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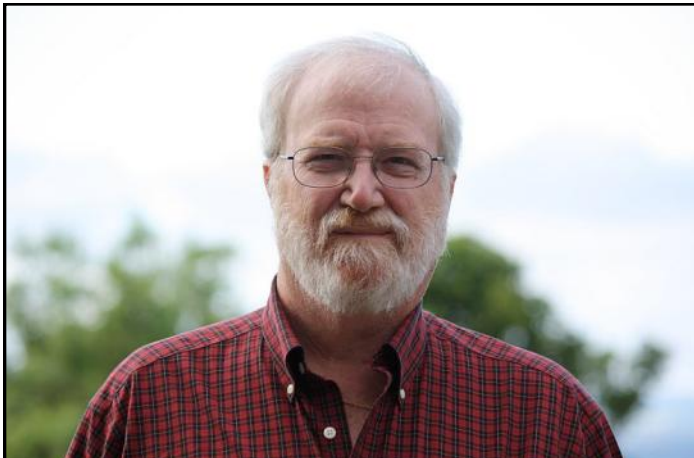
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our president-elect for 2016, Russ Harper of Lewisville, NC.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family, friends and loved ones.

For those of you that don't recognize the face, let me introduce myself. I am Russ Harper the President elect. My Paternal great grandparents both emigrated from Scotland and met here in the United States. As a small child I remember my great-grandmother Wallace.

My wife, Marcia, and I first got started with Clan Wallace about fifteen years ago after attending several Games and being made to feel so welcome at the Wallace tent. We started convening for Clan Wallace at the Grandfather Mountain Highland games in our home state of North Carolina partly for the parking space that came with the convening package. Over the years we have visited 48 of the 50 states, while attending Scottish/Celtic events in 16 states, two Canadian Provinces, and Scotland. We can honestly say we have friends from all over not only

North America, but all over the world. We enjoy meeting people and sharing our Scottish heritage and have never looked back.

Several years ago we bought an RV with the primary purpose of traveling across the country attending various

Scottish Games and Celtic events. The past couple of years we have attended 20 events a year. Starting on the second weekend of January when we travel to Marathon in the Florida Keys for the Florida Keys Celtic Festival, and in 2015 finishing in Texas at the Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Scottish Games in mid-November. Salado Texas is where Clan Wallace Society was founded and where we will be gathering in large numbers to celebrate our 50th Anniversary next November 11th – 13th. We spent a week after the Games traveling the areas around Salado researching places to see and things to do to add to the Gathering plans. Watch for articles in the newsletter and on the website for information about what we have planned. Please also check with the conveners at your local games for updates. Here's hoping that you can join us in Salado, we know you won't be disappointed.

We are also starting an exciting new Fund raiser this year in honor of our

FÀILTE !

On behalf of Ian Francis Wallace of that Ilk, 35th Chief of Clan Wallace; Acting Chief Andrew R. Wallace, Younger of that Ilk; and the President and the Board of Directors, we welcome the four individuals listed below to the fellowship ranks of the Clan Wallace Society.

Annual Membership

Paporn Wallace
Redmond WA

Renee Howell
Puyallup WA

Jeremy Wallace
Sterrett AL

Jane Thomas
Lilbum GA

50th Anniversary. Look for details on that in the newsletter and on the website as well.

As I take on the responsibility of being your President, I want to ask you for your help. There are lots of different things that we can use your talents on. So if you would like to help make the Society grow, we need all your help and support. So please speak up. (I don't want to come up with a list that may impede you from offering your assistance; if you have a talent and a desire, let us know.)

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to wish you all "Nollaig chridheil agus bliadhna mhath ùr."

Pro Libertate,

Russ Harper

President-Elect, Clan Wallace Society

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



James G. Bierwirth

November 22, 1954 - August 16, 2015

LTC James G. Bierwirth, US Army (Ret.), passed away unexpectedly on August 16, 2015. JB (also known to some as Jim) was a dedicated professional who served as a US Army Officer for over 21 years and as a defense

contractor for 16 years. He served his community as the Scoutmaster of Troop 577 in Clifton, VA, for five years, as a dedicated lacrosse, cross country and rugby dad for as long as his boys played, and more recently as a member of the Clifton Lions Club.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by sons CPT Brian Bierwirth, USA (Artillery) and 1LT Scott Bierwirth, USA (Infantry). Also father, 1LT William R. Bierwirth, USA (Ret.), brothers CPT William R. Bierwirth II, USA (Ret.) and former Director of the Clan Wallace Society, Roy C. Bierwirth, COL USA (Ret.), and 1LT Bruce W. Bierwirth USA, all veteran Armor officers. Jim will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Jim "rode the perilous trail ahead". "Forge the thunderbolt!"

CANADA REMEMBERS

Flags of Remembrance

By Debbie and John T. Wallace

On October 17, 2015, the organization Veterans Voices of Canada held an event east of Sylvan Lake, Alberta on Highway 11, to pay tribute to all veterans from the Boer War to the present. One hundred and sixteen (116) flags were raised to represent the 116,000 Canadian soldiers who died in wars since 1900. This was the second year for this one-day event and about

300 people turned out. The Red Deer Legion Pipe Band played during the ceremonies.

