

PAISLEY FAMILY SOCIETY U.S.A. Branch

NEWSLETTER

June 25, 2018

Paisley Clan/Society Rally

August will be here very soon, and I hope that you've put the 24-28th on your calendar. If you haven't been to Scotland, and even if you have and even if this will be more than twice, you will enjoy this gathering. Our chieftain, Westerlea and Lady Jane, Yanni and the rest of the clan leadership wait to welcome you with open arms. You will have a great time meeting new members of the clan and our new bagpiper, and renewing acquaintances with those you may have met before. All events are scheduled around Paisley.



Paisley Skyline from webpage

Arrangements have been made with a van company for transportation, and there is a list of accommodations in and around Paisley. This is a very affordable event, with the most expensive activity, dinner at the Stirling Hotel, costing no more than 25-35 £. Today's rate at 1.33 would convert to \$33.35-46.55 US dollars. Let me hear from you if you plan to go.

2018 Paisley Family Association Meeting

On Saturday, June 2, 2018, the Paisley Family Association (PFA) met in Williamsburg, Virginia. After two hours of socializing and a delicious picnic luncheon, the meeting was called to order. Short updates were presented on the Clan Paisley DNA and Database Projects. But the bulk of the meeting was a discussion of plans for the 2019 PFA's 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held 28, 29, and 30 June 2019 in Guilford County and environs, near Greensboro, North Carolina.

The celebration will begin with a meet-and-greet at Mount Pleasant Church in McLeansville on Friday morning, 28 June, followed by a four-hour bus tour of local historical sites connected to the Paisley Family. The tour will be led by historian and author (and PFA Member) Helen Paisley Sockwell. After dinner, coffee and dessert will be served in the PFA's Hospitality Suite (location to be determined) and will include an opportunity to explore the "treasure trove" of Paisley Family photos, books, and related historical documents.

The next day, Saturday, 29 June, will begin with a tour of the Greensboro Historical Museum, with an emphasis on Paisley related exhibits in the Museum. In the afternoon, we will tour the Revolutionary War site of the

Battle of Guilford Courthouse, once again with an emphasis on Paisley Family “minute-man” participants. In the evening, we will enjoy dinner and a program, to include a humorous account of the McCollums’ first Scotland trip in 2001.

The final day, Sunday, 30 June, will begin with a church service (location to be determined)



followed by a luncheon/ice cream social (with home-made ice cream provided by Curtis Kennedy and Harvey McCollum) which will close out our wonderful gathering.

You don't want to miss this one! Save the date! Spread the word! You'all come!

Front (kneeling/seated) Tom Paisley, Don Paisley, Eric Currier, Perry Currier, Judy Gallagher. 2d row(standing) Diane Langston, Jenette Lineberger (far left) Candler Langston (far right). 3d Row Bill Paisley, Dan Paisley, Caitlin Paisley, Karen Gorse, Barb Kaplan, Kelly McCollum, Faye Robinson, Curtis Kennedy, Harvey McCollum. (photo by Jay Langston and Judy Gallagher)

Things Are A'Changing

At least as far as the Charleston SC Games, they are. The weather will probably be in our favor as the games have changed from September to November 3-4. Saturday, 9:00 - 5:00 Games are at Boone Hall, 2521 Highway 17, Mt. Pleasant. You'll hear plenty of bagpipes, among them our own LaBranche family who play with the Charleston Pipes and Drums. Also, you'll ooh and ahhh at the burly men who attempt the sheaf toss and the hammer throw. Bring the kids! Fay Robinson will have plenty for our Wee Paisleys to do. All

of us will enjoy the sheep dog demonstrations and highland dance. More about our tent activities and responsibilities in the next newsletter. Host hotel this year is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1104 Stockade Lane, Mt. Pleasant. It is booked by the Scottish Society of Charleston, and we have a rate of \$139 a night for 2 people. Telephone number is 843-216-0000, code is SSI. These sell out quickly, so don't delay in making your reservation. The discount is only for Nov. 3. Ticket prices are \$20. before November 3, and \$30 at the gate, \$5 for those ages 6-12, and free for under 6 years old.

Those coming early are invited to Scotch Whisky Tasting on Thursday November 1, Gage Hall, 4 Archdale Street, Charleston. Our USA board will meet on Friday night at 8:00 pm., place TBA, probably at the host hotel. Tartan Ball will be held Friday from 6:30 - 9:00. On Saturday after the games, our clan/society will meet for dinner place TBA. On Sunday we will participate in the Kirkin' O' the Tartan Service at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, 58 Meeting Street in Charleston. Beware! There are two Presbyterian Churches on the same street. Scots is on the right side of the street past the other one on the left. The Molly Weir Hall is where you'll find the Scots Eggs and other wonderful delicacies with Scottish origins. Those who don't have to rush back home will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant following the 11:15 service.

Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games

This year's event takes place October 27th and 28th at Richmond's Raceway Complex, 600 E. Laburnum Avenue. While all of the games have their athletic competitions, piping contests, and other activities in common each has its own endeavor that is different from the rest and may encourage you to attend one over another. On Richmond's calendar of events is a Gaelic Song Competition, with Gaelic workshops. If you've been reading Beth's Newfangled Tree you might have a little experience in decoding the language by reading the newsletters sent by George Watt

"The Journal o Scots Airts an Letters", see April 2018 Section B of Beth's newsletter at www.electricscotland.com. Check out other issues to find more examples of George's writings. Back to Richmond, Wee Ones will be entertained with their own games, Sterling Sword Players, face painting and more. Hours for the games are 9:00 - 6:00 on Saturday, and 9:00 - 5:00 on Sunday. Ticket prices will be posted in July.

