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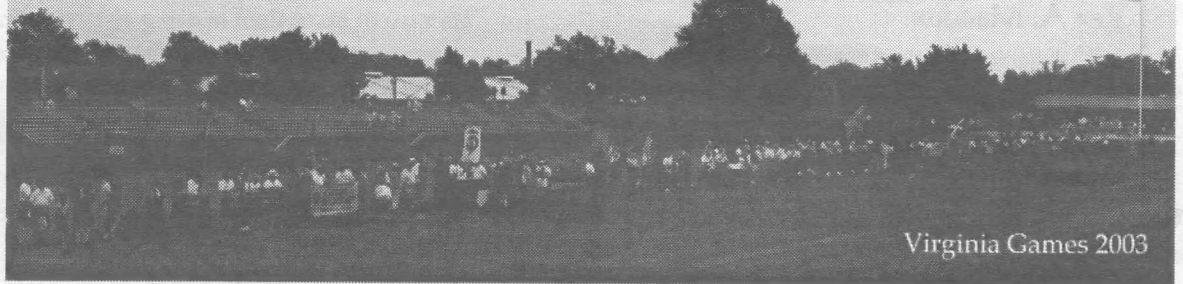


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Caledonian Club Chief Has A Full Plate

Alex Henderson, chief of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, is completing his second year in office. He is seen wearing Henderson tartan as he went about his duties as the games manager in Pleasanton, California. He emigrated to the United States from Edinburgh and now spends his life sharing his heritage with others.

He has taken part of these Scottish Games from Petaluma in 1960, through Santa Rosa in the 1970s and now in Pleasanton. He enjoys himself and wants visitors to have fun and enjoy themselves as well, and he'll do what is necessary to have that happen.

When you attend an event put on by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco you should bring your appetite, because Alex, in his second role, will help you satisfy it. He is the owner of the Scottish Meat Pie Company.

Alex started his meat-pie company almost twenty years ago. He operates a retail store at 245 N. First St. in Dixon, California, where a normal day of baking at 11 A.M. and finishes about 4 P.M.

At the games, he sells his food from his red double-decker bus. He serves his speciality—meat pies—and a select menu including bridies, pasties, and English fish and chips, and bangers. During the event in Pleasanton, his daughter, Sandra Snyder, staffed the bus while Alex attended to his management duties.

It is great to have such involved individuals as a part of Clan Henderson.

Alex Henderson's Menu

Meat Pies

pastry shell filled with ground meat and spices and baked

Bridies

beef cooked with onions in a puff pastry

Pasties

meat and potatoes in a crust

English Fish and Chips

deep fried fish and potatoes

Bangers

sausage cooked with onions in a roll

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Our mailing list is maintained by the Clan Secretary and changes should be submitted directly.

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DUES RENEWAL

Basic clan dues	\$ _____	
\$15 per year per family		
Other Contributions-		
Region Support	\$ _____	NEW
Genealogy	\$ _____	
Chief's Fund	\$ _____	
Memorial	\$ _____	
Other	\$ _____	
TOTAL	\$ _____	

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NEW Stephen G. Murphy
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For Clan Members who wish to enroll other members of their family (e.g., parents, grown children), please contact your Regional Commissioner for a membership application.

Send the completed form to your Commissioner or directly to
Membership Secretary

Carol Maley **NEW**
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Send Address Changes here!

Articles and reports for An Canach are requested and encouraged. Please send photos separately!
Deadlines for input are 1 December, 1 March, 1 June, and 1 September.

The "Circle?"
It is a "Round To It!"

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President's Message

by Rex A. Maddox



I have been "on the road" nearly constantly since writing my last article—the International Gathering of the Clans in Halifax, Nova Scotia and then out to the west coast for several events including our Annual General Meeting held at the Pacific Northwest Highland Games in Enumclaw, Washington. It has been a busy, very productive summer. New members seem to show up everywhere and some of our current members have been renewing their memberships at events that they attend most every year (a good idea).

I must admit to being a bit disappointed at not seeing more of our cousins at the events I attended in the Pacific Northwest. I had sent well over a hundred postcards to all members, active and inactive, in that region, letting folks know that I was going to be in their area, attending games, and asking if I could see and talk with them. Only a few decided to come by and say "hello" at any of the events. Of those who did, we had a good time discussing the Society and its progress with membership, the articles we sell through the quartermaster

(Warren Henderson), An Canach the AGM and its purpose, as well as how sites for our AGM's are selected.

Probably most disappointing

We are a family, you know, a group of interconnected individuals who have a common background and heritage.

for me was the lack of participation in the banquet and ceilidh we held in conjunction with the annual meeting. We have a banquet and ceilidh annually after our Alexandria Christmas Walk parade and it is always well attended, with as many as a hundred cousins enjoying themselves. By contrast, the Enumclaw banquet and ceilidh, though well organized and advertised, produced only twenty interested cousins. Is it the difference in locale? The "West" as opposed to the "East"? Or is it that our cousins in other parts of the country just don't have the time for their Henderson family?

We are a family, you know, a group of interconnected individuals who have a common background and heritage. I like to think we are a family whose branches have scattered to the four corners of the earth but are one, just the same, with common ancestry.

It is true that some of us have to reach very far back to find our nearest Henderson ancestor, but the line is there and we need to honor it. I hope we can do so in the future, with more of you showing up at local highland gatherings or even making your presence known at our annual meetings.

The next AGM will be at the Stone Mountain, Georgia, Highland Games in October 2004. It is an election year for us and you should start now to make your plans to attend. Not only is this an important annual meeting, but the Stone Mountain event is a large, well-managed, and an eventful gathering.

Mid October of next year—we'll see you there when we announce to all the other clansmen present . . .

"The Hendersons Are Here!"

Some Administrative Requests

Membership

Membership Secretary Carol Maley requests that membership forms that are submitted to her be the original completed forms. This request is for two reasons:

1. She maintains the official copy of all memberships.
2. In some cases, hand-written information doesn't photocopy well, and see #1.

Name Badges

We periodically receive orders for name badges (see page 22) for just one badge and don't receive any additional orders for months on end. The engraver will not do just one badge and we wind up having to wait until we have a

large enough order for them to process (generally about six badges). We will submit an order on the last day of each quarter (31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December). This way, members will understand that if they send an order in before the end of each quarter, it won't be sent to the engraver until the cut off date. If there still is not enough of a quantity to send in an order, it may have to wait until the next quarter to process.

Please make checks payable to Clan Henderson Society.

Editorial Help

Your editor needs some help. A constant stream of copyrighted material is submitted for An Canach. While some articles could be released, most require rewriting—Call me at (703) 780-1068 or e-mail at EdAnCan@aol.com.

Clan Henderson Society of the United States of America

2003 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Clan Henderson Society of the United States was held in Enumclaw, Washington on 26 July 2003.

President Rex Maddox called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. The Invocation was given by the Chaplain, Fred Sanford.

Recording Secretary, Dottie Henderson requested that the reading of the minutes from the 2002 meeting be suspended as they were published in the spring issue of the An Canach. John Berquist made a motion that the reading of the minutes be suspended. Steve Murphy seconded the motion and it was voted upon and carried.

Treasurer Steve Murphy gave the 2002 Financial Summary.

Financial Summary

	Chief's Fund	General Fund	Total
Beginning Balances, 1 January 2002	\$9,159.31	15,106.76	24,266.07
Add Cash Receipts	2,586.51	25,479.66	28,066.17
Less Cash disbursements		(19,994.02)	(19,994.02)
Ending Balances, 31 December 2002	\$11,745.82	\$20,592.40	\$36,088.77

Rex explained that tartan flag bag kits have been given to the commissioners to make it possible for the clan to be represented at as many gatherings as possible.

Membership Secretary Carol Maley had submitted her report of the membership status. Rex Maddox gave the summary.

Recording Secretary Dottie Henderson reported that a letter was sent in March to both active and inactive Canadian members. The letter informed them of the separation of The Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada into two separate societies. This was done with the mutual consent of the Canadian and the United States leaders and with the approval of our Clan Chief. An invitation was extended to remain a member of the United States society if desired.

The Chaplain gave his annual report.

The President announced that the following individual and corporate grants have been received.

Clan member Christian Garin who is employed by Citicorp/Travelers has by his efforts in time and money spent, for Clan Henderson events, allowed us to receive matching funds from that company. Some of this money will be designated for flag kits.

Mrs. Estil H. Oliver has donated \$250.00 to be used for a Youth Scholarship given in memory of her late husband.

