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The Report from Lachlan Rattray The Rattray Clan Chief



Clan Chief, Lachlan Rattray

As the years fly past, it does not seem that long ago when so many of you were here for the last Clan Gathering in 2004. To put this into perspective, our oldest son, Thomas, was aged nine at the time of the first International Clan Gathering in September 1996; he is now eighteen and studying Land Economy at Aberdeen University.

I was recently reminiscing with my old friend, Geordie Burnett-Stewart, about traveling to and from India during the 1970s, when even the Middle East was relatively peaceful and Afghanistan was a fun and friendly place to visit; how times change!!! However, it was the friendliness and generosity of the people of India

that abided in our memories the most. We are, therefore, most fortunate as a Clan Society in having such unique associations with the Rattray Sikhs who, raised by our Rattray of Rannagulzion kinsmen, will celebrate their 150th anniversary next year, a hugely impressive landmark. From a Scottish perspective, it is a great shame that our famous regiments may lose their identity when they become amalgamated into one super regiment. I am sure that you will, therefore, all join me in wishing the Rattray Sikhs all the best in their celebrations whilst we must hope that the regiment continues to flourish in the years to come.

I also hope that all of you have had a successful year and wish you all a very happy Christmas and the very best of health and prosperity in 2006.

With very best wishes,

Lachlan Rattray

Chairman's Report

James Rattray, Clan Chairman



Clan Chairman, James Rattray

Another year has past and as always there are one or two interesting things that I can report that have taken place. I first of all draw your attention to the work that Dawn Raimondo has done on the DNA project.

The Rattray DNA Project has been really interesting for almost everyone who has participated. When you read Dawn's report you will learn of the high number of Rattray families that have found to have common ancestry which they were unaware of. All they now have to do is try and find the paper work to link their generations together. I would like to encourage all those who have not participated in

the Rattray DNA Project that have an unbroken Rattray male line to do so. Dawn has been excellent in guiding everyone through what is required and helping us all interpret the results. A big thank you from all of us must go to Dawn for giving up so much of her time to this project.

The Clan web site continues to attract Rattrays from all over the world. Scott Rattray our clan web master now has information on how you can purchase Rattray items from kilts to Rattray lapel badges, key rings and more on the web site, so please go on line to have a look.

At Keith Rattray's suggestion the North American representation was split in to the USA and Canada, which Keith Rattray is heavily involved in running, please read his separate report. In the USA we have had Julie Rattray Carapanos and Barbara Stanwood who have combined to make more Rattrays aware of the Clan Societies existence by paying for a promotion in the very popular Highlander Magazine.

You will read a report of the New Zealand Rattrays gathering earlier on in the year. It is great to see you the Clan Society has acted as a catalyst for Rattrays to make contact with each other in the old clan spirit of a common name and heritage around the world.

On the 28th January 2006 the descendent of the three generations of Rattrays who commanded the Rattray Sikhs fly out to India to join the 3 Sikh (Rattrays) celebrate their 150th anniversary. Three days of celebrations have been organised at the battalion's home station in the Punjab. We will no doubt bring back lots of photos so we can report back on this major milestone in the Battalion's history in next year's journal.

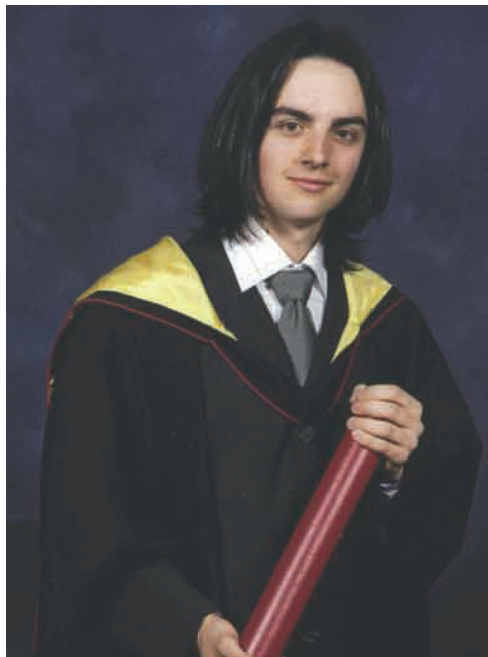
Dr Charles Bird our Clan Genealogist continues to add and refine the massive data base he has built up over the years on behalf of all Rattrays. You will read his separate report in this journal. He asks all of us to send him updated information on our respective families so he can update the records. It is your chance to make sure the data about yourself and your children is accurate thereby saving work for future generations of your Rattray branch from having to try to piece together what they can find out about you. So please take Charlie up on this kind offer and send him your up to date family information with dates and places as he requests.

Once again, thanks to all office bearers all round the world who give up their free time to help our little Clan Society function: without them, and without you the members, there would be no society!

James Rattray

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Congratulations



Congratulations go to Lachlann Rattray of Glasgow, Scotland on his graduation from Glasgow University, where he attained a 2:1 in BSc Computer Science (Hons) in July 2005. Lachlann is now working on an audio-video exhibition at the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery. 'A Healing Passion: Medicine in Glasgow Past and Present', will be located on the upper balcony of the Hunterian Museum's spectacular Victorian Gothic main hall, as a companion to the highly acclaimed exhibition 'Lord Kelvin: Revolutionary Scientist', which opened in October 2004 and which Lachlann also worked on during his final year vacation.

Rattray DNA Project

The first participant for the project was registered in November 2004 and very quickly another eight persons followed. But, most disappointingly, since May 2005 no further persons have come forward. Each participant has been a male carrying the surname, RATTRAY, and has taken the Y-chromosome 37 marker test. The results are as follows:-

A 33/37 match with Keith from Canada and Mark from New Zealand.

The 33/37 match interprets as a 93.77% relationship within 500 years. One generation is calculated as 25 years, hence 500 years usually represents 20 generations.

A 33/37 match with Rulzion of Scotland and Terry from Canada.

A 35/37 match with Keith from Canada and David from Canada.

The 35/37 match interprets as a 96.75% relationship within 400 years. Thus, the connection should be about 16 generations ago.

A 36/37 match with Henry from South Africa and Maurice from the United States.

The 36/37 match interprets as a 96.84%

relationship within 300 years. In this case, we know there is definitely no relationship in the past five generations, hence we can concentrate our conventional genealogical research in a very definite time period - from 1805 back to about 1700. In addition, Henry and Maurice each have a 33/37 match with another surname in the Family Tree DNA database. (The company allows us the facility to compare matches with other surnames in their projects, thereby extending the research possibilities beyond the RATTRAY family.)

