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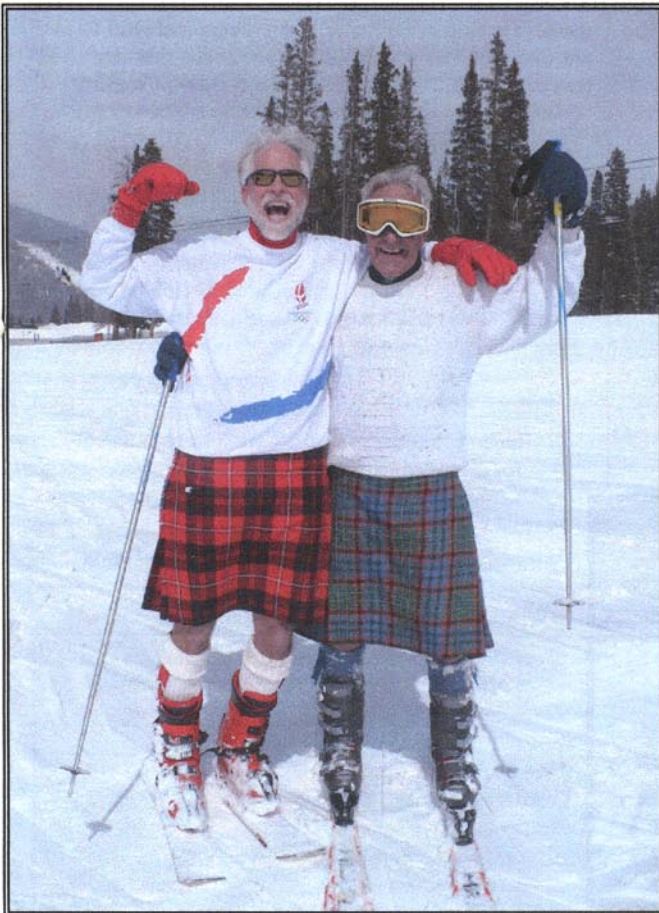
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By International Newsletter Editor and Publisher, Larry Augsbury - "The pursuit of excellence is not an event, it's a habit"

Rocky Mountain Clan Cunningham Tartan Day



High Commissioner, Larry Augsbury, --- [sporting the red Clan Cunningham modern tartan kilt with navy blue stripes guarding the white stripe pictured at left with his father, Jim Augsbury, in the Clan Cunningham hunting tartan kilt] --- shredded the slopes at Loveland ski resort last April 4th in honor of Colorado Tartan Day.

Jim, just 29 days from his 80th birthday demonstrated that his age is just a state of mind! Although Larry was not yet convinced when they were skiing through some trees and hit a patch of deep, fresh, new powder with the consistency of wet cement! Larry just barely keeping upright glanced back to see Jim tumbling like China's Zou Kai, in his gold medal winning Floor Exercise at the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympic Games! But after Jim took stock of his appendages, brushed off the snow, snapped back into the one ski wrenched loose from its binding, and let loose with a guffaw that would have made cartoon character Vavoom proud, Larry was a believer!

And, with Jim's mother Florence living to the hearty age of 103, there will be plenty more items to cross off these two lad's bucket lists, to be sure!

Braving a blizzard, forecast to dump up to 24" of snow that day, their intrepid resolve paid off with the blizzard mostly bypassing Loveland. The sun even made an intermittent appearance to cast a shadow like it conveniently did for the photo at left.

Neither lads having skied for about a decade, Larry took the opportunity during breaks to change his ski equipment and test the working order of the three varieties he brought along. He began the day skiing his traditional 203 centimeter Dynastars. After several runs he snapped into his much shorter 79 centimeter blades (as pictured

above) for some antics conjuring up the images of a whirling dervish or Tasmanian devil. And to round out the day Larry pried his feet out of those rigid ski (Continued on page 2)

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(Continued from page 1) boots and into some comfortable Sorels to discover whether the snowboard was still functionally in tact, and whether he could still remember how to use it!