The President explained that the agreement of separation by Canada and the United States with approval by our Chief became official 1 January 2003. Our organization will continue to work with the Canadians and share An Canach articles.

Awards for 2002 were announced by Rex Maddox.

Order of the Chief

Susan Hoffman and Richard Hoffman
Texas Convenors and host for 2001 AGM

Thomas C. Henderson

Michigan Convenor

He has also recruited two other convenors to cover events for Michigan

Christian Garin

Mid East Convenor and fund raiser

The Chief's Prize Award and the Claude A. Henderson Memorial Scholarship were not awarded for 2002.

Youth Scholarships

James S. Craig IV of Georgia, Grade I piper
Jessica S. Craig of Georgia, fiddler and flutist

First Estil Henderson Oliver Memorial Scholarship

Laura Venable
Premier Highland dancer

Rex encouraged our youth to apply for scholarships. He explained that several youngsters

submitted applications to be considered for the Youth Scholarship, but they did not meet the deadline of 1 May. He emphasized the importance of meeting the deadline.

Under Old Business Rex reported that there are two vacancies for commissioners in the South Pacific and North Central Regions. There are two new convenors for Northern and Southern California and also for the Portland Oregon area in the Northwest.

Rex thanked Dean Henderson, the new North Pacific Commissioner and Pam Henderson for hosting the Clan Henderson Tent and AGM.

The Chaplain gave the Benediction and a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Submitted by:
Dottie Henderson
Recording Secretary





Henderson ROOTS & TWIGS

Some stories need to be retold

Horace

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Sc.
Clan Genealogist

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"son of Henry"

*Imaginary
Ancestors
do not have
Real
Descendants*

Dear Cousins,
You'll remember I promised you less of me and more of other and better genealogists. There follows a piece by Clansman Jim Henderson III of Norfolk VA (alas, now a flower of the forest), one of the most thorough researchers imaginable in the genealogy and family histories of early Virginia Hendersons.

This piece first appeared in "Roots & Twigs" of the June 1990 issue of An Canach. What Jim wrote then needs to be told again, because it puts (or should put) an end to an error that almost all Hendersons fall into when they begin their search for Virginia origins: that a Thomas Henderson from Dumfries, Scotland, settled in Jamestown in the very earliest years and, from genealogies submitted to me, must have been the progenitor of about every Henderson around! This notion apparently arose in some usually reputable genealogical publications but no sources were given, no documents cited.

As I've written to many of you about your own submissions, there may have been such a person who did such things but until there is proof, it's not genealogy. As Jim says in his opening sentence below, imaginary ancestors do not have real descendants. And now to Jim Henderson. . . .

The True Thomas Henderson by James Henderson III

Imaginary ancestors do not have real descendants. That truism has not, however, stopped any number of researchers of Henderson genealogy from embracing the story of an ancestral Thomas Henderson who is said to have arrived in April 1607, or soon thereafter, with the

earliest settlers of Virginia. That no documented fact exists to support the myth has in no way discouraged belief in the yarn. It has crept into standard research works, informal family histories, and the records of such organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution. . . .

They have this Thomas Henderson coming from Dumfries, Scotland, which, if he existed, would be altogether possible. He arrived at Jamestown Island, then moved to places called Yellow Spring and Blue Spring, then to Williamsburg and later to Albemarle County. A son or grandson, Richard Henderson married a daughter Mary of Ensign Washer. . . .

Now to sort out that jumble a bit. No early gazetteer shows Blue Spring or Yellow Spring on or near Jamestown Island. Although Middle Plantation was established at the site in 1633, Williamsburg as such was not founded until 1699; and Albemarle not until 1744, which would have made Thomas Henderson of 1607 extraordinarily long lived.

Ensign Washer (the "Ensign" is a military rank, not a name; his first name is not recorded) indeed was a member of the House of Burgesses. He attended the Burgesses in 1619 and was mentioned in the annals of the Virginia Company. . . . Ensign Washer vanished from the Virginia records after 1619, and the name never recurred in colonial records. (There were and are Wash families, however, including Washes who settled near Hendersons in Hanover County in the first third of the eighteenth century.)

Where both Hendersons and Washers fail is in what amounted to censuses conducted by the Virginia Company. The first was

taken in 1624, and recorded both the living . . . and those who died in a 1622 Indian uprising and a 1623 epidemic. No Hendersons or Washers were named. A 1625 muster of fighting men, those between the ages of 16 and 60, again omitted Hendersons and Washers. In fact, the Virginia records, running from 1605 until the Crown took over the colony in 1624, mention no Henderson as share holder, employee, sailor, soldier or settler.

The first Hendersons of record in Virginia were Alexander on the Rappahannock River in 1648 and Gilbert on the Eastern Shore in 1650. A William was on the Mattaponi River in present King and Queen County no later than 1661, while a James with wife Christian was nearby on the Pamunkey Neck, in present King William County, by 1667. Gilbert and his descendants have a provable lineage down to this day, but gaps in the records make inferences from the existence of William and James risky at best. . . .

Jim Henderson is no longer with us, and his knowledge and insight on early Hendersons is sorely missed. It was he who alerted us to the documentary problems with our Jamestown Henderson and with other similar cases. Now among the gears of our Clan Henderson genealogical work is to ferret these out, correct them as best we can, discover the documented truth, and alert Our Clansmen about these rootless family trees.

The message to you is, be alert! Question your sources (and be sure to include them in your genealogies)! And remember *Imaginary ancestors do not have real descendants!*

An Canach + Summer 1999



Flowers of the Forest

Leona Brunson Henderson, age 96, died 31 August 2002 in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. She is survived by son Robert Lansing Henderson and his wife Carol of Folly Beach, South Carolina.

Jack Henderson of Moody, Alabama, died 15 anuary 2003. He is survived by a sister June Kroger, and his daughters—he lived with daughter Rebecca and Jim Gosnell and his grandsons.

Bill Henderson, age 79, died 15 February 2003 in Fort Worth, Texas. He is survived by his wife Marie, son William Douglas Henderson, daughters Susan Campbell and Lynda Hubble.

Darrell Perkins, age 46, of Houston, Texas, died 21 March 2003. He is survived by his wife Brenda, sons Matthew and Bobby; and mother Dolores Perkins of Waco, Texas.

Mattie Ruth Rainey Henderson died 15 April 2003. She is survived by her husband Howard S. Henderson of Byron, Georgia.

Rubye Durden Henderson, age 91, of Grayson, Georgia, died 20 July 2003. She was preceeded in death by her husband Marion P. Henderson. She is survived by her children, Marian Belle and Donald Leslie, William Grady and Shirley Henderson, sisters, Marguarite Young, Laverne Bowen, brother, Bobby Neal Durden. and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Matthew Joseph Brady was born 16 March 2002. He is the son of James and Elizabeth Brady and grandson of Morey and Roberta Brady.

Thomas John White was born 15 May 2002 in Long Beach, California. He is the son of Carrie and John White and grandson of Carolyn W. Henderson.

Torri Traffie was born 22 Jun 2002. She is the daughter of Wendy and Dana Traffie of St. Paul, Minnesota; and granddaughter of Lawrence and Mary Anne Bumstead.

Pround grandparent Martha and Allen Palmer of Brinklow, Maryland, announce birth of their grandchildren:

Cary Matthew Shifflet, on 4 July 2002 to Lynn and Matthew Shifflett in Columbia, Maryland.

Madison Christa Palmer on 19 July 2002 to Gary and Christine Palmer, of Olney, Maryland.

Quinlyn Scully was born on 16 Jan 2003 in Huntsville, Alabama. She is the daughter of Bianca and John P. Scully.

Dylan Lansing Henderson was born 5 June 2003 in Charleston, South Carolina, to Robert Lansing II and Angel Maree Irick Henderson.

Ray N. and Virginia McCall of Bradford, Texas, announce three new great grandchildren in 2003:

Shelby Elizabeth McCall to Ray H. and Vena McCall.

Madeline Rose Joslyn to Christine and Peter Joslyn.

Abigail Alexis Floyd to Kayla and Jeffrey Floyd. She is the granddaughter of Claudia McCall Vickers.

Useful Henderson Research Tools Available

By Horace Loftin

We have produced (and have others in the works) a series of booklets which contain ALL the Hendersons in 1850, 1860 and/ or 1870 Censuses for states of special importance in tracking down those "hidden Hendersons." 1850 is, of course, the first census year in which all family members are listed. The booklets present, county by county, all Hendersons in residence, their birth years, state born in, and occasional notes on individuals and families. All names are indexed and cross-referenced to the county entries.