These results have far exceeded our expectations, especially considering the small number of participants and *the fact that there was no known relationship to each other before the tests were taken.*

To summarise, of the nine participants we now know that in fairly recent history, three are descended from the same

ancestor, two from another ancestor and two from another ancestor. At this stage, the remaining two persons are not connected. The above results have already made an enormous difference to the focus of the research of the families concerned. The possibilities are therefore very great that with more participants we will make further exciting connections and be able to group families more accurately.



Do consider joining the project. The test is very simple and painless – merely a swab from the inside of the cheek. For further information and the link to Family Tree DNA, take a look at our website www.clanrattray.org

Family Tree DNA continue to expand their activities and remain among the leaders in their field. Earlier this year they announced their affiliation with the Genographic Project. In their words: *“The Genographic Project is a real time effort to map how humankind populated the earth. It is a five-year research partnership between National Geographic and IBM with support from the Waitt Family Foundation, and public participation through Family Tree DNA. The three main pillars of the project include: Global field science: The core of the project is the collection DNA samples from indigenous populations, which contains key genetic markers that have remained relatively unaltered over hundreds of generations making them reliable indicators of ancient migratory patterns. Dr. Wells and a group of 10 scientists from prominent international institutions will conduct the field and laboratory research. One additional research center will focus on analyzing DNA from ancient remains. The Waitt Family Foundation is funding this component of the Genographic Project. An international advisory board will oversee the*

selection of indigenous populations for testing as well as adherence to strict sampling and research protocols.

The Genographic Project is headed by Spencer Wells, Ph.D. Dr. Wells is a geneticist and anthropologist by training. He is a National Geographic explorer-in-residence and is the scientific director of the Genographic Project. Dr. Wells has helped put together a team of renowned scientists around the world to carry out the global field research of the Genographic Project. In addition, the Project will have an Advisory Board that will provide advice and oversight on, matters such as funding priorities, ethical issues, and legal compliance over the course of the Project.”

by Dawn Raimondo



Famous Rattrays

Mark Rattray of Australia discovered a football card of a Gordon Rattray for sale on eBay. After some research, he was able to discover the following details:

Gordon Rattray, son of James Rattray and Mary Ellis, died:1867,



Camberwell, Victoria, Australia, age: 88 years (Reg. #: 25684).

Gordon Rattray married Louisa Harris: 1920, Victoria, Australia (Ref. #: 10521).

Gordon played 87 games for Fitzroy Football Club during the years 1917, 1919-24 and 1928 and kicked 65

goals in his Football career. He played in 10 “Finals series” games, kicked 3 goals in “Finals games” and played in the 1922 Premiership team on the Half Forward flank.

Career Highlights:

Clib Champion - 1919 & 1921

Premiership - 1922, Premiership

Runners up - 1923, Captain - 1923 & 1928, Coach - 1928 & 1937-39

Life Membership - 1938 (Fitzroy Football Club)

He also represented Victoria in 5 games and kicked 5 goals.

Coach - 1924 (Melbourne Football Club) 16 games

[Australia Vital Records Index, BDM Indexes and the Fitzroy Football Club]

Great-Grandsons of David Arthur Rattray

Raymond Alan Sanders Jr., son of Sharon Rattray and Raymond Allan Sanders, entered the U.S. Marine Corps on December 16, 2001. He graduated from Basics on March 15, 2002. Raymond deployed to Iraq on the USS Bataan, then the USS Kersarge, as part of the HMH 464th A/P part of a CH-53 Helicopter Unit. He returned after the war had started in late April 2003. Ray deployed to Djibuti, Africa, in the fall of 2003 to support the war efforts. He came home in the spring of 2004. He is now based in Jacksonville, North

Carolina. His rank changed on January 1st to Cpl. Ray has 2 meritorious marks on his record, the first was in Basics when he graduated PFC, the other was after his return from Iraq. Ray has helped send packages to orphans near the base in Africa and will continue to do so. He may deploy again in late spring or summer.



Bradley Joseph Sanders, son of Sharon Louise /Raymonds Sanders Sr. entered basic training to be a US Marine on July 21, 2004. He graduated 2nd in his class as a Serious Honor Man, PFC on October 22, 2004.. Brad was accepted into

the prestigious, Comandant's Drum and Bugle Corps. His duties include morning/evening bugle calls, and taps at service funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. He will travel the world with the band and play for Heads of State and the President of the United States at President Bush's January swearing-in ceremony for his second term.

John Grant Rattray

Born in Banffshire, Scotland, on 15 January 1864, John Grant Rattray emigrated to Canada in 1874 when his family moved to Middlesex County in Ontario. Educated in Strathroy and Ottawa, he headed west in 1888, homesteading near Pipestone, Manitoba, where he taught in a school until 1896 and later established a hardware business. He served as reeve from 1902 to 1904, before moving to Winnipeg in 1911, joining the staff of the Canada Life Assurance Company as inspector of loans for Manitoba and eastern Canada.

Rattray's military career began in 1906, when he enlisted in the 12th Manitoba Dragoons as a lieutenant. His stature was such that, in 1910, he organized a cavalry regiment, the 20th Border Horse, which he commanded until 1914.

When the war broke out, Rattray briefly commanded two battalions at Camp Valcartier, the 6th (Fort Garry Horse) and later the Tenth, which he organized before its departure for England.



His first command of the battalion was embarrassingly brief. As a politically active Liberal in Manitoba, he was not to the liking of the Conservative militia minister, Sir Sam Hughes, who was the organizing force behind the CEF. When Hughes encountered Rattray on the parade ground in front of his battalion, awaiting the minister's inspection, he was greeted with a curt "Colonel Rattray, what are you doing here?" Hughes was not interested in the reply and bellowed "Get the hell out of here!" Rattray made a humiliated retreat. The battalion's officers were privately appalled, and

Hughes left without inspecting the battalion.

Rattray was bitter about his experience, but stayed active within the CEF, acting as a divisional staff officer in England, then procuring the post of president of the Permanent Board of Enquiry at Shorncliffe. He was reinstated to command of the Tenth on 2 June 1915, an appointment he held until 7 September 1916, when he was promoted to brigadier-general and given command of a training brigade in England. He was awarded the DSO in January 1916, and in June 1918, he was named a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG). John Grant's post-war career was also eventful.

In 1920, he was asked to organize the provincial police force in Manitoba, and he served as its commissioner until the fall of 1922. He later acted as chairman of the Soldier's Settlement Board in Ottawa, and chaired the War Veteran's Assistance Commission in the 1930's. John Grant Rattray died on 23 June 1944, and was buried in Pipestone.

