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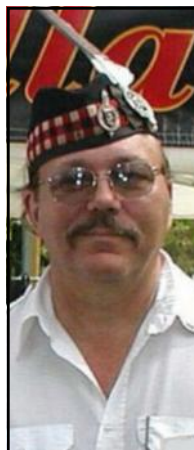


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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Larry Slight

Greetings,

Towards the end of September, the Society Board of Directors held our Annual Directors Meeting in Charleston, SC. This allowed us to attend the Charleston Scottish Games and Festival. As will be seen in the minutes of the meeting by our Secretary, Ralph Wallace, there were many topics discussed and

approved.

We are approaching a very busy year, 2014, as a Society. One of the first things to be done after the first of the year is to pick a Council member to fill the Director's position being vacated by our Past-President, Bob Wallace. Although many nominations were received for other positions, we lacked the one to fill the last open slot. We need a Council member to stand up and help us in a leadership position! Between now and January first, the Directors of the Society will be contacting as many Council members as possible to find that volunteer who wishes to make a difference.

An additional effort that will be attempted during the first couple of months of 2014 is the submission to the Council members for vote of the By-Laws amendments (By-Laws voted on and approved by the Board of Directors for submittal to Council members). These amendments grant the rights to vote and run for the Society Board of Directors to Life and Annual members, to take effect in 2015. This change has been discussed within the

Board for over two years and many changes to the original proposal have been made. The Board has come to the realization that, other than the Society Newsletter and comradeship at games and festivals, there is little else to provide incentive to Annual or Life members to either, in the case of Annual members, renew their membership or, for Life members, to be active in the Society. After much review and research, the Board came to the conclusion that our Society is one of the few, if not the only Society, that limits the participation of a majority of the membership in the leadership of the organization. We hope to change this with the first of the two amendments to the By-Laws. In addition to the by-law changes, a membership "path for growth" process is being developed to complement the proposed changes, facilitating the entire memberships' ability to become involved in your Society.

A number of past Society leaders, who have not engaged in the current operations of the Board, have stated the proposed by-law change simply will not work based on their anecdotal experience. We fervently hope that they will work together with the Board in solving the issue of active membership participation. Since the opinions of all members (Council, Life and Annual) are important to us, your representatives, the Board is asking those Council members who have issues to present them, in writing, to our Secretary as soon as possible so that they can be addressed in the Winter Newsletter. After which, I will submit the ballot to the Council members for a decision. The Board will attempt a change in balloting for this vote by allowing the vote to be taken both by regular mail

and through our website. Each Council member will be mailed a ballot which will contain a URL that can be used to register their vote. They may complete and mail the ballot back to the Secretary or enter their vote through the web site, a further explanation will be provided at the time.

In June 2014, the Society will be participating in the Bannockburn 700 celebration in Stirling, Scotland. We expect a large turnout of Wallaces from around the world and will host our Chief's son and heir, Andrew Wallace, at the Bannockburn battle site and at a dinner sponsored by the Wallace Tour that is being arranged by Lois Wallace. Further information concerning this tour is available elsewhere in this edition of our Newsletter.

Finally and certainly not least, I and the entire Board of Directors wish to send to all members a very Happy Thanksgiving, a Holy and Joyous Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year.

Thanks to all!

Larry.

Lawrence Slight
President, CWSW

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CWS TRIP TO
SCOTLAND. MORE
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HAVE YOU A CWS NAME-TAG?

By Bob Wallace

One of the issues we needed to deal with following our relocation from Dayton, NV to Fort Worth, TX was ordering a new set of name tags for Clan Wallace Society events, which would be our third set of name tags since joining the Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide. Placing our order turned out to be nearly as easily done as thinking about it!

First, link to the Clan Wallace Society web site (clanwallace.org), click on CWS Links Page in the left column. Then under Group 1, click on CWS Name Tags in the left column. Going to that Name Tags page, there are

four types of name tags available for purchase. Choose the name tag you prefer. Then send an email message to Shamrock Awards, telling them which name tag type you've chosen, providing your name and home town. One other choice you may need to make, that being how your name tag will connect to your shirt or jacket.

Once our order was sent on its way, utilizing email to speed things along, we waited less than a week to find our new name tags in the mailbox. Your order may take somewhat longer, particularly if you use snail mail to place your order. Expense for a name tag will depend on which tag size you choose.

SCOTLAND TRIP ALMOST FULL!

By Lois Wallace

Over the period of two days in June of 1314, King Robert I, the Bruce, led his Scots to victory over King Edward II of England just a few miles below Stirling Castle at Bannockburn. Seven hundred years later, Scots from around the globe will congregate near that historic site to celebrate the famous battle.

The National Trust of Scotland will commemorate this 700th Anniversary with 3D and live reenactments of that historic battle, including a clan and medieval village. The Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide has been accepted by the National Trust to represent Clan Wallace at this event. CWSW has organized an official tour to attend this "once in a lifetime" occurrence.