We sponsored Deb's uncle Fred Sawchuk. He was a Private and served in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe from 1942 to 1946. After which he came home to the Edmonton area and started his family. Uncle Fred lived to be in his late eighties.

Another event participant was Rudy Deutsch, 92 years young, veteran of World War II.



Left: Members of Veterans' Voices of Canada and the public watch 116 Maple Leaf Flags erected in Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Right: John & Debbie's sponsorship sign.

WILL CHRISTMAS ECLIPSE HOGMANAY IN SCOTLAND?



The spectacle of Hogmanay celebrations in Edinburgh to welcome the New Year.

Prior to the Reformation of 1560, Christmas in Scotland, then called Yule (alternative spellings include Yhoill, Yuil, Țule and Țoull), was celebrated in a similar fashion to the rest of Catholic Europe. It was recorded that in 1545, a few months before his murder, Cardinal Beaton had "passed over the Christmase dayes with games and feasting." However, the Reformation transformed attitudes to traditional Christian feasting days, including Christmas, and led in practice to the abolition of festival days and other church holidays; the Kirk and the state being closely linked in Scotland during the Late Middle Ages and the Early Modern period. A 1640 Act of the Parliament of Scotland abolished the "Yule vacation and all observation thereof in time coming."

Antiquary Robert Jamieson (1772 - 1844), a contemporary and colleague of Sir Walter Scott, recorded the opinion of an English Clergyman regarding the post-Reformation suppression of Christmas:

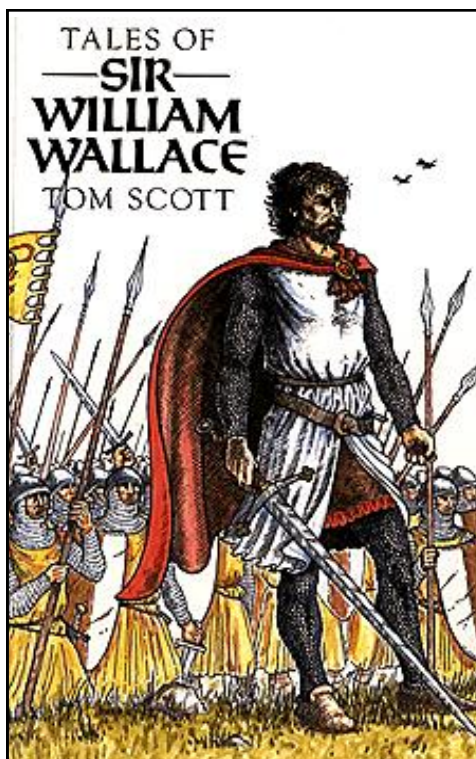
"The ministers of Scotland, in contempt of the holy-day observed by England, cause their wives and servants to spin in open sight of the people upon Yule day, and their affection-

ate auditors constrain their servants to yoke their plough on Yule day, in contempt of Christ's nativity. Which our Lord has not left unpunished, for their oxen ran wud, and brak their necks and lamed some ploughmen, which is

notoriously known in some parts of Scotland."

Into the 20th century, Christmas in Scotland was traditionally observed very quietly, because the Church of Scotland – a Presbyterian church – for various reasons never placed much emphasis on the Christmas festival. Christmas Day only became a public holiday in 1958, and Boxing Day in 1974. The New Year's Eve festivity, Hogmanay, was by far the largest celebration in Scotland. The gift-giving, public holidays and feasting associated with mid-winter were traditionally held between the 11th of December and 6 January. However, since the 1980s, the fading of the Church's influence and the increased influences from the rest of the UK and elsewhere, Christmas and its related festivities are now nearly on a par with Hogmanay and "Ne'erday". The capital city of Edinburgh now has a traditional German Christmas market from late November until Christmas Eve.

WALLACE'S LINEAGE CONTESTED



By Bob Wallace

Late in the 15th century, somewhere in the 1470s, a book was published detailing the life and deeds of Sir William Wallace. A minstrel named Blind Harry is said to be the author, he telling readers that he had access to a diary allegedly maintained by Wallace's personal chaplain, John Blair. In Harry's book we are told that William's father's name was Malcolm. This has been given as fact for well over 500 years.

In 1999, someone thought, finally, to examine the seal on the Lubeck Letter written to the Hanseatic League following the 1297 Battle of Stirling Bridge. Both Andrew Murray and William Wallace sent a letter with thier seals attached, telling of Scotland once again being open for business. Inspection of Wallace's seal discov-

ered that William's father's name was Alan, not Malcolm.

Subsequent inquiries into historical documentation finds an Alan Wallace (spelled as *Aleyn Waleys*), a crown tenant in the county of Ayrshire. Alan is one of three Wallace men recorded within the Ragman Rolls of 1296 as being connected to Ayrshire. Where exactly that tenancy may have been located, however, is not provided. (Adam and Nicol are the other two Wallace men recorded.)