They also include the identification numbers used by R. H. (Bob) Henderson of Greer, South Carolina, and also those of the Clan Henderson data base for all individuals in our records. You are invited to contact me for genealogies of Hendersons so identified.

I use these constantly in my work as Clan Genealogist, and I believe you will find them excellent research tools.

We also have an outstanding booklet prepared by Clansman B. B. Shuffler, with simple but detailed information on sources for doing Henderson research, emphasis on where to go and what to look for in Scottish records: *Search for Scots*, 32pp, \$10.00

To order, specify the booklets you want and send check made out to "Clan Henderson Society," to Horace Loftin, 218 Greenwood Drive, Panama City FL 32407; phone: (850) 235-2984. Prices listed include postage.

Hendersons of

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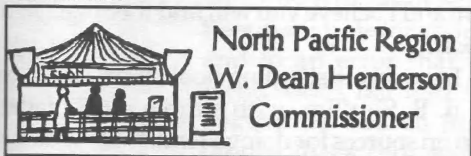
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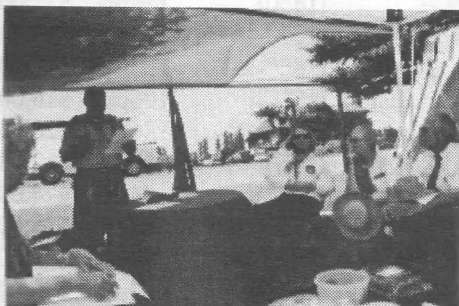
Pacific Northwest Highland Games

By Dean Henderson

The gathering of the clan at the Pacific Northwest Highland Games was a success with eleven new members and approximately fifty people signing the register. The days were sunny and hot.

President Rex Maddox, Vice President Mike Henderson and wife Joan, Recording Secretary Dottie Henderson, Treasurer Stephen Murphy, Clan Piper John Berquist, and Clan Chaplain Fred Sanford, were on hand to ensure the success of the gathering and to hold the AGM after the parade of the clans on Saturday.

Dean Henderson and his wife Pam



President Rex conducting the Annual General Meeting

convened the Games. Dean is the new North Pacific commissioner. Also in attendance were Northwest Bodyguard Steve Henderson, and his wife Marilyn, as well as a former North Pacific Commissioner, Brad Baller.

It was good to meet new cousins and to see old friends as well as to enjoy the conviviality of all who stopped by the tent. Once again, thanks to all the officers who took the time to travel a great distance for the Annual General Meeting and Games.

The Highland Games at Spokane, Washington

By Rex A. Maddox

It was glorious weather on Saturday, 2 August, in Spokane. I arrived at the fairgrounds about 7:30 A.M. to set up the tent and get things ready for the event. Our North Pacific Commissioner, Dean Henderson of Mercer Island, Washington, had made the arrangements for the Hendersons to be represented at this event, paid the fees and received the passes, etc. which he had passed on to me at the Enumclaw Games the previous weekend. His assistance was really appreciated and it left me with little to do except set up the tent and greet our cousins who came by during the day. The weather (it had been so hot during the previous two weekends when I had attended the Portland Highland Games and at



Interested members paying attention



The clan preparing to march

Enumclaw) was a cloudless day, with temperature in the mid 70s and a slight breeze out of the south. Just great!

The first person to come by the tent was cousin Dave Henderson, now a resident of Tucson, Arizona, and convener for Clan Gunn. We discussed his move to the Tucson area last year and the state of his health which had kept him from assuming the responsibility within Arizona as the Henderson state convener. He told me that, should his health improve to the point where he can take on the responsibility, he will contact the region's Commissioner, Buzz McEldowney. While talking with David, Mary and Jack Ray of Medical Lake, Washington, came by the tent. Mary is a Henderson and she joined us in membership. Pam Johanson of Coolin, ID attended the games and came to the tent to renew her membership as did her son, E. Zachary Johanson of Nordman, Idaho. Zac will be sporting a new Henderson kilt at the next event he attends.

This was the second time I convened the Henderson tent at the Spokane Games and I was pleased to find that Henderson cousins still abound in the Pacific Northwest. The region's Commissioner hopes to find a convener amongst the cousins we have now located and who live in close proximity to this great event.

South Dakota Games

By Virginia Broussard

The inaugural Dakota Celtic Festival and Highland Games opened on a windy, rainy, cold Saturday morning on Labor Day weekend, 2003 at Rapid City, South Dakota. Despite the unseasonable weather, the planning and forethought of the organizing committee enabled the



North Pacific
Commissioner Dean
Henderson and his son
Michael

We have new members from two of them. The first was Wynonna Fowler and her husband Robert; the second was

Dean Henderson and his wife Kimberly and son Michael. I think they're the first members of the Clan



Wynonna Fowler

Henderson Society from South Dakota.

Kevin Henderson, from Valley Falls, Kansas, already a Clan Henderson member, also visited for a while. However, he was a bit busy. The following Monday the athletic director of the Games verified for me that Kevin placed first in all events and in overall for the under 190 pound class. According to the program, there were seven events for that class including putting the stone (braemar stone put), caber toss, 16 pound Scottish hammer, sheaf toss, 28 pound weight for distance, 42 pound weight for distance, and 42 pound weight for height. Congratulations, Kevin!

Clan McFarlane sponsored friendly rivalry among ladies representing five clans who tossed the haggis (a sand-

filled sock) for distance, just as the Scotswoman of old wrapped her husband's lunch in a cloth and tossed it across the river to him. This Henderson woman's husband would definitely have enjoyed many a waterlogged lunch, based on the final results of the competition!

Five families visited the Clan tent.

It was a perfect day at the Rocky Mountain Games when this photograph was taken during a concert at our tent. Two of the Shrine pipers frame Kyle Holder, Rex Maddox, and Connor McNally. Southwest Commissioner Buzz McEldowney is behind them.



No Hendersons visited the Clan Henderson tent at the smaller games at Scotland two weeks later. However, I had my first taste of "pan" haggis and (as harper) was pictured on the brochure publicizing the event.

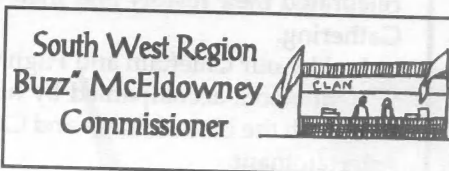
Society of Colorado, which celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Games this year. In honor of the anniversary, each of the 40 clans and societies in attendance was given a blue and gold streamer "battle honor" to attach to its tartan flag.

Friday afternoon my son's girlfriend, Julie, and I headed to the field to get set

up for the 40th Anniversary of the Games.



President Rex Maddox congratulates Kevin Henderson, King of the under 190# athletes. In Colorado he took 5 gold medals, two silver medals, and athlete of the day; in South Dakota, he placed first in all events and in overall for the under 190 pound class.



40th Annual Scottish Festival
and
Rocky Mountain
Highland Games
9 and 10 August 2003
by Buzz McEldowney

This year, as in the past, the games were held at Highland Heritage Park, in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, which is just south of the Denver metro area. This event is sponsored by the Saint Andrew's

up. Our clan president, Rex Maddox, met us at the field and helped with tent and tables. It was extremely hot, upper 90s, and we all knew what was in store for the weekend.

Saturday morning my daughter, Erin, and I got to the field early, before it was too hot. Rex and my sister, Collene, arrived shortly thereafter. With Erin, Rex, and Collene helping, the Clan tent was up and looking "good."

Opening ceremonies at noon on Saturday had a new twist this year. After the clans marched onto the field and passed in review, a single member from each clan, with a tartan flag, remained at the rear of the field and then marched back onto the field following the massed bands. It added a colorful touch to the ceremonies each day. There were more than a dozen bands in attendance this year.

On Saturday, this being the 40th anniversary for the Saint Andrew's Society, the Chieftains for the past 40 years were honored and thanked for their service to the society. Among the honorees was Clan Henderson's own Peggy Zanin, the 1995-96 Chieftain and the first female to hold this position. Peggy was surprised with an impromptu escort wearing the Henderson tartan, our own Lindsay Parker. Thanks Lindsay!

Our president, Rex Maddox, led the clan onto the field for the noon ceremonies and was honored as the clan passed the review stands. The clouds had rolled in and made it a little more tolerable, but that didn't last and by the time we got back to the tent, it was a scorcher again.