Our visit in 2014 will include the Bannockburn event itself, and visits to several locations connected with Sir William Wallace; Lanark, the site of William Wallace's earliest exploits and where he killed the sheriff of Clydesdale; Falkirk Kirkyard to view the newly restored Sir John de Graeme's Tomb, Wallace's second in command at the Battle of Falkirk and the only known

burial site of a knight who died in that era; Dunfermline Abbey where legend states Margaret Crawford, Wallace's mother, is buried. King Robert I, the Bruce, is interred within this ancient Abbey. New evidence points to Ayrshire as the birthplace of Sir William Wallace. We will investigate this and more at the Burns Monument Center, Kilmarnock home of the East Ayrshire historical records and research center. Many more Wallace-related sites and events will be explored. As part of our all too brief visit, a banquet is scheduled with Andrew Wallace, Younger of that Ilk, Acting Chief, who will be joining us at the Bannockburn celebration representing his father, Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk, 35th Chief of the Clan and Name of Wallace.

The tour includes all land arrangements, touring, accommodations and transportation in Scotland. A limited number of spaces are left on the tour. Full information is available on the Society's website: clanwallace.org, or from Lois Wallace, lois@shipsandtrips.com, or phone: 775-671-0148.

WALLACE MONUMENT SET FOR 2014 FACELIFT

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Interpretive exhibition design specialists Campbell & Co. have been appointed to carry out an extensive refurbishment of the interior galleries within one of the most distinctive landmarks on the Stirling skyline - The National Wallace Monument, built to commemorate Sir William Wallace, the Scottish patriot and martyr.

Standing on the rocky outcrop of The Abbey Craig, the Monument overlooks the site of Wallace's victory over the English army of King Edward I at The Battle of Stirling Bridge, one of the most significant encounters in the Wars of Independence.

Built to the design of the distinguished Victorian architect J. T. Rothead, the Monument incorporates three distinctive galleries, each of which will be completely re-modeled prior to the start of the main 2014 visitor season.

The first floor of the Monument, originally known as the Hall of Arms, with its stained-glass windows depicting the arms of Great Britain, of Scotland, of Wallace, and of the Burgh of Stirling, will be re-designed to provide visitors with an engaging and authoritative presentation on The Battle of Stirling Bridge. This will draw on research which has been undertaken by eminent historians with specialist knowledge of the mediaeval period. At the heart of this gallery will be one of the most symbolic artifacts housed at the Monument- the Wallace Sword, with which Scotland's national hero struck fear into the hearts of his enemies.

The story of Wallace's life - and of how he has been acclaimed as Scotland's national hero - will be told to visitors in The Hall of Heroes, on the second floor, where busts of Scottish heroes from Robert the Bruce to Robert Burns, celebrate Scotland's contribution to science, engineering, industry and the arts.

On the third floor visitors will be able to discover the amazing story behind the building of the Monument, and the other memorials which have been constructed to pay tribute to William Wallace, since the unveiling of the first significant monument at Dryburgh in the Scottish Borders, in 1814.

David Campbell, Managing Director of Campbell & Co. emphasized the significance of this project to the company:



The Wallace National Monument at Stirling

"We are delighted to be appointed as designers for the refurbishment of the National Wallace Monument and to renew our acquaintance with a building and subject very dear to my heart. For the thousands of visitors who travel every year from all across the world to visit the Monument, the way in which the stories of the Battle of Stirling Bridge and of the life of William Wallace are told is really important - and we want every one of those visitors to have a really memorable experience when they come to Stirling".

The refurbishment of each gallery will involve the installation of new displays - with tablet computers making use of

the latest technology, as well as the introduction of new facilities for younger visitors, an important proportion of the many thousands of visitors who come to the Monument every year.

Referring to the importance of providing an exceptional experience for visitors, Stirling District Tourism Director and Chair Zillah Jamieson remarked: "Having completed an upgrading of the facilities and services provided to visitors on arrival at the Monument, we realized that it was important for us to ensure that the experience of visitors once they reach the inside of the building itself would fully meet, and exceed, their expectations. We also want to ensure that the way in which information is presented to visitors truly enhances the building, and makes the most of its remarkable setting on the Abbey Craig. We're really pleased therefore to be working with David Campbell and his team, to take advantage of their experience and skills in delivering this project".

Whilst the National Wallace Monument is a dominant landmark in Stirling's landscape, it is also a central feature in the city's portfolio of heritage attractions, and following the refurbishment of the Royal Palace at Stirling Castle in 2011, and the redevelopment of Bannockburn (2014), the refurbishment of the National Wallace Monument will mean that the story of Stirling, and of its place at the heart of Scotland's history, will be presented to the city's visitors through three outstanding venues. For further information, contact Ken Thomson, Marketing Manager, Stirling District Tourism, Tel: (01786) 478052; Mobile: (07817) 715113; E-mail: ken.sdttourism@btconnect.com.

The National Wallace Monument is operated by Stirling District Tourism Limited, which was opened in 1869 to commemorate the life of William Wallace, and it attracts over 110,000 visitors each year.