Research through numerous books over a number of years finds some information being available, although not readily well known. One author suggests that the Alan Wallace line died out early in the 1400s, that per-



The founding of Riccarton in Ayrshire is traditionally ascribed to William Wallace's forbear, Richard Wallace.

haps not much was known by the William Wallace of Craigie who promoted Harry's book in the 1470s. One possibility here is that William of Craigie in the 1470s knew very little or nothing about the Alan Wallace family history, that William of Craigie may have in-

serted some of his own family history into details of a different branch of the Wallace family.

Alan was the father of Malcolm (c. 1268), William (b. 1270) and John (b. 1271), and, as apparently noted correctly by Harry, two sisters who may have been older than the brothers. Another author as recently as 1999 named a fourth brother, Andrew. Of this family, we know William was

brutally executed in 1305 just outside London, his brother John similarly in 1307. No record thus far has been found that would give us details regarding Malcolm, Andrew or the two sisters. There is no documented evidence of William Wallace marrying.

CONVENER'S CORNER

I want to thank all conveners for all of your help over the years, and now I need your help again. In 2016 we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary. We have created a special Garden Flag sized banner for you to display at your tent at the various Games and festivals around the United States and Canada. There is no charge for the flag but we need to know who you are, the Games you convene, and how to get the flag to you.

As the front line to our members, we also need to get you information on the Commemorative coins (article at right) and Gathering in Salado Texas in November 2016 (see last page).

Please contact me at:

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as soon as you can so we can keep you in the loop and share 2016 plans with you.

Russ Harper

Director for Convener's Affairs, CWS

COMMEMORATIVE COIN COMING

In honor of our 50th Anniversary as an organization, the Clan Wallace Society Board of Directors has approved the creation of a special Commemorative coin. We are using this as a fund raiser for future projects in Scotland and around the world where Wallace is important (or needs to be).

This draft picture gives you an idea of what it is expected to look like. (The quality of the picture is not the best so stay tuned for the final version). The coin will be Brass, colored on the reverse side and will be 1.75 inches in diameter. Our intent is that we will

send the coin to members for a minimum contribution of \$15.

These types of coins are commonly referred to as Challenge Coins in the Military. One of the traditions is to challenge fellow squadron members to show their coins. If they could not produce it, then they had to buy the next drink, if they showed it, then the challenger would buy. Sounds like the coins could pay for themselves after only a few challenges. Watch the website and Newsletter for details on how to get yours.



NEWS FROM OUR CONVENORS



Russ Harper in Quarryville, PA.

2nd Annual Covenanter Scottish Festival

By Marcia Harper

The Covenanter Scottish Festival was held on September 12, 2015, on the grounds of the Middle Octorara Covenanter Presbyterian Church on Valley Road, Quarryville, Pennsylvania, in the heart of Amish Country. It is across the street from the Historic Octorara Covenanter Church, the oldest Covenanter Church in North America dating back about 1754.



Bill Woodside at Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport, Queensland, Australia.

A perfect Scottish day was experienced, with overcast skies and a light rain on and off all day. There were 11 clan tents participating. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent. Guest of honor was Pennsylvania State Representative Bryn Cutler.

The entertainment included the Washington Memorial Pipe Band, Singer Charlie Zahm, Fiddler Hannah Zettlemoyer, and, Singer Oliver McElhone. The Games included heavy athletics put on by Penn's Wall Highland Games Athletes. In spite of the weather, a good time was had by all.

Doings Down Under

By the Editors, based on an email received from William Wallace Woodside:

The photo shows Annual member William Wallace Woodside from Too-woomba, Queensland, Australia, in the kilt collecting money at the new aerodrome WELLCAMP, for "Careflight" that uses helicopters to bring accident victims and emergency cases to hospitals.

There is an Australian Christmas song about Santa on an Australian run hauled by six white boomers (male kangaroos) bringing a baby kangaroo back to find his mother in Outback Australia. William made himself a sporran with a baby joey in his pouch. After donating coins to other collectors to enter the grounds, many made a trip to his container. Some obviously of Scottish descent made favorable comments on his sporran.

He was told while at school that he was the boy least likely to succeed in life. He has received a 2012 Federal Government award for long service to the community for volunteering, and 2009 State Government Award, Pre-

miers Award, also for volunteering (starting nine groups to combat suicide in older men).

In 2012 he was given the prize at the 'Mayors over 80's Breakfast' for the best dressed Santa Claus wearing a Wallace tartan kilt as shown in the photograph.

15th Annual Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games (NY) was held on September 19th and 20th, 2015, at Olcott Beach, New York on the shores of Lake Ontario. Cool and windy weather, greeted the 39 clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.



Dress Wallace and Hunting Wallace Tartan Pumpkins.

The parade of tartans was held at noon as part of the opening ceremonies. For the first time this year Clan Wallace was not the last in line. We were followed by Clan Claus.

The entertainment included the Glen-garry Bhoys, Penny Whiskey, The Screaming Orphans, along with seven pipe bands that were in the Piping Competition and Drum Major competi-

tion. The Games included heavy athletics, and British Car Show, Scottish Country Highland Dancing and Irish Dancing, Border Colliers competition, and Children events.

