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## NATIONAL WALLACE MONUMENT

On behalf of Andrew R. Wallace, of that Ilk, 36th Chief of Clan Wallace; and the President and the Board of Directors, we welcome the individuals listed below to the fellowship ranks of the Clan Wallace Society.

### Annual Membership

David Wallace  
Hereford, AZ

Sara Fleming  
Raleigh, NC

Arjon Badi  
Harrisburg, RX

Joan-Hannah Kaytonah  
Rochelle, IL

Branden Wallis  
Colorado Springs, CO

Susan E. Church  
Burns, TN

Whitney Olson  
Smithfield, UT

Bob Wallace  
Phoenix, AZ

Celena Hyde  
Cedar Hill, MS



### Unique Woodcarvings Unveiled on The Wallace Way

Thanks to Katie Goodfellow

The National Wallace Monument in Stirling has unveiled eight of the collection of eleven specially created woodcarvings as part of the transformation of the pathway on the Abbey Craig, the hill on which the famous landmark stands.

Moments in history from the ice age through to the building of the Monument itself are depicted in the sculptures, which were commissioned by Stirling District Tourism and developed with help from Stirling Council Ranger Claire Bird. Entitled 'The Wallace Way', the woodcarving trail is designed to take visitors on a journey through time as they ascend the hill that leads to the famous landmark.

Each carving was individually designed and hand carved by Iain Chalmers, based in Ross-shire, with the selection being made predominantly out of cedar wood.

Iain Chalmers said: "It was a pleasure to be involved in this project with Stirling District Tourism and Stirling Council. Each of the carvings is unique and while some proved more challenging than others, we are happy with the finished pieces. I hope that visitors will enjoy this new feature when they visit the Monument."

This new visual element is designed to enhance the visitor experience and to encourage more people to follow the nature trail, to see the carvings and learn more about Stirling's fascinating history at the same time. Many of the woodcarvings will be interactive, with benches to sit on, trains to drive, and photo opportunities for visitors.



On the path to the Monument walkers will see how important moments from Stirling's past have been interpreted, with a sculpted version of the whale which washed up on the prehistoric shoreline at the agricultural area west of Stirling, and the plane flown in Scotland's first powered flight. One carving will depict some of the key tribes and invaders of Scotland who passed through Stirling, while another highlights Stirling's fantastic array of flora and fauna.

Speaking about the carvings Hannah Lucas, Visitor Attraction Manager at The National Wallace Monument, said: "We know that visitors come to the Abbey Craig and to the Monument for so many different reasons - to discover the story of Wallace and to see his sword, to climb the famous spiral staircase to the Crown of the Monument, or to enjoy panoramic views of the landscape. These wonderful carvings now add an extra dimension to the experience of visiting this special place, and we're sure that everyone who comes here will enjoy following the trail for themselves".

Stirling Council Ranger Claire Bird added: "The success of the Stirling's Stories carvings trail along the Upper and Lower Back Walks below Stirling Castle, so close to the City Center made me realize that wood carvings is a very accessible way to relate some of Stirling's amazing history to locals and visitors alike. The Abbey Craig on which The National Wallace Monument sits has seen so much history since it was carved out by the last glaciers that we can't help but share some of its stories too."



Local blogger Jenny Eaves with sons enjoying the new Woodcarvings

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## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



**Ben Ray Howard**  
**20 March 1941 - 18 June**  
**2017**

The Clan Wallace Society lost another good friend when Ben Ray Howard passed away on June 18, 2017 at the age of 76. Ben was born in Talladega, AL. Ben attended Auburn University and received two AA degrees in Aircraft Maintenance, and Instructor of Technology. He graduated from Park College in Parkville, MO with a Bachelor's Degree in Management and Human Resources. He then graduated from Golden Gate University with a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Human Resources.

He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1961, serving on Air Force bases in Kansas to New York, New Hampshire, California, and Arizona. Overseas duty included the Philippines, Guam, Okinawa, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Korea, Thailand, and

Williams Air Force Base (AFB) in 1971. When he drove through the main gate he felt he was "home" because of the special vibe at "Willie."

He began as a reciprocating engine mechanic, cross-trained into jet engines, became a Quality Control Inspector, and the last 4-years as a Field Training Master Instructor. He retired from active duty at Williams Air Force Base in 1981 as a Master Sergeant. He greatly enjoyed his 11 years there.