NEWS FROM OUR CLAN CONVENERS

2013 Fergus Festival and Highland Games

By Dorothy Knight

The Fergus Festival and Highland Games were held August 9-10-11, 2013. Dennis Snowdon was the MC for the Friday evening of pipe bands, dancing and athletics followed by a magnificent display of fireworks. The hit of the evening was the demonstration of attempting to beat the Guinness World record for caber tossing. Sixty-one cabers were carried on to the field and tossed simultaneously. I believe they tried six times, with a final count of 45 perfect tosses... not quite a record. Thirty-one clans paid tribute to the Homeland and candle lighting ceremony, followed by fireworks. It

was a beautiful evening under the stars.

On Saturday, 31 Clans took part in the Clan Parade following opening ceremonies. Our day was very busy. We handed out many applications for membership and Terry demonstrated his chain mail and swords, which is really a good calling card, especially for the younger set.

The Heritage tent featured sheep shearing, spinning quilting and Celtic needle work. There were demonstrations in Celtic clogging and explanations of Highland Dancing and "what are the Heavies?"

Featured author this year was Diana Gabaldon, of the Outlander series. McKiddie's Centre featured storytelling,

crafts, Scottish Mini's Parade (showing off your tartan), and heavy events.

Also, the 2013 Canadian Tug of War Championships as well as the usual dancing, piping, drumming and band competitions were held.

Piper of the Day...the Clan Wallace Society - Worldwide trophy went to 12-year old Gavin McKay of Kitchener, Ontario. Gavin has been playing for two years, but I'm not sure which band he plays with. Prior to the Fergus games, Gavin took honours in piping at the Glengarry games. Quite a feat for a junior piper.

Kirkin 'o' the Tartan was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. A message "What's In Your Sporrn (?)," was presented to a full house. Many tartans were blessed. Fellowship and a delicious "Strupak" followed. The games carried on in the afternoon with awards and final Massed Bands.

2013 Portland (OR) Highland Games

By Bill and Norma Wallace

A Kodak moment was missed as the "changing of the guard," actually changing of the conveners, took place late in the afternoon. It was bitter sweet for us because we have been convening for 15 years. Although we started in the Southwest, the last five years have been in the Northwest. It's like handing over a teenager to someone else. The Wallace tent at the Portland Games, held at the Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, OR is in good hands. New members Fred Wallace and Chris "Chilly" Childers will be co-convening. They are enthusiastic and five Wallaces who have helped us setting up, manning the tent and tearing down for five years will be there to help out. Perhaps we will get the picture next year when the new conveners actually start-up.



Anna, Gavin McKay, Dorothy Knight and David Radley at Fergus, Ontario.

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The SAMS Color Party at the Portland (OR) Highland Games. Photo credit: W.J. Wallace

The Wallaces are an active group for the games. William S. Wallace is the Commander for the Northwest Scots Guard. This year they wore their ceremonial dress. There was a black ribbon on the American flag-staff to honor the Oregonian, John J. Pearcin, Jr., of Lake Oswego, OR who died in the Yarnell, Arizona fire where 19 Prescott 'hotshots' were killed. Incidentally Mary Wallace Kelsey is a Trustee of the Oregon Scottish Society, and she also held the fort at the tent for the Wallaces and Crawford ("our cousins"), so we could march. Our Crawford cousins Terry Pea and Bruce Crawford have CWSW tri-fold brochures, membership applications, and sign-in sheets so they can represent CWS in the Northwest. Chilly Childers also helps out with the

Athletics! Teri Eastman is in charge of the Clans during the march. This year two of her aunts and a cousin from Minnesota joined us. I am surprised the small but mighty group was not heard by you all as they yelled "Freedom!!" when announced.

13th Annual Sycamores Shoals Celtic Festival

By Bill Bierwirth

Sycamores Shoals Celtic Festival was held on September 7-8, 2013, in Elizabethton, TN; a wonderful day in the Tennessee Mountains. The weather was

warm but with low humidity and lots of sunshine. Much thanks to the President, Lu Gordon, for her hospitality in providing passes and an invite to hang out with the Gordons. This is a small local event, very cozy and comfortable. Highlight of the day was real live full contact jousting, courtesy of the Society for Creative Anachronism. It was the coolest thing I've ever seen at a Scottish festival! I also renewed old friendships with Lin and Blannie Robinson of Clan Wallace, now owners of "Bold Blades & Blazons. There were 20 clans and societies in attendance. Great music from Maidens IV, My Tree Kilts and others, Scottish Dancing, the Irish Sky Dance Team, and Border Colliers. All in all a perfectly nice time, and a perfectly nice festival.

7th Annual Dandridge Scots-Irish Music Festival

By Bill Bierwirth

The 7th Annual Dandridge Scottish-Irish Music Festival was held on September 28th in Dandridge, TN. It was an absolutely gorgeous day in the Tennessee hills by Douglas Lake. This was an old fashioned street festival, literally blocked off part of Main Street in downtown Dandridge. Eight Clans and societies were set up with vendors all



Jousting at Sycamores Shoals Celtic Festival.