Russ and I would like to thank everyone that visited us this weekend. We can't do this without you.

The 7th Annual Scotland County Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Scotland County Highland Games was held on October 3, 2015 at John Blue House in Laurinburg, North Carolina. Rain, Rain go away, come again another day, greeted the 11 Clan tents participating and Clan Wallace was among them. Other participants included the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS), Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCAS), Scottish Heritage USA, and St. Andrews Society of North Carolina.

The parade of tartans was held at 11:30am after opening ceremonies. Clan Wallace waited patiently in the pouring rain. Darrell Wallace, Jeremy Wallace and Aaron Harper joined us to march in the parade. Jeremy Wallace is a Scottish athlete who competed and



Athlete Jeremy Wallace at Laurinburg, NC.



Russ Harper representing the CWS at the St. Louis Scottish Games in September.

won all of the class - B division events. Our congratulations to Jeremy for winning each event and wearing the Wallace red kilt.

Russ and Marcia Harper provided lunch for all of the brave souls that ventured out in the rain. One of the clans even ordered Domino's pizza and had it delivered to the field.

The entertainment included Colin Grant Adams, Rathkeltair, Seven Nations and Belles on Strings. Thirteen pipe bands competed. The Games included heavy athletics, Border Colliers, and Children events.

Special thanks to Larry and Judy Slight, Karen and Charlie Wallace, Jim "Bowie" Wallace, Darrell Wallace, Aaron Harper, Bill and Betsy Wallace and Sara and Matt Born and Baby Max, 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 in the pouring rain.

15th Annual St. Louis Scottish Games

By Marcia Harper

The St. Louis Scottish Games (MO) was held on September 25-26 2015. Overcast skies and 70 degree weather greeted the 23 clan tents participat-

ing, including Clan Wallace. Russ and Marcia Harper hosted the Clan Wallace tent.

These Games are held at the Spirit of St. Louis Airpark in Chesterfield, Missouri. The Parade of Tartans was held at 11:30am before opening ceremonies. Russ did the calling of the Clans and stirred up the Scots with his call for "FREEDOM!"

The Masters World Championship is an annual amateur athletic competition. The Scottish Masters Athletics International select the locations. St. Louis Scottish Games are the host for this year's competition. Kel Mulrey from Oakley, California, was wearing Wallace red tartan as he competed.

The entertainment included Cleghorn, Plaid to the Bone, John Taylor, Jill Chambless, Scooter Muse, The Wee Heavies, Duddy Brecks, and Peat Fire Flame, along with five pipe bands that were in the Piping Competition and Drum Major Competition. The Games included heavy athletics, World Bird Sanctuary, Black Knights swordplay demonstrations, Scottish Country Highland Dancing and Irish Dancing, Border Colliers competition, and Children events.

Russ and I would like to welcome Lynn Bohler to Clan Wallace as our newest

Annual member. A special thanks to John Avery for spending the day with us. We cannot do this without you.

39th Annual Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

By Deb Tomlin

Greetings from Estes Park, Colorado, home of the 39th Annual Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival, September 11-13! It was a beautiful weekend (could not have asked for better weather!), and the festival was very highly attended. The numbers won't be in for a couple of months but everyone we spoke with said this festival felt quite a bit busier than the average attendance for the last several years of 78,000.

There were a total of 74 Clans and three Scottish Societies represented. We were able to meet with so many of our old friends along with a lot of new ones. Except for the 2009 Clan Wallace Society ADM, the most Wallaces we've ever had walked in the parade this year. The number of children seems to keep increasing which is always a great sign so we can keep the Wallace information going.

Activities included Military Tattoos, jousting, Scottish athletics, Highland & Irish dance, Pipe Band and solo piping and drumming, along with other competitions. There were also Dogs of the British Isles, folk musicians, rock bands (loved Albannach!), and plenty of food and drink.



The High Desert Pipe Band entertaining at the Wallace Tent at Estes Park Games, CO.

We were extremely excited and honored when High Desert Pipes and Drums stopped by our tent on Saturday, played for us and shared a wee dram – what a talented group!! We always have such a wonderful time and can't wait to do it all again next year!

54th Salado Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games

By Frank Wallace Leslie

The 54th Scottish Clan Gathering and Highland Games was held at Pace Park, Salado, TX on November 13 through 15, 2015. Friday night's Calling of the Clans was again conducted via a torch light parade from the Central Texas Area Museum (CTAM) to an open spot just south of Salado Creek. Frank Wallace Leslie carried the torch for Clan Wallace Society (CWS).

Russ Harper and wife Marcia, who help us convene and participated in the Opening Parade from CTAM to Pace Park at Noon on Saturday, November 14th.

Although somewhat cool, there was sunshine until late that afternoon. The rain began about 5 PM and lasted until 10 PM. There was no rain on Sunday and it was also a bit warmer. The closing ceremony took place at 2:30 PM rather than 3 PM.