Many thanks are extended to members Dr. Doris Tucker and Janice Augsbury for their superb efforts while

battling the ever changing weather and light conditions to capture for posterity the images of our Tartan Day kilted ski outing! (Group above: Doris, Larry, Jim & Janice Augsbury)

Poetry Contest

During a telephone conversation between my father, Jim, and I while making our plans to ski together in kilts on Tartan Day, we found the topic to have somehow wound its way to the poetry of Robert Burns. Probably from my quoting of the immortal line "The best laid schemes o' mice and men" from his poem *To a Mouse*. In any case, that reminded us of a book of children's poems my Grandmother once had published. So, then I queried

whether Jim had any interest in poetry himself. Or more to the point, whether he had any interest or talent in writing poems. I tried to entice him to give it a try by offering to publish it, if it had a Scottish or Cunningham theme. He called back later that evening and read to me, not one, but two poems he had composed that day. And true to my word, follows the works of James Augsbury:

[Mail or email at (query@clancunningham.us) your poetry to us!]

Ode to a Vole

In days gone by
when mowing fields,
my eyes enjoyed
what nature yields.

A scavenging rodent
runs in fear,
its life to save
for one more year.

This desperate run
by simple reason,

to survive another
mowing season.

Vole to the man:
"My life you'd end?
I'll offer this,
just be my friend."

So to the vole
from this ole bard:
"Relax, enjoy
my unmown yard."

Hold Your Breath or Tartan Day Kilted Ski Runs

Its Tartan Day
and time for fun,
to carve some
kilted ski runs.

The idea came
from the High Commish,
to make some turns
with Scottish swish.

Invites go out
for all to try.
It dawns on me...
and why not I!

Surprised, Lorc says,
"your kilt I have,

saltire boxers,
and lots of salve."

The plans are made,
the flights are booked.

So now we'll see,
whose goose gets cooked.

With hills and spills
and kilts a flyin',
we'll make it down
or die a tryin'.

But as for now
we'll wait and see,
who'll fair, and how,
my son and me!



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Curling originated in Scotland in the 16th century and spread across Europe before Scottish immigrants brought it to Canada in the 1750's. Since becoming an official Olympic sport in 1998, Canada, Finland, Norway and Switzerland have dominated men's curling, taking home eight out of the nine possible medals in 1998, 2002 and 2006. Add to the list Denmark, Great Britain and Sweden in women's curling, and the "big seven" have captured 17 of 18 gold, silver and bronze medals in the three Olympics. Curling has been a part of the sports landscape in these countries for hundreds of years, laying the foundation for Olympic dominance centuries later.

And to where would one suppose that the one bronze medal that got away from the big seven went, but team USA at the 2006 games in Torino, Italy where the US team battled their way onto the podium by besting the curlers from Great Britain.

Three of the four members of that US Olympic medallist team participated in the tournament held in Broomfield, Colorado last February. These three medallists were all on separate teams however, and only the rink led by Torino medallist John Shuster made it into the final match; attended by CCSA members Judy and George Lehmkuhl, Dr. Doris Tucker, and Larry Augsburg in Cunningham kilt.

As is often the case, the match came down to the final deciding stone which crowned the John Schuster Rink of: Shuster-Skip, Jason Smith-Vice Skip, Jeff Isaacson-Second, and John Benton-Lead as the 2009 National Champions, and the team led by John who will try and bring home another US medal at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada.

the game - and terms - of curling - 101

Curling is made up of 10 ends (like innings). An end consists of each team member shooting two stones alternately with an opponent's player from the same position. When all 16 stones have been delivered the score for that end is determined.

• **Rink** – A curling team, which consists of four players, the skip, third (vice-skip), second, and lead. All players are involved in every shot, with one shooting, two sweeping, and one calling strategy. Two rinks play against each other.



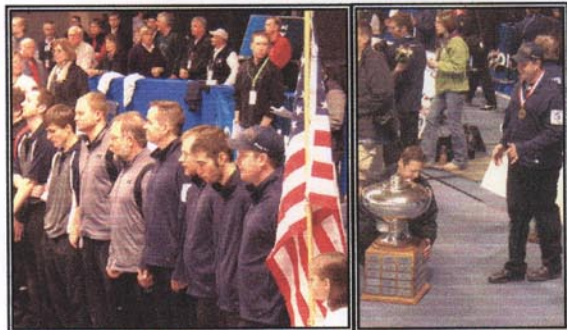
The playing surface is a sheet of ice 16'5" wide and 150' long, set up to accommodate play in both directions. A 12' diameter circle (the "house") is the scoring area within which is also an 8' and 4' circle. For each stone closer to the center of the circles (the "tee") than any of the opponent's, one point is scored. The team scoring shoots first in the next end, giving the opponent the "hammer," or last shot of that end.