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Medal-winning dancer, Miss Lilly Wallace.

set up along either side of the street with the huge levee in the background. Music continued all day from various pipe bands, small bands, and entertainers such as the Mudmen, Highland Reign, and the Celtic Martins. There were plenty of kid games and athletic demonstrations, and a large doggie parade of many breeds, known and unknown. A great time all around and highly recommended.

Many thanks goes to Scottish American Military Society (SAMS) Post #328 (Alvin York - Knoxville) for inviting me to share their hospitality.

This is a great little festival and I am thinking of setting up a tent there next year to represent Clan Wallace.

The 5th Annual Scotland County Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Scotland County Highland Games (NC) was held on October 5, 2013. These games are held at John Blue House in Laurinburg, North Carolina. A hot humid fall day greeted the 47 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them.

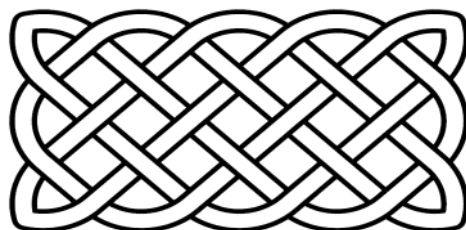
Other participants included the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS), Council of Scottish Clans and Societies, Scottish Culture and St. Andrews Society of North Carolina, Society of William Wallace and the Scottish Society of Wilmington, North Carolina. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

The parade of tartans was held at 11:00AM after open ceremonies. Clan Wallace waited patiently as 46 clans marched before us.

Lilly Wallace joined us to march in the parade. Lilly is eleven years old from Raleigh, North Carolina. We were honored to have Lilly with us, as she had just came in "first place" in four highland dancing competitions; Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Flora McDonald and Seann Triubhas. She won four metals and was best overall winner.

The entertainment included the Celtic bands, Gael Warning, Jamie Laval. Sixteen pipe bands competed. The Games included heavy athletics, Border Collies, and Children events.

Thanks to Lilly and all of the rest of the folks that came by the Wallace tent to make the day so special. You are the reason we are here.



BRAVE-HEARTH

By Lisa Donant

These savory autumn favorites will bring a smile to everyone! Enjoy!



Country Ham Spread

8 oz. Medium Cheddar Cheese block,
hand shredded
1 cup or less thin sliced, Country
Ham, shredded or finely pulled
apart
2-3 Tbsp. Mayonnaise
Hearty Crackers or Toast Points

In a medium bowl add shredded cheese and ham. Mix in mayonnaise until desired consistency for spreading on crackers or toast points.

New Orleans Hurricanes



If you are making a pitcher, use 1 cup as a part and see if that fills the pitcher. If you are only making them one at a time, use 1 ounce as the part.

1 part Dark Rum
1 part Coconut Rum
1 part Bacardi 151
3 parts Orange Juice
3 parts Pineapple Juice
1/2 part Grenadine

Stir and serve over ice.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2013 ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING

The Clan Wallace Society Annual Directors Meeting took place in Charleston, South Carolina, on Friday, September 20, 2013.

Fiscal Year 2013 Business

I. Opening

The ADM was convened by the President at 9:22am on September 20th, 2013 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Directors Attending: President Larry Slight, Executive Vice President Russ Harper, Secretary Ralph Wallace, Treasurer Lisa Donant, Past President Robert Bruce "Bob" Wallace, Ron Heacock, Garret Whiteside, James L. Wallace, Darrell L. Wallace (Virtually) and Karen Wallace. Proxy was held for Tom E.S.H. Wallace – not in attendance. Also attending were Past President John R. Wallace, Past Executive Vice President Wayne Jones, Past Director Charles Wallace, and Council members Marcia Harper, Judy Slight, and Lois Wallace.

II. Reading of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes: Approved without issue.

III. Presentation and Approval of FY 2013 Treasurer's Financial Report: Lisa Donant presented the Treasurers Report which was approved by all.

IV. Reports

Elections and Ballot Committee: Presented by Ralph Wallace, the final count by the Nominating and Election Committee chair Marcia Harper reported only two nominations received for three vacancies, which requires no election. Russ Harper and Ron Heacock were confirmed re-elected as Directors. The remaining vacancy will be filled by the President's Council member appointment pursuant to the By-Laws by a no later than January 1st, 2014.

Membership Chairperson: Presented by Karen Wallace and approved by all.

Newsletter Manager: – Wayne Jones presented. Discussed the mode of newsletter delivery (email, website, Postal Service). The membership form has been changed to encourage new members to provide an email address to be included in the membership database.

Convener Affairs: Russ Harper presented and the report was approved by all. He added that based on info received that

members need further information regarding the "Convening Process." The Conveners chair will draft an article for the newsletter providing information to members and a "Proactive approach to developing conveners."

Secretary's Report: Ralph Wallace presented and the report was approved by all. A discussion recommended all future official correspondence contain the www.clanwallace.org website information.

Recognition Program Report: John Wallace presented and the report was approved by all.

