



PAISLEY FAMILY SOCIETY U.S.A. Branch NEWSLETTER

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Paisley Clan/Society Rally August 24-26

C l a n members met up on Westerkirk, where a tour took the local church and the Parish Library established by Thomas Telford who got the “bug” of education when a Paisley gifted him his first book at the Paisley estate. The weather was very dynamic with showers often disrupting the sunshine, so Mary our local guide, kindly offered us their lounge, in order to have our picnic indoors. To our surprise, this was in Thomas Telford’s stunning estate house! In the late afternoon we all trailed back to Ardtalla for some association and enjoyed a BBQ kindly cooked by Sandy Paisley. Saturday was our official 30th anniversary dinner at the Stirling Highland Hotel. You could tell there was a special air of excitement as we waited to enter the beautifully decorated McLaren suite. Our party was piped in and enjoyed a three-course meal which was followed by a few brief talks about the achievements of our society the last 30 years and presentations including the banner of the new armorial of Sandy Paisley. Several letters of congratulations were read from members,



society and friends Friday at Langholm historic place of

representatives and Paisley related communities around the world. This time, we had the opportunity to welcome to our company for the first time members from Israel, Greece and Denmark.



Sunday was the last day of our three-day gathering. It started with a service in Paisley Abbey during the morning where the personal banners of Sandy Paisley and Westerlea were blessed.



Following the service, a historic civic reception was held in the afternoon, hosted by the

Provost of Renfrewshire, councillor Lorraine Cameron in the loggia of the town hall of Paisley. The Lord Lieut. Guy Clark, Mps, MSPs and guests also attended the reception. Our clan was officially welcomed in Paisley by the provost and Guy Clark unveiled a portrait of Westerlea painted and gifted by Max Scotto while Alistair S. Paisley presented a relic to the family. Most of the participants returned to Ardtalla for further association and drinks, and to celebrate our Chief's birthday.



Many thanks to Yanni who provided the article and the pictures.

Our Next USA Gathering

The Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games will be the next place Harvey McCollum will take the Paisley tent. This year's event takes place October 27th and 28th from 9:00 - 6:00 on Saturday and 9:00 - 5:00 on Sunday at Richmond's Raceway Complex, 600 E. Laburnum Avenue. Enjoy the fall weather while you watch the athletics and the piping bands. Don't want to leave your favorite puppy dog at home? No problem. For \$5 donation, proof of rabies vaccination and a human ticket you're all set to introduce your pet to the wonderful world of Scottish folk as we gather in VA. Whisky Tasting will be enjoyed from 10:30 for \$25. And, when have you ever seen cars piped in? You can see it at 10:45 on Saturday as the cars for the British Car Show will be ushered in grand style to the games. The cars will be on display throughout the Games. Hurling workshop will be held from 9:00 - 1:00, with the game at 2:30 both days. They have rugby also. Wee Ones will enjoy athletics, face painting, Nutsy the Squirrel and much more. Evidently there is no host hotel, but a camping area is available. Fill out the form found on the webpage. Ticket prices are: \$15 a day for advance purchase, \$20 the day of the event, and \$30 advance purchase for two days. No charge for those 12

years and under. Parking is free. Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased on their website: vacelticfestival.com.

Want a Cooler Charleston Experience? The Charleston Scots' Got It

The weather will probably be in our favor as the games will not put us in the middle of September when lots of folks are still enjoying the beaches, especially retirees. The games are November 3 at Boone Hall, 2521 Highway 17, Mt. Pleasant, 9:00 - 5:00. 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. I understand that all of the rooms reserved by the Scottish Society at the holiday Inn Express & Suites on Stockyard Lane in Mt. Pleasant have been taken.

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 at Gilligan's, 1475 Long Grove Drive, Mt. Pleasant. On Sunday we will participate in the Kirkin' O' the Tartan 11:15 a.m. 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 service.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Who are: Katherine Benbow, Nina Paisley Hoban, Jamie Ginder and her family: Ronald, Jacob Alexander, Sarah Elizabeth Ginder

Melkey, Jennifer Marie, Katherine Paralee, Patricia Annalise, Marie Paisley Shaffer Barnes and her family, Jesse W. Barnes III and John F. Durbin.



Phamie Gow!

Those of you who traveled to Scotland in 1997 will remember Phamie. She was introduced at the time as the Chieftain's harpist. The talented young Scot entertained the gathering at Auchen Castle after dinner on Sunday night. Just google her now! She has expanded her musical portfolio to include beautiful piano and harp selections. I'm placing my order for her "The Angel's Share" as I love "Sunrise Over Holyrood" with the Royal Scots Dragoons which she composed. She is the harpist in the utube presentation. She has many beautiful harp, vocal, and piano pieces, some of them her own compositions. Her "Winged Spirit" has the song, "Duncan Paisley of Westerlea" that we heard that night in Scotland. Phamie performed for us when she was 16, and the picture is from our Journal of 1999-2000 when she was 19 years old.

