

# Chief's Awards presented to 14

## The Order of the Chief, with Distinction

**Larry J. Henderson**, member since 2005, #3404: Larry has served with distinction, honor and great wisdom as the President of our Society. He has been an active participant and set the standard for leadership, as both our President and Vice-President and has been an active convenor. Larry was awarded the Order of the Chief in 2010. Nomination was supported by CHS Executive Committee.

**David R. Henderson**, member since 1990, #177: "Brother Dave" has served with distinction, honor and enthusiasm as a member of the Clan. He is an active, visible presence for our clan in North Carolina and has participated in a number of Henderson events far and wide. David was awarded the Order of the Chief in 2009. Nomination was supported by South East Regional Commissioner.



**Margaret Sanford**, member since 2001, #2739: Peggy has served with distinction, honor and enthusiasm as a member of the Society executive committee—specifically, as its recording secretary. Peggy continues to convene and is active at the annual Loch Norman games in North Carolina. Additionally, she routinely participates in a number of Henderson events far and wide. Her cheerful enthusiasm has helped many others become solid Society participants. Peggy was awarded the Order of the Chief in 2009. Nomination was sup-

ported by CHS Executive Committee.

**C. Fred Sanford**, member since 2001, #2739: Fred has been the clan Chaplain for a number of years but in 2014 he performed two ceremonies—in addition to other accomplishments—that brought great honor to the Society. Specifically, he crafted a handfasting event and a memorial service on Eilean Munde, both performed in Scotland. Fred continues to convene and is active at the annual Loch Norman games in North Carolina.

Additionally, he routinely participates in a number of Henderson events far and wide. Fred was awarded the Order of the Chief in 2004. Nomination was supported by CHS Executive Committee.

**J. Michael Henderson**, member since 1993, #865: Mike has served with distinction, honor and enthusiasm as a member of the Clan Henderson Society. He has served as Mid East Regional Commissioner. He is an active, visible presence for our clan in the Maryland-Pennsylvania region and has convened a Clan Henderson hospitality tent, a number of times. Mike also routinely represents clan Henderson as a member of the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C. Mike was awarded the Order of the Chief in 2001. Nomination was supported by Mid East Regional Commissioner.

**Joan Henderson**, member since 1993, #865: Joan has served with distinction, honor and enthusiasm

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• Eanrig • Eanruig • Enderson • Endherson • Endirson • MacCanrig • MacCanrik • McKendrick • MacKendry  
• McKendree • Kendric and other versions of MacEanruig, which means "Son of Henry"

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as a member of the Clan Henderson Society. She has been an active, visible presence for our clan in the Maryland-Pennsylvania region and has help convene a Clan Henderson hospitality tent a number of times. Joan was awarded the Order of the Chief in 2008. Nomination was supported by Mid East Regional Commissioner.

### **The Order of the Chief**

**Mark Anthony Henderson**, member since 1989, #40: Mark Anthony has served with distinction, honor and enthusiasm as a member of long standing within the Clan. He has recently retired from active duty and has been a supporting member, helping convene several Virginia based events. Nomination was supported by Mid East Regional Commissioner.

**Steve Henderson**, member since 2000, #2568: Steve serves the Society with distinction, honor and enthusiasm and in the past year has been a “travelling salesman”—convening at remote, hard to find places. He has been an active, visible presence for our clan in Virginia and has participated in a number of Henderson events far and wide. Nomination was supported by Mid East Regional Commissioner.

**T. Warren Henderson**, member since 2010, #3735: Warren has served with distinction, honor and enthusiasm as a member of the Clan. He is an active, visible presence for our clan in Colorado and is a state bodyguard. In 2014, he served as our Chief's bodyguard while in Scotland. He carried the Chief's pensel with such pride and military-like bearing that he was an inspiration to many. Nomination was supported by CHS Past President.

**Sandra B. Henderson**, member since 2008, #3600. Sandi has served with distinction, honor and enthusiasm as a supporting member of the Clan. She has been active in helping convene at Lexington, VA; Front Royal, VA; The Plains, VA; the New Hampshire State games; Richmond, Va; Radford, VA; the Maine State games; Olcott, NY, and McPherson, KS. She has also been instrumental in organizing and executing three (3) Kirkin' o' th' Tartan Church ceremonies and has offered advice and mentorship to several new members of the Clan. Nomination was supported by Mid East

Regional Commissioner.

**Kari Henderson**, member since 1990, #177: Kari is a supporting member of the clan and has assisted her husband, “Brother Dave” with distinction, honor and enthusiasm. She has been an active, visible presence for our clan in North Carolina and has participated in a number of Henderson events far and wide. She also serves as a role model for many new members of the Clan. Nomination was supported by South East Regional Commissioner.

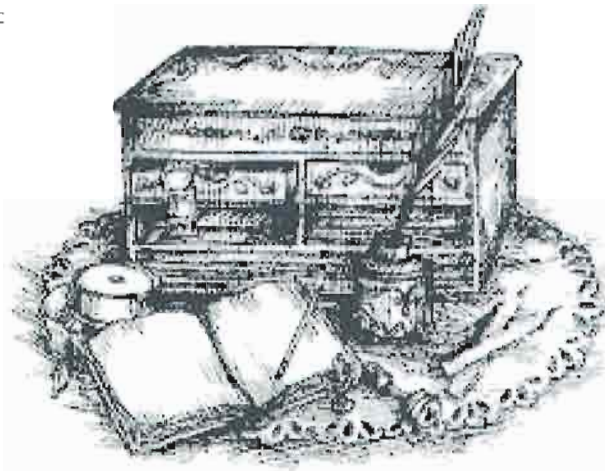
**Tim Clonts**, member since 2001, #2902: Tim has served with distinction, honor and enthusiasm as a member of the Clan and a member of the Virginia bodyguard. He is an active, visible presence for our clan in Virginia—often assisting with convening. In 2014 Tim and his wife Marie hosted a Ceilidh at their home, in conjunction with The Plains Scottish Games that was very successful and will be a recurring annual event. Nomination was supported by Mid East Regional Commissioner.

**Judith M. Henderson**, member since 1988 #26: Judy is a supporting member of the clan and has assisted her husband, Russell with distinction, honor and enthusiasm. She has been an active, visible presence for our clan in Virginia and has participated in a number of Henderson events far and wide. She has also routinely helped edit the Clan quarterly magazine, *An Canach*. Nomination was supported by Mid East Regional Commissioner.

**Brittany Lussi**, #3707: Brittany is a supporting member of the clan and has assisted her husband, Jeremy with distinction, honor and enthusiasm. She has been an active, visible presence for our clan in Maryland and Virginia. She has participated in a number of Henderson events and she actively encourages her children to embrace their MacEanruig heritage. Brittany has been a member since 2009. Nomination was supported by Mid East Regional Commissioner.

*Yours aye,*  
*Mark Henderson*  
Chairman, 2015 Awards Committee

*Congratulations to each and every 2014 Chief's Award winner!*



# *The President's Message*

Tom Hendricks,

*Clan Henderson Society President*

Slainte(Welcome),

Let me introduce myself. My name is Tom Hendricks and I am honored to be your new president. I was elected at the AGM in Olcott, New York in September. I am a retired Lieutenant for the Moore, Oklahoma Fire Department. My wife, Linda, is the Far South Regional Commssioner. We have been involved in the Oklahoma Scottish community for 20 years and members of the Henderson Clan for 16 years. I am currently the bass drummer for the Highlanders Pipes and Drums, also the Drum Major for the Oklahoma Fire Pipes and Drums. But enough about me.

Let me share my vision for the Henderson Clan.

As we end our first 25 years, everyone should remember our past leaders and see how much we've grown. We have a current membership of over 4200 fellow Henderson kin. I would like to thank the Henderson membership for entrusting me with the Presidency of Clan Henderson.

I will continue on with the legacy given to me by our past leaders to further improve and help the Clan Henderson show growth in years to come.

For Clan Henderson to prosper the membership must remain active. The membership is the heartbeat and the Board is the decision making branch. I am truly honored to be a part of the most organized and motivated Board of Trustees. With the guidance of our past leaders, the decisions and direction of our current board, and input from our membership I see expanded growth for the next 25 years and beyond.

Our 2015 AGM will be in Salado,Tx. in November. I hope you will be attending so I can meet you. The festivals that Linda and I will be attending are the Arkansas Scottish Festival in April, The Arlington Games in Tx. in May, Oklahoma Scottish Festival in Tulsa in September, the AGM, and the Christmas Walk in Alexandria, Va. If you are able to attend any of these events please come by and introduce yourself I truly want to meet you. If you attend any festival and there is a Henderson Tent you will always be welcome. If you have any concerns about Clan Henderson feel free to contact me. I will get back with you as soon as I can.