International Reports Projects: Garrett Whiteside presented and report was approved by all. A request was made to donate books obtained by the Society by the dissolution of the Clans of Scotland LLC 501 (c) (3), to the Smithsonian Institute. This was approved.

Documents and Publications: Report approved.

Advisory Director for Canada Report: Dorothy Knight's report approved by all.

V. Unfinished Business

Proposed By-Laws changes in Reference to Membership: The proposed changes to the By-Laws were approved by a Board vote of 9 to 2. The President will send a letter to Council members as a precursor to the voting process. A membership action committee was recommended to create the plan required to support the proposed by-law changes, and to address the basic reason behind the proposed changes, e.g., lack of interest in staffing Board positions.

Maitland Papers: An opportunity for a translator was announced to complete the project, and action approved to proceed in further investigation.

Certification of New Directors: Newly elected Directors Russ Harper and Ron Heacock were approved. Previously appointed Director Garret Whiteside (although de facto in seat) was approved by the Board.

VI. New Business (2014)

Election of 2014 Officers:

- ◆ President: Larry Slight (Approved)
- ◆ EVP: Russ Harper (Approved)
- ◆ Secretary: Ralph Wallace (Approved)
- ◆ Treasurer: Lisa Donant (Approved)

Presentation and Approval of 2014 CWSW Budget: Budget approved by all.

Bannockburn 2014: Discussed for information of the Board. Display and staffing of the pitch are to be discussed and agreed upon between the officers prior to the end of first quarter calendar year 2014.

Castles for Christmas Program/Fund Raiser: Discussed and tabled for calendar 2014 opportunity review.

Director of Education Position: Discussion held on merit for the position. The Board will discuss further as to the responsibilities for the position prior to end of first quarter 2014.

Doing Board Meetings/Business via Video Conferencing: Garret Whiteside presented. A technology demonstration of a viable platform to conduct virtual meetings was provided. The Board will consider further research before any decisions are made.

Wounded Warrior Project for a Fund Raiser: Garret Whiteside presented a proposal to support Clan Wallace Society-specific Wounded Warrior members in the Martinsburg, WV Veterans Affairs hospital. The President requested further information to further assess the potential for support.

ADM for 2014: Due to the 2014 Bannockburn 700 event, a request was made to hold the next ADM virtually based on the positive results from the technology demonstration. After discussion, the vote evolved to virtual vs. face to face. The vote was unanimous for face-to-face.

Discussion turned to location. The location would not be held concurrent with any game or festival within the normal ADM timeframe. The first favorable location was the Jacksonville/St. Augustine, FL area. Final determination for will be made prior to the end of first quarter 2014.

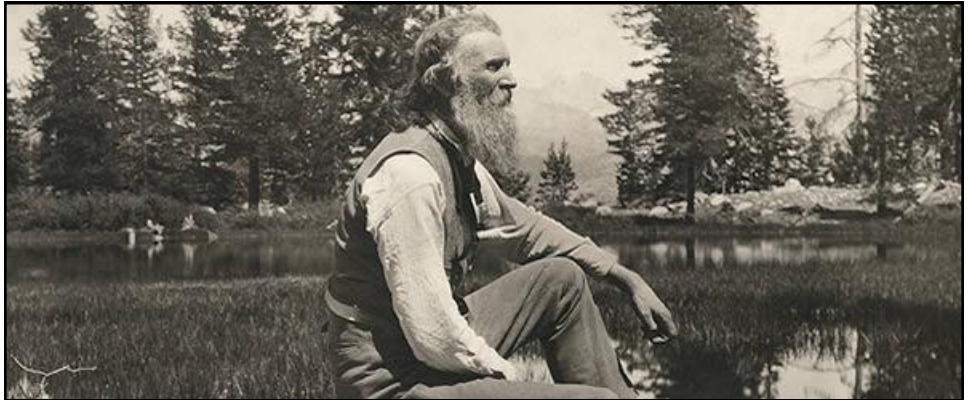
VII - Close Meeting Sine Die

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 5:21 pm

JOHN MUIR: A GREAT SCOTS-AMERICAN HERO

Submitted By Wayne Jones

John Muir was an engineer, naturalist, writer, botanist, geologist and early advocate of preservation of wilderness in the United States. His letters, essays, and books telling of his adventures in nature have been read by millions, especially the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. He founded the Sierra Club which is now one of the most important conservation organizations in the United States. His activism helped to preserve the Yosemite Valley, Sequoia National Park and other wilderness areas.



Conservationist John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club and the National Park Service

Early Life

He was born in Dunbar, East Lothian Scotland on 21 April 1838 the third of eight children. His parents were Daniel Muir and Ann Gilrye. In 1849, Muir's family immigrated to the United States, starting the Fountain Lake Farm near Portage, Wisconsin. Muir's father found the Church of Scotland insufficiently strict in faith and practice, leading to their emigration and joining a congregation of the Campbellite Restoration Movement, called the Disciples of Christ. John's religious background and philosophy, and his perceived dichotomy between civilization and nature are manifested in his writings, wherein he describes the natural world as "a conductor of divinity," and often made nature synonymous with God.