All four players shoot two stones per end, beginning with the player referred to as the "lead." The "second" shoots next, and then the "third," or "vice-skip." The skip usually shoots the last stones and calls the strategy for the game.

The skip decides on shot selection and "reads" the curl in the ice for the shooter. The shooter must be accurate in three functions:

1. Aim (at the broom)
 2. Weight (velocity imparted to the stone)
 3. Imparting the correct "handle" (curl) to each shot.
- **Curl** – A turn of the stone's handle upon release makes the rock curl, or curve, as it travels down the ice. The stone curls in the direction of the turn.

• **Sweeping** – Players sweep to make the rock travel farther, or to keep it from curling too much. Good sweepers can increase the distance a stone travels by more than 10 feet. Sweeping creates a thin film of water under the rock that allows it to glide easier. Two players are ready to sweep each shot. the end



Pictured above left, from right to left, Shuster, Smith, Isaacson, and Benton await presentation of their National Championship gold medals. In gray is the silver medal team of Tyler George.

Pictured above right, John Schuster of Chisholm, MN wearing his 2009 National Championship Curling gold medal awaits presentation of the trophy he accepts on behalf of his team.

Editors note: based on articles in The Highlander magazine May/June 2009

The Marriage of William 13th Earl

In the article by G. Barclay Robertson, *James Macrae, Adventurer on the High Seas* - about the colorful life of this sea captain and privateer who hunted, captured, and destroyed pirate ships plaguing East India Company vessels - is mentioned Macrae's generosity to his cousin, Bel Macguire and her husband Hugh, and their family---one of whom married into the noble Glencairn line.

Macrae's generosity to the Macguires, including the lands, arranged marriages, and dowry's he provided to the family stemmed from his gratitude for their kindness shown his mother who had always been treated as family following the death of Macrae's father when James was but a lad of five.

Poverty forced his mother Bel to move near her niece, also named Bel, where she gleaned a humble living. James ran off to sea at age 15, returning home after amassing a fortune after more than 40 years.

According to this Highlander magazine article, the following insights are reprinted from within:

"Macrae's next act of generosity was to the Macguire's eldest granddaughter, Elizabeth, who was employed as a farm servant. He paid for her education at a boarding school and, acting like a marriage broker, arranged her wedding to an impoverished William Cunningham, the 13th Earl of Glencairn, holder of the oldest earldom in Ayrshire. The earl was not much taken with the idea of marrying a commoner, but changed his attitude when he discovered that Elizabeth's dowry was to be £45,000 in diamonds, and the valuable estate of Ochiltree, bought by Macrae for £25,000."

"Sadly, the earl could not bring himself to give Elizabeth the respect she merited, even encouraging their sons to behave insolently to her. They did, however, treat her with regard as they became older, and the Countess of Glencairn was to reach high esteem as a member of Scottish society."

"She and her son James, the 14th earl, befriended the young Robert Burns, becoming his patrons and introducing him to the Edinburgh literati. They were also instrumental in supporting the publication of the Edinburgh Edition of Burns' work."

This article also yielded another nugget of insight on Clan Cunningham history. In 1746 while Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was retreating north toward its destiny at Culloden, Charles Edward Louis

Philip Casimir Stuart demanded food, clothing, supplies and horses from the Glasgow city council, taking two of its members hostage in the bargain. In response, James Macrae made arrangements for a substantial loan to alleviate the situation, from £1,500 and beyond according to various records. According to the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, that loan was made to the Glasgow City Council at 4% by maker, James Cunningham, 14th Earl of Glencairn.

Henry de Cunningham of Vieil-Baugé, 1421

Henry Cuningham was the third son of Sir William Cuningham, Lord of Kilmaurs. As was reported in the Jan. 15, 2009 issue, Sir William is the 11th in the noble Glencairn line from Warnebald. Many more details were included in that issue about their distinguished history; and, much more of course is in our *Clan Cunningham Origins, Heritage & Traditions* book. But, the battle of Vieil-Baugé, which is noted on the blazon from French war archives, *at left*, was not featured in that January

issue among the several battles of the 100 Years War in which these valiant knights fought. So, imagine my delight to see the article by Derek Stewart, *The Battle of Baugé*, also in the May/June Highlander magazine.