We had a few folks stop and visit on Saturday afternoon, including Clan Piper, John Bergquist, along with his El Jebel Shrine Pipe Band. We were provided with a medley of tunes before the band left clan row.

Bill, Pat, and Laura Venable, from Oklahoma, stopped by to say hello. Laura was the first recipient of the Estil H. Oliver Memorial Youth Scholarship. A couple other "young" Henderson Clan members did well in their competitions. Drew Parker took a first in Grade 3 drumming, and was named drummer of the day on Sunday. Drew's sister, Lindsay, did well in her dance competition. She was first runner-up in

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International Gathering 2003



[Couples from l to r] President Rex and Pat Maddox, Clan Henderson of the U.S.A.; President Cairns and Celeste Henderson, Clan Henderson in Canada; High Commissioner David and Loulie Henderson; Clan Chaplain Fred and Peggy Henderson, U.S.A.

Halifax, Nova Scotia

By Cairns Henderson

Beginning a tradition over thirty years ago, every four years the Scottish Clans hold their International Gatherings in New Scotland, officially known by its Latin name, Nova Scotia.

This year, beginning on Tartan Day, 6 April, and continuing until 4 October, many Clans have held or scheduled their Gatherings through out the province. Most clans have had either their Chief or their North American Chieftains in attendance.

This year, for the first time, Clan Henderson was among the Clans who celebrated their history and their clan during the year of the International Gathering.

Led by our Chieftain and High Commissioner for North America, David S. Henderson, accompanied by his wife Loulie, Clan Henderson members from both the United States and Canada enjoyed four days of friendship and entertainment.

Beginning on 3 July, Clan Henderson jointly hosted a banquet with members from the Clan Lamont Society of Canada. In his address, Clan Henderson North American Chieftain David S. Henderson brought greetings to Clan Henderson from our Chief, Dr. John Henderson of Fordell. The Chieftain also delivered best wishes from the Chief to Clan Henderson of Canada and wished them success in organizing their new Society.

The President of the Clan Henderson Society of the United States of America, Rex Maddox and the President of the Clan Henderson Society of Canada, Cairns Henderson, accompanied by their wives, Pat Maddox and Celeste Henderson, were in attendance.

In the following days, many Clan Henderson members attended a performance of the Nova Scotia International Tattoo, the Halifax Highland Games, a Kirking of the Tartans, a sail on the tall ship Silva, and several luncheons.

The International Gathering sponsor, The Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia, consider the 2003 Gathering a success.

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the "15 and under" on Saturday and Sunday she won a trophy for "most successful premier dancer." Speaking of competition, Kevin Henderson and his wife, Lori, came by to say he would be competing on Sunday.

Sunday was a carbon copy of Saturday, without the cloud cover at noon. The heat seemed to be taking its toll on everyone. The overall number of people at the games was less than last year and the same applied to the Hendersons. We still managed to gain one new member and had a couple of renewals. We were all reminded why we refer to these games as the "hot" games and the games in Estes Park in September as the "cold" games. I myself am looking forward to a little cooler weather next month.

Sunday's visitors included Pam and Dennis Young, convenors for Estes Park, along with their grandson, Kyle. The heat didn't seem to bother Kyle or my sister's grandson, Connor. The two of them had enough energy for all.

As the day progressed, we got periodic reports on Kevin Henderson's standings in the men's "under 190" competition. Rex Maddox even made a couple of trips to the athletics area to check on his "champion." As usual, Kevin took home the gold again this year. Kevin won 5 gold medals, two silver medals, and "athlete of the day."

Sunday we managed to pull a surprise on our president with a cake

and pipe band salute for his birthday, even though his birthday was not until later in the week. Rex was truly surprised and all present at the Clan Henderson tent enjoyed a piece of the cake.

Many thanks to all who stopped and visited. Special thanks to my daughter, Erin, for all her help Saturday and Sunday, and my sister, Collene, for holding down the fort. I'd also like to thank our president, Rex, not only for honoring us with his presence at our games and providing a wealth of knowledge, but for all his travel and efforts on behalf of Clan Henderson. Thank you, Rex!!

Great Lakes Region
Douglas Henderson
Commissioner



Edinboro Highland Games and Festival

By Margaret and Johnny Walker

Everyone agreed that this year's Edinboro Highland Games and Festival was the best in its eleven year history. The town of Edinboro was very involved with added entertainment, food and vendors lending to the festival spirit starting Friday evening with the Kilted Mile. Later Chelsea House orchestra and Seven Nations were in concert in the University Field House.



Kinsman Brian Olson of Cochranton, Pennsylvania, won second in the amateur heavy athletics.

Except for the kilted mile, my Henderson day started Saturday morning when Wayne and Cathy Brnicevic brought Commissioner Douglas Henderson's tent and necessary items for our tables. I watched while the expert Brnicevics set up our home for the day during a strong wind which kept the flags and banners flying straight out.

All the events started and stayed on schedule inside the Field House and on the fields. By the time for opening ceremonies the weather was ideal for an outdoor day. The crowds kept the vendors very busy including Gaelic Imports from Cleveland, Ohio, and Henderson Armor from Niagara Falls, NY; our Henderson cousin vendors.

We had some forty people stop in our tent for a visit. The Scott Hendersons from Richfield, Ohio, had a daughter in dance events. The whole family was in and out during the day as well as Cathy's and Wayne's children. Ed Henderson came by with his silver trophy after the Hammer Throw and renewed his membership. His mother, Linda Henderson renewed her membership. So did Sheila Grossholz from Erie and Brian Olson from Cochranton, Pennsylvania.

Another visitor was Gary Henderson from Melbourne, Australia, a student here at EUP. Karen Cywinske stopped to tell us her Henderson ancestors came to this area to survey and decided to stay. Our last Henderson was young Paula Prohn who said her grandmother was a Henderson. We gave her a copy of "An Canach" but I must let her know she is also a Henderson.

With Henderson vendors so busy and two of my family missing we still had the most people including seven



Look at all the kids! Four generations of the Margaret Henderson Walker family are included.



The Hendersons gather in Detroit

children ages 3 years to teen to be the most people and most impressive clan parading at opening ceremonies.

At Saturday night's Ceilidh, Tim Thompson, Festival Director, opened events with Robert Burn's "Address to a Haggis." During dinner, Chelsea House Orchestra and Seven Nations performed again. Scottish dancing for all followed dinner.

Sunday afternoon, Chelsea House and Seven Nations were in concert at Campbell's Pottery which is South of Edinboro and a half mile north of our home.

Come out next year for another great event.

Detroit Highland Games

by Kevin J. Henderson

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Allison Gibson, a highland dancer from Rochester Hills, Michigan, was sponsored by Clan Henderson in the women's kilted mile — She won!

The Detroit Highland Games on 2 August 2003 was fabulous. There were plenty of activities for both the young and old. The weather God gave was outstanding. The forecast called for rain all afternoon; however, it never appeared.

The clan tent was busy from the opening ceremonies until late in the afternoon. We had twenty-four cousins visit, many with interesting stories about their families. As the bodyguard for Michigan, I found it my duty to explain the origins and history of the clan.

For the parade of tartans, we made quite a showing. It has become our trademark at the Games to spread out enough, wearing plenty of Henderson tartan, to stand out from the rest of the clans. For the parade we had over a dozen of us proudly showing the Henderson banner. We are fortunate to have available swaths of Henderson tartan for all participants to wear.

Thanks to all the cousins who stopped in at the tent. Thanks to all the friends we knew and to the newcomers as well. Next year we hope to see you again. Also, next July, all kin and kith who visited this year, will be invited to the clan dinner at my home. We would like all who are available to attend and all cousins are invited.

Ohio Scottish Games

Oberlin, Ohio

28 June 2003

by Douglas Henderson

Mary has granted permission to use her awesome letter (my words) below for reporting on the Ohio Scottish Games. Next year these games will be at the Lorain County Fairgrounds in Wellington, Ohio, about 10 miles south of Oberlin. Mary is Dr. "D.A.'s" sister. She lives in Lakewood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland.

Pictured is Allison Gibson (the cute one!). Allison is a highland dancer from Rochester Hills, Michigan. She wanted to run the Womens Kilted Mile at Oberlin. She is a cross country runner at her high school (the same one that Madonna graduated from). I asked her if a clan was sponsoring her. She said no and readily agreed to run under the Clan Henderson banner. So she returned to the registration table and entered us as her sponsor. Then she won

the event! And we get free tent space at the games next year! She marched with us during the parade of the clans. I told her she would be welcome at Clan Henderson tents wherever she competes. Grandfather Mountain will be their next stop. Her mother, Barbara, sent us pictures.