**by Charley Bird
and Mark Rattray**

New Highlander Books Due For Publication May 2006

Three proud Highland regiments fought in North America during the Seven Year's War - the 77th Foot (Montgomery's Highlanders), the 78th Foot (Fraser's Highlanders), and the famous Black Watch, more correctly known at the time as the Royal Highland Regiment. Undoubtedly, the exploits of the 42nd, 77th and 78th Highlanders in some of the most bloody and desperate battles on the North American continent were a critical factor in transforming the overall image of Highlanders from Jacobite rebels to Imperial heroes in the latter half of the 18th century. But the everyday story of these regiments - how they trained, worked, played, fought and died from their own point of view - has never been seriously told.

Sons of the Mountains: A History of the Highland regiments in North America during the French & Indian War, 1756-1767, is a two-volume set due to be co-published Spring 2006 by Purple Mountain Press and the Fort Ticonderoga Museum. It chronicles the Highland regiments' fighting performance and experiences from the time they were raised in the Highlands and stepped ashore in North America, to their disbandment in 1763; or, as in the case of the 42nd, reduced in establishment and left on lonely garrison duty in the American wilderness until their recall and return to Ireland in 1767. Volume One of Sons of the Mountains follows all three regiments on their

various campaigns in the different theatres of war. As they range from the wilderness of the Ohio Forks to the wind-swept crags of Signal Hill in Newfoundland, and from the waters of the Great Lakes to the torrid swamps and cane fields of the "Sugar Islands", the reader will be exposed to all the major conflicts and actions of the "Great War for Empire" as seen through the eyes of the Highland soldier.

Cluny, the 27th Hereditary Chief of Clan Macpherson, writes from Blairgowrie, Scotland:

As a direct descendant of a Clansman who was present on the Heights of Carillon and at Fort Ticonderoga in July 1758 I feel that I understand now far better how my forebear and his fellow Highlanders must have felt and lived and fought, and relate much more closely to those "Sons of the Mountains" of long ago. I warmly commend Lt Colonel McCulloch's book to readers across the Atlantic and here in Scotland. He has done a great service to the memory of those who fought and died with these distinguished Regiments.

Volume Two of Sons of the Mountains will appeal to all families of Scottish descent and serious genealogists. It features comprehensive biographical histories of every regimental officer from all the major clans (over 350 entries) who served in North America. For example:

George Rattray* (c.1740-1758)
Ensign: 19 July 1757, 42nd Foot.
One of the three ensigns of the three

Additional Companies raised in 1757. Killed at Ticonderoga, 8 July 1758. *CBs; SBs; BALs; Stewart, Sketches, I-II, in passim; Richards, Black Watch, in passim.*

Also included in the glossaries are regimental muster rolls and land petitions of discharged Highlanders. Marie Fraser editor of Canadian Explorer, newsletter of the Clan Fraser Society of Canada writes:

Besides being compelling Highland history, SOTM is a valuable genealogical resource for all of Scottish heritage. With over 350 officers' biographies, career details and genealogical notes in the annexes, McCulloch has identified the complex ties of kinship, marriage and friendship that bound the most prominent Scottish families of the day together during the Seven Years War between Britain and France fought in North America, known to some as the French & Indian War.

Lavishly illustrated with artwork by Robert Griffing, Steve Noon, Peter Rindisbacher, Gary Zaboly, Charles Stolz and John Buxton, as well as with contemporary prints, maps and portraits from the collections of the Black Watch Museums of Scotland and Canada, the Fort Ticonderoga Museum, the Fort Ligonier Museum, the William L. Clements Library, the National Army Museum, Chelsea, the David M. Stewart Museum, Montreal, the National Archives of Cana-

da and the Library of Congress, Sons of the Mountains is a visual delight. Without a doubt, Sons of the Mountains is the most complete and informative work on the history of early Highland regiments of the British army in North America to date and will be published in Spring 2006. To learn more about the author and for a sneak preview of the Introduction and excerpts from both volumes of Sons of the Mountains go to <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/scotreg/mcculloch/index.htm> Further details on pre-ordering and prices will be posted soon at Purple Mountain Press website at <http://www.catskill.net/purple/order.htm> or write for details at: Purple Mountain Press, Ltd., PO Box 309, Fleischmann's, NY, 12430-0309. Phone: 1-845-254-4062.



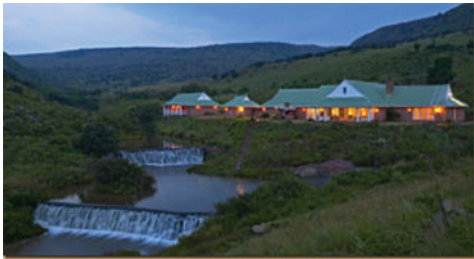
*Author Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Macpherson
McCulloch*

Funny How Rattrays Keep Popping Up...

Julie Carapanos writes:

I'm forwarding an interesting article about a new Rattray Game Preserve Camp at MalaMala, South Africa. Does anyone know anything about these folks? Might be interesting to check them out - maybe could be another Rattray article of interest on the web site..... It's funny how Rattrays just keep popping up.

"My first foray in to the SSW began in 1937 when I was a mere 5 years old and this initial visit was, for me, the commencement of almost 70 years of uninterrupted association with the valuable greater Kruger National Park wildlife enclave.



Norma and I are into our fifth decade on MalaMala and we now reflect with great enjoyment and humility, memories of this privileged period in our lives. Africa's ecology is unique and we have learned to respect and cherish the many characteristics of the wealth of her wildlife. We are therefore both excited and delighted

to launch Rattray's on MalaMala in 2005.

In the conceptualization of Rattray's on MalaMala we are creating a camp that defines our interpretation of classic 'Into Africa'. We are now nearing the completion date and the final product is appearing to be more than we ever envisioned. We are confident that you will, in due course, share our sentiments.



Unlike MalaMala Camp, which remains a monument to the pioneers of yesteryear, Rattray's on MalaMala embodies what Norma and I have aspired to for many years. That is a camp which represents a style of accommodation relevant to present day international requirements and which complements the game viewing for which the MalaMala Game Reserve is world famous.

Norma and I now enter our twilight years and look back over the past 40 summers in ecotourism and we reflect on our unwavering passion

for MalaMala. We are indeed proud of this little paradise in Africa over which we are the environmentally responsible custodians. Rattray's on MalaMala is a tribute to our excellent staff as well as our wonderful friends who have inspired us to create this, our new camp.

New Zealand Clan Gathering

Hello all from New Zealand.

