

PAISLEY FAMILY SOCIETY U.S.A. Branch NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Paisley Events

The Spring Meeting/AGM of the clan/society will be held March 31 at 2:00 p.m. at Ardtalla, home of our chieftain and Lady Jane.

AND

The International Gathering will be held August 24-27 at various locations in the central belt of Scotland. Stay tuned for the schedule. Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Society, it is fitting that we participate in the Festival in Edinburgh. We already have very interested PFS members who are making plans and looking forward to this experience. If you haven't been to Scotland, this is the perfect time to go, and if you are going again, you will have the unique opportunity to yet another facet of Paisley Society life.

Before you Go to the next Paisley Event...



Be sure to get in touch with your local tartan

supplier to order your kilt. Shawls, kilts, tams for the ladies and kilts, trousers and tams for the guys - let's show off our beautiful plaid.

Armiges?

I know of at least one family who is working on their coat of arms. It's a lengthy process, but a rewarding one, so get busy and have this done before the International Gathering.

Clan Paisley Database Project (sponsored by the Paisley Family Association & Clan Paisley/The Paisley Family Society)

Progress Update – 7 March 2018

The Vision: An online, limited access, genealogical database containing historical information on everyone surnamed "Paisley" (by any recognized spelling), their spouses, and their descendants of any surname. The database will be organized into family trees, one tree per family group, with each tree containing as many generations of the subject family group as can be determined by documentation and/or DNA evidence.

Current Project Status: As of this date, data entry is well underway – records for approximately 26,000 individuals,

encompassing 6 of the larger U.S.-based “Paisley” family groups, have been entered and largely completed. The digitizing of records for a 7th, and probably largest, U.S.-based family group is in progress, and is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2018. From there, work will proceed to data entry on other, smaller U.S.-based family groups, as well as starting the data entry on “Paisley” family groups based in other countries, including Canada and Australia.

Types of Information Being Included In The Database: The database is intended as a repository for all available, pertinent genealogical information on Clan Paisley, including (1) generational lineage by individual, (2) Individual records, including dates and locations of birth, marriage, and death, burial location, cause of death (if premature), military service, and occupations, (3) copies of documents, including certificates of birth, marriage, and death, census records, wills and other probate records, deeds and land claims, documents of military service, and copies of written Bible records, (4) photographs of individuals, gravestones, and significant dwellings, and (5) interesting life stories (for example, recent investigative work supporting the database project revealed a Paisley ancestry for one of the U.S. Marines featured in Mr. Joseph Rosenthal’s Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph of the raising of the U.S. flag on Mount Suribachi during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima – this Marine’s story will be included in the database).

Additional Project Details: (1) Viewing of the Clan Paisley database is by invitation, and first requires both (a) an active subscription to Ancestry.com and (b) an active membership in the Paisley Family Society – for further information, contact your PFS representative. (2) Investigative work supporting the database project is being coordinated with the ongoing Paisley Family DNA Project, possibly leading to the future connection of multiple “Paisley” family groups – for further information regarding the DNA project, contact Ms. Diane Langston, email dlangsto@yahoo.com. (3) A

future spin-off project to create a more thorough gravestone survey and permanent record is also being planned – anyone who has visited a centuries-old cemetery realizes that older limestone and marble gravestones are quickly deteriorating. Even current granite stones may be weathering much faster than originally predicted. However, a digitized photograph and data record of a gravestone will last forever. (4) Queries and comments regarding the future gravestone project, or the current Clan Paisley Database Project, can be sent directly to Mr. Gary Paisley, email geepazlee@gmail.com.

The Many Faces of Scotland

From the highlands to the lowlands Scotland offers great vistas of beautiful country. Its islands, music, literature, sports, museums, and history invite you to learn and experience as much of the country as you can pack into your visit. And when you get home you’ll vow to go back to catch up on the things that you missed. I love The Borders with its gently flowing rivers, winding roads and scenic countryside. Right on the border, Gretna Green was the home of the infamous Joseph Paisley whose location benefitted him handsomely since English laws did not apply in Scotland. He sealed many marriages over the blacksmith’s anvil, some under threat of angry parents who were known to chase the lovers to try to prevent the thwart the union.



The River Tweed threads through Abbotsford, the border countryside estate of Sir Walter Scott. The author so influenced the literary world that the whole area around Abbotsford is known as Scott Country. Great abbeys of Kelso, Jedburgh, Dryburgh and Melrose are found in this area.

It’s also horse country, and if you go in the summer time you are likely to come across some festivals.

Textiles are a big industry in the Scottish

Borders. The lush pastures and river water conducive to sheep grazing, early Monks in the abbeys brought in the cloth making from their native countries and established cottage industries.

Did you Know This About Paisley, Scotland?

Thanks to Beth Gay for forwarding this to me from the publication "Clish Clash" January, 2018 issue.