Ben returned to Williams AFB in 1982 as a Civil Service employee. Ten years later Williams AFB closed and Ben transferred to Luke AFB, AZ where he retired in 2007 as Chief of Resources for the 56th Civil Engineering Squadron. He worked for the Department of the Air Force for over 44 years.

Ben loved all things Scottish and aviation and military history. He was a lifetime member of Clan Wallace International through his great-grandmother, Bertha Wallace Howard, and of the Scottish American Military Society (SAMS), where for 3-years he served as Commander of the SAMS Color Guard. He was affectionately known as "Bubba". He supported Clan Wallace Society by helping conveners at many southwest Scottish Games, and attending many CWS Gatherings.

Ben was a devoted family man and enjoyed being with his children and grandchildren whenever possible, phoning them frequently. He is survived by the love of his life, Mary Kathryn Murray; daughters Lisa Dianne Herren and Lori Lynn Miller; son, Scott G. Howard; daughter, Elizabeth Sheldon; stepson, David Ryan Murray; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was truly blessed. Ben will be dearly missed by his immediate family, and greatly missed by his Clan Wallace Society family. Ben requested that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Heal the Hero Foundation in his name.



*Kathy and Ben in Scotland in 2005*



# FIVE SCOTTISH CASTLES WITH A DARK PAST

## (Thanks to The Scotsman)

### Five Scottish Castles with a Dark Past

Submitted By Bob Wallace

MANY of Scotland's castles are shrouded in far-fetched mythologies and unlikely legends. More interesting, however, are the dark tales which are recorded as historical fact.

#### Stirling Castle



Few places in Scotland have experienced a more, bloody history than Stirling Castle. One of its most violent incidents, however, occurred in 1452, when the body of William Earl of Douglas was discovered at the foot of a tower.

The 27-year-old earl was a close friend of the young King James II, but at some point - and we don't know over what exactly - they fell out and their friendship turned sour.

Aided by his courtiers, James II murdered William in the most brutal fashion imaginable. His body was stabbed 26 times before being thrown from a castle window into the garden below.

#### Dunottar Castle



It's regarded as one of Scotland's most spectacular historic sites, but Dunottar Castle in Aberdeenshire has endured a torrid past.

It was recaptured in 1297 following a lengthy siege orchestrated by none other than William Wallace.

No mercy was shown. Wallace ransacked the castle before rounding up the English soldiers in the church and setting it alight. It is thought that 4,000 men were burned to death. Some managed to escape, but their only option was to dive off the steep cliff and on to the rocks below.

The poet Blind Harry wrote about the chilling incident in his 15th century epic 'Wallace': Neidpath Castle. Picture: Linda Richardson Therefore a fire was brought speedily Which burnt the church, and all those South'ron boys Out o'er the rock the rest rushed great noise.

Some hung on craigs, and loath were to die St Andrews Castle. Picture: TSPL Some lap, some fell, some fluttered in the sea - and perished all, not one remained alive.

#### Dunaverty Castle



Clinging to a rocky outcrop on the coast of the Kintyre peninsula stands the ruin of Dunaverty Castle, the scant remains of a 13th fortress with a grim past.

In 1647, at the height of the Civil War, Dunaverty Castle was used as a Royalist garrison and was besieged by a Covenanter force led by General David Leslie. The army was made up of Campbells, the traditional foes of the MacDonalds who were defending the garrison.

After plugging the castle's water supply, Leslie's men waited it out until the MacDonalds surrendered.

When the garrison gave up, an order was given by Archbishop Campbell, 1st Marquess of Argyll to execute every last man, woman and child.

In all, at least 300 people were put to the sword and their bodies dumped in a mass grave. As a result of the 1647 massacre, the outcrop on which the ruins of Dunaverty Castle stand today is known as "Blood Rock".

#### Neidpath Castle



Situated in the heart of the Scottish Borders, Neidpath Castle was built in the 14th century for Sir William de Haya, Sheriff of Peebles. De Haya's residence replaced an earlier castle which belonged to the Fraser family.

Neidpath is said to be haunted by the ghost of Jean Douglas, who Sir Walter Scott referred to as "the Maid of Neidpath". Jean was the youngest daughter of William Douglas, Earl of March.