"Hame"

Annalena McAfee's novel will take you to the island of Fascaray that the Scottish poet Grigor McWatt calls home (hame in his language). Haven't heard about McWatt? What about Fascaray? Of course not, until now. They are McAfee's fictional character and island. If Mary Kay Andrews can make up a fictional island in Georgia and plop characters from her imagination on it, McAfee can too! Seen through the eyes and the experiences of New Yorker Mhairi McPhail, an author who is researching McWatt, you'll find an interesting story. The author has combined features of many of the Scottish isles, and she shows how the character of the language of

the Scots has changed to destroy much of its uniqueness.

Speaking about Language...

An interesting article on Scot language is found in the latest Beth's Newfangled Tree B just out from Beth Gay. Go to Electric Scotland or just google Beth's Newfangled Tree to read how the English and Scot languages have become what they were and then are today.

Paid your dues yet?

Richmond and Charleston Games are almost back to back. Harvey has paid our entry fee for both of these games, so his sporum needs filling. Send your dues to Harvey at 1722 Mt. Hope Church Road, McLeansville, NC 27301

Flowers of the Forest

Our sympathies are extended to Gary and Cathy Paisley on the death of Cathy's father, William Henry "Bill" Thurman who passed away at his home in Monroe, Georgia on July 30. A child of the Great Depression Bill was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and raised by a maternal aunt, Maybelle. They moved to Cincinnati Ohio to be near Bill's mother, Ila Zenath Thurman, and Bill, like so many other children of the time, was sent to the Cincinnati Children's Home. After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Navy. Serving in the Armed Guard, these gun crews crossed the Atlantic, Pacific and Panama Canal theatres. While waiting in Okinawa for the invasion of Japan, the atomic bombs rained down on that nation. Discharged in 1948, he returned to Cincinnati and married his sweetheart, Wilma Biddle June 19, 1949. He studied accounting at the University of Cincinnati, and began his career at Moser Safe. In 1965 the company moved to Atlanta, and in 1987 he formed his own company, Motor Carrier Services. Until recently he was still involved in the company. He and Wilma had two daughters: Cathy Paisley and Cindy Pope. They were blessed with five grandchildren and three great-grands. Bill lovingly cared for Wilma

when her health failed until her death in 2016.



Need a Tartan skirt?

Just in time for Charleston...You may need this skirt. It 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.

Family Fortunes - Wills and Probate

Look for the above title of an article written by Robert Wilbanks, IV, a member of our clan/society in the current issue of the Caledonian Society of Arizona's newsletter at arizonascots.com. It was Robert who forwarded to me the inventory of our common ancestor, Capt. Robert Paslay's estate. It is one of the most interesting documents that I own involving my ancestors. Robert is a certified genealogist and writes articles for the Caledonian Society's newsletter.

Scots to the Rescue

A familiar voice on Atlanta's WSB Radio Station has been for years that of "This is Jamie Dupree from Washington, DC." During the 12:00 noon news broadcast we heard from Jamie, a trusted reporter/correspondent. That changed in 2016 after the election when Jamie contacted a virus while on vacation. Jamie all of a sudden lost his voice, a side effect of his virus. To add to his misery, his tongue began to protrude uncontrollably. He was diagnosed with Lingual Protrusion Dystonia. Desperately seeking a cure and exploring several avenues, he wound up at Emory Brain Center in Atlanta. There he began a course of treatment, but still could not speak more than a few words. That's where Cerepro, a Scottish research company came into play. They received transcripts of Jamie's older voice, were able to use his voice patterns to create Jamie's new voice from

documents he would create on his computer. Though a little bit mechanical, Jamie is able to get back on the air by sending his broadcasts to the group.

Recently he was seen with microphone in hand during the Senate confirmation hearings. So now we hear from WSB and its affiliate stations "This is Jamie Dupree from Washington".

Update on our members

Both Geni and Ray Vogel have had very serious illnesses. Geni's was life-threatening. They are both on the mend now, and back in Iowa.

Jimmy Gallagher has had a good doctor's visit, and he and Judy are enjoying a great time with relatives in British Columbia.

My Tom Brown will come home from the rehabilitation center on Saturday. Still needs a lot of physical therapy.

Florence and Matthew have certainly wreaked havoc in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas. Society/clan members live in all of these states. We hope and all are well and have not been affected by the storms.

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