We hope to be back in Pace Park next year for the 55th Gathering of the Scottish Clans and Highland Games, the oldest gathering in Texas. The dates are November 11 to 13, 2016. Clan Wallace is the Honored Clan for 2016, and we will have a 20' by 20' set up during the Gathering.



The Wallaces prepare to enter the Clan Parade at Estes Park, CO.

A Fingertip Supper followed in the CTAM Hall of Scots with entertainment provided by Carl Peterson, The Drambeauties, and Ravenmore. This year all the Clans were together, allowing visitors and friends easy access. Surprise visitors were CWS President-elect



Russ and Marcia Harper, and Lynne and Frank Leslie at Salado, TX.

A CHRONOLOGY FOR SIR WILLIAM WALLACE



"Guardian of Scotland" by Edward Martin, oil on hardboard 16 x 20 inches, based on the statue in Aberdeen.

By Bob Wallace

05 Aug 1270 – Birth date of William Wallace based on Crawford family records reviewed by Craufuird C. Loudoun (pen name for John McGill of Kilmarnock).

19 Mar 1286 – King Alexander III dies in Fife on his way home late at night. Queen Margaret, "Maid of Norway," inherits Scots throne at age three.

28 Aug 1290 – Treaty of Birgham: "Maid of Norway" to marry King Edward's son, Scotland to retain its distinct identity.

26 Sep 1290 – Queen Margaret dies, canceling Treaty of Birgham.

30 May 1291 – Claimants to Scots throne meet King Edward I at Norham.

17 Nov 1292 – John Balliol named King of Scots by Edward I who demands fealty.

30 Nov 1292 – John Balliol crowned at Scone.

Early 1294 - King Edward I summons Balliol and other Scots to serve with him in France. None do.

23 Oct 1295 - "Auld Alliance" treaty aligns France and Scotland against England.

23 Feb 1296 - "Auld Alliance" ratified by Scotland.

1 Mar 1296 - English army assembles in Newcastle.

26 Mar 1296 - Seven Earls and Scots army invade Cumberland - assault Carlisle.

30 Mar 1296 – Kind Edward I's army destroys Berwick, slaughtering two-thirds of its citizens.

8 Apr 1296 - Scots army goes to Northumberland as far as Corbridge.

27 Apr 1296 – Battle of Dunbar - Scots lose.

08 July 1296 – King John, "Toom Tabard," stripped of royal garments by Edward's order.

08 Aug 1296 – Stone of Destiny removed from Scone and transported to London.

28 Aug 1296 – Parliament at Berwick: "Ragman Roll," 2,000 Scots submit to Edward.

03 May 1297 – William Wallace kills Sheriff of Lanark. Some days later, Wallace joins with Sir William Douglas to drive English Justiciar, William Ormsby, out of Scone.

09 Jul 1297 – Treaty of Irvine by Robert Bruce, Glasgow's Bishop Robert Wishart at Trindlemoss Loch.

Jul 1297 - Wallace raids Bishop Wishart's Palace at Ancrum.

Aug 1297 – Siege of Dundee Castle by Wallace - later learns of English army approaching Stirling, Wallace meets Sir Andrew Murray en route to Scotland.

11 Sep 1297 – Battle of Stirling Bridge - Murray, Wallace, Scots win major battle near Abbey Craig.

11 Oct 1297 – Murray and Wallace write letters at Haddington to Hanseatic League merchants in Hamburg, Lubeck.

07 Nov 1297 – Murray and Wallace send letter to Priory at Hexham. Within hours or days, Murray succumbs to wounds suffered at Stirling Bridge.

Winter 1297/1298 – Wallace knighted, named Guardian of the Realm at Kirk of the Forest.

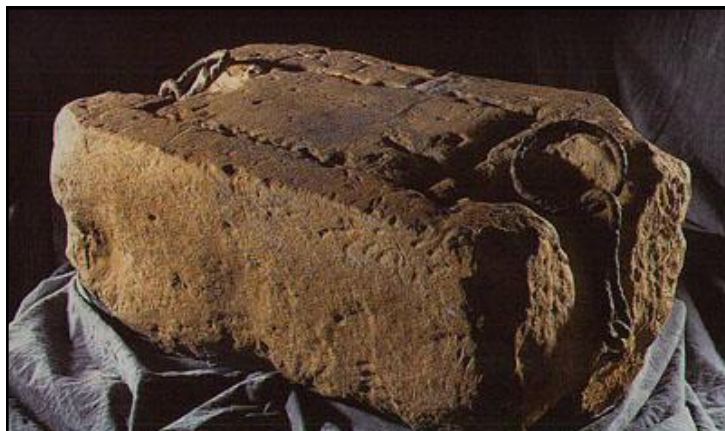
22 Jul 1298 – Battle of Falkirk - Scots lose. Wallace later resigns as Guardian in favor of Robert Bruce, Earl of Carrick and John Comyn, Lord of Badenock - travels to France later in the year.

Aug 1299 - Scots hold council in Peebles, in part discussing trip to France by William Wallace.