The story includes interesting background on the formation of the "Auld Alliance" from 1295-1560 between Scotland and France, and the battle itself, which fills in well with our *Cunningham Origins* book.

The English commander, and heir to the throne, King Henry's younger brother, Thomas, was slain at Baugé. Among the English nobles captured that day was Sir Lord Fitzwalter, taken by Henry Cuningham.

How interesting to visit the sites in modern France where these epic medieval battles took place some 600 years after our Cunningham ancestors made their mark on human history. Places like Vieil-Baugé, Cravant, Verneuil, Liège, Orléans and Reims to name a few. It certainly was an unforgettable memory when our tour arrived that first night in 2003 at the Château de Cherveux---shrouded in darkness, standing next to the drawbridge where the light was diffused by the fog rising off the moat; and wondering if I could hear the faint patter of horses hooves in the distance! It was surreal at Normandy Beach to imagine 1945 - let alone as far back as 1421!



PRIVILEGE

*'Three sorts of privilege exist:
natural privilege, privilege of office, and the privilege of lands.'*

[a triad taken from the Celtic-Welch legal code known as the Laws of King Hywel Dda]

The definition of privilege listed above is far from what many Americans often tend to think of as 'PRIVILEGE.' Many consider it as something special given to only special people that will then allow those individuals to not have to pay their own way in life. In America, on July 4 we celebrate the 'Inalienable Rights' of every individual. These are NOT special rights given only to special people, but certain rights we believe everyone, everywhere, is entitled to enjoy. We often fail to recognize that with these rights comes a great deal of even more responsibility that requires action and support on our part. Many Western nations have lost that close knit community where each person contributes and then has a recognized standing or place in the community.

"In our time, many people are resentful of privilege whenever they encounter it, seeing only one half of the contract that privilege entails. Yet, privilege is nothing less than the taking on of responsibility and guardianship." (Caitlin Matthews, from *The Celtic Spirit*, 1999, HarperCollins)

In the Celtic-Welch legal code formulated by King Hywel Dda [Hoo'wel THA] we learn that when more is given to an individual, often MUCH more is required in return. For example many professional positions take on extensive duties which include a required responsibility to the ones they serve. But it is not one person's job to do everything for everyone. Each of us officers of CCSA must be responsible to the position and duties of our title. We have to do our own job the best we can. In doing so we become a part of the whole clan. The 'privilege' that each of us in CCSA has depends not only on our position with the clan but also on our commitment and contribution to the entire clan. Each of us is given the privilege of respect for our position based on our participation, our support, our interactions with fellow officers, and our actions on behalf of the clan.

Some officers accept positions that have so many responsibilities it overwhelms many who do the same job in other clans-- and I have seen them fail,

quit, or just walk away, many times leaving that clan in disarray. In addition to our regular employment so that we can eat, our officers not only attend many public events, tent venues, perform other responsibilities of their CCSA position, and daily represent all of us in their walk through life. The officers have the task of responding to us and others, put out a newsletter as well as the day to day running of the clan. Despite being 'chief cook and bottle washer' and then getting to sweep up the floor, not to mention the salary, retirement plan, and other benefits of the job stink, our current officers have not failed, quit, or walked away.

Each one of us that holds an office and title in CCSA takes on the job with its responsibilities, knowing that one benefit is *that feeling* when a visitor, member, teen, or child at our tent, or in an email, says, "well done."

So please take a moment when you can to say "thank you" to the CCSA officers you meet this year. And, if you are a team player with some time to spare, why not contact me at jcpirtlnd@q.com, or CCSA at query@clancunningham.us and get involved. It's fun, and rewarding, or why else would we keep the torch lit!

The Genealogist's Journal

submitted by Larry Ansbury

The following pedigrees were received and added to our genealogy database of 25,134 Cunningham entries. Contact us if you recognize any names with dates & places and wish to have more details. If you have an interest in genealogy, like research, like unraveling mysteries, are familiar with data entry into computers, and have an hour or two per week to spare, we want to hear from you too. Email us at query@clancunningham.us to learn more about being a CCSA genealogy volunteer!