Today over 30 Clan Rattray, South Island, Kiwis had a wonderful time at Floating Mountain Winery at the generous invitation of Mark and Michelle.



Everyone brought along meat and salad which was then shared after the meat was BBQ'd. Mark & Michelle supplied the wine and all who supped were most impressed with it. The fruit juice didnt even get opened! The weather was perfect. Everyone mixed and mingled in the hot sun wishing we had brought our sun umbrellas. Some met relatives for the first time, and spent time catching

up on stories of those who have past on. Identifying which family group everyone came from was fun - there was the Wholesaler Rattrays- grocer, the Bush Inn Rattray's- publican, the Gabriels Gully Rattrays- gold miner, the Auckland Rattray's- the Suffre- gette and the group from the West Coast we have labelled the Deniston Rattray's, the coal miner.

The current day occupations were as varied, there were school teachers, a milkman, the Christchurch Cathedral Dean having a day off, a business planter, an architect, a midwife, the winemakers and others I didnt get to find out about. There was also Julie the winemaker, a guest from Burgundy in France, but sadly not a Rattray. Another, although not genetically a Rattray, belonged to a Rattray family and had the 'Rattray look' of many Kiwi Rattray's, mentioned during the afternoon, that of a long body with short legs..... A family pet sausage dog!

***Editor:** This was a common characteristic of highlanders that was remarked upon by a number of writers in history, including Boswell and Johnson.*

Some Rattray's were unaware of the Clan website or the Clan Genealogist. Charlie you may well be inundated with information shortly. That is after they have all purchased a

program to create a GEDCOM file which we discussed today. Mark talked about the DNA sampling and we encouraged one from each group of cousins to nominate a fellow and organise their test.

We enjoyed a tour of the Floating Mountain Winery and received a quick lesson, from Mark, on how his lovely wine is made.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon spent together so it was decided that we should do it again sometime, perhaps in the winter, and maybe a dinner and dance with a Scottish but Kiwi flavour. What's that? Haggis with Pavlova? Who knows - yet to be decided.

Regards

Glenda Rattray

Origins of the name of Craighall:

An interesting discussion took place in January 2005, between Scott and Lachie, in which Lachie, our Chief, gave us some interesting information on the origins of the name of Craighall Castle. **Editor.**

Scott asked about a print that was

offered for sale on E-bay, which depicted a ruin and claimed its name as Craighall.

Hi Scott,

The print of the ruin is probably the seat of Kininmonth of that ilk in Fife. Silvester Rattray married Marjorie Kininmonth, nee Gray, in about the late 1530s and named his family seat, Craighall, after the Kininmonth property. Our home was previously called Nether Kinballoch.

Hope all the family are well.

Lachie



Craighall, Rattray

The Clan Rattray Database

As of 14 Dec 2005, the Clan Rattray Database contained information on 34,119 individuals. At the time of last year's report, the number was 33,612 and in the year before it was 32,755. This steady increase is due to information contributed by both new and former correspondents and also through searches in the literature and various news media. The Rattray line ancestry of many folks is gradually coming together due to new information and corroboration or correction of various assumptions that have been made in the past. As one gets farther and farther back, it becomes increasingly difficult to add generations due to the paucity of firm documentation in the parish records and literature.

If you are new to Rattray research and have not contacted me, please do so. I will do my best to help. If you are sending information, please send, whenever possible, dates and places of birth, marriage and death; also spousal information.

As most of you know, the information in the Database is not uploaded to online databases. The Database is for the use of all of us who have a Rattray connection. When I put a report together for someone, I men-

tion that such information should not be uploaded or published without the permission of those involved.

Various folks have been helpful in providing information over the last year. Of these, I wish to especially recognize the efforts of Mark Rattray of Australia and Keith Rattray, our Canadian Representative.

I mentioned the following in last year's report. "I hope all will consider sending me an up-to-date biography of themselves so that it can be added to the Database. If this were sent by email, I could simply copy and paste. As to length, I suggest no more than half a page of ordinary typing." No one actually responded to this request. Please consider doing so. Even a paragraph would help. What is your profession? Are you nearing retirement? What are your interests?

I am a retired biologist and I am quite active in studying the moths of south-central Alberta. I am also involved in numerous other projects and, therefore, may not be able to immediately reply to a query. I have a problem with eyestrain from extensive data entering and, therefore, much appreciate efforts made by correspondents to communicate data that can be easily worked with, such as copy and

paste.

If you have an internet connection, you can contact me at cdbird@telus.net. If not, send me a letter addressed to Dr. Charles Bird, Box 22, Erskine, AB, CANADA, T0C 1G0. I can also be reached by phone at 1-403-742-0626.



**by Clan Genealogist
Charley Bird**

**Col. John Charles Campbell
Daunt V.C. and Rattray's Sikhs**

Colonel John Charles Campbell Daunt was buried with full military honours on 21 April 1886.

The deceased Colonel who since his return from India on sick leave, had resided at Overy House, Tyndalls

noted in the Clifton Chronicle of 8 July 1885. He obtained his Victoria Cross for acts of heroism during the Indian Mutiny.

He entered the Indian Army in 1852 and took part in the action with the mutineers of the Ramghur Battalion at Chota Nagpore on 2 October 1857. The mutineers were, after a hard struggle, defeated but not until they had killed or disabled one-third of our weak force, whom they mowed down with grape. Two of the enemy's guns caused great havoc in this way and affairs looked critical when with Sergenat Denis Dynon of the 53rd Regiment, Colonel (then Lieutenant) Daunt rushed forward and pistoling the artillerymen, silenced the guns.

Again on the 2 November at Nowa-



dah, Behar, Daunt with a few of Rattray's Sikhs, pursued a large body of mutineers of the 32nd Bengal Native Infantry into an enclosure in driving them from which he was severely wounded and the preservation of his party was mainly due to his gallantry. He was awarded the Victoria Cross and subsequently served in the China Campaign of 1858 being present at the affair with the braves of the White Cloud Mountains, at the repulse of the Chinese at the landing pier and at the Magazine Hill receiving a medal for his services.

More Congratulations

Warmest congratulations go to Rebecca and Lee Rattray of Newport, South Wales, on the birth of their second son, a brother for Coran.



Lee with the new arrival

Report from Canada

2004 has a year of tremendous change and accomplishments for the Clan Rattray Society! A very successful 3rd World Gathering of Rattray was held the first week of September in Blairgowrie & Rattray with Rattrays and descendants of Rattrays from various parts of the globe, Canada, United States, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Jamaica, Scotland, England and Wales, (I hope I didn't overlook anyone!). There were some old faces from the 1st and 2nd Gatherings (held every four years) and some new ones as well. Very special thanks to our Chairman, James Rattray and his wife Kathleen for their superior organization, with great attention to details, which benefits all who attend these Gatherings.