Flowers of the Forest

Our sympathies go to Gary Paisley and his family upon the passing of Gary's mother, Mrs. Cleta Suitt Paisley on May 29, 2018 at the age of 91. She resided her entire life in Grayson County, VA, and was the devoted wife of Vance Cleveland Paisley. Surviving are Gary and his wife Cathy Paisley of Monroe, GA, grandchildren, Zachary & Rebecca, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Following the death of her husband in 1977, Mrs. Paisley developed her own independent life that she carried forth for her remaining 41 years. She worked as a garment inspector for various local mills and traveled frequently with friends and tour groups to many places across the continent.

Mrs. Paisley was also an accomplished seamstress, quilter, and crafter. During her life, she made many custom quilts and quilt tops, all of which she gave away to relatives and friends, or donated to auctions to benefit causes such as the local volunteer fire department. She was a very highly regarded friend to the community, frequent care giver, active church member, as well as a devoted parent and grandparent.

Mrs. Paisley had a keen interest in local history and genealogy. She was an avid collector of historical photographs, many of which have been published in various books and journals about her community, and she often assisted her son in genealogical research.

A memorial service was held June 3, followed by burial in the Hall Cemetery, Volney, VA.

Reading Scottish

A new find in Scottish publications is #4 in the "Journeys and Evocations" series. Authored by Donald Smith and Elspeth Turner

"Tweed Dales: Journeys and Evocations Exploring History, Folklore and Stories from the Heart of the Scottish Borders" will take you on six journeys through the borders beginning with Eldon Hills and ending with Teviotdale. Ettrick is included along the way. Through key personalities, events, stories and folklore you'll learn their poetry and song set against the landscape. Including driving instructions and directions the book promises to be your perfect traveling companion whether you are there in person or sitting at your favorite relaxing spot. Published in September 2017, the book is available from Amazon and other sellers.

Have you heard John McDermott?

Found John on youtube. His collection of songs there are beautiful. Just wish that I could have found an album with all of those that I liked on the same album. He changed "The Old Man" to "My Old Man" in the last sentence and the effect was amazing. Amazon of course has a wide selection of his music. Looking for a wedding album? His can't be beat!

See If You Can Find

A copy of "The Scots" Magazine, May issue. They focus the town of Paisley for seven full pages Or... scotsmagazine.com/articles/follow-focus-paisley.



And Do You Know who May Donoghue Is?

Thank May for the legal rights of consumers worldwide! In 1928 she found a dead snail in her drink in a café in Paisley, sued the manufacturer and won £200 after a ruling from the House of Lords, four years later. Seems like the courts were as slow then as they are now.

Update on Our Members

We're hoping that Jimmy Gallagher is feeling much better. We're glad that he and Judy had a good trip "insecting" for her and probably photography for him. Maybe he'll paint something from his photos!

Tom is doing better after his Radio Frequency Ablation. Goes for a follow up in July.

Mary and Dale Watson have returned from a wonderful trip. While they were gone her brother-in-law was hit by a car. We keep all of the family in our prayers.

Jay Langston, saw your update on LinkedIn, but it's been so long since I've had time to do anything on it that I've forgotten my password. I'll get back with it. Anyway, Congrats!

My Suggs family - Chuck, Martha Alyce and Charlie are in Jamaica sans Thad, doing mission work at the Deaf Institute. Thad begins his freshman year in August at Kennesaw State majoring in Chemistry.

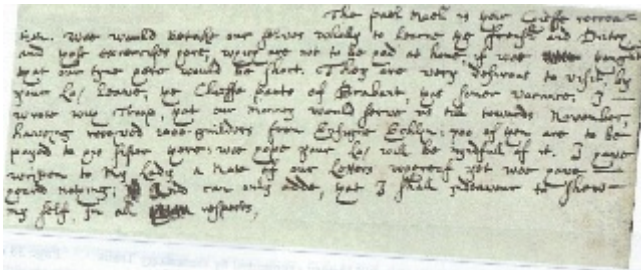
Give me your family news!

Have an Old Scottish Document? Can you read it?

The following letter from Michael Young to the Earl and Countess of Lothian in 1652 reports on the progress of a continental trip he took with Lord Kerr and Sir William Kerr, the sons of the Earl and Countess of Lothian. Can you tell me what the young men's favorite recreation was, and where they wanted to spend their vacation? Go to:

www.scottishhandwriting.com

for a course in deciphering documents like this. It's fun, and easier to figure out as you progress. Don't forget to use the coaching manual especially in figuring out the letters, h, e and s.



Need a Tartan skirt?

Skirt is just below knee length. It's 25 inches long, 36 inches wide/ very adjustable with buckles on the side. Contact Pat Paisley, rpaisley5@comcast.net.

Did you Remember?

If you didn't, send your very affordable Scottish dues to Harvey McCollum at 1722 Mt. Hope Church Road, McLeansville, NC 27301. Individual \$25, family \$30.

It's Free! Have you Subscribed?

If not, why not? Beth's New Fangled Tree is just full of good Scottish "stuff", and she's so much fun! And...she promotes the Paisley Family Society. New Fangled Tree comes out once a month in two separately published issues. Go to www.electricscotland.com.

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