Miss Douglas was denied permission to wed the son of the laird of Tushielaw, as the family was considered to be of a lower social order. However, when Jean fell seriously ill, her father had a change of heart and sent for the young man she had fallen in love with.

Upon hearing the request, Jean's suitor made a desperate dash to Neidpath "with loose rein and bloody spur".

Sadly, when the young Borderer arrived at the castle, he failed to recognize Jean - her appearance being so altered by illness. He swiftly departed, leaving poor Jean to die of a broken heart. It is said that the ghost of Jean Douglas has haunted the ruins of Neidpath ever

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since, with the young maid known to throw screaming tantrums for up to three days at a time.

### St Andrews Castle



Standing today as a picturesque ruin on the Fife coast, St Andrews Castle has experienced a troubled history since its founding in the early 13th century.

During the Scottish Reformation it became a site of religious persecution and witnessed a spate of gruesome deaths, including the assassination of Cardinal David Beaton - Scotland's last cardinal prior to the Reformation.

Cardinal Beaton was not short of enemies. A string of Protestant nobles had been plotting his demise for a number of years in response to his savage treatment of those following the Protestant Faith.

In March 1546, Cardinal Beaton was responsible for the death of religious reformer George Wishart. It was an incident which would seal his fate.

On the morning of 29 May 1546, a band of Protestant conspirators led by John Leslie of Parkhill, and William Kirkcaldy of Grange disguised themselves as masons and broke into St Andrews Castle. The men carried out the murder of Cardinal Beaton, before mutilating the corpse and hanging it from the castle walls for all to see.

Cardinal Beaton's ghost is rumored to haunt the halls of Ethie Castle near Arbroath, one of his former residences.

## Wallace's Connect Via Amateur Radio

By Jim "Bowie" Wallace

Many Clan Wallace Society (CWS) members keep in touch about current events by using CWS's Facebook group. We text messages and post pictures of games & festivals we go to, interesting things about Wm. Wallace and Scottish history, etc. Some of us are Amateur Radio operators (Hams).

I know of four CWS members that have their FCC Amateur Radio license. W4KTJ - Larry Slight of FL; KI7NTD - Darrell Wallace of WA; WI4F - William "Wally" Wallace of GA; and me, N3ADF - Jim "Bowie" Wallace of MD.



Wally and I have chatted many times between his home in GA and mine in MD, via radio using Morse Code. I wonder how many other CWS members are Hams operators?

Did you know that "Hams" were texting each other over 100 years ago? It wasn't with smart phones but by radio using International Morse Code or "CW." Yeah, it's sort of like CB radio, but licensed Hams can use many more frequencies and modes (voice, digital and Morse Code or CW.) And we're allowed to use up to 1500 watts of power. We communicate with people all over the world, even if they don't speak English and we don't speak their language. But we both know International Morse Code, which is mostly abbreviations for words. You've heard of the CB'ers using 10-4 for yes and 10-20 for their location, etc. Well, hams use "Q" codes in a similar way. So we can at least exchange call sign, name and location. And then we will exchange QSL cards (a post card with all

contact info) for proof that we made contact via radio. I have card from almost 200 foreign countries.

I've met many Wallace's on the "air" but rarely ask if they are a member of the Clan Wallace Society. But some that I do, don't even know about the Society. I "pounded" brass (used Morse Code) with a Wallace in Nova Scotia for almost one hour. I told him about the CWS and he was very interested but he said he was in his 70's and didn't even own a computer. So, we talked about his ancestry going back to Scotland and I told him about mine, all using Morse Code.

If you are a CWS member and a Ham, please email me at [n3adf@arrl.net](mailto:n3adf@arrl.net) and we can schedule a QSO on the air. I haven't got into digital, yet, but I'm good for all bands and both SSB & CW modes. "Hope to CU" on the airwaves!



73 & Yours, Aye!  
Jim "Bowie" - N3ADF



# £12m DISTILLERY PLANNED FOR SITE LINKED to ROBERT the BRUCE

(Thanks to The Press Association)

## New £12m Distillery Planned

Submitted by Wayne Jones



*Sir Ludovic "Ludo" Shaw-Stewart, the 12th baronet and owner of Ardgowan Estate*

A new distillery is to be built on a 600-year old estate with links to Pocahontas and King Robert the Bruce.

