East and Orkney and Shetland.

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In the original 1950 production, fireworks were used and became a tradition ever since. However in 2012, Dennis the Menace and Minnie the Minx characters performed on BMX bikes which broke that tradition!

Jim Tweedie, a senior architect, was appointed by the City Architect to create the first elevated "seating stands" in 1950. In 1975, the old scaffolding stands were replaced with stands built using a new German

Construction technique – these new stands were used for the next 36 years!

Yes, the new Tattoo stands as we know today were erected in 2011 and included new seats and increased the venue size by 35%, the total cost of the new stands at the time was £16 million.

In 1952 overseas performers were introduced! The United States Marine Corps performed for the first time in 1958 and since then the international presence has expanded not just at the domestic festival but the festival has also taken place overseas in New Zealand and Australia!





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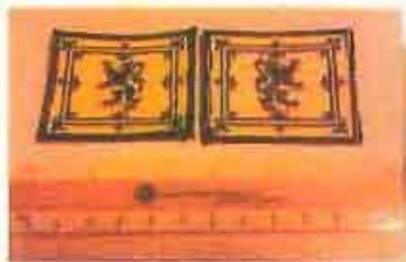
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Pullet-zer Prizes continue for Clan Buchanan folks who write for this publication!

Your editor is delighted to report that the **Pullet-zer Prizes** for Clan Buchanan Society International's members who contribute articles and information to the CBSI publication, *The Buchanan Banner* continue!

For this issue of April 2021 we honor Chris Conlon, Lori Gibson, Lady Buchanan, David Byrnes, Claude Buchanan, CBSI friend Bryan Mulcahy, Patty Hopkinson, Dr. Kelly Carter, Shirley Manchester (Bohannon), Pastor Andy Hart and Danny McMurphy.

I have to thank Tom Freeman for the design of our **Pullet-zer Prize** logo and for assistance with a special page in this April paper. The Buchanan came through with a wonderful photograph.

If anyone has ideas for (free) awards for folks over a year who contribute, please let me know at bethscribble@aol.com. Once again, it was FUN!

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