"Although Paisley was unsuccessful in its City of Culture bid, it was short-listed and the impetus of the bid has encouraged investment in the cultural and heritage infrastructure to help to regenerate the area, with proposals to spend some £42 million over the next few years. As part of these plans, Paisley Museum has been awarded a £4.9 million Heritage Lottery grant and Renfrewshire has set aside over £24 million for heritage improvements."

www.renfreshireleisure.com/paisleymuseum

Check out Clish Clash. It's an interesting publication, and the editor wants me to spread the word around about them.

While you're checking things out: Beth's Newfangled Tree bethscribble@aol.com. You'll be glad that you did!

Checking once, Checking Twice...

Let's check a third time! Robert Wilbanks has a great research article in the Caledonian Society of Arizona, under the genealogical section. His latest offering for Scottish research is about church records, and the importance of looking into the Old Parochial Registers, Kirk Session, and Scotland Church Records. His article includes an interesting history of religion in Scotland. So your third check is www.arizonascots.com.

DNA Project



Diane Langston, our DNA project manager, has signed up new Paisleys, and we are anxiously waiting for the results. It's a good mystery that we love to solve (as much as we can).

New Members

Welcome back to Elaine Paisley Baker, who we met in Scotland at one of our International Gatherings. Elaine is working on her armiges. Good luck, Elaine. We're anxious to hear about your experience.

Congratulations to...

Rowland and Kathy Milam on the birth of their grandson, Braydon Lee Stephenson on March 10, 2018.

Interesting Tidbit from the Truman Library

From a paragraph on page 13, "Oral History Interview with H. Graham Morison", Washington, DC, August 1, 1972 by Jerry N. Hess. Does anybody know who this highly regarded Bill Paisley is?

Explanation: things were not moving forward as far as indictments in a stuffing the ballots case, and with the President and J. Edgar Hoover's backing Mr. Morison graduated the case from limited to full investigation. "Tom*, the best thing for me to do, is for you to accept my resignation as Executive Assistant and let me pick the two best trial men in the Criminal Division to go with me to Kansas City.' He agreed and we picked Eric Broome and William Paisley (both of these men were superb criminal trial lawyers who were highly respected as Government prosecutors)." On page 14 he's referred to as Bill Paisley. From the Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Missouri, opened 1978. *Tom Clark

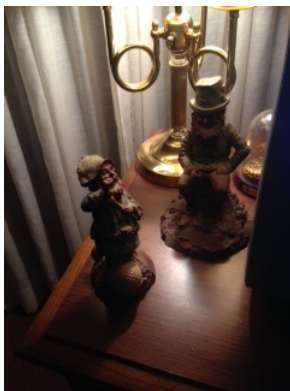
Reading Scottish

I read "Sunset Song", and I'll never forget it. A coming of age story of Chris Guthie, Scottish lass in the years just before WWI, Lewis Grassie Gibbon's book is regarded as one of Scotland's most important novels of the 20th century. It has been made into a movie and Rogerebert.com in giving their highest rating, say that it is one of Director, Terence Davies' best films.

And the Music?

Coast, a Scottish rock band has released several albums. I sampled "Windmills in the Sky" and I think if you like rock, you'll really like this one. It's a collection of good Scottish music. "River", "The Atlantic Sky" and "Windmills in the Sky" were my favorites. There are other albums by the group available as well.

St. Patrick's Day bids Goodbye. American-Scottish Heritage Month is Coming



O'Brian, seems to be saying goodbye to Andrew as they sit on my console. Gnomes made by Tom Clark, O'Brian celebrated St. Patrick's Day today and Andrew will reign over Scottish-American Heritage month in April. The Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. A line from the Declaration reads, "For every fight not for glory, no riches, no honors, but for freedom alone, which no good man gives up except with his life." Tartan Day will be celebrated on April 6. Wear your plaid, and look for a local Scottish event!

Loch Norman Highland Games will be held April 20-22 at Loch Norman, North Carolina.

A Word About O'Brian and Andrew

O'Brian is a leprechaun wearing a jaunty battered green hat. He sits on a stump at a cross in the road hoping to drum up business for his cobbler shop where he wishes his customers the luck of the Irish.

Named for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland Andrew wears a kilt of the Cairn tartan, gold bands framing the St. Andrews crosses. He sports a 5 pence coin that shows the thistle. He's too small for knighthood, but performs a noble deed by yelling "Fore" to help some golfer find his ball.

Member Concerns

I'm glad to report that Jimmy Gallagher is doing well following his treatment for cancer. We'll keep him in our hearts and prayers. The Rev. John C. Paisley, retired Catholic priest has corresponded with Judy to say that he needs to cancel his membership in the society as his eyesight is so poor that he can no longer read our postings or our emails. We are thankful that he is able to still live in his own house, and that he has two great brothers who are taking care of him. Rev. John, we will miss you and wish you all of God's greatest blessings. My Tom is under the care of Athens Orthopedics who will decide what to do about what is seemingly a pinched nerve in his back. I will have hip replacement surgery on April 3.

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