I was personally pleased that my suggestion to split the North American Officer position into two separate positions was approved. We now have Julie (Rattray) Carapanos for the United States and myself for Canada. This will permit both of us to give more attention to Rattrays and their descendants in our two respective countries with respect to membership in the Clan Rattray Society and responding to questions regarding genealogy, etc. As for

Canada, I am currently preparing a brochure regarding the Clan Rattray Society which will be mailed to every Rattray household I can locate in Canada. The brochure will outline the history of the Clan Rattray, the Clan Rattray Society, the three successful World Gatherings of Rattray and invite membership in the Clan Rattray Society. It is not too soon to begin planning and preparing for the 4th World Gathering of Rattray in 2008!

Thanks to our webmaster, Scott Rattray, of Ottawa Ontario Canada, the Clan Rattray Society website continues to attract Rattrays and their descendants. Due to the ongoing changes that Scott undertakes on the website it is always worth return visits to see what is new. Well done Scott! I have now renewed the registration of the domain site:
<http://www.clanrattray.org>.

Please feel free to contact me with respect to any matter which you wish pursued, if I do not have the answer I am sure one of the other officers of the Clan Rattray Society can assist:

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Note from the Editor:

Apologies to Keith; this article should have appeared in last year's journal.

And Keith writes this year:

It is that time of year, again, when we all get caught up on the comings and goings of the Clan Rattray Society. The Society was formed in the Fall of 1993 and has steadily moved forward ever since, publishing the annual Journal, staging three world gatherings, 1996, 2000 and 2004, in Perthshire Scotland and responding to numerous queries via our website concerning family history, genealogy, etc. Mark the next World Gathering of Rattray on your calendar, 2008, it will not be long in coming!

During the Summer of 2005, Clan Rattray actively participated at four annual highland games here in Ontario, Canada, at Embro, Kincardine, Chatham and Fergus. An information tent was established in conjunction with Clan Elliot thanks to Alan Nickels, of Clan Elliot and his wife Carole, of Clan Rattray who, on their own, had initially began with a Clan Elliot tent two years ago. I was

pleased to join with them in manning the Clan Rattray tent at Embro, Chatham and Fergus and a number of queries were handled for persons with Rattray “roots”. Fergus, being the largest of highland games staged in Canada, saw 50-plus clans on exhibit in the Avenue Of The Clans. I fully anticipate that a number of highland games will be selected as venues for our Elliot and Rattray tents during 2006.

In May, 2006, I will making a trip to visit Fort Ticonderoga, built in 1755, in upper New York State, to view the Black Watch memorial cairn which has been erected through the efforts of the volunteer group, Friends of Fort Ticonderoga, which maintains the Fort. Representatives of the clans, who had clansmen in the Black Watch at the battle of Fort Ticonderoga, were requested to donate a stone from the clan ancestral lands to be included in the memorial cairn. On behalf of Clan Rattray, James (Jimmy) Rattray, Tigh-na-Bruaich, Kirkmichael, Perthshire, Scotland, selected such a stone and shipped it to the Fort, joining forty other stones which were donated by various clans. Jimmy and his wife Wendy, owners of the Log Cabin Hotel in Kirkmichael, were our hosts for the

Gathering in 2000. Kirkmichael is located in Stratharlde Glen, the ancestral lands of Clan Rattray.

To the many Rattray relatives and Rattray friends, and Rattray friends yet to be met, the best for 2006. To the many volunteers, who maintain the Clan Rattray Society, be it the annual newsletter, the shop, the gatherings, the website and not the least, the genealogy website, thank you one and all!



**by Canadian Representative
Keith Rattray**

E-mail received by Rulzion Rattray from ScotlandsPeople

***** New Data Announcement*****

We are pleased to announce that this year we have received permission to release the new years statutory data earlier than in previous years.

Customers can now access, online, records from the Statutory Register of Births for 1905, the Statutory Register of Marriages for 1930, and the Statutory Register of Deaths for 1955. Almost 100,000 new index and corresponding image entries have been added to the site, amounting to six gigabytes of data. This is now available at <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

*****Major Index Updates*****

In addition to the new data release, we have just deployed the biggest single index update on the site to date. These include corrections of indexing and transcription errors in Statutory Birth, Death and Marriage indexes (Census updates for all years will follow shortly). Please note that some previous searches may change to reflect the updates, in that incorrect returns will be removed

whilst corrected records will be returned. As always, we do stress that customers read the extensive help regarding how to best find elusive entries. See, for example, Help with Searching <http://www.scotlands-people.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=551&556>

2005 has been a busy year for ScotlandsPeople with the 1871 Census launch in April, the new site launch (including the addition of the Wills & Testaments) in June and the 1861 Census made available in October.

We plan to launch the Census data for 1851 and 1841 as early as possible in the New Year (Jan and Feb respectively). Look out for announcements regarding the addition of other new data sets and enhancements to the site, including the OPR images, as the New Year progresses.

Please note that our help desk is planning to observe the public holidays 2 and 3 Jan. During this time we will however keep you informed of the site status via the login message – so please keep an eye on this.

A Happy New Year to everyone from ScotlandsPeople.



Ratrays at Canadian Highland Games



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In previous years, there has not been a charge for submitting a tent in the Avenue of Clans at Embro and Chatham and the registration form did not mention a fee to attend. This is the first year for Kincardine and no fee was listed on the registration form. We try to get to Chatham around 9:00 am to set up and the parade of the Clans is around 12:00 to 12:30. My husband, Al, is in charge of the Clan Elliot tent and we

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Last year we were very pleased with the number of people stopping by and telling us about “their” Ratrays. We have membership forms that I printed off the Rattray website to offer to any potential new members. Anything suggestions for the games would be greatly appreciated.



by Carole Nickels

A review of some online discussions and events that took place during the year:

**Alliance at the Embro Highland Games.
Saturday, July 02, 2005.
Keith Rattray reports on an
Alliance between Clan Elliot and
Clan Rattray**

I had a great day with Carole and Joan in the Clan Rattray tent yesterday, beautiful weather and many, many spectators and competitors (including all female tug of war teams). I must say that Carole and her husband Allan have this down “pat” with collapsible tables, chairs and tents, not to mention the hundreds of Rattray and general Scottish items for display and perusal. Carole has an impressive display, including a golf club and ball, relative to John Rattray and the Rules. I took a supply of the Rules with me and we moved some 15 copies, they will also be available at the remaining games on the schedule.