The Inverclyde Council has approved plans for the £12 million distillery and visitor center on the Ardgowan Estate near Inverkip.

Ardgowan Distillery Company ADVERTISEMENT can now advance its proposal to build a "world-class" lowland malt whisky distillery and visitor attraction on the site, with plans to be operational in 2019.

Sir Ludovic "Ludo" Shaw-Stewart, the 12th baronet and owner of Ardgowan Estate, said: "The lands around the estate have been occupied nearly continuously for over 4,000 years and the history of my family at Ardgowan stretches back over 600 years. In that time, Ardgowan has played its part in the story of Scotland."

"King Robert the Bruce fought here prior to Bannockburn and his descendent King Robert III granted the estate lands to my ancestor Sir John Stewart in 1404."

"The Ardgowan Distillery will be a fantastic new chapter in the history of this area, and all future drams will have these extraordinary bloodlines - from both Scotland and the United States - in their veins."

The estate has had an eventful history, with a series of infamous witch trials in the

17th century when witch mania was rife in Inverkip.

In 1819, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart (the 5th baronet) married Eliza Farquhar, a direct descendent of Native American Princess Pocahontas.

In 1854, Jane Shaw Stewart, Sir Michael's granddaughter, sailed to the Crimea where she became a pioneering nurse, working closely with and befriending Florence Nightingale.

Work on the distillery will begin this year and will see construction on the site of an old sawmill.

The distillery last month announced the appointment of former Macallan managing director Willie Phillips as company chairman, and the addition of ex-Bruichladdich and Diageo veterans Gordon Wright and Michael Egan in commercial and product engineering advisory roles.

Distillery chief executive Martin McAdam said: "Our goal is to produce a truly outstanding seven-year-old lowland single malt."

"In the coming weeks we will commence detailed design and procurement work for the construction of the distillery, and this will give us the opportunity to engage with local businesses and the public in order to develop our plan and start to employ the staff that will be engaged during the construction and operational stage".

The facility will resurrect the name of the Ardgowan Distillery, which was founded in 1896 and located in Baker Street, Greenock.



## NEWS FROM CONVENERS

### 44th Annual San Diego Highland Games

By Greg Wallace

The air was filled with the sound of bagpipes at the 44th Annual San Diego Scottish Highland Games and Gathering of Clans on June 24-25, 2017. Located at Brengle Terrace Park in the quaint hills of Vista, CA, it is one of the smaller events in southern California that provides a friends and family venue that can't be beat.

Scottish culture filled the park during the two day festival, which featured a variety of activities and entertainment for guests of all ages: Sheepdog trials, Highland dancing, Scottish vendors, cuisine and beverages, bagpipe and drumming competitions, clan heritage tents, and hands-on children's activities. The athletic competition managed by the Scottish American Athletic Association included two world record attempts.

The festival drew over 40 clan tents, over 50 vendors and 10,000 visitors. The festival's popular beer garden--recognized by San Diego Magazine as the Best Beer Garden in North County--was a gathering place for attendees to sample flavorful beer varieties, while mingling with friends old and new.

Popular Celtic bands Wicked Tinkers, Highland Way, and Banshee in the Kitchen performed on two festival stages. Other entertainment included United States Scottish Fiddle Champion, Mari Black, United States Western Highland Dance

Champion, Beret Dernbach, and two 1-day USBCHA sanctioned Sheepdog Trials - Open & Nursery.

The Wallace tent was convened by Kevin Michaels and Greg Wallace and was visited by Wallace families from as far away as Omaha, Nebraska and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Twelve visitors signed the registry with two of them showing interest in becoming involved with the Clan Wallace Society.



*Kevin and Greg*

### The 62nd Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (NC) was held on July 6,7,8,9, 2017. Rainy Friday to start off the weekend but the sun did come out to greet the 80 clan tents participating, and Clan Wallace was among them. Also at the games are Scottish Tartan Museum, Council of Scottish Clans and Associations, Scottish Culture and St. Andrews Society of Upper South Carolina, and the Society of William Wallace. Russ and Marcia Harper, along with Larry and Judy Slight, hosted the Clan Wallace tents.

These games are held at MacRae meadow on Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina. Thursday night Russ did the calling of, the Clan. Wallaces cheered as he yelled FREEDOM!!!!!!!!!!