At age 22, Muir enrolled at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, paying his own way for several years. There, under a towering black locust tree, a fellow student plucked a flower from the tree and used it to explain how the grand locust is a member of the pea family. This was his first botany lesson. Fifty years later, Muir described the day in his autobiography. "This fine lesson charmed me and sent me flying to the woods and meadows in wild enthusiasm." As a freshman Muir studied chemistry with Professor Ezra Carr and his wife. Muir developed a life-long interest in chemistry and the sciences. Muir took an eclectic approach to his studies, attending classes for two years but never being listed higher than a first-year student due to his unusual selection of courses. Even though he

never graduated, he learned enough geology and botany to inform his later wanderings.

In March 1866 while working as a sawyer in an Indianapolis factory, a tool slipped and struck him in the eye. After six weeks of recovery "he saw the world—and his purpose—in a new light, "This affliction has driven me to the sweet fields. God has to nearly kill us sometimes, to teach us lessons." From that point on, he determined to "be true to myself" and follow his dream of exploration and study of plants.

In September 1867, Muir undertook a walk of about 1,000 miles from Indiana to Florida, which he recounted in his book *A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf*. He chose the "wildest, leafiest, and least trodden way I could find." After contracting malaria on Florida's Gulf Coast, he abandoned his plans for South America. Instead, he sailed to New York and booked passage to California.

Explorer of Nature

Arriving in San Francisco in March 1868, Muir immediately left for a week-long visit to Yosemite. He was overwhelmed by the landscape, "We are now in the mountains and they are in us, kindling enthusiasm, making every nerve quiver, filling every pore and cell of us." Muir later wrote, "No temple made with hands can compare with Yosemite... the grandest of all special temples of Nature. He designed a water-powered mill to cut wind-felled trees, and he built a small cabin along Yosemite Creek. He designed

it so that a section of the stream flowed through a corner of the room so he could enjoy the sound of running water. He lived in the cabin for two years, and wrote about this period in his book *First Summer in the Sierra* (1911).

Muir was convinced that glaciers had sculpted many of the features of the valley and surrounding area, which was in stark contradiction to the accepted theory that attributed the formation of the valley to a catastrophic earthquake. He was lauded as the first man I have ever found who has any adequate conception of glacial action. In 1871, Muir discovered an active alpine glacier below Merced Peak, which helped his theories gain acceptance. Muir's former professor at the University of Wisconsin encouraged him to put his ideas into print. Muir also investigated the plant life of the Yosemite area. In 1873 and 1874, he made field studies along the western flank of the Sierra on the distribution and ecology of isolated groves of Giant Sequoia. In 1876, the American Association for the Advancement of Science published Muir's paper on the subject. He was a highly productive writer and had many of his accounts and papers published as far away as New York.

During these years in Yosemite, Muir was unmarried and often unemployed with no prospects for a career. He was sustained by the natural environment and reading the essays of naturalist author Ralph Waldo Emerson. Many evenings he would read Emerson under the stars sitting by a campfire in his over-

coat. He was a "fixture in the valley," respected for his knowledge of natural history, his skill as a guide, and his vivid storytelling. Visiting scientists, artists, and celebrities made a point of meeting with Muir. Emerson arrived in Yosemite during a tour of the West and was delighted to find the prophet-naturalist he had called for long ago. For Muir, Emerson's visit came like a laying on of hands. Emerson offered him a teaching position at Harvard. Muir declined, never for a moment thought of giving up God's big show for a mere profship!"

Soon after he returned to society in the Oakland area in 1878, he met Louisa Strentzel, daughter of a prominent physician and horticulturist with a 2,600-acre fruit orchard in Martinez, California. They married in 1880 and had two daughters, but his heart remained wild and his wife understood his needs, so she would sometimes shoo him back up to the mountains. He sometimes took his daughters with him.

In 1881, Muir travelled with the party that landed on Wrangel Island on the USS Corwin and claimed that island for the United States. He documented this experience in journal entries and newspaper articles—later compiled and edited into his book *The Cruise of the Corwin*. In 1888 after seven years of managing the ranch, his health began to suffer. He returned to the hills to recover, climbing Mt. Rainier in Washington and writing *Ascent of Mount Rainier*.

In 1899, Muir accompanied railroad executive E. H. Harriman and esteemed scientists on the famous exploratory voyage along the Alaska coast aboard the luxuriously refitted 250-foot steamer, the *George W. Elder*. He later relied on his friendship with Harriman to pressure Congress to pass conservation legislation.

Yosemite National Park

On 30 September 1890, the U.S. Congress passed a bill that essentially followed recommendations that Muir had suggested in two *Century Magazine* articles, *The Treasure of the Yosemite* and *Features of the Proposed National Park*, both published in 1890. But to Muir's dismay, the bill left Yosemite Valley under state control, as it had been since the 1860s.



"Indian Life at Mirror Lake", watercolor by Constance Gordon-Cumming, 1878.