I learned that for some four years or so, Allan and Carole hosted the Clan Elliot tent and now operate Clan Elliot and Clan Rattray side by side which is a bonus since they can

share staffing and allow individuals to take breaks every now and again. This year they are participating, in addition to Embro (Canada’s oldest highland games), Kincardine today, 09-July Chatham and 13-August Fergus (60th anniversary!). Scotland is alive and well in Ontario!

So impressive are the Elliot and Rattray displays that representatives from other games were around encouraging them to appear at their 2006 games which, of course, they will consider. Allan and Carole

are not yet retired so things have to revolve around their employment commitments.

I am not with them today in Kincardine as we are hosting a total of 27 of my Rattray family here at

the farm for our annual Canada Day (July 1) BBQ. Today is preparation day and Kathleen knows what that is all about. To allow for schedules, we will all gather tomorrow (Sunday) for steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, etc., etc.

I will be travelling to Chatham next Friday and staying overnight for the games the next morning. Friday evening I will have dinner with Alastair McIntyre, founder and owner of Electric Scotland. He has immigrated to Canada and set up



shop in Chatham.

Hi Keith:

Hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather, it been a long time coming. Just sending an email to update you on the plans for the Clan Rattray for the summer of 2005. My cousin, Joan Arrand of London, is also a member of Clan Rattray will be helping with the clan tent.

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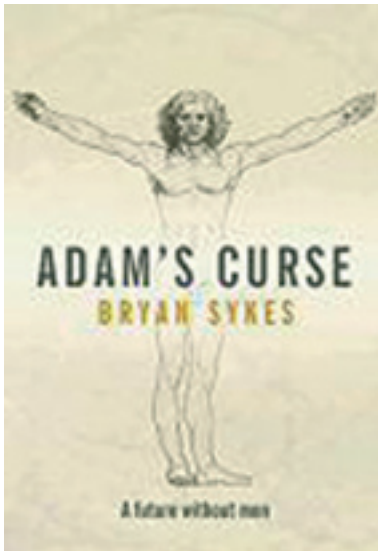
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All the best, Carole

Hi all,

I have just read the May 2004 Family Tree magazine (takes a long time to get downunder). In which is an interesting article about DNA and descent. I will type up excerpts

Bryan Sykes has published a 2nd book "Adam's Curse, A Future without Men", which concludes that



the male Y chromosome is spiraling to oblivion.

Bryan Sykes's touches on Scottish clan history.....clans believed that their members are descended from one man. That applies particularly to Clan Donald, whose clansmen are traditionally descended from

Somerled of Argyll. To cut a long story short, this most famous of clans now comprises 5 separate clans, each of which has a clan chief. Bryan Sykes's team discovered first that each of the clan chiefs had an identical Y chromosome genetic fingerprint and second that out of a random test sample of MacDonald, MacDougall and MacAllister DNA, many exhibited the same Y chromosome characteristics.

This finding has medical implications relating to the search for compatible organ donors and might also become a source of evidence in deciding on the merits of the clan chieftainship deliberations of the Court of the Lord Lyon. What would the Court's attitude be to an application from someone with the right genealogy but a Y chromosome fingerprint quite different from an established former clan chief?

End of quote

I'm off out to buy Adams Curse.

Cheers,
Glenda

Report from Clan Webmaster, Scott Rattray

Thanks to Hugh's help, I took receipt of 4 digitized versions of our Clan Badge from an online vendor. These high resolution images are of great quality and quite attractive. The cost was minimal, approximately 8 pounds.

I have once again been working on a Cafepress.com online shop. Cafepress allows anyone to set up a shop online and sell everything from clothing to frisbees with whatever electronic graphics you upload. We can either sell our products at cost (meaning cafepress is the only one that profits) or we can add to the suggested retail price and cafepress sends us a cheque over and above their costs/profit. So far, I have set the prices without a built in profit to accomodate some of the weaker currencies out there (including the Canadian dollar!).



The objective here was to offer products to Society and non-Society members. What is offered is primarily t-shirts and sweatshirts (Jumpers in Canada are something Grannies wear, but in the UK and elsewhere I think its a sweater). What is offered does not compete



with with what Piob-Mhor can offer as frankly it is of a lesser quality and therefore cheaper but also a little "younger" in its target demographic.

Have a look at what I have up. I ordered a shirt from them a year ago and it turned out wonderfully. Not a stitched crest like the sweatshirts we have but rather a cheaper ink process - it looked good just the same.

Treasurer's Report

From 31st August 2004 to 31st December 2005

(The accounts were prepared early last year to be ready for the clan gathering)

Main accounts

Opening Balance: **£2033.24**

Receipts:

Subscriptions & interest	£1002.41
Interest (~£5)	

Expenses:

Journal Printing & posting	£250.00
Web site costs	£143.40
PayPal costs	£ 9.44
Total Expenses	£402.84

Closing Balance **£2632.81**

Original A/C	£868.03
Main A/C	£1764.78

The key points for this year are:

- The accounts cover a fifteen month period since last year's report was prepared early to be ready for the clan gathering.
- The balance in the clan accounts has risen by ~ £600 over the year and the finances are in a healthy state.
- None of the officers claim for incidental expenses – Many thanks to them as I believe the costs are significant in many cases.



Hugh Rattray at the 2004 Gathering

Membership Report

The clan membership levels are stable at 116 versus 119 last year and 116 the year before that. These figures, of course, represent the individuals and not all family members.

The breakdown of membership by country is as follows:

USA	30
Scotland	25
England	21
Canada	9
Australia	7
South Africa	3
Wales	4
New Zealand	3
Zimbabwe	3
India	2
France	2
Namibia	1
Netherlands	1
Germany	1
Sweden	1
Tanzania	1

Membership Comments:

- We don't advertise but rely on referrals from members and also on our website.
 - o Have had quite a few people join after discovering our website

We are keen to do more business by email to cut costs and increase the speed of communications so, could you please ensure that I have your current email address. Please email me at hugh@kinlochlewis.co.uk and I will ensure the database is up to date..

Report from the USA

Blairgowrie-Rattray Ties with Northern California:

There are not a lot of Rattray-specific events to report this year, however there are many connections between the San Francisco Bay area and Blairgowrie/Rattray that keep interest in the Rattray area of Perthshire alive and well over here. This is primarily due to the fact that the nearby city of Pleasanton has a sister city relationship with Blairgowrie/Rattray.