Lots of Wallaces attended this weekend actives; Wes and Raine Wallace and son Adam Wallace and family, William Wallace, Mark Clifford, John and Sally Wallace, Randy Dedrickson, Mary Wallace, Judy Wallace Moore, Larry and Judy Slight, Bill and Betsy Wallace, Terry and Kelly Wallace along with many more.



*Actor Cesar Domboy waving to us. He appears in the Outlander series.*







We had a special guest at the Games this year, Actor Cesar Domboy currently of "Outlander" fame, where he plays the adult Fergus.

The 2017 Bear Run, part of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, started in Linville Thursday night and concluded at the top of Grandfather Mountain. Over 800 runners started the race and ranged in age from 7-77. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Grandfather Mountain, we had women athletes competing in the games. Amy Jenkins proudly wears the Wallace green when she competes. Go Amy!!!!

Our thanks to all that came out and enjoy the weekend with us.

Without YOU there is no Clan Wallace. Can't wait to see you all next year!

### Clan Memorial Stones at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

By Marcia Harper

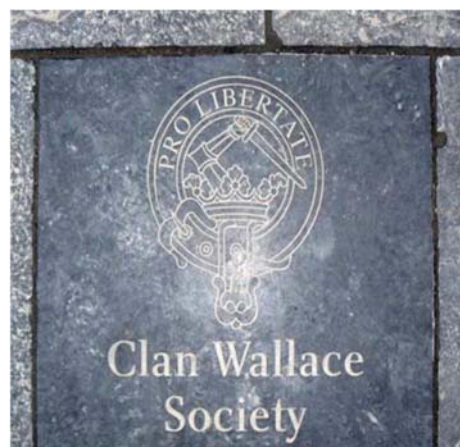
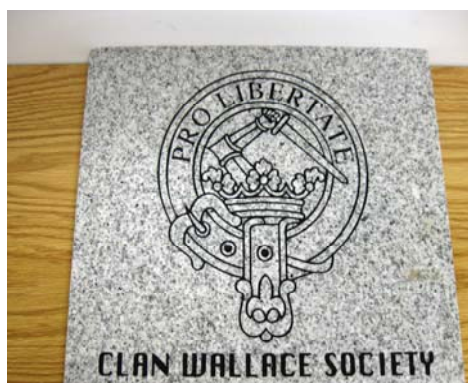
Grandfather Mountain Highland Games has a Clan Memorial Stone project. Each stone will be a 24 inch square by 2-inch thick granite stone with the Clan badge and name, to be set permanently in concrete as a lasting memorial at MacRae Meadow. The stones will form a new walkway for the main entrance to the Games field. Clan Wallace Society will take its place among the other clans and societies in this new walkway.

This is not the first walkway that Clan Wallace will be part of. You will also

find a similar stone at the Culloden Visitor Center in Scotland.

The stone will be installed before next year's game. Come join us next year to see the stone.

To show an example of what the stone will look like, below are the stones donated in support of the Robert Burns statue in Milwaukee, WS, and the Culloden Battlefield Visitors Center.



### 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games

By Dorothy Knight

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games was held on August 10 – 12, 2017 in the beautiful town of Fergus, Ontario. Fortunately, we had beautiful weather - not like last year. And, a special treat, The Fergus Pipe Band celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. It was great that President Russ Harper and wife Marcia attended this year's festival.

A tartan parade on Thursday was the kick-off to the festival weekend beginning at the east side of Victoria Park on St. David Street, and finishing at the Fergus Royal Canadian Legion. The Ceilidh began with some traditional Scottish music from Albannach, and then it moved indoors with the Celtic band Shananigans. Other entertainment included Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Daniel Carr, Bill Bridges, and many more.

The festival featured World and National Heavy Athletic Competitions, Pipe Band Competitions, Military Tattoo, Highland Dancers, Scottish Heritage Tent, lectures in the Genealogy Centre, and a McKiddie's Centre. There were over 60 Clans, and over 100 international vendors.



Russ presented Colin Johnstone with the Wallace Trophy for "Piper of the Day."

It was nice that John and Debbie Wallace joined us from Sylvan Lake, Alberta.





there were dogs, exceptional Scottish Border Collies!!! As well as a huge Children's games area for the wee ones.