23 Feb 1303 – Battle of Roslin - Scots, English skirmish.

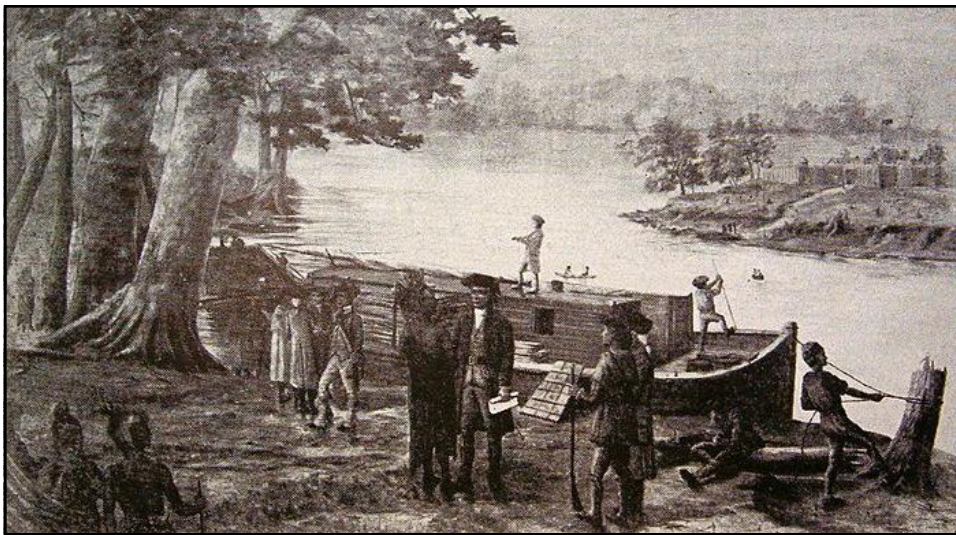
03 Aug 1305 – Wallace captured at Robroyston, taken to London. Papers taken from Wallace, found at Tower of London in 1830.

23 Aug 1305 – Wallace executed after show trial, drawn and quartered at Smithfield Elms.



Stone of Scone where Kings of Scots were crowned—until 1296.

OUR PAST HISTORY: DAVID WALLIS OF OHIO



General Putnam landing at Marietta, a contemporary painting from the collection of the Ohio Historical Society. (www.ohiohistory.org)

By Glen Wolfe

Over 227 years ago, 48 men began the first white settlement of the Northwest Territory at Marietta, Ohio. Under the leadership of Rufus Putnam, two parties of pioneers departed New England cutting trails westward through the mountains during a severe winter. One party departed from the towns of Ipswich and Danvers, Massachusetts on December 3, 1787; the other party departed from Hartford, Connecticut on January 1, 1788.

A small fleet of boats carried the pioneers down the Youghiogheny and Monongahela Rivers, then the Ohio River and onward to the Northwest Territory. They arrived at their final destination, the mouth of the Muskin-

gum River at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum rivers on April 7, 1788.

This first group of pioneers is sometimes referred to as the "founders of Ohio". These men were carefully chosen and vetted by Rufus Putnam and Manasseh Cutler, to ensure not only men of high character and bravery, but also men with proven skills necessary to build a settlement in the wilderness.

Among those original pioneers was a Wallace. David Wallace (Wallis) was from Ipswich, Massachusetts, and was a man of a respectable family and character. A letter writer said of him: "David Wallis told me that on reaching Marietta he was attacked by smallpox, and was removed at once from the

camp. He made his bed beside a log in the woods where food was brought to him until he was cured. He then returned to Massachusetts, and he and another man crossed over the Ohio River and walked up through a wilderness to Pittsburgh used by hostile Indians to hunt. Mr. Wallis then worked at a smelting furnace until he earned money to buy food, while he made the journey on foot to his old home."

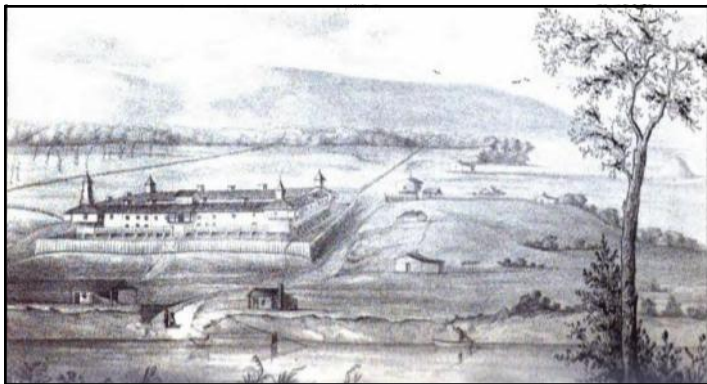
Another writer states that Wallis did not long remain there, as the charms of a sister of one of his late comrades, who in the meantime had emigrated westward, had made an impression upon his mind that he could not forget; and so he again shouldered his rifle and a second time visited Marietta, but only to be rejected. He returned the way he came, a wiser, if a sadder man. He resettled in Ipswich hamlet, and with his family about him in his old age he would often tell of his long pedestrian tour to Ohio in search of a wife.

David Wallis was one of the 48 men trained in army life and discipline who were anxious to take this country as the payment due them for military service, and were ready for other great achievements.