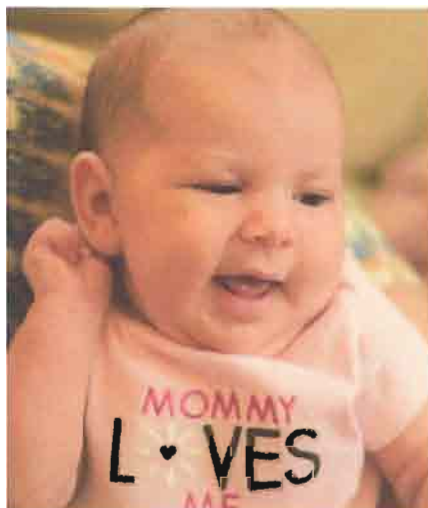
*Tom Hendricks*



# Membership Report **Henderson** from Mark Henderson, FSA Scot

- Gathered in the Clan, **4199**
- Active Members, **882**
- New members in 2014: **136**
- Members restored to Active status in 2014: **31**
- Reported Deceased in 2014: **6**
- Gain (+/-): **47**

*Thank you for your support!  
It is appreciated.*



O u r  
newest Clan  
Henderson  
member,  
Natalie Marie  
Hicks, was  
born to CHS  
members  
Denessa  
and John  
Hicks.

She is  
the grand-daughter of Ann Henderson  
Hicks and Leon Hicks.

Natalie was born on January 4th, in  
Charles County Maryland.

## *Send your Clan Henderson Membership Renewals to:*

**Mark Henderson**

204 Beagle Gap  
Waynesboro, VA 22980  
hendo28@comcast.net

### **Basic Clan Dues**

\$15 per year + \$5 for out of country

*As of June 1, 2015*

*\$20 per year (International dues remain \$20)*

Your contributions are much appreciated for  
Regional Support, Genealogy,  
Chief's Fund/Scholarships, National Scottish  
Immigrant Memorial or the General Fund.

Please use your member-  
ship number when  
you contact the Clan  
Henderson Society.



## *Our writers & photographers this issue*

**Leon Hicks, Tom Hendricks,  
Elton Stilwell, Bryan Mulcahy, Dick  
Hoffman, Joe Henderson, Jim  
Henderson, Judy & Gregg  
MacKendrick, Mark Henderson,  
Nick Baldwin, Laura Holt, James  
Henderson, Gary Henderson.**

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# You are urged to attend the Henderson 2015 Annual General Meeting in Texas

The 2015 Clan Henderson AGM will be held at the Salado Scottish Festival, November 13-15. This will be the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Salado festival, making it the longest running Scottish Festival in Texas. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Stagecoach Inn for \$80 per night. Book these rooms early. Traditionally, for this event, the Stagecoach is fully booked by the end of April. The phone number is (254) 947-5111. When booking your reservation, mention that you are with Clan Henderson to receive the \$80 rate. There are other hotels in Salado and in nearby Temple but the Stagecoach is within walking

ping opportunities. Clan Henderson will be one of the honored clans at the festival. We will participate in a Calling of the Clans on Friday night. This is followed by a Welcome Social at the Scottish Museum for an additional charge of \$10 per person. On Saturday night there is a Tartan Dinner for an additional charge of \$35 per person. We have not been to the Tartan Dinner but the Welcome Social is a lot of fun and worth the price.

The weather for this festival is usually quite nice. It can be cool and sometimes rainy. But, for those of you who have been to the Arlington games, you will not have

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distance of the festival grounds.

Salado, Texas is located on I35 between Austin and Temple. If you are flying in, we suggest that you fly into Austin. Salado is about 1 hour north on I35. You can also fly into DFW or Love Field in Dallas. It is about a 3 ½ hour drive south from either of those airports. Salado is a tourist town with a significant Scottish background. There are small museums to see and lots of shop-

to endure the heat that we usually have there.

You can find additional information on Salado on the internet at [Salado.com](http://Salado.com).

For more information on the festival, including pre-order of tickets, go to [Saladoscottishfestival.com](http://Saladoscottishfestival.com).

If you have other questions, you can contact the Texas Conveners at (214) 952-9378 or [sue.hoffman@suddenlink.net](mailto:sue.hoffman@suddenlink.net).

*You may submit articles, news, stories to An Canach at any time. Please send photos to An Canach as jpeg files.*

*Both photos and editorial information to **[bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)***

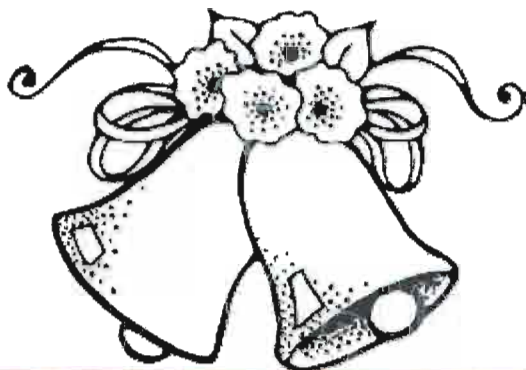
*If you use a cell phone for pictures, please set the phone to jpeg. Please identify yourself when sending info - first and last name.*

**STARZ has ordered an additional 13 episodes of "Outlander". Production to begin sometime in 2015."**



**The story begun in 2014 continues Sat., April 4, 9 PM on STARZ**





*best  
wishes*

### **Mr. and Mrs. Tim Demler.**

Tim Demler and  
Tracy Montgomery  
exchanged wedding vows  
October 18, 2014.

*An Canach submission dates:  
1 June, 1 September,  
1 December*

*Clan Henderson on the Internet:  
[www.clanhendersonsociety.org](http://www.clanhendersonsociety.org)*

*Please always use your  
member number when you contact  
the society.*



*Kiera meets Merida  
at Winter Springs,  
Florida*

CHS member, Nick Baldwin writes, "Our granddaughter and her Mum (Lindsay B Baldwin) visited the Central Florida Games in Winter Springs. Kiera (12 in June) participated in the children's games.

And to quote Lindsay: "We also stopped at the Henderson tent and talked with Larry Henderson for a

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## *Henderson Banner at Rural Hill in Huntersville, NC*



This banner is proudly hanging in the Cultural Center at Rural Hill in Huntersville NC site of the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games. Funds for the banner were raised by several clan members.

Pictured are L to R: John Meisenheimer, Gwyne and Tim Lindler, Fred and Peggy Sanford and Kari and David R. Henderson.



# Clan Henderson Society

## Flowers of the Forest

**Patricia Helene Huskey (Henderson)** was born March 03, 1955 and died October 11, 2014.

Loving daughter, sister, wife, and mother, Patricia Huskey passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family and pastor. Pat bravely fought nonspecific interstitial lung disease for 16 years, and while we were hoping for a lung transplant, God had other plans. We take solace in the knowledge that she is with her mother, father, brother, and beloved dogs in heaven, watching over us, finally able to truly breathe.

Pat was very proud of her Scottish heritage. As a Daughter of the American Revolution, she enjoyed participating in the Ventura, California Seaside Highland Games. She loved the traditions, music, and friendship that the Highland Games brought to her life. Joe Henderson always made us feel at home at his booth. She especially enjoyed watching the herding dogs, the sporting events, learning Scottish history, and the history of the Henderson Clan.

Pat loved her family, friends, and faith. When she smiled, her smile would light up the room. As a wife she was always sincere, and as a mother her devotion was eternal. She brought love and joy to the lives of those around her. She dreamed with her husband and they worked together toward their goals. Before her illness took her ability to work, she taught preschool and bible school. Although she eventually had to stop teaching for a living, she never stopped teaching those in her life; and those who are survived by her continue to learn from her love, even though she is no longer physically with us.

Pat is survived by her husband, son and his wife,

daughter, brother, two sisters-in-law, and many nephews and nieces. She also has a grand-dog who misses her very much. Pat was funny, brave, honest, and strong. These qualities among many others made her a joy to be around. She is dearly missed.



My dear wife, **Charlie Sue Rappold**, a long-time Clan Henderson member, died at home on November 15, 2014. It was an early death from an incurable cancer which she bravely fought for over 8 years, even while still serving as secretary of the *Scottish Society of Richmond* right up to her death.

Kindly, please ask the Clan to remember her, such as on the upcoming Robert Burns' birthday as we remember those who have passed on.

She loved Clan Henderson. Please visit: [http://www.richmond.com/obituaries/rappold-charlie-sue/article\\_c790a21f-0c9e-5020-9a86-4e30c863d4c3.html](http://www.richmond.com/obituaries/rappold-charlie-sue/article_c790a21f-0c9e-5020-9a86-4e30c863d4c3.html)





# *Burn's Night 2015 in the Texas Hill Country*

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Elton Stilwell

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On January 31, 2015, The Scots of the Texas Hill Country celebrated the birthday of our own Robby Burns for the second year in a row at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas.