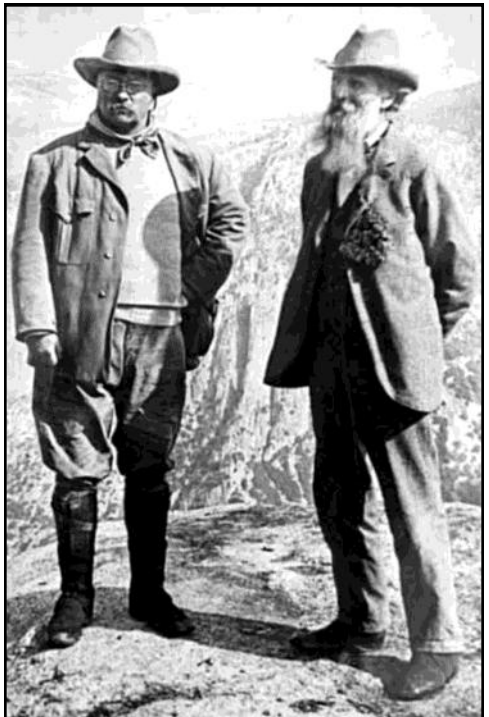
In early 1892, Professor Henry Senger contacted Muir with the idea of forming a local 'alpine club' for mountain lovers. Senger and San Francisco attorney Warren Olney sent out invitations "for the purpose of forming a 'Sierra Club.' Mr. John Muir will preside." On May 28, 1892, the first meeting of the Sierra Club was held to write articles of incorporation. One week later Muir was elected president. The Sierra Club immediately opposed efforts to reduce Yosemite National Park by half, and began holding educational and scientific meetings. At one meeting in the fall of 1895 that included Muir, Joseph LeConte, and William R. Dudley discussed the idea of establishing 'national forest reservations', which were later called National Forests. (The Sierra Club was active in the successful transfer Yosemite National Park from state to federal control in 1906.) Muir remained president until his death 22 years later.

In July 1896, Muir became associated with Gifford Pinchot, a national leader in the conservation movement and the first head of the United States Forest Service. Pinchot saw "conservation" as a means of managing the nation's natural resources for long-term sustainable commercial use (tree farming without destroying the long-term viability of the forests.) Muir saw "preservation" as valuing nature for its spiritual and transcendental qualities. In one essay he referred to the National Parks as "places for rest,

inspiration, and prayers." Both men opposed reckless exploitation of natural resources, including clear-cutting of forests.

Roosevelt and Muir

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt accompanied Muir on a visit to Yosemite. Muir joined Roosevelt in Oakland, California, for the train trip to Raymond. The presidential entourage then traveled by



President Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir pose on Glacier Point, 1906.

stagecoach into the park, wherein Muir told the president about state mismanagement of the valley and rampant exploitation of the valley's resources. Even before they entered the park, he was able to convince Roosevelt that the best way to protect the valley was through federal control and management. After entering the park and seeing the magnificent splendor of the valley, the president asked Muir to show him the real Yosemite. Muir and Roosevelt set off largely by themselves and camped in the back country. The duo talked late into the night, slept in the brisk open air of Glacier Point, and were dusted by a fresh snowfall in the morning. It was a night Roosevelt never forgot. Muir then increased efforts by the Sierra Club to consolidate park management. In 1905 Congress transferred the Mariposa Grove and Yosemite Valley to the park.

Yosemite scene

In his later years, he used the metaphor of nature as home in his writings to promote wilderness preservation. In one essay aimed at the common person he wrote, "Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wilderness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life." His philosophy exalted wild nature over human culture and civilization, believing that all life was sacred. Muir's biographer Frederick Turner describes him as "a man who in his singular way rediscovered America, an American pioneer, an American hero." Author Thurman Wilkins adds that a primary aim of Muir's nature philosophy was to challenge mankind's "enormous conceit," and in so doing, he moved beyond the Transcendentalism of Emerson to a "biocentric perspective on the world."

John Muir died at California Hospital (now California Hospital Medical Center) in Los Angeles on 24 December 1914 of pneumonia at age 76. John Muir was survived by two daughters and ten grandchildren, two of whom are still liv-

ing as of 2011. Muir's grave is not far from the Muir home but is deliberately not broadcast. The house and part of the ranch are now a National Historical Site.

John Muir House

In the months after his death, many who knew Muir closely wrote about his influences. Robert Underwood Johnson, editor of Century Magazine, which published many of his articles, wrote, "The world will look back to the time we live in and remember the voice of one crying in the wilderness and bless the name of John Muir ... He sung the glory of nature like another Psalmist, and, as a true artist, was unashamed of his emotions." He added, "His countrymen owe him gratitude as the pioneer of our system of national parks ... Muir's writings and enthusiasm were the chief forces that inspired the movement. All the other torches were lighted from his."