- Hugh Cunningham b. 1844, Scotland – to – Patricia Adams.
- Andrew Cunningham c. 1770, Paisley, Scotland – to – Alexander John Cunningham.
- William R. Cunningham c. Oct. 1846 or 47, Tennessee – to – Teri Lynne Smith.
- George Cunningham Jr. 7-MAR-1788, York Co. South Carolina – to – Mary A. Lehr.
- Jachariah Cunningham c. 1815, Maine Sea Captain – to – Scott Ross Cunningham.
- John Cunningham b. 1814, Scotland – to – Carleton Wells Hart.
- James Cunningham c. 1800, Ireland – to – James Archibald David Cunningham.
- George Brockett Cunningham b. 1830 – to – George Alkmaar Cunningham.
- Benjamin Cunningham b. 1730, Dublin, Ireland – to – Terry Alan Cunningham.
- Friskin, c. 1000, Scotland – through Caprington line – to – Joshua Oliver Copeland.
- Thomas Cunningham b. 1670, Ireland – to – Grace Cunningham.
- Alexander Cunningham B. 1498, Scotland – to – Patricia Rutherford.
- Thomas Knight Cunningham b. 11 Sep 1849, Maine – to – Geraldine Cunningham.

Flowers of the Forest



Our condolences to our Texas Commissioner, Denise Stana, and all the family of her Aunt Vivian Blanche Cunningham Nathan: born, May 10, 1922 - May 28, 2009.

She is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone,
or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes & pray she'll return,
or open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because she's gone,
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can forget tomorrow and live in yesterday,
or be happy tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember only that she's gone,
or cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be
empty and turn your back,
or you can do what she'd want: smile,
open your eyes, love and go on.

by DAVID HARKINS

This poem was written for the Queen Mother (born a Scottish commoner) for her funeral.

The National Secretary's Report *respectfully submitted by Larry Augsbury*

With 893 members worldwide, we are delighted to welcome another four new members into our society! As always, we are happy to welcome back the members this quarter who just renewed, and our lifers, for their continued support. Moran Taing! (Many thanks!) Your memberships help sustain the support needed by our Society to continue to discover new history, and to preserve, celebrate and share our distinguished heritage with all our global members.

NEW 2nd Qtr 2009 MEMBERS

Robert Kiningham
 Patricia and Raymond Adams
 Judith Wallace
 Christopher and Stephanie Cunningham

Sustaining 2nd Qtr 09 Members

Chandler Cole
 Corby and Jane Christensen
 Paul and Leslie Schoffstall
 Dr. Richard and Diane Cunningham
 Michael and Marsha Cunningham
 Twyla Dell

Sustaining 2nd Qtr 09 Members

François and Marie-Thérèse Redien
 James and Julie Hutchison
 John and Kathleen Cunningham
 Debra and James Larsen
 Phyllis and David Rowley
 Alan Cunningham

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2009

The following report lists the revenues received and expenditures incurred by CCSA during the two months ending May 31, 2009.

Beginning balance April 1, 2009 **\$ 4,986.07**

Revenue

New Membership Dues 124.36
 Total rev. from 01-APR-09 to 31-MAY-09 **\$ 124.36**

Expenditures

Newsletter Expenditures 255.43
 Office Supplies 5.39
 Total exp. from 01-APR-09 to 31-MAY-09 **\$ 260.82**
 Ending balance May 31, 2009 **\$ 4,849.61**

Education Grant donations this period \$ 00.00
 Previous Education Grant donations \$ 10.00
 Total Education Grants disbursed \$ (00.00)
 Total Education Grant Balance \$ 10.00

Respectfully submitted by Larry Augsbury, National Treasurer.

New Washington Commissioner, Corby Christensen

I am delighted to announce that Corby has recently taken over the reigns as Washington State Commissioner. He is a longstanding member, former Deputy Western Regional Commissioner, and former Director who is very active in activities which celebrate and preserve his Scottish heritage.



