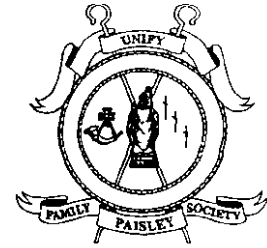




PAISLEY FAMILY SOCIETY U.S.A. Branch NEWSLETTER



December 10, 2018

Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games

The Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games was held on October 27 and 28. The weather was sunny with some wind. It was muddy due to heavy rains earlier in the week, but since when has a little mud bothered anyone of Scottish descent? Harvey had procured sides for the tent, and that kept the wind at bay.



At left, Diane and Candler Langston are participating in the March of Clans. Candler's mail shirt weighs about 35 pounds.

Our tent was in a perfect spot to watch heavy athletics such as caber tossing and throwing of Braemar stones. We also watched the Parade of the Clans and the

Pipe Bands. It warms my heart to sit with family, hearing the skirl of bagpipes in the background



Games attendees included Harvey McCollum from North Carolina, Jay, Diane, David and Candler Langston, Pete and Jenette Lineberger, Jimmy and Judy Gallagher, all from Virginia and Dean and Sue Paisley from Illinois. Many of us were in Scotland together in 2014, and we enjoyed reminiscing about the interesting events there.

Charleston SC Highland Games

The Paisley Family Society attended the Charleston Scottish Games at Boone Hall Plantation on November 3. Previous games have been in September, but starting this year,

the Games are being held on the first Saturday of November. The day was clear and sunny, with just a hint of the coolness of



fall. It was a perfect day to wear a wool kilt. Games attendees included a large contingent from North Carolina: Harvey and Kelly McCollum, Curtis Kennedy, David, Faye, Matt, Jessica, Emma, Ana and Anna Robinson and Eric, and John and Joyce Paisley. Ken and Jean Hurt, Jimmy and Judy Gallagher, Jay and Diane Langston and Don Paisley travelled from Virginia, and Don's son James came from Aiken, South Carolina. New members Marie Barnes and Jack Durbin attended from Hilton Head, South Carolina, and Jimmy's and Judy's friends Dave and Sharon Bluett visited from Georgia. We were sorry that Martha and Tom Brown were unable to join us this year. Marie had an interesting story to tell. She was raised by her mother and stepfather, and only found out recently through DNA testing that she was a Paisley, descended from William Paisley of County Tyrone, Ireland. We are delighted to welcome our cousin to the Paisley Family Society!

From our tent, we watched Border Collies herding sheep and ducks. We had an excellent view of the heavy athletic events, and at the conclusion of the Games we were treated to bagpipe music from all the bands who participated in the Games.

The annual dinner was held at Gilligan's in Mount Pleasant. After Curtis gave the blessing, the family feasted on local dishes such as Shrimp and Grits, Hush Puppies,



Crab Cakes, etc. On Sunday, many of the family attended the Kirkin' of the Tartan at First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in downtown Charleston, followed by brunch. Harvey once again deserves many thanks for organizing this wonderful weekend.

Thanks to Judy Gallagher for photos and articles of Richmond and Charleston Games

Finding the Paisleys Marie Shaffer Barnes

I was born in Hokkaido, Japan in September 1953 with an unknown father. My mother was Japanese and never really spoke of my biological father, only that he was an American soldier. From the time I was nine years old when I was told I was adopted, I was curious who my father was. At that time, there was no thought of ever finding him. My step-father,

Harry Shaffer, was in the Army when he met my mother in 1953 and they got married in July 1954. He adopted me and later changed my birth name from Megumi Goto to Maria Shaffer and I became an American citizen. My brother, David, was also born in Japan and we moved to the United States on 10 Sep 1955 when my step-father was reassigned.