Some 102 people sat down to a meal of Haggis and their choice of Prime Rib, Chicken, or Pork Loin.

They were entertained by pipers and Highland dancers from San Antonio and Austin.

Once again we had the pleasure of listening to the singing and storytelling of Ed Miller from Austin.

Clan Henderson was there, as was Clan Gunn, Murray, Robertson and a dozen others dressed in their tartans and finery.

The Kerrville Burn's Night may not have had as many folks as the San Antonio event held the previous weekend, but we were of good spirit and



made a great showing for being in a primarily German area of Texas (although Kerr County is surely named after a Scot).

Everyone is looking forward to Burn's Night next year, plus possibly having our own Highland Games in August.





# Nine individual CHS Scholarships awarded

The 2015 CHS Scholarship Awards Committee is pleased to announce that nine individual scholarships have been awarded for 2015.

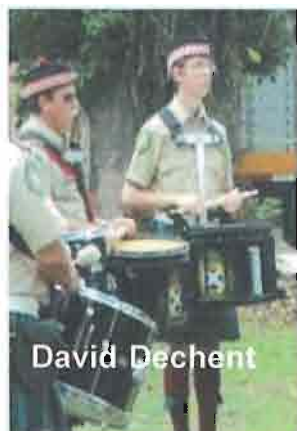
Ms. Ginger-Gabrielle South has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to pursue Scottish Country Dance. Ms. South resides in Charlotte, NC.



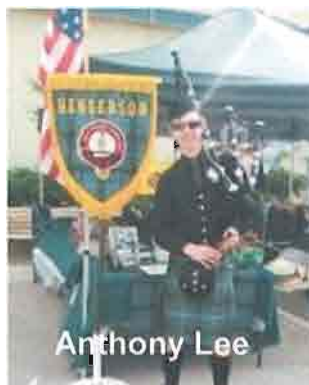
Ms. Susan Chatfield has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$250 for college academics. Ms. Chatfield resides in Alexandria, VA.



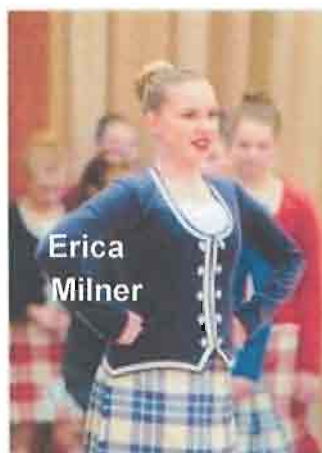
Mr. David Dechent has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to pursue college academics. Mr. Dechent resides in Henrico, VA.



Mr. Anthony Lee has received a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to pursue playing Scottish bagpipes. Mr. Lee resides in Bakersfield, CA



Ms. Gabrielle Ryan has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$250 for college academics. Ms. Ryan resides in Oklahoma City, OK



Ms. Erica Milner has received a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to pursue Scottish highland dancing. Ms. Milner resides in Clarksburg, MA

Ms. Kendall Martin has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to continue to pursue Scottish highland dancing. Ms. Martin resides in Warner-Robbins, GA



Ms. Evelyn Fite has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to continue to pursue Scottish highland dancing. Ms. Fite resides in Midlothian, VA



Mr. Alexander South has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to pursue Scottish country dance. Mr. South resides in Charlotte, NC



# Mid-East Region Scottish Walk Ceilidh and Awards Dinner last December 6

Leon Hicks, Clan Henderson Society Mid-East Commissioner



*Picture of participants at the Celidh / Awards Dinner. Participants were: Seated from left to right are Marie Clonts, Elise Clonts, Vince Henderson, Sherry Henderson, Leon Hicks, Kim Lamb, Rex Maddox.*

*Back Row standing from left to right are: Courtenay Hicks, Maria Hicks, Matthew Hicks, Justin Hicks, John Henderson, Jim Cipollina, Tim Clonts, Christian Garin, Ann Hicks, Mike and Joan Henderson, Mark Anthony Henderson, Fred Sanford, Russ Henderson, Janine Chatfield, Judy Henderson, and Peggy Sanford.*

The Clan Henderson Society's Mid-East Region's annual celidh was a great success. Over 30 Clan Henderson members and guests attended.

This year's celidh was held at Primo's Restaurant in the Belle Haven area of Alexandria, Virginia.

In addition to the usual camaraderie and excellent food, we were pleased to honor our Mid-Region members by awarding them various forms of recognition. The region has been blessed with many active members, members who support Clan Henderson in a variety of ways.

I am always amazed at the number of long-standing members of Clan Henderson who continue to support the Clan through the dedication of their time and resources. The Clan leadership is also appreciative of the fact that due to circumstances many of our members are unable to attend many of our events, nor actively participate in a number of activities; however, your continued membership is highly valued. The Clan leadership wishes to thank all of you for your support.

This year we were honored to recognize those

members who have demonstrated their support to Clan Henderson Society by extraordinary contributions.

The first recognition of the evening was that of Mr. Tim Clonts. Tim has served as a Bodyguard for many years. He has been one of the most reliable Bodyguards supporting numerous events and helping to organize activities at games and festivals, helping to set-up at special events, providing direct support to convenors, commissioners, and other Clan leaders as required, and in many cases, braving the elements to do so.



Bodyguard Lead, and award him the red sash of the position. In addition, Tim was also awarded the Chief's

Tim is no fare-weather supporter of Clan Henderson as many of these events occur in very challenging conditions.

It is with great honor that we promote Tim the position of Mid-East Region

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## Mid-East Region Scottish Walk Ceilidh and Awards, *continued from page 10*

medal in recognition of his long standing support of Clan Henderson activities.

The second award was the Chief's medal awarded to Ms. Marie Clonts. Marie has been a steadfast member of Clan Henderson for many years and is always available to support our activities in any manner requested.



For many years she worked tirelessly to help plan and organize the Clan Christmas Celidh in Alexandria. This award also recognizes her ability to help organize other

Clan Henderson events and to support our newly recognized State Bodyguard Lead, Tim in his activities.

The third award given was to Ann Lane Henderson Hicks. Ann has been the Youth Director since she joined the Clan in 1997.

Her recognition is also due in large measure to her support for the Clan gatherings, tireless efforts to make the Clan Celidh's work smoothly, and support for many games and festivals as a convenor or as an assistant to the convenor.

Any achievements of on the part of the Mid-East Commissioner are, in large measure, due to her support. After all, she is the Henderson.

The fourth of award of the Chief's medal was to Gregory C. Hicks. Gregory has for many years supported Clan Henderson in a variety of ways. Among them are lead piper in parades, stand-in bodyguard when required, assistant convenor, highland dance performer representing Clan Henderson (in his youth), and providing general assistance to the Commissioner and other convenors.

The fifth award of the evening went to Christian Garin. Christian was awarded the Chief's Medal with Distinction. This award is in recognition of the many years of service Christian has provided serving as Deputy Commissioner of the Mid-East Region, Clan Lead Bodyguard for approximately 2 years, many years of service as a principal convenor at many regional and extra-regional events, and his continued efforts to support new convenors, efforts to generate on-going corporate con-

tion we have for Doris. Doris had been recognized as a recipient of the Chief's medal prior to her departure. This award was given in recognition of the many years of her devoted service to the Society and her fellow members. She was always willing to offer her time and talent to support our activities. In her quiet and unassuming manner, she was a most significant presence. Her willingness to volunteer, to entertain, to help others in any way she could will always be remembered as representing the true spirit of what we hope to achieve in our Society. She will be greatly missed. Her medal and certificate are being sent to her brother David who lives in Connecticut.



President Emeritus Rex Maddox concluded the evening's activities with his appreciation to all who attended the gathering; and the parade earlier in the day. He also provided an update on the health of his dear wife Pat who, sadly, could not attend due to health reasons. On behalf of the entire Clan, we wish Rex and Pat all the best.

Above left you'll see Mike Henderson on the left with Christian Garin. Next photo is Zekan Maddox, grandson of Rex Maddox, shown on the far left.



# Rev. Fred Sanford assists with Lord Kennedy's memorial

Lord Charles Kennedy, 8th Marquess of Ailsa, 19th Earl of Cassillis, 21st Lord Kennedy 1956 - 2015. Lord Charles Kennedy, hereditary chief and beloved patron of the Kennedy Society of North America, passed away Thursday evening, January 15, 2015, at the host hotel in Altamonte Springs, Florida, as he prepared to join with other Kennedys at the Central Florida Games. While awaiting dinner with a small group of members who arrived early, he suffered a fatal massive aortic coronary.