Pictured fourth from right, at left, Corby is also with Lodge Alba, a traditional Scottish lodge dedicated to all the Celtic nations, who meet on the Celtic quarter days and attend the highland games to promote Celtic spirit and masonic history. The Grand Lodge of Scotland is the oldest and most historical masonic body and predates The Bruce and William Wallace. The officers of Lodge Alba - Corby is JW - are dedicated to the promotion of the clans and their fraternity.

Debra Larsen, former Washington Commissioner, is moving to Nevada where, to our good fortune, she will assume office there as the Nevada State Commissioner after settling in!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS

June 5, 2009 Board Meeting

- Motion to donate \$200.00 to the documentary film called "On The Day" which promotes the education and enrichment of Scottish history, culture, and especially music; produced and directed by John McDonald who is a professional filmmaker and piper in the Pasadena Scottish Pipes & Drums - carried.

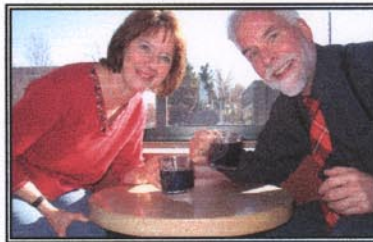
See the whole scoop at <http://www.onthedaymovie.com/>

High Commissioner's Message



Greetings Cunninghams,

I'm delighted to announce my selection for the 2009 Clanswoman of the year award. We have been very fortunate to have had the exemplary support of Sheryl Sherer since June 5, 1995. She has renewed her membership faithfully for the last 14 consecutive years. She has hosted hospitality tents since 1999, was a generous donor to our Clan Chief Monument project in Edinburgh, and has served on the Board of Directors since 2001. As a director she has helped shape our society, most recently having researched and developed our Education Grant application and donation forms within this newsletter, having been equally instrumental in the formulation of the program as well. A more honest, trustworthy, reliable and giving member we could only hope for. As a mere token of my appreciation, regard, and thanks for all Sheryl has done in selfless service to our society I presented her with a crystal coffee mug etched with the Clan Cunningham strap-and-buckle crest badge designed and



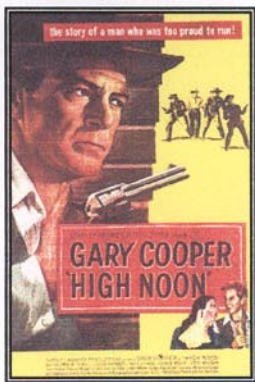
certified by the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland, Robin Blair, which Sheryl graciously accepted with the same grace and dignity with which she has conducted herself for all these

years on behalf of the Clan Cunningham Society of America.

If you are hosting a tent on behalf of CCSA, please make copies of the Education Grant Fund Donation Form on page 2, as well as the Education Grant Program Application Form on page 7 for distribution to anyone interested in participating as either a donor to the fund or as a potential grant recipient. These forms may not be included in future issues of the Communiqué.

Poems with a Celtic or Cunningham theme submitted to querry@clancunningham.us by August 31, 2009 will have a chance to win a free membership for 2010. The winner will be chosen by a volunteer Acquisitions Editor at the publishing firm at which I work as the Controller, and will be announced - with the winning poem published - in the October '09 issue. Theme and originality will be important criteria used by the judge.

Larry Augsbury, High Commissioner



John W. Cunningham (July 28, 1915 – June 4, 2002) was an American author who composed a number of western novels and stories. During the Second World War, he served in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific. While living in Santa Barbara, California, he became a published novelist. He moved to Ashland, Oregon in 1985

where he lived until his death.

His works include the novels: Warhorse (1956), Rainbow Runner (1992), and short stories: The Tin Star (1947), Yankee Gold (1953), and Day of the Bad Man (1958).

His most famous work was "The Tin Star," a short story which appeared in Colliers Magazine in 1947. It tells the story of a town marshal who is forced to face a gang of killers by himself. It was adapted into the western film High Noon in 1952 and starred Gary Cooper alongside Grace Kelly. The film was directed by Fred Zinnemann. The adapted screenplay by John Cunningham and Carl Foreman was nominated for an Academy Award. The movie won Academy Awards for Best Actor in a Leading Role (Gary Cooper), Best Film Editing (Elmo Williams and Harry W. Gerstad), and Best Music/Scoring of a Drama or Comedy.