Marie's mother



Charles Paisley

It wasn't until there were DNA tests that I thought about finding my biological father. I also wanted to know my family health history so about five years ago, I decided to submit my DNA to Family Finder in hopes of finding someone from my biological father's side of the family. At that time, I had only third to distant cousins matches and no real knowledge of how to research DNA so finding my father was only a dream. A couple years later, I submitted DNA to 23 & me and a year later, to Ancestry DNA hoping to find closer relatives. I had many matches, but again they were third to distant cousin matches until April 2018 when I was matched up with a second cousin, Lea Bryant from 23 & me. This was so exciting! I contacted her and she told me that I was a "White" from Tennessee. Her father, Ralph White, was a Dean at one of the colleges in Tennessee and had done the White genealogy. I couldn't believe my luck. Unfortunately, Ralph died in 2017 so I couldn't talk to him about the family. But Lea lives in Huntsville, AL and invited me to come up for a weekend to review her father's genealogy book. He claimed we were related to the James White, founder of Knoxville, TN. If she and I were second cousins, I knew our fathers had to be first cousins. She provided me with

the names of my great grandfather down to his children before my visit and I researched Ancestry to piece together the rest of the family tree. Then I drew it all out into a chart form and circled the six possibilities that I found were in the military during that time period. I drove up to Huntsville in April. When I asked Lea if she knew many of the cousins growing up she told me only one who lived in Knoxville; a Karen Paisley Stone. As we reviewed my chart, I remember her saying she had a funny feeling about the "Paisley boys". I found that odd that she had a feeling about the Paisley Boys.

Lea also told me of the White family reunion they had every year the first weekend in June in Madisonville, TN. So I went to the reunion. During the reunion, not only did I meet many of my White Ancestry DNA matches, but Eddie Maynard, a cousin I had spoken to on the phone five years ago from Family Finder. What a coincidence! He is a DNA expert and gave a class on DNA for the family during the reunion weekend. After hearing my story, he and our cousin, Rosie Ashburn, who works with Eddie on the White family tree, told me they would both help me find my father. I showed them my Family Tree chart and they both agreed I was looking in the right place. Again, how lucky could I get?

When I returned home, Eddie Maynard contacted me and requested that I let him take a look at my DNA matches in Ancestry. The next day, he called me and told me he had figured out who my father was. He said after he looked through my relatives he was 99% sure it was Charles Paisley. I was so excited I could hardly speak. Lea's intuition was right! From my research, I knew that Charles Paisley had died in 1965, but I knew he had some family. I was anxious to let the family know who I was. Since Lea knew Karen Paisley Stone, I asked her to tell Karen the news. The next thing I knew, Karen contacted me through Facebook and introduced herself to me as my cousin. Then her father, Bill Paisley, also contacted me. They welcomed me into the family without hesitation. I suggested a DNA test to confirm it so Karen and Bill took a DNA test. They also invited me to drive up on

Father's Day weekend to meet them. They thought it would be appropriate to see my father's grave and meet them on "Father's Day". In July, Bill Paisley received the DNA results that confirmed he was my Uncle. They invited me up in September to celebrate my birthday and introduced me to other members of the family. I couldn't have asked for a better family. It was a missing link that we were all happy to find.

Charles Paisley served in the US Army from Nov 1951-Oct 1953 and was stationed in Korea. He later became a machinist. Charles died at age 32 from a rare kidney disease that wasn't hereditary. He didn't have any other biological children that we know of. He was married to a lady who had two children that he raised as his own. The Paisleys had very few pictures of Charles during his short lifetime, but they gave me a couple of military pictures. It was so exciting to finally know what my father looked like. I used to look at my baby picture and wonder if I looked like him. Now I know.

Looking back at this journey, I'm still in awe how it all unfolded so quickly. DNA testing is a wonderful thing. Not only do I have peace about finding my biological father, but I have discovered my ancestry and found many more relatives that I didn't know I had. My Paisley roots have also led me to the Family Paisley Society. Through this process, I have also discovered my love of genealogy and have been working on the family tree. My great grandfather, Stephen White married Hattie Scott. They had 19 children. Susie White was one of his daughters. Susie White married William Paisley and they were my grandparents. They had three children: Alma, Charles and John Billy Paisley. I am the daughter of Charles Paisley. My great grandfather, John Paisley married Annie McLean. They immigrated from Tyrone County, Northern Ireland. I have officially been added to the White and Paisley family trees as of July 2018. Ed. note: See Diane's report.