On Saturday, prior to the Opening Ceremonies at the Games, the Kennedy Honor Guard, who home station is the Titusville, Florida, Fire Department, did a fantastic job of adapting a planned reviewing of the Guard by Lord Charles and Chief Michael Woodward of the Titusville Fire & Emergency Services, to a very moving memorial to Lord Charles.

It was particularly appropriate for the Guard to pay their respects to Lord Charles, because he had made them the official Honor Guard of the Kennedy Society of North America in 2014, and had invited members of the Guard for the Gala dinner at Culzean Castle in Ayrshire as part of the 2014 Kennedy tour to Scotland.

Chief Woodward and President/Chief Paul Key and Great Lakes Chieftain Kona Gant of the Kennedy Society paid their respects with a tribute to Lord Charles to a large crowd of attendees from many clans and friends. Kennedy friend and Chaplain of Clan Henderson, Rev. Fred Sanford, assisted in the memorial tribute to Lord Charles.



*Rev. Fred Sanford, Chaplain Clan Henderson, Paul L. Key, Chief/President of Kennedy Society of North America, Ann Blackmore Key*



*Chief Michael Woodward, Titusville Fire & Emergency Services*



*Paul L. Key, Chief/President Kennedy Society of NA.*



*Rev. Fred Sanford, Chaplain Clan Henderson*







# Fare Thee Well

To all the Clan Folk from **Andrew McMillan, Commissioner for Western Canada - Clan Henderson Society of Canada.**

It has been my great honour to have served as Convenor, Commissioner and past President of the Clan Henderson Society of Canada.

Knowing that this chapter of the history of the Clan Henderson Society of Canada, is soon to be behind us. I am sitting at this cross-roads with mixed feelings. I am sad that for the time being we need to stand down, at least for awhile. However, I am also very proud of what we did, for so long with so few. Thank you, each and every one of you. Without you, our Clan Society would not have lasted as long nor as independent as it did. Rest assured in the future, some Clansman/Clanswoman will take-up the torch and rally a new generation of Hendersons. They will bring our tartan to all the Games and have pipers and drummers and dancers.

Of all the achievements, let us not lose our genealogy.

With the scattering of the Clans after the Highland Clearances, it has taken a very long time to gather family information and locate ancestors.

Who knows, maybe we are only one more family-tree away from finding out we are all related?? Thanks to computers we are able to save all the information we have collected. Hopefully, it will never be lost again.

I was never an athlete, nor a dancer, nor could I play any instrument. I answered the call way back in the mid-1990s to help promote the Clan Henderson. I scraped together a tent, was donated some tartan to improve my basic display.

I was very proud to represent Hendersons at Highland Games – Calgary, Canmore, Red Deer, High River, Fort McMurray, Penticton & Kamloops. As well as traveling across Canada to attend Clan events & AGM's in Fergus, Halifax and Antigonish.

The people I have met from near and far, like the “Original” Hendersons I met one year at the Canmore Highland Games who were from Sweden.

The camaraderie between clans. Being invited to attend the Clan MacKenzie Christmas parties, thank you Sheila and Doug.

To learn more Scottish history with help from Jack Moffatt (Clan Moffatt), John Conley (Clan MacBain) and Robert Henderson (Calgary St. Andrew's Caledonian Society).

To share the best hospitality in the country thank you Cairns & Celeste and John & Brenda.

To friends we have made and have since lost.

There is more to this clan society business than just games, music and dancing. There is networking and fostering an interest in our culture, and most importantly preserving our culture before it is lost.

Yes, the Tartan is a shared link.

And, yes by promoting singing, dancing, pipes & drums and the heavies we will keep one of the most colourful cultures on the planet alive.

So, when it is your turn to answer the call and step forward.....I truly hope you do your very best to answer. You are worth it and so is your Clan Henderson Society!!!

(I wish I knew a witty Gaelic phrase to close this with, but alas I was never given the opportunity to learn what should have been my first tongue.)

Up Your Kilt!!

**Andrew McMillan**

Commissioner for Western Canada

# Using Emigration and Immigration Records

Bryan Mulcahy, MLS

Many genealogists find the terminology and records related to emigration and immigration records confusing. Because our ancestors encountered multiple identity checkpoints prior to their departure to the New World, many documents were created on both sides of the Atlantic. Emigration records were created as the individual or family prepared to leave a country. These types of records could have been created at any of the following identity checkpoints such as the civil registrar in the locality of residence, border crossings (country and provincial), ports of departure, and ports of entry. The procedures which emigrants followed in the processing of reaching the port of departure, whether complying with family or local directives or laws, all generated records.

Some of the most relevant emigration related records of interest to genealogists include:

1. Letters of Manumission: If a person was employed in an occupation that was considered vital to the survival of a community, he had to obtain a document showing he was released from his commitment to the satisfaction of local authorities.

2. Sale of Property: If the person owned property, they were required to dispose of everything prior to departure. It could be sold or left to relatives or friends or as bribes to facilitate the process.

3. Letters of Recommendation: Often issued by church authorities in the Old World indicating that the emigrant was in good standing.

4. Permit to Emigrate: Document that certified the person was free to leave his homeland, having fulfilled all of his financial obligations and settled his personal affairs. Emigrants had to have this document available for search at all times.

5. Indentured Contracts: Emigrants unable to pay

for the trip agreed to sell themselves into service, usually for a specified length of time, to pay for their passage. The contracts were filed at the courts in the port of departure and arrival.

6. Emigrant Lists: Lists of people leaving a particular port of departure. They are available in many foreign archives, especially those located at or near ports of departure.

Immigration records are documents created as one enters a particular country. Immigrants faced the same complexity of legal hurdles to enter, become established,

and obtain citizenship in America as they did leaving the Old World. These hurdles generated lots of potential records. Some of the most relevant immigration related records of interest to genealogists include:

1. Ship Passenger Lists: Also called immigrant lists, arrival lists, or manifests. These were created at the port of entry.

2. Hospital Record: Many ports of entry has designated areas, sometimes called pest hospitals, where sick and infirm passengers were quarantined until they were well or deported. Many local newspapers printed names of detailed passengers. For those who were not deported, they usually had to be issued special health certificates.

3. Alien Registrations: At various times in American history, Congress mandated that incoming aliens had to be registered on a regular basis, particularly in the late 1700s, early 1800s, and after 1929.

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# *History of the Scottish Infantry Regiments*

## **The Royal Highland Fusiliers**

Elton Stilwell

The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment) was formed on 20 January 1959 (and a cool day it was, as I remember) by the amalgamation of The Royal Scots Fusiliers with the Highland Light Infantry (the City of Glasgow Regiment) with the Princess taking the salute from the massed ranks of the two units as they marched past in review to the sound of many pipers and drummers.

These two regiments each have their own colorful history which will be treated separately in future articles, but for now suffice it to say that the RHF has been awarded over 200 battle honors Including those from the Royal Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry) from Blenheim in 1689 to Iraq and Afghanistan in 2012.

The newly formed regiment was consolidated from its separate bases in Glasgow and Ayr and initially based at Redford Barracks, Edinburgh until it was deployed to Aden in 1960 to protect the Suez Canal, then stationed in Malta in 1961.

From there it moved to Mons Barracks, Iserlohn, Germany in 1963 where it was garrisoned, except for a six month deployment to Cyprus in 1965 for peace-keeping duties, before finally returning to Scotland at Fort George, Inverness, in 1967.

In 1968 the RHF deployed again to Gibraltar on frontier duties when the Spanish closed the frontier.

The regiment did five tours in Northern Ireland during the Time of Troubles during the 1970s, and returned home to Redford Barracks in 1973. They didn't

get to unpack their bags for long before moving to Barrosa Barracks in Germany in 1979, then on to Palace Barracks, Edinburgh in 1983. The RHF was posted to Berlin in 1985, serving there until moving to Oakington Barracks, Cambridge in 1989.

In 1991 the RHF took part in the first Gulf War, serving in Kuwait and Iraq.

Following the Gulf War, the regiment moved to St. Barbara Barracks, Fallingbommel, Germany from where it deployed units to Bosnia in 1994, and again to Macedonia and Kosovo in 1999.

The RHF moved back to Fort George in 2000, but returned to the Middle East once again in 2003 to Cyprus, from which it deployed units to Iraq for Operation Telic, the invasion of Iraq.

The RHF served in both Iraq and Afghanistan until relieved by other units of the British Army

In 2006, following a changing world review of the British Armed Forces, the

Royal Highland Fusiliers was amalgamated with other regiments of the Scottish Brigade and became the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

The battalion is based at Glencorse Barracks in Penicuik, Scotland and serves as a light battalion under the 1<sup>st</sup>. Mechanized Brigade, United Kingdom, and still deploys to Germany with the Armored Brigade.