Dear Doug, Sunday, 29 June 2003

I am sorry that we missed talking with you yesterday when we stopped at the Henderson outpost. We did take advantage of your chairs and bit of shade while we were there. We had one family stop by who were from Michigan. They thought that they might have a Henderson tie and took information with them. We stamped a couple of passports for wee, eager adventurers and had front row seats for the amateur caber. Thank you for extending your hospitality.

After much searching I finally found someone to cover the CSP Resource Center so that I could attend. It has been three or four years since I was able to enjoy the games. My daughter Nancy who lives in Loudonville and a good friend Susan who lives in Mayfield Heights came with me. With much of cell phones and great diligence we all arrived in Oberlin at about the same time and managed to all be sitting together in the grandstand for the opening ceremonies. The massed bands were most impressive! My Nancy is very aware of her Scots ancestry but had never been to a clan gathering before. I feel that we will have no difficulty in convincing her to come next year. Susan's maiden name is Graham, her father was Robert Bruce Graham and her uncle was William Wallace Graham. So you can see that she has little difficulty feeling at home.

I hope that the new location in Wellington will lend itself to the open and family friendly atmosphere that was created by the setting in Oberlin. If you have any input, please encourage the organizers to continue to have child-friendly events. The excitement of getting the passport stamped or taking part in the children's games is such an important part of encouraging young to remember and be proud of their heritage.

Mary Louise Henderson Nixon

Clan Henderson Memorabilia

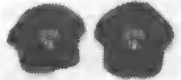
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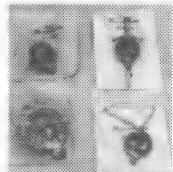


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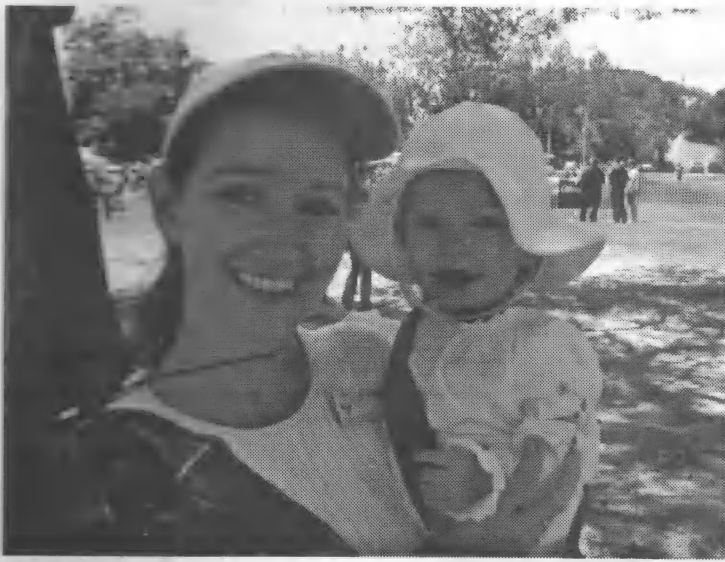
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Only the best folks are Henderson; whether in Monterey . . .

was off limits. The flock of sheep headed in our direction, and the next thing we knew, the sheep dog was zipping around behind our tent and through the next tent in order to cut off the sheep. How often does the Henderson tent become part of the sheep dog exhibition?

In addition to sheep dog competitions, visitors to the Monterey Games, the first weekend of August 2003, enjoyed music, dancing, and historical reenactments. The weather was wonderful - sunny and warm but breezy. Unlike the tent next to ours, the Henderson tent did not blow over in the gusts of warm wind.

We had over fourteen visitors to the tent and distributed membership applications to Alan Henderson, Scott Henderson, Kevin Kahl, and Raedee McAleese-Kahl of Salinas; the Schaefer family and Frank Henderson of Marina; and Audrey Kile of Gonzales.

South Pacific Region



Monterey Scottish Games

by Suzanne Henderson Emerson, J.D.

I should have seen it coming when the flock of sheep headed in my direction. Positioned at the end of clan row at the Monterey Scottish Games & Celtic Festival, the Henderson tent was in an excellent position to view the adjacent sheep dog demonstrations, but the dog did not know that clan row



. . . or in Pleasanton. They all have the best smiles. I'll bet Alex Henderson fed these fine folks his meat pies.

Scottish Gathering & Games Pleasanton, California

by Suzanne Henderson Emerson, J.D.

Few experiences stir the soul quite like hearing 800 pipers and drummers in the massed band playing "Scotland the Brave" as a wedge of Canada Geese arc across the warm California sky at the Pleasanton Highland Games. Billed as the largest Highland games in the U.S., approximately 50,000 people participated in or attended the 138th annual event sponsored by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

The Pleasanton games are huge. Seven different stages offer continuous band competitions, dance competitions, community dance exhibitions and classes, fiddling and harp playing, Celtic rock, and Celtic singing. Athletics competitions proceed on the athletics fields, with finals on the race track in front of the bandstand. Sheepdog trials, games in the children's glen, and the living history demonstrations provide interesting activities. The array of vendors is staggering, and over ninety clans hosted tents in the clan area. This was a special year for Henderson because the games were hosted by Caledonian Club of San Francisco Chief and Games Manager Alex L. Henderson, who is a member of the Clan Henderson Society. (See related story following.)

The Henderson tent had fifty-nine visitors sign the guest registry, most of whom were already members, others took membership forms and requested additional information about the clan and its history. Larry Mae Phillips and her extended family including great-grandson Andrew attended both days of the Games. Al Tilley, who served on the USS Henderson, joined us for the parade on Sunday. Waiving to spectators from a backpack carrier, 14-month-old Katie Emerson may have been the youngest Scot in the parade.

Visitors to the tent included Susan Davis of Amador; Claudia Gordon of Boulder Creek; Patty Hill of Carmichael; Lisa, Adam, Kimberly, and Dave Wilshire of Castro Valley; Joyce Belluomini of Coos; Al and Pat Tilley of Cupertino; Margaret Connolly of Daly City; Alex Henderson, and Neil Henderson of Dixon; Joan E. Emerick of

Fraser; Dianne and Daniel Brown, Julie Henderson Stein from Fremont; Ralph Paulk of Hayward; Scott and Wendy Henderson of Livermore; Patrick Connolly of Los Angeles; Suzanne, Vittorio, and Carlo Palazzo from Los Banos; Tom Henderson of Manteca; Julie McVicker of Modesto; Vikki Burgett of Newark; Steve Henderson of Oakley; James Henderson of Phelon; Rosemary, Jim, and Rachael Riley of Pleasant Hill; Chris Henderson of Pleasanton; Roxie Stewart and Susan Tomko of Rohuert Park; Megan and Chris Miller, Randy Henderson and his two daughters, Kimber Rau of Sacramento; Amy Luper of San Francisco; James Henderson, Mary Henderson Meech and Fred Meech, Carolyn Henderson, John and Linda Henderson, Laura Henderson of San Jose; Norma and George Henderson of San Mateo; Larry Mae and Gene Phillips, Robert E. Phillips, Jr., Jackie Phillips, Andrew Blades of Santa Rosa; Les Radlow and Dan Henderson of Sunnyvale, and tent hosts Suzanne, Jeff, and Katie Emerson of San Carlos.

This being only the second games we've convened the Henderson tent, we were not aware of the children's passports; not aware that throughout the course of the weekend, dozens of children would come to the tent asking us to stamp their passports, and would be disappointed if we had no stamp for them. After arriving home from the games Saturday night, I quickly whipped up some Henderson stickers to place in the children's passports at the games on Sunday. The stickers, which feature the Henderson Chief's crest in front of the tartan, were popular among adults as well as children, with the kids sticking them on their arms as well as passports, and the adults mentioning plans to put them on the backs of their Christmas cards.

Q. Why did the chicken cross the road?

A. To get away from the bagpipe recital.



Well, it took awhile, but we finally caught up with our clan genealogist, Horace Loftin, in the tent at Charleston, South Carolina.