Paisley Family DNA Report

Our latest Paisley Y-DNA results continue to show a unified family heritage extending from Tyrone Co, Northern Ireland. John William "Bill" Paisley (FTDNA kit 873045) joined the project after meeting his previously unknown niece, Marie Barnes. Bill and his late brother Charles Edward Paisley are the sons of William and Susie White Paisley. William was born 1884 in PA and died 1976 in TN. William was the son of John and Annie McLean Paisley and the grandson of John and Mary Gibney Paisley. John Jr. was born 1859 in Tyrone Co and died 1934 in Roane Co TN. John Sr. was born 1830 in Tyrone Co. and died in England.

Bill shows the same Y-DNA pattern (with one mutation) as descendants of immigrant brothers William and John Paisley of Tyrone Co, Ireland, who came to America in 1737 and 1742. Bill's grandfather didn't come to America from Tyrone Co until the mid to late 1800's.

Bill's DNA Y-37 Marker test results match the late Ernest Paisley exactly. We know that Ernest has a mutation (change) on Marker 21. This change occurred sometime after his immigrant ancestor came over to America in 1737. It is interesting that Bill has the same mutation. To know when this change happened, extended branches of Bill's family would need to test. Mutations are rare over a span of 500 years but they do occur and different branches of a family could independently show a mutation on the same marker.

On a side note, Bill's niece Marie Barnes did the autosomal DNA test. She matches Arthur Rankin Paisley of OK and the late Thomas Llewellyn "Llew" Samuel of VA on Chromosome 9. Marie, Arthur, and Llew are holding on to a DNA segment that has passed down intact for over 300 years! Marie has McLean family from Tyrone Co as does Arthur and Llew, so their matching DNA could be McLean or Paisley. A mystery to be further explored!

Flowers of the Forest

An avid genealogist and long-time member of the Paisley Family Society, Arlene Lorraine Berhorst died September 9, 2018 at her home in St. Charles, MO. She was born October 19, 1939 to Carl Austin and Zelma Paslay Dick. She married Steve John Berhorst who predeceased her. She is survived by her son, five daughters and 16 grandchildren. Her research is contained in the files of Geni Vogel. She is related to your commissioner.

Hot Off the Press!

"A Distant Field", the first in the Seaforth Series authored by R. J. McDonald is a WWI fiction featuring Stuart and Ross McReynolds. Scottish-American, the brothers survive the sinking of the Lusitania, are rescued by Irish and wind up fighting with the Seaforth Highlanders in the British Army. The novel takes you through their fight during the Quintenshill Disaster and Gallipoli. The book also has a romance, and can be bought at Amazon for \$14.95 paperback. Kindle price is \$7.71.

A Man's Home is His Castle

Established in British law by English proverb and referenced in the USA Bill of Rights, Wm. Pitt said it best..."The poorest man may on his cottage bid defense to all the forces of the crown. It may be frail, its roof may shake, the wind blow through it, the storm may enter, the rain may enter, but the King of England cannot enter." So as winter comes we may be inclined to sit in our "castle" by the fireplace and listen to "Authentic Castle Music" by various artists on sale at Amazon for \$2.19. Highland music from the 1700s includes the "Skye Boat Song", then going to "Outlander", Ben Bowen King on a 10 string guitar gives us "Clair's Thoughts" and "Jamie's Heart". As we dose we hear "Celtic Dreams" by Sin Jilma's Consort.

January is membership Renewal...

Send to Harvey McCollum, 1722 Mt. Hope Church Road, McLeansville, NC 27301. Prices are \$30 for family, \$25 for individuals.

Happy Birthday, Kelly!



Thanks to Harvey for sending this picture of Kelly at her 50th birthday party. Love you, Kelly!

A Very Belated Merry Christmas and a Most Happy New Year!

On my return from DC, I experienced several household disasters, one of which was temporary death of my computer. The other was that my cellphone would not allow me to send messages. Tried to send Merry Christmas and Happy New Year messages on my phone after it allowed me to send but it would not handle the load. So, please excuse my delay.

Thanks to the council, and to Jean and Harvey for taking the AGM responsibilities in Charleston.

It's been a great year. Thanks also to the chieftain, Lady Jane and Yanni for their support.

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