As of 2012, at least, the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Battalion still had a presence in Helmand Province in Afghanistan, thus continuing the proud service of a Scottish Military unit that stretched back to its formation 1679.





# Queen Mary Scottish Festival and Games

February 14 - 15, 2015

Joe Henderson



The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Queen Mary Scottish Festival and Games were held on President's Weekend at the Queen Mary in Long Beach, California. The events were held both aboard the ship and in the

Village Green, a park adjacent to the ship.

This year, February's weather in Southern California has been warm and pleasant. The weekend of the Queen Mary Games followed that pattern, with warm sunny temperatures that made a perfect weekend.

The Festival started with Friday night's "Rock Yer Kilt" party that featured music by the Wicked Tinkers with Clan Henderson member, C. J. Henderson, Highland Way, Brick Top Blaggers and Dublin Public.

The activities were held inside the ship and on the adjacent dock and the park area. Inside the ship, visitors could visit with the clans, listen to chamber music



performed by the Celtic Harp and Wren Iniquity Ensemble, participate in a darts competition or test their archery skill in the tri-level Exhibit Hall that was one of the large engine rooms during the ship's sailing days. Entertainers performed in the Grand Ballroom, while dance compe-

titions and Scottish Country Dancing performances were held in different smaller banquet rooms in the upper deck areas of the ship. Celtic Cooking demonstrations were held on both Saturday and Sunday with Chef Eric W. McBride featuring tastes of the foods of the eight Celtic Nations.

Outside in the park area, twenty four pipe bands and their members competed in the Individual Piping and Pipe Band Competitions, Border Collie sheep-herding, cannon firing demonstrations, performances by the Scots Greys Calvary, and Scottish Athletic Competitions. A vendors village of tents was set up outside on



the dock area. In the dock adjacent to the ship, weelads and lassies were invited to participate in Queen Mary's coronation, knighting ceremonies and take part in their own Highland games.

Saturday night featured a traditional Burns Supper including haggis, whisky, traditional Scottish music and dancing in the Royal Salon. The evening began with the piping in of the haggis, followed with cocktails and a four-course dinner that included the best of Scotland's larder. John Hannah hosted the evening devoted to Robert Burns - man, his poems and the haggis.

Thirty six other clans and societies were repre-

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# Letters from the Past

Jim Henderson

Think about a time in your family's history, back in the 18<sup>th</sup> or perhaps the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when your Henderson elders made their resolve to leave hearth and family in old Scotland and Ireland to board ships that would sail across dangerous waters to a new continent and a new nation. Those brave men and women, cautiously treading up the ship's boarding ramp with their meager possessions, were our Henderson grandfathers and grandmothers, and we owe them a debt of gratitude and remembrance.

So in memory of your Henderson ancestors, take a quiet moment to read this letter. Put yourself in the place of John Henderson, a twenty something husband and father, who sat down to his pen and paper at some late hour back in 1806.

October 1806

*My dear father and mother, sisters and brother*

*I now take this opportunity of writing to you these few lines to let you know that we have arrived safe after a passage of five weeks and three days from Moville till we landed on the wharf in Philadelphia. Sarah was sea sick for about four weeks. I was only sick for about four hours. We are both in good health at present, thank God for his gracious benefits to us. Uncle Sam met us before the ship pulled into the wharf, he took us away then.*

*I now send my love to my mother in the kindest manner and I hope she will not vex herself for me for I am happy and content as ever I was in my life time. I now send my love to Uncle John wife and family and to Aunt Rebecca and family and also to Uncle Sam Horner wife and family. You can let him know that his daughters are well and in good places. Dear father your old friend John Barnet is now dead and buried eight days before we landed. Dear mother I also want to tell you that I have got another addition to my family. We have got a young daughter of 3 months old we call her Martha Eliza and she is thriving.*

*No more at present, but yours until death*

*John Henderson.*

*Goodbye and farewell*

If you have similar letters from your family's history and would like to share that history with others, please send facsimile to the editor. Letters from the Past will become a regular feather of this newsletter.

**PS It is possible if you send a facsimile, to scan that very document into the computer and print it in these pages in your ancestors handwriting!**

*If you will go to this URL and watch this short piece,  
I promise you will find yourself smiling!  
If you love dogs you will find yourself smiling.  
If you are Scottish you will find yourself smiling.  
If you watch this and are breathing...you will find yourself smiling*

**<https://www.youtube.com/embed/u53NmuX7I-I?list=UUqEobfdxKqbf7X-cUh9UI0Q%20dans%20scotian%20cu%20catel>**

# *A big year for the Mid-East CHS Region*

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Leon Hicks: Commissioner, Mid-East Region

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This year is going to be a big year for the Mid-East Region.

In addition to the normal events we have added others where we hope to hear the Henderson cry "The Hendersons are here!"

Below is a list of events in the Mid-East Region (and a few others nearby that may be of interest).

These events include Fair Hill, Maryland. This is a great yearly event where, unfortunately, Clan Henderson has not been represented for many years. Mark Anthony Henderson will be convening the event and I hope that many of you will be there to support Mark.

Other events this year are:

March 28, 2015 Wilmington Scottish Games and Festival, Wilmington, NC

April 4, 2015 Tartan Day 2014 - Festival at Waterfront Park in Alexandria, VA

April 25, 2015 Southern Maryland Celtic Festival in Prince Frederick, MD

May 2, 2015 Scottish Festival & Celtic Gathering in Clarksburg, WV

May 2, 2015 Savannah Scottish Games in Savannah GA

May 9, 2015 Frederick Celtic Festival at Mt Airy Carnival Grounds, MD

May 16, 2015 Colonial Highland Gathering in Fair Hill, MD

July 9-12, 2015 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain in Linville, NC

August 29-30, 2015 Virginia Scottish Games and Festival, Great Meadow Park, VA

September 12, 2015 Covenanter Scottish Festival in Quarryville, PA

September 19-20, 2015 Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival at Olcott Beach State Park in Olcott, NY

September 18-20, 2015 New Hampshire Highland Games at Loon Mountain, NH

September ? 2015, Charleston SC Scottish Games, Charleston, SC

September 26, 2015 Ligonier Highland Games at Idlewild Park in Ligonier, PA

September 25-27, 2015 Celtic Classic at Bethlehem, PA

Oct 3, 2015, Scotland County Highland Games, Laurinburg, NC

October 24-25, 2015 Central Virginia Celtic Festival at the Richmond Raceway Complex in Richmond, VA

December 5, 2015 Alexandria Christmas Walk at the Campagna Center in Alexandria, VA

This is by no means a comprehensive list of everything going on in the region. If you know of another event that you would like to attend as a Clan Henderson representative, let us know.

This will be the second time Clan Henderson will be present at the Quarryville PA event. This is a relatively new event. The weather was not very cooperative at last year, but we will hope for better weather this year.

This will be the first ever Scottish Games in Wilmington NC. It is incredible that the port of entry for what may be the largest immigration from Scotland, is just now hosting Scottish Games. Ann and I are planning to convene in Wilmington. More information on the Wilmington even can be viewed on the Wilmington Scottish Society website.

Where we need some help this year is at the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival. Normally, we have Mike and Joan Henderson convening the event, but they are able to do so this year.

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# CHS' Laura & Trish Gather prizes at Central Florida Highland Games 2015

Laura Holt writes, "Clan Henderson was represented well in the women's amateur division at the Central Florida Highland games. This was Trish Footit's first games ever and she placed third in the open stone throw. This is my 2nd year throwing and I placed 3rd overall with a 1st place finish in the heavy weight for distance, 2nd in sheaf and 3rd in light weight for distance, light hammer and weight for height."

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## Nick Baldwin, *continued from page 4*

bit. He definitely knows you and Kim." Referring to moi and daughter Kim.

Also fyi: Kimberley R Baldwin my daughter is (to the best of my knowledge) the only Certified Female Athletic Highland Games Judge in the southeast.

She was trained/certified by Louise and Herman Ibach from Jacksonville, Fl.

She has traveled from as far west as Gulfport, Miss. to Sarasota, Fl., to up into the highlands of N or S Carolina (not sure which, maybe both).

She even was introduced to Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, who was visiting that area.

He reportedly wished to meet Kim as he had never met a female Highland Games Judge before.

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## Queen Mary, *continued from page 16*

sented at the festival along with Clan Henderson. Each morning, the traditional presentation of a haggis was performed. The haggis was prepared by the Executive Chef of the Queen Mary, Todd Henderson, was paraded through the area led by a piper and followed by a recitation of Robert Burns's *Address to the Haggis*. Visitors were given the opportunity to sample the haggis that was offered to everyone.