Mid East Region
Leon Hicks
Commissioner

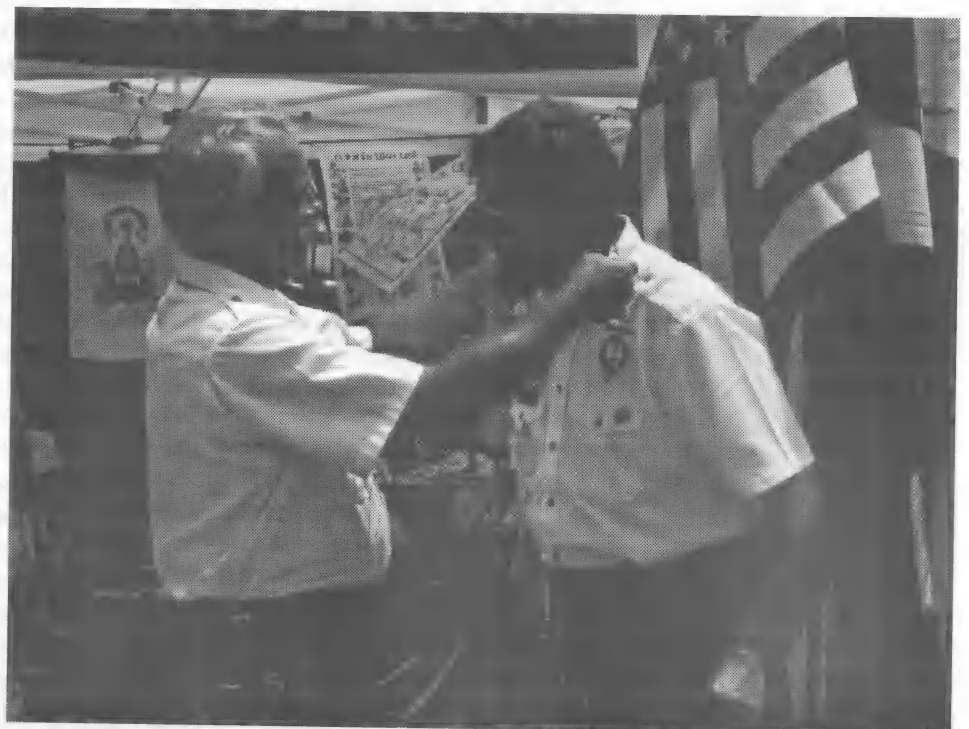


Virginia Scottish Games

By Laura Henderson

Saturday was going to be hot. I could smell it in the air when I staggered out of bed and pulled on my tartan trews to hie myself and

family (consisting of husband, dog, and sister) off to "convene" my first Scottish games. I'd bamboozled my poor unsuspecting Polish husband into an entire weekend of Celtic festivities (the first of many to come), and I had slept peacefully while he slogged coolers, chairs, our dog, and various and sundry other items out to our Ford F150. I finally managed to make my way, dazed and confused, down to the truck at an hour which appeared to be suspiciously near dawn, and off we went to



Christian Garin receiving the Order of the Chief from Mid East Commissioner Leon Hicks.



Clan Henderson on the march at the Virginia Games.

Alexandria's 30th Annual Virginia Scottish Games.

They called me the convenor, but I'll tell you a secret—the title was completely honorific this time around. It was really Christian Garin and Leon Hicks who did the work at the Henderson tent that day. Christian is a convening fiend, and by the time we, in our Beverly Hillbilly-esque truck had circled the Episcopal High School a few of times looking for the correct gate at

which to enter, he and Leon had the tent completely assembled! But I am glad to report that I was in time to oversee the most important aspect of the setup — coordinating the table cloths and arranging the items attractively around the tent. A woman's touch, you know.

Meanwhile in the space beside us, Pat Maddox and Bob and Christi Heston prepared for the onslaught of wandering Scots in search of their past. COSCA is a big crowd-pleaser if I am to judge by the copious number of visitors they drew to their tent during the weekend. Hower, it could not compare with the thundering herd of Henderson kith and kin crowded into our tent. In fact, COSCA had considerably more visitors than we did. But then I'd say they had considerably more visitors than probably any other single tent. Of course that's just me saying it, and who's counting? Oops. Christian says I must count. Very well. COSCA probably had hundreds, wheras Hendersons approximately thirty-three guest-book signers. Maybe a few COSCA people paused at our tent by mistake. Anyhoo. . . about half of those who dropped in to chat and sign our guest book were members, including Ron and Linda MacDonald, Bruce, Judy & Drew Henderson, Don and Sue Henderson, and An Canach editor Russ Henderson,

just to name a few. Other guests stopped by because they were related to Hendersons, or friends of Hendersons and wanted to find out more about the family. Leon was happy to oblige them with tales of he Hendersons massacred at Glencoe. We were especially pleased to welcome new member Shannon White and her daughter Chloe McClimans of Ashburn, Virginia.

Did I mention that it was hot? Honestly, I don't know what we would have done if Christian hadn't thought to bring chilled champagne, shrimp on ice, and smoked salmon. (Yes, those of you who let a little old heat advisory keep you away really missed a party) Mind you, a Christian Garin-convened affair is always the place to be for high-class vittles on any occasion, but this was a very special occasion indeed. Leon surprised Christian with the Order of the Chief in recognition of his outstanding service to the Society in the Mid-East region. Ron MacDonald divvied up the champagne so that we could all make a toasht, troast, tost, a toot...hic...toast...so that we could all make a toast in honor of Christian's big moment. Congratulations Christian!

Sunday brought more hot weather, a little wind, and more friends and festivities. At noon-ish we all fell in with the parade of the clans, with young Colin Chatfield bearing the banner and leading the way. My dog kept trying to



Serving the goodies in the Henderson



Tom and Waffles taking care of the tent.



Taking down the tent. See you next in Williamsburg.

usurp Leon's senior-ranking position as Honored Guest in the parade lineup. As we marched across the stadium, proud Henderson banners waving in the wind, the wee beastie spotted my husband taking pictures from the sidelines and made an earnest attempt to escape the pageantry. Otherwise the parade came off without a hitch.

Leon's wife, Ann, came to lend a hand on Sunday, and the pace was a little slower and more relaxed. The Henderson kinsmen played Frisbee among the tents to the wafting refrains of the Glengarry Bhoys. The dog napped. The crowds died down. Leon napped (or pretended to).

People began breaking camp and packing their trucks. Christian napped (for real). We dismantled the tent. I nearly had my thumb pinched off said tent as the Keystone Convenors debated why the frame wasn't folding properly (could it be that someone's hand is stuck in it?).

And then it was time to bid farewell to the 30th Virginia Scottish Games. Aye.

Williamsburg Scottish Festival 27 September 2003 by Laura Henderson

A fine, cool mist coated our windshield Saturday morning as my husband, my dog and I rattled up the crushed gravel road to the Williamsburg Winery for the annual

Williamsburg Scottish Festival. The sky was overcast and I hoped that the "Scottish" weather would hold and we'd feel transplanted in space and time back to ye olde country. My sun-loving Polish husband, however, felt no such nostalgia, and grumbled over the gloom.

Despite the crisp dampness and the gray sky, there was no denying where we were—in the wake of a storm. The usually pristine landscape of historic Williamsburg was littered with uprooted trees and splintered trunks, recent damage from Hurricane Isabel. Piles of brush and debris lined the curbs of quaint colonial-era neighborhoods, fences were broken, shingles and siding were stripped from homes, and awnings hung in tatters. Power is not fully restored in eastern Virginia even at the time of this writing, and there had been rumors that the games would be cancelled, but despite soggy conditions on the fields, the games went on as planned.

Although we met with an early delay due to a convener's vehicle becoming mired in mud (and thus everyone behind them becoming mired in traffic), we arrived around 8 A.M. to help Christian Garin finish the set-up of the tent. Afterwards, I donned my Scottish togs and we waited for the guests to start rolling in around 9 A.M. The day started out slow, the games opened a tad late, and soon the sun began to peek out from behind the clouds (shattering my last little illusions that I really *could* be in Scotland).

Clan McNicol was the honored clan at the event this year. They were represented by Dr. A. Murray Nicolson, who spoke at the opening ceremony and, accompanied by his wife, paid a visit to each clan tent to greet other conveners. Nice people, those Nicols. One of their number stopped by later to chat with Christian and spotted our picture of Fordell castle. As we were on the topic of castles, he mentioned that his father had bought one in Scotland and (you are going to love this) *it came with a title!* How cool is THAT?!

I want a castle in Scotland with a title! I am putting it on my list.