He was one of the men who assisted in making this territory a part of the United States. Indeed, a better company of men could scarcely have been selected.



Picketed Point at Marietta, OH.



Contemporary painting of Camp Martius, OH.

ROD McCASLIN SPEAKS ON WILLIAM WALLACE

The following oration was given at the Wallace Monument in Baltimore on August 23, 2015, the 710th Anniversary of his death, by the historian of the St. Andrew's Society of Baltimore, Rod McCaslin; this is reprinted with his permission.

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On the 23rd of August, just over seven centuries ago on this day, the man whom this magnificent monument commemorates, William Wallace, was cruelly and unjustly executed by a foreign tyrant, assisted by petty tyrants, some of which were Scots collaborating, for whatever reasons, with their own oppressor, Edward I.

One of these latter was Sir John of Mentieth. On the 3rd of August, 1305, Mentieth, who had been appointed as the Sheriff of Dumbarton by Edward, led a group of men to a house in Robroyston, where Wallace was staying after leading a Scottish victory against three English armies in one day at the Battle of Rosslyn earlier that year. There Mentieth illegally arrested Wallace in the name of Edward, imprisoned him in Dumbarton Castle, and then handed him over to English forces who then force marched him in chains

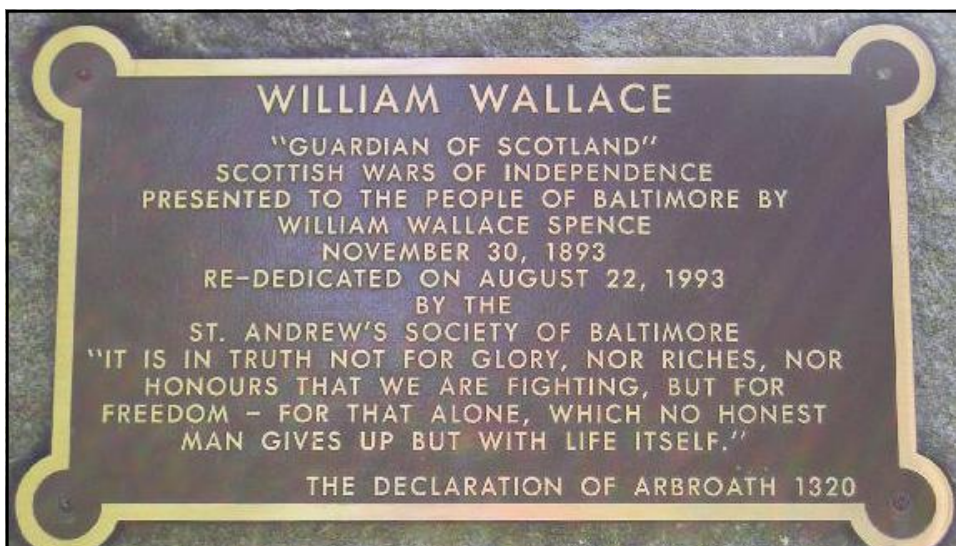


Rod McCaslin, SASOB Historian

360 miles to London. Today is the anniversary of his illegal trial. Here is a contemporary description from an English source: "William Wallace, a Scot, and born in Scotland, a prisoner for sedition, homicides, plunderings, fire-raising, and diverse other felonies. He

feloniously invaded, and attacked the Guardians and ministers of the same King, feloniously and against the same lord the King's peace, insulted, wounded and killed William de Heselrigg, Sheriff of Lanark, who the appointments of the said King in the regular meeting of the county court, and afterwards in contempt of the same King without reason fought against the same sheriff whom he had killed.

Thenceforth, with the entire multitude of those who adhered in arms to him and to his felony, he invaded the towns, the cities and the castles of that land, and had his letters [orders] sent throughout the whole of Scotland, as if they were the letters of the superior of that land. He held and appointed parliaments and conventions after all the Guardians and ministers of the aforesaid lord the King of the land of Scotland had been evicted by William himself, and unwilling to restrain himself to so much wickedness and sedition, decreed to all the prelates, earls and barons of his land who adhered to his party, that they were to subject themselves to the fealty and dominion of the King of France, and they were to press for help towards the destruction of the kingdom of England. Taking some also from his accomplices with him he invaded the kingdom of England, as in the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmorland, and all whom he found there who were in the fealty of the King of England, he feloniously put to death in various ways. The said William seditiously and feloniously, wholeheartedly and undauntedly persevering in his above noted wickedness, disdained to submit himself to the aforesaid lord King's peace and to come forth to it, and so was publicly outlawed in the court of the same lord the King as traitor, robber and felon, ac-



Rededication plaque at the William Wallace Memorial in Baltimore, MD.

cording to the laws and customs of England and Scotland.