During the weekend, several Hendersons stopped by our table, including Nellie Lowry, Ashley Henderson, Mallory Tipple, Danette Henderson, Curtis Henderson (#4113), and James Henderson



Laura Holt  
Trish Footit

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## Mid-East Region, *continued from page 18*

If you are interested in helping to convene this event please contact me as soon as possible.

Another event that Ann and I will be convening this year, even though it is outside of the Mid-East Region, is the Scotland County Scottish Game in Laurinburg, NC.

For more information on all of these events, be sure to check the website at [clanhendersonsociety.org](http://clanhendersonsociety.org), and go the games tab.

We are always looking for more supporters to either convene or help convene events in the Mid-East Region. If you are interested in helping, please give me a call at 910-363-4110, or send me an email at [leonhicks365@gmail.com](mailto:leonhicks365@gmail.com).

Many of these events make "great vacation destinations". Hope you'll join us.



# Central Florida Highland Games 2015

Judy and Gregg MacKendrick  
Central Florida Conveners

Wow ! This venue, these games, have turned into the best time that a Scot can have.

Weather, great. Attendance, super.

Clan Henderson participation, outstanding.

I guess that the articles that I wrote, bragging about the weather may have done some good.

The reality is Past President Larry Henderson probably had more to do with it than I did. He is a tireless worker for the Clan and continues to help me at all our venues. Seeing all the Hendersons show up on Saturday morning to help and march was special.

It's great to be a member of Clan Henderson.

Clan Henderson visitors that came to the tent were as follows: **Florida Body Guard**, James Henderson and his wife Danielle and son Cameron. **North Carolina Body Guard**, David Henderson and his wife Kari. Mid East Commissioner Leon Hicks and his wife Ann. Clan Chaplain C. Frederick Sanford and Recording Secretary Peggy Sanford. Membership Secretary Mark Henderson and his wife Sandi.

We had clan visitors, new members sign up and prospective members sign the guest book.

Clan visitors included Lee Henderson Burdett, son Leo, and daughter Marie, David Henderson and his lovely wife and their two sons David and Elijah.

New and prospective members included, Alan C. Henderson, Marc Henderson, Lindsay Baldwin, John Henderson, Betsy Larson, Jamie Baldwin, and Julia DeVault.

Saturday afternoon we managed to fit in a kilt blessing ceremony conducted by Mark Henderson with all the

ceremony and all the "we drams" necessary for such a "somber" event.

It is always good to have some serious clan members around for this event,

Sunday started slowly, as most two day second days do. This is the time you catch up with old friends in the other clans.

Most of our guests had left to start north, but by noon time the crowds were back and we were back answering questions and providing information about the best clan I know.

We had great news from the sports field that Quartermaster Jon Henderson received the blue ribbon in the sheath toss. He did well in his other events too.

I fully hope we can get our other top notch athletes involved in the upcoming games.

We love passing on their accomplishments to you.

The Central Florida Games have been really growing the past few years and this year was no exception. I understand that the crowds were up from the 35,000 from last year and that there were quite a few new clans, making it even more fun for the crowds. More clans and more athletes mean more for the public to see.

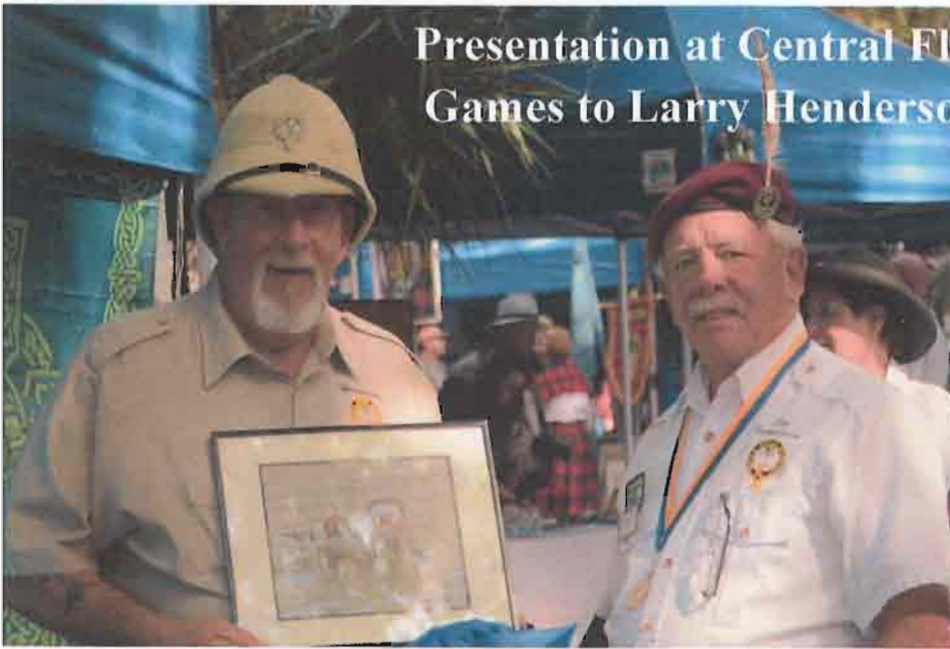
Once again I want to thank all the Hendersons for their help but especially Past President Larry Henderson, Jan Warf, and Judy MacKendrick

Please attend these games which are all over the country. They are lots of fun and help to celebrate your Scottish Heritage.

Then you can yell with us that "THE HENDERSONS ARE HERE !!!"



## Presentation at Central Florida Highland Games to Larry Henderson, past president



Shown here, Leon Hicks presenting Larry Henderson, Clan Henderson previous President, a small token of appreciation for his leadership during the last four years.

The presentation was made on behalf of the Mid-East Region. It has been a very successful four years for Clan Henderson, and the Mid-East Region in particular.

### *Our "Tiny Recipe" Inside/Outside Cake*

You will need:

Butter Pecan Cake Mix (Betty Crocker)

1 cup water

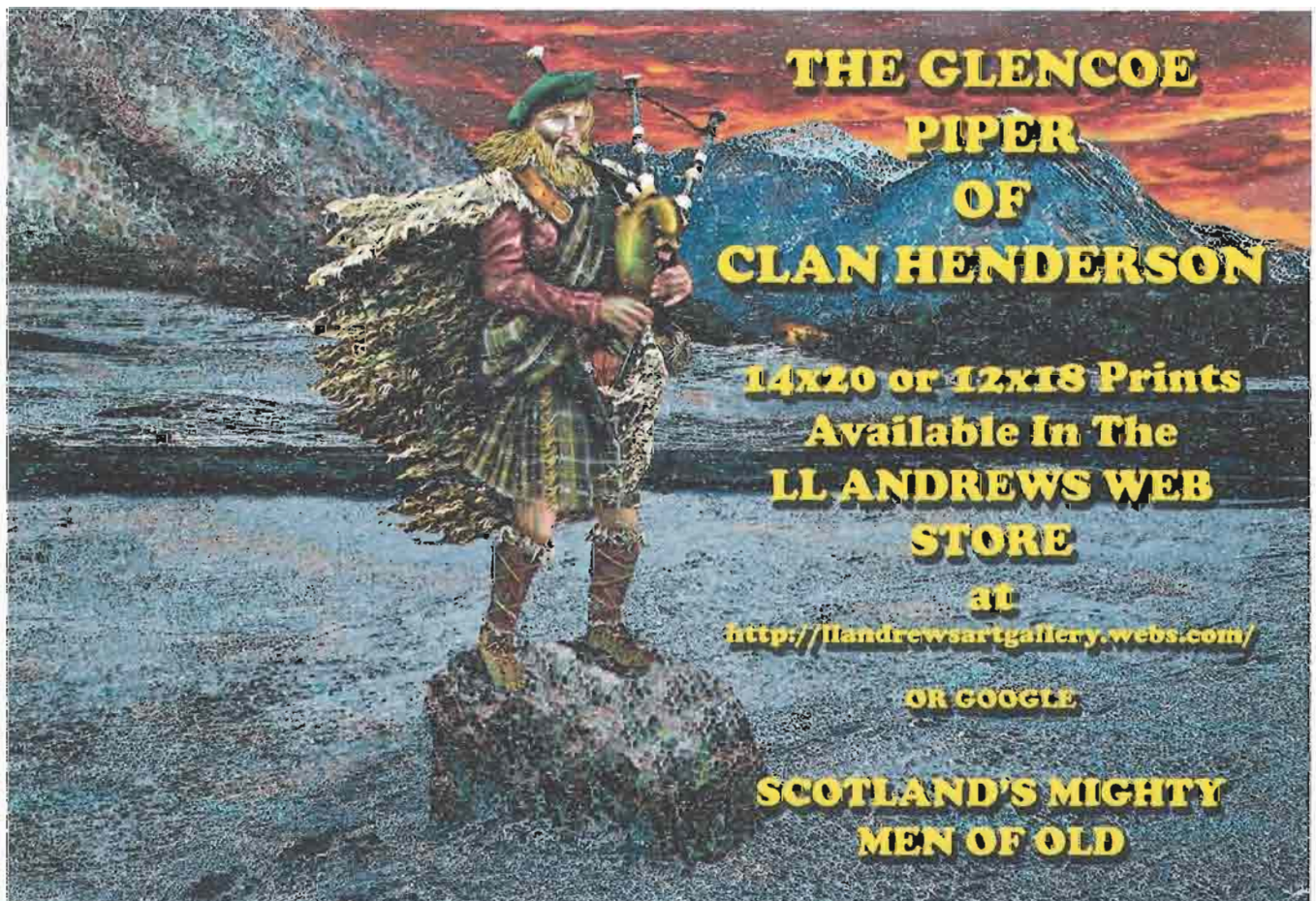
2/3 cup vegetable oil

1 tsp vanilla

1 cup chopped pecans

Coconut Pecan Frosting

Mix first 5 ingredients and blend well. Stir in chopped pecans and frosting. Spray bundt pan with Bakers Joy. Bake at 315 degrees for 55 - 60 minutes. YUMMY! YUMMY!