*Young girl (unnamed) in Braveheart motif visiting the Wallace Tent*



*Debbie and John Wallace leading the Wallaces with the Wallace Banner*

## 46th Annual Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering

Lovely and historical Boone Hall Plantation in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina was once again the venue for this wonderful Scottish Festival held on 15-16 September 2017.



The Sponsors Reception on Friday night was a colorful and enjoyable formal opening for the event.

On Saturday The colorful heritage tents of 39 Scottish Clans and Societies ringed the heavy athletic field while fierce competitions of both male and female athletes raged all day vying for trophies and medals. There were piping and drumming and band competitions as well as highland dancing contests conducted on site amid the strains of highland music that filled the air all during the day provided by the entertainment groups.



*Shiela and Amelia Wallace, Capt. John and Carole Leonard*

Vendors provided all present with beverages and food a plenty making it a complete family affair well worth attending. And

As always the Female Athlete of the Day Trophy was presented by Clan Wallace Society, which is always a highlight of the Games.

Come visit next year...always a great event and you will not regret the effort. The Boone Hall Plantation is a beautiful backdrop site for this excellent Gathering. I will look for you in 2018!!!!



*Carole Leonard and Capt. John*



# GENERAL LEW WALLACE

## Soldier, Statesman, Scholar

*(Written by Joann Spragg)*

### General Lew Wallace Soldier, Statesman, Scholar Author of BEN-HUR

Submitted by Tom B. Wallace

General Lewis (Lew) Wallace was the author of Ben-Hur, Military Governor of New Mexico, Civil War General and Hero, and Ambassador to India.

General Lewis (Lew) Wallace was born in Brookville, Indiana, on April 10, 1827. He was the second of four sons born to David and Esther Test Wallace. His father was a lawyer, a politician and an 1821 graduate of West Point.

When Lew was five years old, the family moved to Covington, Indiana, in Fountain County. The family lost the third son, John, to scarlet fever during this move. Lew's father was lieutenant governor of the State of Indiana at that time and was away from home a lot. Lew's mother wasn't well and died of "galloping consumption" when Lew was seven. She is buried in Covington at the cemetery on Liberty Street. The Wallace boys were taken in by a neighbor, Mrs. Hawkins, while David continued his career.

In 1836, David Wallace married Zerelda Sanders (age 19). By 1837 she had become not only a new bride and stepmother to three half-grown boys, but First Lady of Indiana when her David Wallace became the sixth governor of the state. The family moved to Indianapolis where Lew had the run of the State House library. He wasn't a good student and didn't like school. He hated math, but he loved to read.

Lew's interest in art began with his early drawings of friends and battles. Jacob Cox had been hired to paint David Wallace's portrait as governor. Lew helped grind his paint. (It came in hard cakes and had to be ground to powder and mixed with oil.) One day he took some of the paint and made a brush with hair he pulled from his dog's tail. His parents found the painting, a picture of Chief Black Hawk. David laughed at the supplies, said the picture was recognizable, but discouraged his son's interest in art. He told him he would not be able to make a living as an artist in Indiana.

At the age of 16, Lew was told to get a job because he wasn't paying enough attention to his schooling. He applied to the

County Clerk in Marion County for work and began copying records, which netted him \$18.00 a week (\$0.10 for every 100 words), which was enough to live on. Still he found he did not want to be a copyist for the rest of his life, so he began studying nights on his own. He decided to become a lawyer and studied law with his older brother under his father.

In 1846, about the time he was ready to take the bar exam, the Mexican War began. Lew was 19 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant of the Marion Rifles, an Indianapolis militia group. He decided to organize a troop of men to fight in the war, and as a result, neglected his studies. He failed the bar exam, but the group he organized became Co. H of the Indiana Infantry. He was their 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. The company didn't see much action but lost a lot of men to disease.