The Pleasanton Blairgowrie organization was key in putting on a local Scottish Highland Games in Livermore during the month of May. The inaugural games were last year, and Laurence and Jenny Blair Oliphant came over to be chieftain and chief-tainess of these games. Many of you who attended the 2004 International Clan Rattray reunion in Scotland will recall the colorful Blair Oliphant family who puts on the annual Blairgowrie-Rattray Highland Games in one of their fields.

This year, the next generation of Blair Oliphants came over from Blairgowrie to be the “Chief Family” of the Livermore Games. Charlie, Amelia and Phillippa, all in their 20’s, are delightful representatives of Blairgowrie. Among the Scottish

cultural events that take place at the games are demonstration matches of an ancient Scottish sport called Camanacht (Shinty). It is somewhat like field hockey. The Blair Oliphants were enthralled to see this sport practiced here, as it’s not so common even in Scotland. The result was that the Northern California Camanacht Club was invited to the Blairgowrie-Rattray games this past fall, to play several matches against Scottish teams. Apparently this was the first international Comanacht match in the area – if anywhere!

It was exciting that a whole new group of friends were able to visit my favorite spots around Blairgowrie/Rattray. Below are a few pictures of their visit in the area:



Laurence Blair Oliphant visited the team during breakfast at the Alyth Hotel. After joking that he's sometimes taken for Santa Claus, he gives each of them a goodie bag containing a map of the Blairgowrie region and some local treats and souvenirs. The team presents him with a nice bottle of California wine.

On the afternoon of the Blairgowrie-Rattray Games, Elheran Francis and Michael Bentley give Laurence a special Caman made by Ron Blair, a member of the Northern



California Camanacht Club who was unfortunately unable to come on the trip. The stick features Ron's "Blair Camans" logo, and seemed an appropriate gift for the occasion!

Below is a picture of Elheran and Michael at the Blair Oliphant's ancestral home, Ardblair, with the quach that was to have been given to the winning team at Sunday's

match between the California club and Tayforth. Unfortunately, the quach arrived on Monday!



Tayforth took the honors of the day, but the Americans could be proud of their playing, and in fact Elheran, who had been NCCC's goalkeeper, was named "player of the match" by the representative from the Camanacht Association.

I'm trying to persuade the Camanacht team to come back to play at the Blairgowrie-Rattray Games in 2008, when we have our next Clan Rattray International reunion. Not only will you be able to see an historic Scottish sport, but a good number of players on the team or their spouses are Scottish musicians or dancers. I'm hoping to get them to play for our next Rattray Ceilidh! Michael Bentley plays percussion with his wife, Susan Worland on the fiddle. Susan and Michael produced an excellent CD of Scottish music played by North-

ern California musicians to help pay for the Team's trip to Scotland. Elheran Francis is an accomplished Highland and country dancer, and there are other experienced dancers on the team. If we're lucky, maybe some of you will get to meet them.

Before Susan left California, I recommended she visit Tommy Newcomen at his music shop, "The Music Box", in Blairgowrie. Tommy Newcomen played for the Ceilidh at the first Clan Rattray reunion in 1996. He also wrote a tune called "The Milton of Rattray" some years ago, which I plan to add to my collection of "Rattray-related" tunes. His music shop also carries Scottish music CDs of musicians from the San Francisco Bay area – outside of the Boston area, the San Francisco area is the primary center of live Scottish music in the USA, and I'm fortunate enough to be able to dance to live music played by



these musicians every week. Isn't it interesting to follow the threads that connect us all somehow?

As to Rattray people here in the USA, the ad that Barbara Stanwood and I placed in *The Highlander* and *Scottish Life* magazines generated some e-mails and phone calls from people with a variety of interests in the Clan and Scotland. I'm not sure if anyone actually has joined the Society due to the ads, however the Rattray name is getting more exposure in the Scottish community. There are quite a few e-mails sent to the Rattray website, however most often I never hear back from the people after sending them a follow up e-mail. There sure are a lot more Rattrays around than I realized however, we're not such a small clan anymore!

If any of you are interested in visiting Northern California and participating in Scottish dancing or visiting Highland Games, feel free to contact me. Rattray visitors are always welcome.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year 2006

by Julia Rattray Carapanos

Report From Australia



Not much happening down under as regards Rattray's. All is well in my part of the world, the weather has been crazy. As with the rest of the world - terrorism is a very scary part of our life now, following Bali etc, which is just on our back door. The government is very busily putting through acts of Parliament regarding arrests of suspect terrorists, detaining them and returning them back to their original countries. Our family is flying to Brisbane, Queensland for Christmas with our youngest son who lives and works up there - it should be very relaxing. Following my tragic horse truck accident just prior to Christmas last year, we have been rebuilding our lives and seem to be back on track now. My husband Peter & daughter, Katie are back out doing showjumping competitions again on

most weekends. I have spent a lot of the year home - rearing calves, nursing horses and doing work. I have joined the Foster Rotary Club - the first female inductee in their club, after a little hesitation by all the male members they now make me very welcome and I thoroughly enjoy the Monday night meetings. I am also doing my Certificate IV in retail operations. Had a wonderful holiday in Fiji for a week when I went on the Foodworks (the Supermarket chain where I am employed) conference, along with another staff member who won the National Trainee of the Year - and her award presentation was in Fiji.

by Jan Taylor

The Production Line



Ever wondered how the Scottish Rattrays spend their leisure time? Why, make a pot of tea, proof read and pack clan journals of course!

Mathew Rattray Hand woven Quilt or Coverlet.

The following appeared on E-Bay.
Does anyone know who Mathew Rattray was or have any knowledge of him at all? We would be very interested to learn more.

Starting bid US \$799.99
(Approximately C \$974.79)
Ended: 24-Mar-05 00:55:08 EST
Start time: 14-Mar-05 00:55:08 EST
History: 0 bids Item location: Phoenix, Arizona, United States.

Beautiful Dated 1850 Hand Woven
QUILT ?
or
COVERLET ?

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Excellent Estate Condition

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Note: Pocket on Rear Top is Stitched
for Rod as a Wall Hanging

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70" x 84"

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NOTE: We Have Been Advised That
This Coverlet/Quilt is Definitely: A
Mathew Rattray

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He worked in Richmond, Indiana  
from 1822 to April, 1872

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Born in Paisley, Scotland in 1796, He
Reached America at 22.