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# Highlight on a Henderson Highlander

Mark Henderson

Each quarter it is our goal to highlight a member of the Clan Henderson Society who has information or background that should be interesting to the majority of our readers.

This quarter we spotlight Tom Henderson, CHS #3989. Tom, his wife Shannon and their daughters Megan and Brittany live in Hamilton, Montana—site of the ***Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering***, held annually (this year on Aug 15-16, 2015).

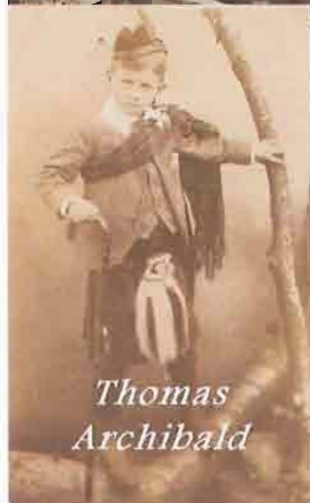
Tom is very active in researching his Henderson ancestry and he has been able to learn quite a bit. For example, he is the 5<sup>th</sup> Thomas Henderson in his Henderson family line. Tom's great grandfather, William Aitken Henderson, immigrated from Dollar, Scotland to Jones County, Iowa in 1888.



William married Charity Edwards in 1902 and moved to Plankinton, South Dakota where they were

farmers. In 1903, they had a son, Thomas Archibald Henderson.

Thomas Archibald married Olive Jones in 1925 and in 1927 had a son, Thomas Albert Henderson. Thomas Albert married Betty Edinger in 1960, and our highlighted member, Tom was born in 1971. Incidentally, shortly after William Aitken Henderson



Thomas Archibald

emigrated in 1888, William's parents Thomas Archibald Henderson and Jessie (Aitken) Henderson also immigrated

to Jones County, South Dakota and began farming.

Our MacEanruig cousin—Tom, comes from a very large family—11 children in total. Born and raised in Wisconsin, he left there 10 days out of high school and headed out west to pursue a life of outfitting and guiding. Since arriving there, Tom has never looked back. In fact, Tom, Shannon, Megan and Brittany, own and operate ***Bitterroot Outfitters***, one of Idaho's largest outfitting businesses—a business they started in 1993. With help from their pack string of 34 horses and mules, the Henderson's take many hunters every year hunting for elk, bear, mule deer, mountain lion. In the summer time, they do fishing trips and horseback rides into remote mountain lakes, where the fishing is spectacular. Their permitted outfitting area covers some 450 square miles of wilderness territory in the Bitterroot Mountain area and is, in fact, some of the most remote country in the lower 48 states.

Tom's new years' resolution for 2015 is to participate in the Clan Henderson DNA surname project. He and his entire family also look forward to meeting

any MacEanruig cousins who might be in the Montana/Idaho area. Tom and Shannon would love to share their love of the



outdoors with any Clan Henderson member. Tom tells us he'll even arrange for a "kilted hunt"—if you can stand riding a horse in a kilt (just kidding—not recommended).

However, if you are interested in remote wilderness hunting or fishing, look Tom up! Tom and his family promise to make your experience one that will last a lifetime. Also, any Henderson cousin will get a 10% discount on a package trip.. Learn more about outfitting in remote country by visiting Bitterroot Outfitters at [www.idahohunts.net](http://www.idahohunts.net).



Above: Tom and Shannon show off a mountain lion and large elk—trophies from their outfitting expeditions.



# *An Canach should post a warning..."Reading this publication may result in frequent lapses in judgement followed by uncontrolled, frivolous spending"*

James Henderson

In a prior issue, there was an article about a single malt Scotch, OLD PULTENEY, being awarded the title of "2012 World Whiskey of the Year" by Jim Murray's WHISKEY BIBLE.

The magnitude of this honor is emphasized by the fact that this only the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in history that a single malt has won.

Also, Old Pulteney is the only distillery that has won it twice! The winner was decided after 4 months of tastings, and numerous re-tastings, of more than 1200 entries from other celebrated distilleries.

And, yes, I've applied for a position on the panel.

All this was significant to *AN CANACH* readers because the Old Pulteney distillery was founded in 1826 by a fine Scottish gentleman (redundant) named James Henderson.

That's my name!

What's more...the Old Pulteney distillery is located in Wick. And, my great-great grandparents were married in Wick.

That means I must be a direct descendant of the Distillery's founder. Right?

Okay, very likely...maybe...there's a chance.

In any event, it was enough for me to feel an obligation to purchase a bottle of the award winner.

And that's where my troubles began.

Everyone was buying the award winner. There wasn't a wee- dram of it for sale anywhere. I called liquor stores, in-State and out. I tried wholesalers and importers. I called several publications and Scotch drinking societies. I even called the Old Pulteney Distillery (not an easy task, figuring out how to dial a number in Scotland).

Then, several months later, someone suggested I go to a liquor store in Boston and ask for Luigi.

The store turned out to be an unmarked, below-ground, hole-in-the-wall.

I walked right by it three times even though I had the address. I mean, In Boston, who'd think to look down a wrought-iron, cellar stairwell for a liquor store?

I finally spotted it by catching a glimpse of several li-

quor bottles in what looked like someone's bedroom window.

Once inside, I believe I could have stretched out my arms and touched both side walls at the same time. Two other patrons came in while I was there. One bought nine nip bottles and told the clerk he didn't need a bag.

The other pushed by me and, without saying a word, slapped a bill down on the counter and left when he was handed a pint bottle in a brown paper bag.

Obviously regular customers.

All that aside, though, THEY HAD MY OLD PULTENEY!

They even had enough of it to keep a tasting bottle handy.

Apparently, not a big seller in that neighborhood. Then, the reason became clear. The award winner was the twenty-one year old stuff! \$130 a bottle!

Still, there was that obligation, so I bought one. I'm now on my second. Not totally out of control, though. Known scotch-admirers get the award winner. My other guests get the twelve-year-old I had bought at the same time. Smart. I don't claim it's the "good stuff" and they wouldn't know the difference anyhow.

So, end of my problems? Not hardly. I found that the Distillery had other, non-liquid items for sale. So I bought a ball cap. Then there was the pen. Made with wood from barrels that had held the award-winning scotch. Good quality. Comes with a certificate of authenticity. Expensive. I had to have one! But, now I was all set. I couldn't

think of any other "go withs" I might need.

Then I discovered a gentleman who made lamps out of old bottles.\* Really nice. Tasteful. Would look terrific in the den. And I just happened to have an empty Old Pulteney, award-winner scotch bottle on hand. So, yep, I had him make me one\*. And that's really got to be it, eh? Naah.

My wife and I were recently on vacation cruising the Rhine River. Great trip. Stayed in Amsterdam a couple of extra days. Stopped in a liquor store to pur-

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# Scottish Christmas Walk a great time!

## Alexandria, 2014

Leon Hicks, Mid-East Commissioner

It was another great Clan Henderson event. While our numbers were a little smaller than we are accustomed to, the spirit of the group was as great as ever. I want to thank all those who braved the possibility of a rainy event and enjoyed a cloudy but relatively warm day. As is always the case there were thousands of people lining the parade route. This year's parade spectators were much more interactive with marchers than in years past. It was a beautiful thing to experience having so many cheer and offer the season's greetings as we walked by. I believe that this was also one of the best organized parades in recent memory. The parade organizers at the Campagna Center are to be congratulated for a wonderful event.