Around noon Christian broke out the traditional Henderson lunch fare of smoked salmon and champagne and I

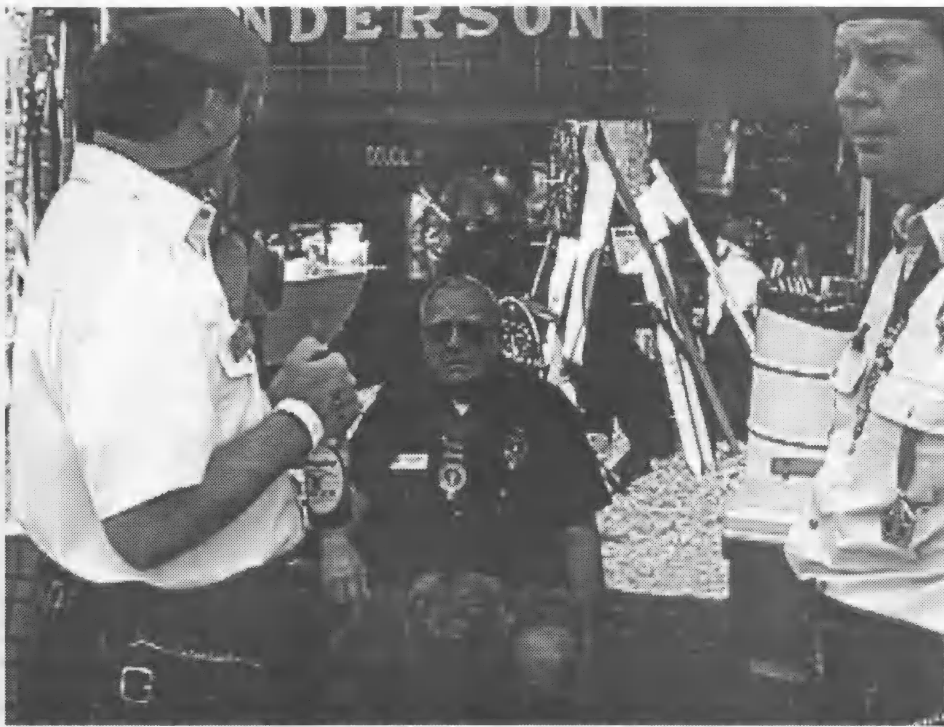
topped it off with Walker's shortbread, but it was Richard and Mary Bartelt's fine bottle of Scotch, served with flair I might add, that I believe drew the greatest appreciation. For some reason that I cannot quite put my finger on, things really loosened up after lunch.

As the weather improved, crowds began to increase and more members and guests dropped by to say hello. We were delighted to welcome new members Darrell and Delia Henderson, on vacation from Peebles, Ohio. Delia is sure to be an asset to the Clan as she is very involved in genealogy. Another festival visitor with the surname Henderson was startled to discover that the name was not German, as she had always believed. I guess you learn something new every time you go to a Scottish festival! Dudley Lewis, Haskel Henderson and Anita Murriss, Olen Lewis, and Connie Gibas called on us throughout the afternoon. Jeff and Carolyn Jarrell and family stopped by, and the dog enjoyed the lavish attention (and practiced ear-scratching) of their three well-mannered children.

The dog herself, however, was not so well mannered. Later in the day, for no apparent reason and to my everlasting humiliation, she suddenly leapt from my lap in a snarling frenzy and attacked a perfectly inoffensive Sheltie who was passing by with its owners. My husband had to pull her away because I was in shock, staring at a bizarrely swelling wound on my finger, the result of her leash having slid across it at about 11,000 miles per hour. Dog, I must confess, does not play well with others and had to spend the next hour in disgrace in her crate. Furthermore, my fingers do not fare well at these games (see the great tent-pinching incident from the Alexandria Scottish Festival report).

At 1:30 P.M. it was time for the Parade of Clans, and I was particularly pleased with the enthusiasm (and volume) with which we delivered our rally cry. We all settled on bellowing "HENDERSON!!!" as opposed to a timid and muddled delivery of *Sola Virtus Nobilitat*. I don't think any other clan came close to our performance (but I could be biased).

As the day wound down, we began to break camp and pack up. I had hoped to drive down to the James River just to watch the sunset sparkling on the water,



Christian Garin, President Rex Maddox, and VP Mike Henderson staff the tent at the Ligonier Games.

a perfect end to a perfect day, la la la, but by the time the three of us had packed up Christian's truck, rounded up the dog, and hit the road, I didn't give two hoots about the river any more. We bid adieu to the cradle of the nation until next year. Adieu. Aye.

Ligonier Highland Games By Mike Henderson

We were once again treated to beautiful sunny weather for the September 2003 Ligonier Highland Games. President Rex Maddox and wife, Pat, arrived moments after brother Bill, and I started unloading my truck and helped us to get our tent set up in short order. Christian Garin arrived shortly after the tent was up and brought flags, banners and display items for the tent. Pat Maddox set up her COSCA table in a corner of the tent and had a steady flow of customers looking for clan connections. We had a good day also with thirty nine visitors to our tent including eighteen members. One new member signed up and four members renewed including one who had been inactive for several years. Six or seven visitors were given prospective member packets which Carol Maley, Membership Secretary, had assembled and brought along with her to the

games. We hope to receive several membership forms back from those folks after they have had time to consider the numerous benefits of membership.

We were well represented at the Parade of Clans with about fifteen members taking part. We were cheered by the huge crowds observing the parade, especially after a little coaxing by Rex, "Let's hear it for the Hendersons." The parade moved quickly around the main field and after

the clans exited, over twenty pipe bands took the field for a massed bands performance. Spectators enjoyed a full day watching and listening to a comprehensive array of musical dancing, and sporting events in addition to dozens of vendors and a large exhibition of Scottish breed dogs.

The afternoon passed quickly with visitors stopping by and loads of kids stopping to have their passports stamped. We started taking down our displays a little before 5 P.M. so that Rex, Pat, and Christian could get on their way in time to make their dinner reservation at a favorite French restaurant in Frostburg, Maryland.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Ligonier Games such a great success.

Q. How do you get two bagpipes to play in perfect unison?

A. Shoot one.

Far South Region
Kenneth Thiry
Commissioner



Clan Row at the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.



Robert Henderson awaiting the next visitor in Kansas City.



The Oklahoma Pipe & Drums. Stew Joslin is the piper of the Far South Region.

Kansas City Scottish Highland Games

by Robert Henderson

Wyandotte County Fairgrounds was the host for the 26th annual Kansas City Highland Games. Kansas City Scottish games was once again pleased to host the New Castle Brown Ale Invitational, featuring many of the best athletes from eight states.

After reserving our place located on Clan Row, we were placed number two from the front. Many thanks to Ms. Peggy Baker and Faye Moore for their help and information. We were also just across the Row from the Clan Hospitality tent, which was a great help, as this was the first time out for me as a clan representative.

It was a beautiful day, few clouds, 85 degrees and very little wind. By the time we had the tent set up, it was show time. There were a lot of kids interested in Scottish history and weapons and all with a lot of questions.

We had twelve visitors register at our tent. Hendersons visiting us were Kristi, Alison and Robert Bennett Henderson, Blue Springs, Missouri, Kevin and Katie Henderson, Valley Falls, Kansas. I was joined by Lori Henderson at the mid-day ceremonies and tartans parade. Being busy at the tent I missed most of the athletic events and the dancing.

I am looking forward to the next Highland event in McPherson, Kansas,

in late September. I hope to see a lot of Hendersons there.

Tulsa Scottish Games & Gathering pipeband results.

by Laura Davis-Thiry
Sec, Far South Region

The local Oklahoma City pipeband, the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes & Drums fielded two competition bands at the Tulsa Scottish Games & Gathering this year(2003), for the first time.

OSP&D stood up their Grade 5 competition pipeband just a few months prior to the Tulsa games.

As a result, both of their competition pipebands were in the prize list this year!!! Below is a synopsis of their placings:

Grade 4 - Oklahoma Scottish Pipes & Drums - 3rd Place trophy and \$400.00 in monies earned.

Grade 5 - Oklahoma Scottish Pipes & Drums - 2nd Place trophy and \$400.00 in monies earned.

Two Trophies and \$800.00 in monies earned in one day is quite an achievement and accomplishment.

Also, one of their own, the band tutor for basic level bagpipe practice chanter instruction (Stew Joslin) had one of his students place **FIRST** in the practice chanter event - Novice Practice Chanter 2/4 March. . . .