Sources: submitted by Dr. Doris Tucker
"http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_W._Cunningham"

Submitted by Michigan Commissioner, Ron Cunningham

You may have heard about, or just been channel surfing recently and tuned into the programming of traditional Scottish music on public TV for the airing of the program called Highland Heartbeat. If you did so in Michigan, maybe you saw the terrific group of St. Andrew's Society of Detroit members who volunteered to go down and answer the phones, on one day's notice!, during it's pledge drive. Didn't those SASD members look great?!

Trustee Ron Cunningham gathered several fellow SASD members together to work the phones during the airing of Highland Heartbeat. The PBS project featured five Cunninghams, (pictured below) (Mrs. Marion Cunningham, an 85 year old native Scot, daughters: Beth Frahm and Jan Shimer, Jeff and Ron Cunningham. And, they "adopted" an eight month old Highland Steer, named McGregor, at the Detroit Zoo!



Clan Cunningham Society of America *Education Grant* Program

Guidelines for the successful recipient

- The successful recipient of a CCSA Education Grant, ideally, will have been a member of our society for at least one year immediately preceding submission of the application. Or if under the age of eighteen years, will reside with parents or legal guardians who have been members for at least one year immediately preceding submission of the application.
- The Educational curriculum will be related in some manner to Celtic, Irish and/or Scottish culture.
- Please provide a brief bio about the grantee, including a photograph for possible publication in our newsletter and on our web site, and any information you wish to share about your family history and heritage, interests, and plans for the future.
- Explain your educational goals, including how you plan to use the money granted to you, and how our society and/or the general public might benefit from your education. **Instructional Entity:** _____

Applicant Name: _____ **Address:** _____

City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Country:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Amount requested: _____ **Anticipated graduation or completion date of studies** _____

Send application submissions to: CCSA, 4575 West 111 Avenue, Westminster, CO 80031

Grants shall be considered each quarter, but awards are dependant upon sufficient grant fund balance.

Successful recipients, and news of their progress and related activities will be announced in the Clan Cunningham Communique.

Member Spotlight Scott & Jeanne Cunningham



Scott & Jeanne have known one another since they were just little tykes. (left)

They are both of Scottish descent. Scott's line is entered in our web site's online database. Jeanne is an Alexander by birth and her father's father came from Breslin, Scotland just outside Aberdeen.



I used to tease Jeanne, said Scott, about a picture of a Cunningham castle which looked in good shape, but hers was in ruin. She had a clan chief, however, and I did not, so we each had something to joke about. Above, they are pictured at their 40th high school reunion. *Maybe they meant 30th!*

Send us your photos too! *if you dare!*



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THE LORDS OF CUNNINGHAM by William Robertson

book review by Eur Ing David Ayre, Baron of Kilmarnock



Many schools in the 19th century recognised the value of teaching history through literature. The dimension it added was relevancy, and historical characters are possibly better understood when facing the economic and political struggle of their time.

Scottish historical fiction often centers on historical characters to tell a story e.g. the Rob Roy of Sir Walter Scott, whilst another may place characters in their researched environment and relate actual events as a compelling narrative with easily envisaged scenes - like a movie script. The latter style is that of William Robertson, a writer familiar with the historical, political, and social development of Ayrshire - one of Scotland's important counties - and the feuds of the powerful families of the time.

This book deals with truces, revenge, and the feuds of the Cunninghames, Earls of Glencairn, the Earl of Eglinton, and the Montgomeries. The Preface of the book entices the reader thus:

"From the fifteenth to the seventeenth centuries Ayrshire was the chosen home of the blood feud. National troubles weakened the central authority to such an extent that the barons, turbulent and jealous, took occasion by the hand; and when their energies were not called into exercise by the necessity for presenting common front to common foe, they sought to advantage themselves by carrying on destructive and desolating strife with their neighbours and rivals.

In Ayrshire these feuds were prosecuted with wonderful tenacity. . . the only result was to drive the Cuninghame family to continued reprisal.

How the feud slumbered, how anew it broke out, and after what fashion it culminated in a crowning act of tragedy, will be found in the pages that follow."

The first edition, and perhaps the only, was published in 1891 by Alexander Gardner. *The photo above is of the Baron's own copy of the book.*