This year's event was led by our stellar banner carriers, Body Guards Christian Garin and Zeke Maddox. They were followed by Jeremy Lussi – Clan Henderson Lead Body Guard and Tim Clonts and the shield bearer, Mark Anthony Henderson. Following Mark were the Clan officers and the body of the Clan. Officer's present included Rex Maddox, President emeritus; Leon Hicks, Mid-East Commissioner; Peggy Sanford, Recording Secretary; Fred Sanford, Clan Chaplin; Vincent Henderson, VP and Counselor, and his wife Sherry; Ann Hicks, Youth Director; Russ

Henderson, former editor of the *An Canach*; first time marchers Jim Cipollina and Rita Mele, and Army Sergeant Jerod Burghardt; John Henderson; and last but definitely not least grMike and Joan Henderson. Mike was sporting his new hair-do, a long black wig with ringlets. Elise Clonts was the Clan Photographer. She was all over the place taking great pictures of marchers and spectators. The pictures posted were taken by Elise. The Clan is greatly appreciative of her effort and expertise.

Thanks again to all who helped to make this year's march a great success. Next year's event will be on December 5, 2015. Mark your calendars and plan to attend next year's event.



### James Henderson, continued from page 23

chase a special bottle of schnapps for a friend. And what did I see on the shelf? A bottle of HENDERSON & TURNBULL blended scotch whiskey. An exclusive import to this one shop. And there was that obligation again! I couldn't ignore it, so I bought a bottle. Quite smooth. A hint of honey. Very nice. And the best part is that I now have all the Henderson/scotch-related items I could possibly think of.

Then again, I haven't really researched the Henderson-Turnbull label yet....

*\* for more on this, check out: Ben's Bottle Wares ([www.benswares.com](http://www.benswares.com))*

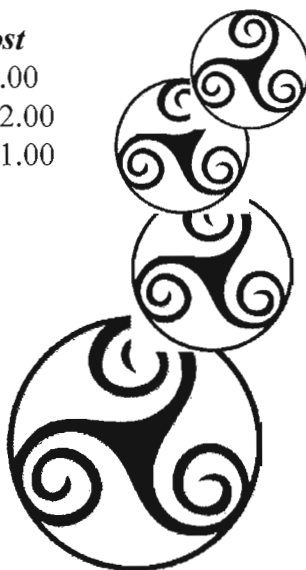
*Henderson's getting ready to parade! See more photos on page 30!*



# The Clan Henderson Store is



<i><b>TYPE</b></i>	<i><b>Notes</b></i>	<i><b>Star</b></i>	<i><b>Cost</b></i>
T-Shirts	Blue, Green, Black	6 Point	\$6.00
Sweat Shirts	L, XL or XXL only	6 Point	\$12.00
Polo Shirts	Green, Blue limited sizes	6 Point	\$21.00
Kilt Pin		6 Point	\$10.00
Pendant Necklace		6 Point	\$8.00
Lapel Pin		6 Point	\$8.00
License Plate		6 Point	\$2.00
Canvas Tote bag		6 Point	\$6.00
Ball Cap Blue or Green		6 Point	\$3.00
Cap Badge		6 Point	\$9.00
Henderson, Tartan			
Cotton, Ancient Pattern, 60"w			\$15.00 yd
Henderson, Tartan			
Cotton, Modern Pattern, 60"w			\$15.00 yd



<i><b>TYPE</b></i>	<i><b>Notes</b></i>	<i><b>Star</b></i>	<i><b>Cost</b></i>
Mens T-Shirts	Blue, Green, Black, White	5 Point	\$13.00
Women's T-Shirts	Green, Blue, Black	5 Point	\$13.00
Men's Polo Shirts	Black and Blue	5 Point	\$25.00
Womens Polo Shirt	Black and Blue	5 Point	\$25.00
Mens Athlete Shirt			
	Black, Blue, Green, Gray	5 Point	\$15.00
Womens Athlete Shirt			
	Black, Blue, Green, Gray	5 Point	\$15.00
Flex-fit Embroidered Ball Cap,			
size S/M	Black, Forest, Navy	5 Point	\$20.00
Flex-fit Embroidered Ball Cap,			
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# *AGM 2014, Niagara Celtic Festival both great successes for Clan Henderson Society, Inc.*

Gary Henderson, FSA Scot



I am happy to report on Clan Henderson's 2014 AGM held in Olcott, NY, on September 13-14. It was an honor to host the AGM in the NorthEast Region this year and to meet so many Henderson cousins! The first chance to meet with members of the Executive Committee and other clan members who came on Friday when we gathered for lunch at Gordie Harper's Bazaar.

Saturday morning set up was helped by the many Hendersons who came early to lend a hand which was greatly appreciated! We occupied 4 tents and, thank goodness, Larry brought some plastic sheeting to hang as the wind was blowing hard off of beautiful Lake Ontario just behind us. We had a steady stream of visitors and numerous people signed the Visitors log as well as some becoming new members or renewing.

At noon, the Clan marched out on to the field during opening ceremonies. It was an impressive sight and I am proud to say that even though the skies opened up and the downpour began, not one person ran for shelter or complained about the rain. Yes, it was an impressive sight – all knew the Hendersons were here and they had dominated the field. Once the opening ceremony was completed, most headed back to the tents with an attempt to dry off a wee bit. With the exception of Leon Hicks and Gary Henderson who headed over to the torch ceremony. This is where each Clan represented lights a torch, a prayer is said, and the torch is thrown into the pit to start the bonfire which stays lit until the festival is over.

At 2 pm the annual general meeting commenced, and it was a full house. There was much to talk about, which can be read in the AGM minutes. We saw the exiting of some current leadership and the introduction of new leadership, and I look forward to working with all of them. Some raffles/door prizes giving out as-well-as Clan Henderson cozi's- compliments of Bruce Henderson- Thank you.

Following that there was the Clan walkabout led by some members from "D" Company Buffalo City Guard Gordon Highlanders, which included Pete Henderson on pipes and Ginny Henderson on drums.

Day two on Sunday morning the grounds looked a bit of a mess, especially the Clan Row. Gale force winds came through and really made a mess of things; again, it didn't dampen the spirit of Clan Henderson! Things were mended quickly enough and we were back in business. It turned out to be much drier and a bit warmer and was a good opportunity to explore the festival and enjoy the music, food and Celtic vendors. Tim Demler, Clan Henderson member, and vendor of [Scottishstoreonline.com](http://Scottishstoreonline.com) was "named" Clan Henderson piper. Tim played his pipes for the clan for the first time in his "official" capacity and wee drams of whiskey were shared compliments of Mark Henderson.

Thank you to all our cousins who were able to travel to Olcott to make this a wonderful family gathering!



# Clan Henderson Membership Pin

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Mark Henderson, FSA Scot

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## Twenty-Five Years Membership

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# CONGRATULATIONS!



*These are folks  
who joined the  
Clan Henderson  
Society, Inc.,  
in December,  
January and  
February 2015*

# NEW MEMBERS

Joining in the Far South Region (TX, OK, AR) is **Tom Henderson** from Elgin, Texas.

Joining in the Great Lakes Region (OH, IN, MI, IL, WI) is **Donna J. Begley** from Charlestown, IN.

Our new member from Mid Central Region (KS, MO, IA, NE) is **Susan Miller** from Boonville, MO.

The Mid East Region's (PA, DE, MD, VA, WV, NJ) new members are **Larry Andrews** from Cambridge Springs, PA and **Stacie O. Condrell** from Washington, DC.

We welcome to the Mid South Region (KY, TN, AL, MS, LA) **Gabrielle Henderson** from Clarksville, TN and **Tony J. Jordan** from Huntsville, AL.

The North Central Region (KS, MO, IA, NE) welcomes **Barb Henderson Keyes** from Lakeville, MN.

**Elizabeth Henderson** from Brooklyn, NY; **R. Henderson** from Barrington, RI and **Christine Crawford Oppenheimer** from Hyde Park, NY are new members from the North East Region (NY, ME, MA, CT, RI, NJ, VT).

**Walter B. Estep, Jr.**, from Dupont, WA and **Joyce Henderson** from East Helena, MT have joined the North Pacific Region (WA, OR, ID, MT, AK).

The South East Region (FL, SC, NC, GA) welcomes **Lindsay J. Baldwin** from Cleremont, FL; **Elizabeth W. Bussinah** from Hopkins, SC; **Brandi Godbee** from Orlando, FL; **Peggy Goodale** from Largo, FL; **Angelique Henderson** from Winter Springs, FL; **Mona Henderson** from Weaverville, NC; **Shannon Henderson** from Winter Springs, FL; **Dorothy Hendrix Hope**, Gainesville, FL and **Glenn Venton**, Bradenton, FL.

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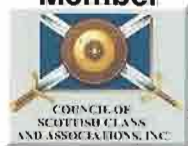
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