John Muir published over 300 articles and 12 books. The Sierra Club helped establish a number of national parks after he died, and today has over 1.3 million members. Muir has been called the "patron saint of the American wilderness" and its "archetypal free spirit." He changed the way Americans saw their mountains, forests, seashores, and deserts." He not only led the efforts to protect forest areas and have some designated as national parks, his writings gave readers a conception of the relationship between "human culture and wild nature as one of humility and respect for all life," writes Wilkins. One of the most well-known hiking trails in the U.S., the 211-mile John Muir Trail, was named in his honor. Other places named in his honor are Muir Woods National Monument just north of San Francisco. Taking its 2-mile trail walk is a breathtaking experience, like you are walking through nature's cathedral. He is today referred to as the "Father of the National Parks."

Over 20 schools and colleges, 18 places, one mineral, three flowers, and four animals named after Muir. John Muir was also featured on two U.S. commemora-

tive postage stamps. A 5-cent stamp issued on April 29, 1964, showed Muir's face superimposed on a grove of redwood trees, and the inscription, "John Muir Conservationist". A 32-cent stamp issued on February 3, 1998, was part of the "Celebrate the Century" series, and showed Muir in Yosemite Valley. In 2005, the U.S. Mint depicted Muir on the "California 1850" dime. On December 6, 2006, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver inducted John Muir into the California Hall of Fame.

More detailed information on John Muir can be found online at Wikipedia.com.

REWARDS PROGRAM

By John Wallace

The Clan Wallace Society Worldwide Rewards Program has inducted a new Circle of Sir William Wallace Member during this past period. Council Member and Former Society Board Member Robert Wayne Jones of Ranson, West Virginia, achieved this highest Rewards level in June 2013 by exceeding the accumulated \$5000 donation threshold set for this prestigious honor.

The Ceremony was conducted at the Clan Wallace Society Annual Board Meeting held during the 2013 Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering at the Boone Hall Plantation, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Wayne was presented with the Medallion and the Certificate by Society President Larry Slight and the Rewards Program Chairman John Wallace, making him the fifth Sir William Wallace level member since the start of the program in 2005. Wayne continues to serve the Board in the capacity of Newsletter Editor.

As always, the Society thanks loyal supporters and members of Clan Wallace for making donations to the Rewards Program. For this continued dedication, the Society President and the Board of Directors of Clan Wallace Society Worldwide extend their highest praise and thanks. The donations from this important program are utilized for special projects that





President Larry Slight (L) and Chairman John R. Wallace (R) present Wayne Jones (CTR) with the Sir William Wallace Award, the highest level of the CWSW Rewards Program. Congratulations, Wayne!

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SIR WILLIAM WALLACE'S ANCESTRY REVISITED

This op-ed was researched and reported by Bob Wallace.

Late in August of 2013 while searching for a link to Scottish historian Dr. Fiona Watson, Clan Wallace Society webmaster Jim "Bowie" Wallace came across a link to a debate/discussion held in Scotland in August of 2012. Entitled Sir William Wallace, Scotland and the wider world, the video presents one English and three Scottish historians discussing the subject in front of a small audience. Among other issues regarding Wallace, how did someone from such a lowly position within Scotland in the 13th century become Guardian of the Realm?

As noted in an earlier issue of The Guardian, conventional wisdom for 700 years centered on Wallace being born the second son of Malcolm Wallace, a lowly knight from Elderslie. That bit of history was overturned suddenly some years ago when Wallace's seal on the Lubeck Letter was translated to read that he was "William, son of Alan Wallace." That letter was one of at least two written at Haddington, east of Ed-

inburgh, by Wallace and Sir Andrew Murray following their victory against the English at Stirling Bridge in September of 1297. Both names appeared on the Lubeck Letter, written October 11, 1297, although Murray succumbed to injuries sustained as part of that battle perhaps a month after those letters were sent on their way. The second letter was sent to officials in Hamburg, merchants in both towns being part of the Hanseatic League.

As part of the discussion by the four historians, it was noted that learning who Wallace's father was makes a difference in where William was likely born. Rather than Elderslie, it now appears probable that he may have been born in Ayrshire, perhaps in the Kyle region of Cumnock and the Doon Valley.

Near the end of this discussion, one of the audience members asks if a definitive location for Wallace's birth is yet known, given that we now know who his father was, maybe know where his father lived. Dr. Fiona Watson indicates that Wallace's seal states who he

is, and that he is the son of Alan Wallace (spelled as Aleyn Waleys in the Ragman Rolls), that if the Alan Wallace found there is William's father there can be little doubt but that William was born in Ayrshire. (In the Ragman Rolls, five Wallace men are recorded: three in Ayr, one each in Berwick and Fife.)

This discussion also covered safe conduct papers Wallace was said to have been carrying with him at the time of his capture near Robroyston in 1305. Why would Wallace be roaming the countryside with several letters of safe conduct on his person when he was a known fugitive? Speculation here is that it's highly likely Wallace was on his way out of the country, again, to who knows where. One of the safe conduct letters was signed by the King of France, the other by the King of Norway. Had Wallace not been captured that night, where might he have been going?

The 73-minute film is available on YouTube at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3DdIHCW52M>

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