After a Short Stay in Philadelphia,
He Decided to Try to Make His Fortune in Indiana

~~~~~  
A Very Beautiful Examples of  
Folk Art and Increasing in Value !



I did come across a Matthew Rattray quilt on Cowan's Auctions website, which had these photos, but no other information - Ed





## **It's Rulzion with a Z**

Many people have difficulty with the pronunciation of Rulzion's name and can't fathom out why there's a z in it. The best explanation I've come up with until now is that the z emphasises the l sound, rather like a Glaswegian saying William. However, now that Sir Menzies Campbell is in the news as a contender for leader of the Lib Dems, the BBC has come up with a perfect explanation:

"He's the frontrunner for the Lib Dem leadership, but why is Sir Menzies Campbell's first name pronounced Mingis?

Blame the "yogh", a letter in old English and Scots which has no exact equivalent today.

Pronounced "yog", it used to be written a bit like the old copperplate-style "z" with a tail, which helps explain the discrepancy between the spelling of Menzies and the pronunciation.

The rise of printing in the 16th Century coincided with the decline of the yogh, and so it tended to be rendered in print as a "z", and pronounced as such.

But there's more to saying Menzies than simply transposing the "z" for a "g" when speaking the name. "You've got the upper 'y' sound from the back of the mouth and the 'n' sound going to meet it," says Chris Robinson, director of the Scottish Language Dictionaries. "There's a sort of assimilation of the two sounds."



According to the BBC Pronunciation Unit, the name can be phonetically transcribed as "MING-iss".

"It rhymes with 'sing' but without the hard 'g'," says BBC pronunciation linguist Catherine Sangster.

"Think of the difference between 'finger' and 'singer'. In Menzies, you want the 'n' to immediately form into the soft 'ng' from singer."

The yogh takes a softer "y" sound in the word capercaillie, the name of a large grouse, which the Oxford English Dictionary spells "capercaillie" or "capercaillie".

The same goes for the Scottish surname Dalziel, pronounced Dee-ELL.

The yogh owes its origin to the Irish scribes who arrived in Saxon Britain in the 8th Century and began teaching the Anglo Saxons to write - before this, old English was written in runes, says Ms Robinson. It fell out of favour with the Normans, whose scribes disliked non-Latin characters and replaced it with a “y” or “g” sound, and in the middle of words with “gh”. But the Scottish retained the yogh in personal and place names, albeit mutating into a “z” to please the typesetters of the day.

Inevitably, however, the euphemistic “z” became a real “z”, in some quarters at least. The surname “MacKenzie” now almost universally takes the “zee” sound although it would have originally been pronounced “MacKenzie”.

“I had two girls in my class at school with the surname Menzies, one pronounced ‘Mingis’ the other ‘Menzees’,” says Ms Robinson.

Often pronunciation can be an indicator of class and status, or geography. But in the case of Menzies it’s purely arbitrary, says Ms Robinson, who advises to always check.

Those south of the border might be

surprised to know that the newsagent chain John Menzies takes the old pronunciation, and so should be John Mingis.

The company’s website has a bit of fun with the potential for misunderstanding, invoking the following poem to make its point: A lively young damsel named Menzies  
Inquired: “Do you know what this thenzies?”  
Her aunt, with a gasp,  
Replied: “It’s a wasp,  
And you’re holding the end where the stenzies.”



*Rulzion and Rosie Rattray*

**by Rosie Rattray and the BBC**

## Full Colour Journal

For some time, the Clan Officers have been looking at ways in which the journal could be sent to you in colour. Printing costs are prohibitive (approximately 8 times the price of black and white) so an alternative suggestion is to make the journal available in pdf format, which could then be downloaded from the web-site. We are going to experiment with this format this year, so those of you with computers, do please have a look on the clan website for its appearance. It will not be available immediately, so you will have to be patient and keep looking. Access will also have to be password protected. There are two ways we can go about this: either set a simple password that is changed each year, or have an on-line database of all members, who will have to enter their name and then choose their own password. When this decision has been made and the journal is available, clear instructions will appear on the website for you to follow.

If we decide to just protect the journal with a simple password, this will be: **rattraygubraith**

For the non-gaelic speakers amongst you, this means Rattray for ever (but the english translation will not work as the password!)

## Coming in the Next Issue

Don't miss the next issue of the Clan Rattray Journal!

Four great-grandsons, a great grand-daughter and four great-great grandchildren of Thomas Rattray, founder of the Rattray's Sikhs will be amongst a party traveling to India at the end of January 2006 to take part in the 150th anniversary celebrations of the raising of the regiment and have promised to tell all. James will have his camera, so there should be some great photos too.

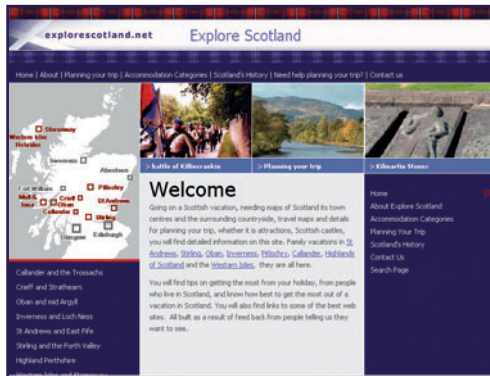


*Thomas Rattray 1856*

After the anniversary weekend, some of the party will be visiting Corbett National Park, where they will be going tiger-spotting on elephant-back.

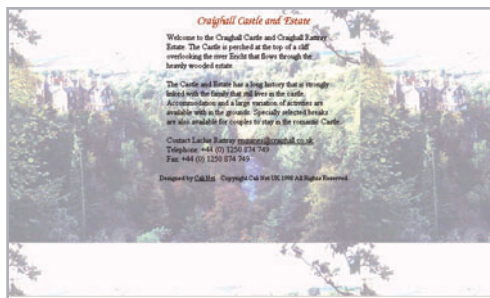
## Planning a Trip to Scotland?

Check out these websites



[www.explorescotland.net](http://www.explorescotland.net)

For planning your trip around Scotland



[www.craighall.co.uk](http://www.craighall.co.uk)

Stay in the ancestral home of the Rattrays



[www.logcabinhotel.co.uk](http://www.logcabinhotel.co.uk)

Have a few nights with Jimmy and Wendy in the peaceful village of Kirkmichael



[www.squirrelcottage.net](http://www.squirrelcottage.net)

Or self catering in James and Kathleens flat near Pitlochry

## Advertise with The Rattrays - Its FREE

Have something you want to announce? New baby, exam success, wedding? Perhaps you would like YOUR website to be featured in the journal?

We'll do it FREE, but you have to let us know.

Email [rosierat@talk21.com](mailto:rosierat@talk21.com) with the details - it couldn't be easier.

and finally...

All the best to you all for 2006.

Don't forget to let us have your news, views and articles for inclusion in next year's journal.