Results were provided by Stew Joslin, Band Manager & piper, Oklahoma Scottish Pipes & Drums - Grades 4 & 5

Henderson kilt Available

I was wondering if you might be able to help me...I just purchased an Ancient Henderson kilt which, as it turns out, I'm not happy with because of the length. I must have taken measurements wrong because it's short. I'll deal with it, if I must...but to have spent \$400 and not be thrilled....

So—I was wondering if you had any suggestions for possibly finding a Henderson person about my build, who might consider buying my brand-new, never worn kilt without the long wait!

Measurements are

Waist - 30

Hip - 43.5

Length - 22

Weight...I believe it's a 13oz Ancient Henderson, made by Loch Carron

Thanks for any help...
Becky Baltas Morgan
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Maclan is Gathering the Clan

He's looking forward to seeing you at these events

Some events were not firm on dates or places. Contact the regional commissioner to ensure the planned event will take as shown.

OCTOBER

23 **Scottish Border Games and Gathering**
Fort Smith Park
Fort Smith, AR

18-19 **Stone Mountain Highland Games ++**
Stone Mountain, GA

25 **Waxhaw Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans**
Cane Creek Park
Waxhaw, NC

25-26 **Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival ++**
Richmond, VA

31-3 **Foothills Highland Games**
Harmon Field
Tryon, NC

NOVEMBER

1 **Celtic New Year Festival and Games**
Amador County Fairground
Plymouth, CA

Tucson Celtic Festival and Scottish Highland Games
Rillito Park Raceway
Tucson, AZ

6 8 **Scottish Highland Immigrants in North America** A conference on Highland settlers.

VA Historical Society & U. of Richmond
Richmond, VA

www.richmond.edu/mnewton

7 9 **Highland Games & Gathering of the Clans**

Robertson Ranch
Salado, TX

8 **Ocala Scottish Games**

Ocala Equestrian Complex
Ocala, FL

13-16 **Highland Games of Louisiana Museum Grounds**
Jackson, LA

15-16 **Scottish Games and Celtic Music Festival**

Harrison County Fairgrounds
Long Beach, MS

22 **Dunedin Celtic Festival**

Highlander Park
Dunedin, FL

28-30 **Carolina Scots Celebration**

Southern Pines
Pinehurst, NC

29-30 **Huntsville/Trinity Celtic Festival**

Walker County Fairgrounds
Huntsville, TX

DECEMBER

6 **Scottish Christmas Walk ++**

Alexandria, VA

Scottish Christmas Walk

Ventura, CA

Hendersons in History

Hard Times in the 1840s

by Charley Henderson

My Hendersons have been in "down east" North Carolina since Barnabe Henderson immigrated to Onslow County (near Jacksonville) from Somerset County, Maryland about 1740. His son Josiah (ca 1770-1844) was my GGGGfather, married to Alce Simmons, and I am descended from their son Josiah.

Now, in researching this family, I learned about all of old Josiah's many children and descendents—except for sons Hillary and Benjamin S. who strangely disappeared from the records. What had happened to them?

Then one day I received a query from Charles W. Henderson of Florida, asking if I knew anything about the

North Carolina kin of Hillary Henderson of Pulaski County Georgia, his own ancestor! It seems that Hillary and brother Ben S. had been in the North Carolina militia in the War of 1812, for which they won land rights in central Georgia. They, with North Carolina Simmons and Haskins and other kinfolks, had moved on south and out of the North Carolina picture.

My new-found cousin Charles had interesting tales about Hillary and his descendants. But most exciting, he had letters that Hillary's mother and father and his brother Josiah had sent to him in 1839 and 1843. Those letters are a mirror of the life and hard times of middle class rural folks in the South of

those days. No mention of magnolias and mansions. Mostly hard scabble. Those letters sort broke my heart but also made me proud.

I think you might like to read them. Here they are. [Ed. Periods have been added; and the two paragraphs have been broken for ease of reading.]

The following is my best transcription of a letter apparently written on September 3, 1843, from Onslow County, North Carolina, and apparently postmarked "Jacksonville September 10th" from Josiah Henderson, Jr. to his Brother Hillary Henderson, Esq., Georgia, Pu[asky County, Hawkinsville Post Office.

Dier Brother I am once more Blest with the opportunity of riting to you. I am not well at this time but much beter then I hav bin. I was taken withi the ager and fevour in the first of Auguzt but has mistet all of my fammily is in good helth at this time hoping that furtoins may find you and fammily in joyous good helth.

I receivid yor leter the third of Auguste and was vary glad to hier of you once more tho sorry to hier of the los of your wife. I know that you must se a gratdal of truble on the accounte of yor wife tho yu must try to get over it as wel as you can. we got to all parte this life soon or lat this Life is But a moment of Eternity. I am more than glad to hier of yor fath in Criste Jesus

I hav wanted to sea you for many years but a grateal wors at this time sence I Received yor Letter but fier I neave shal tho I havit in my mind to go out to that cuntry if my helthe eaver wil permite me to go and sea you and my Relation in that State. I felte in hops of seixng you this faul and yor son from a letter yor son Rot Brother Danniell but fir it wil be out of the question for you on the accounting losing your wife.

I donte expect that you can leav your litle children But hope if we neaver sea Each other in this world I hope to meet you in heaven whear parting wil be no more. Remember my love to yor children also to Brother Benjamin and children

Rite to me how how tharyar and how they ar dowing. Tel them that I have a grate Desier to se them Remeamber my love to all uncle Harskins children also all my Relation in that cuntry †

Rite to me whether cuzen Alice Tilmon is living or not you Rot that hur sone was living not far from you. I saw Cuzen Betsy Simmons husband fue days ago She mared Anthony Roads She was wel and doing wel.

You rote me that you wanted to hier from Cuzen Hennrys wife and children

I here†they ar†all wel Hur daughter is both marid, Mared Brothers Josiah Howard and Elijah Howard and is doing beter and wel.

father is tolabul wel. at this time Mother is not wel. The rest of the fammily is wel

Hillary H. Thomson is very sick at thin time with the Billous fevour tho he semd som better this morning. His wif is not wel and some of his children is unwel.

Brother Danniell is sick The rest of his fammily is wel as fair as I no Cuzzen Stephen Henderson is ded he ed a fue days after I rot to you Before. Cozen Elijah Ball is ded he died the 16th of a Auguste.

It giting to be vary sickly in this place. Cozen Betsy Hancock is ded. She died this last spring. That has been several deths In this county this year.

You rot that you wanted to no whether father had ever joint the church or not he never has and I fier but little prspct of evr joining. Also I wish to no whether you hav joint.

Crops is good in ginral tho some of thim is hurt with wet thar has bin mor rain then ever I saw since the 25 of July to this present time it seamed that that will be good fodder saved about hier.

Brother Gabriel children was wel the 1aste I hierd from them. thay ar living with thar granfather. times ax grat dul hear Navil stores ar loe at this time is onely \$1.30 per Barrel farthr law Humphrey Mother Humphrey rembrs thar lov to you. My wif Rcmbers hur lov to you and children. We hav Eight children living one ded. Our youngest child is mosL of Six year old. We hav Eighteen in fammily Rit to me.

Evry oppertunity Direct yor letors Jacksonville Onslow Cort House. I must conclud my bad rot letter for the presents.

May God in his gooness Bles you and save you in his Kingdom., Farwel for the presente.

(signed) Josiah Henderson, Jr,

To HillaryHenderson

On outside of letter, apparently the address, appeared the following:

Jacksonville

Sept 10th

Mr. Hillary Henderson Esq

Georgia

Pulasky County

Hawkinsville post office

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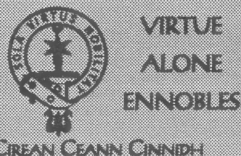
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It's a custom that's been carried out in every land and clime.
Where brother Scots foregather, it's aye the usual thing.
Just before we say good night, we fill our cups and sing:

Chorus:

Just a wee deoch an' douris, just a wee drap that's a'
Just a wee deoch an' douris, afore we gang awa'.
There's a wee wifie waiting in a wee but-an-ben.
If you can say "It's a braw, bricht moon-licht nicht,"
Then ye're a-richt, ye ken!

I like a man that is a man, a man that's straight and fair.
The sorta man who will and can, in all things do his share.
I like a man, a jolly man, the sorta man, you know —
The chap that slaps your back and says, "'Mon Jock", afore we go."

Ye must come again anither nicht Aye come and bring your wives.
We'll hae the grandest party that ye've had in all your lives.
We'll set the bagpipes skirling and we'll dance the Hieland fling!
Just for auld acquaintance sake, we'll a' join hands an' sing



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