It is clearly both unjust and in disagreement with English laws and it is held true that anyone thus outlawed and placed outside the laws and not afterwards restored to his peace, is committed to the forfeiture of his own status or accountability. It is considered that the aforesaid William, for the open sedition which he had made to the same lord the King by felonious contriving, by trying to bring about his death, the destruction and weakening of the crown and of his royal authority and by bringing his standard against his liege lord in war to the death, should be taken away to the palace of Westminster as far as the Tower of London, and from the Tower as far as Allegate [Aldgate], and thus through the middle of the city as far as Elmes, and for the robberies, murders and felonies which he carried out in the kingdom of England and the land of Scotland he should be hanged there and afterwards drawn. And because he had been outlawed and not afterwards restored to the King's peace, he should be beheaded and decapitated.

And afterwards for the measureless wickedness which he did... the heart, liver, and lung and all the internal [parts] of the same William, by which such evil thoughts proceeded, should be dispatched to the fire and burned. And also because he had committed both murders and felonies, not only to the lord the King himself but to the entire people of England and Scotland, the body of that William should be cut up and divided into four quarters, and that the head thus cut off should be affixed upon London bridge in the sight of those crossing both by land and by water, and one quarter should be hung on the gibbet at Newcastle upon Tyne, another quarter at Berwick, a third quarter should be hung at Stirling, and a fourth quarter at St. John's town

[Perth]". Of course, much of this was, as they say in Scotland...mince. Wallace was tried as a traitor to the King of England, a monarch whom Wallace had never sworn allegiance to, and never recognized, because he never legally was, a sovereign over Scotland. And he told the court so, too. But it didn't matter. This was a show trial, not a court of justice. Wallace was strapped to a hurdle and dragged to the traditional place of execution in Smithfield, located just outside the walls of what is now St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he was hanged by the neck, cut down while still conscious, disemboweled alive, and then beheaded. And then his body was duly quartered and displayed.

On a plaque mounted to the wall of St. Bart's in London one can visit the place where a plaque was mounted in 1954 and read: To the immortal memory of Sir William Wallace, Scottish patriot, born at Elderslie Renfrewshire circa 1270 AD, who from the year 1296 fought dauntlessly in defence of his country's liberty and independence in the face of fearful odds and great hardship, being eventually betrayed and captured. Brought to London and put to death near this spot on the 23rd August 1305. His example heroism and devotion inspired those who came after him to win victory from defeat and his mem-



The 1906 monument overlooks Druid Lake in 743-acre Druid Hill Park.

ory remains for all time a source of pride, honour and inspiration to his countrymen. Dico tibi verum libertas optima rerum nonquid servilli sub nexu vivito fili (I tell you the truth. Freedom is what is best. Sons, never live life like slaves.) Bas Agus Buaidh (An old Scottish battle-cry in Gaelic: Death and Victory.) It was those Scots, remembering the sacrifice of those whom Wallace led, and those who followed his lead after his death and wrenched Scots free from the bloody foreign tyrant who had tried so fanatically to possess them who wrote the immortal words in the Declaration of Arbroath 15 years after Wallace's martyrdom that appear on the plaque behind me, and which exemplify the meaning of Wallace's life and death, and has informed Scottish history from that infamous day to this one, for as long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours that we are fighting, but for freedom – for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.



THE CWS AT FIFTY: 11-13 NOVEMBER 2016

Mark your calendars now November 11—13, 2016, and plan to attend the 2016 Clan Wallace Society 50th Anniversary Gathering in Salado, Texas.

The 50th Anniversary Gathering will be in conjunction with the Salado Scottish Clan Gathering & Highland Games, the birthplace of the Society. This is a three-day event, and Veterans may want to wear their ribbons or medals, especially on November 11th.

You can visit with representatives at Clan tents, who share information about Scottish history and genealogy, browse the vendor tents, purchase Scottish food, visit the entertainment area and listen to folk singers, watch the Scottish Heavy Athletic competition and watch competitors perform for judges in the piping, drumming and Highland dance competitions.

On Sunday, events include the "Kirkin of the Tartan" church service, in which family groups carry banners of their

family plaids and ask blessings on the families. The service also includes a "Flowers of the Forest," or memorial time to remember friends who have died in the past year. On Sunday, there will also be a dog parade, and the children can participate in children's Highland Athletic Games.

The cost of the Salado Games is separate from the Gathering, and will be paid for by attendees. We are currently in the process of securing hotel rooms and preparing a Gathering schedule. Format and pricing will be made available in the Spring Guardian.

If you want to receive hotel, Gathering and other pertinent information, send your full name(s), ages if youth, address, phone number and email address, and mail to:

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CWS 50th Gathering Committee
108 Jefferson Village Drive
Ranson, WV 25438

Alternately, email to: **wayneandcathy@frontiernet.net**. Questions can also be addressed to these addresses.

Persons responding will be placed on a Priority List for Hotel rooms. All required information for attendance will be in the 2016 Spring Newsletter in early 2016.

Listed below is projected Games admission fees based on 2015 costs (subject to change):

Weekend Pass (12-13 November)

Two-Day Adult Ticket: \$20

Children < 6 years: Free

Saturday, November 12

Adults & Children 13+: \$15. Children 6-12: \$6. Tickets include the Tattoo.

Sunday, November 13

Adults & Children 13+: \$10. Children 6-12: \$6. Tickets include the Tattoo.



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