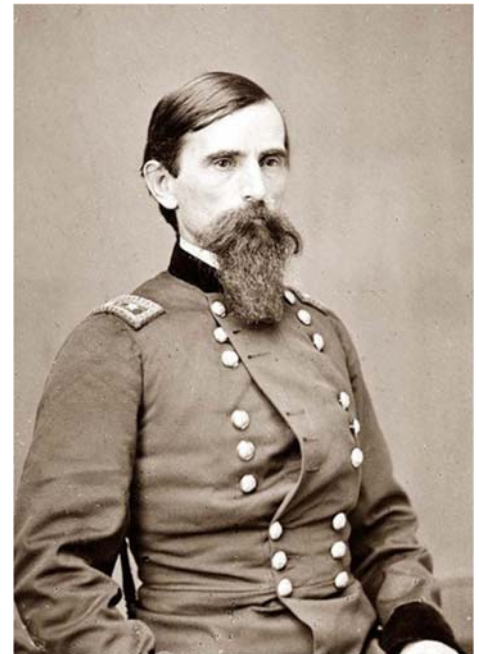
Returning home after the war he resumed his law studies and passed the bar exam in 1849.

He also began playing the violin around this time. He opened a law office in Covington early in 1850. He met Susan Elston of Crawfordsville at a party at the home of Henry and Joanna Lane. Henry was Lew's commanding officer in the Mexican war and Joanna was Susan's sister. Isaac Elston, Susan's father, was a prominent businessman founder of the Elston Bank. He was not impressed with Lew, but Susan accepted his proposal and said she wait until he had established himself.

With this incentive Lew began his law career and was soon elected Prosecuting Attorney of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District. They were married May 6, 1852, and lived in Covington about a year. Their only child, Henry Lane Wallace, was born there on February 17, 1853. Shortly after the birth of their son, Lew and Susan moved to Crawfordsville to live. In April of 1856 Lew organized another militia group which became known as the Montgomery Guards. In October of that same year Lew was elected to the Indiana State Senate.

When the Civil War began, Governor Oliver P. Morton sent for Lew and appointed him Adjutant General of the state, a job he kept for only ten days. It was his responsibility to organize the troops the federal

government would ask Indiana to furnish. They asked for six regiments, and in five days there were 13 regiments at Camp Morton in Indianapolis. Five days later, Lew resigned to accept a commission as Colonel of the 11<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry.



Before a year had gone by Lew Wallace was a Major General, at 34 years of age, one of the youngest in the Union Army. He and his men fought at Ft. Henry, Ft. Donelson and Shiloh. Lew was relieved of command after Shiloh and spend the next two years trying to regain his command. During that time, whenever there was a military problem, Governor Morton sent for him. He organized the defense of Cincinnati and was sent to push Morgan's Raiders out of Indiana to Ohio.

In March of 1864, President Lincoln asked that Lew Wallace be appointed Commander of the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps at Baltimore. By July Lew was in action again at Monocacy where it is said he saved Washington, D. C., from capture by Confederate troops. Lew spent the early months of 1865 on a secret mission in Mexico trying to stop the flow of goods across the border into the Confederacy. By the time he returned to Baltimore, the war had ended, and President Lincoln had been assassinated.

In May of 1865, Gen. Wallace was appointed second-in-command of the court martial that tried the Lincoln conspirators. He made sketches of those on trial and later painted the picture known as "The Conspirators" using those sketches. It is probably his best known painting. In August of the same year, Gen. Wallace was appointed president of the court that tried Henry Wirz, Commander of Andersonville Prison in Georgia. The most notorious of Southern prison camps, men were dying at Andersonville at the rate of a hundred a day the last summer that it existed. Wirz was convicted and hanged.



Lew then resigned his commission in November 1865 and returned to Crawfordsville. He spent part of 1866 and 1867 in Mexico, with government approval, supplying arms to the Juaristas in their attempt to overthrow Maximilian. Maximilian was executed July 17, 1867. Lew resumed his law practice in 1868 and built a new house that he and Susan lived in for the rest of their lives. In 1870 he ran for Congress but was defeated (by Mahlon Manson, another Montgomery County general). He started writing again, something he had done all his life as a hobby. For twenty years he had been working on a novel about the conquest of Mexico at the time of Montezuma, told from the Aztec point of view. It was published in 1873 as *The Fair God* and sold well for a first effort. That same year, he began the research that would eventually lead to the book, *Ben-Hur*.

This book started as a short story describing the first Chrisfinas (Book I of *Ben-Hur*).

Lew had been fascinated with the Bible verses in Matthew describing how the wise men came to Jerusalem to see the Christ child. (He had always attended church with his family and his wife but didn't consider himself religious until the writing of *Ben-Hur*.) The remainder of the book was inspired by a conversation on a train trip to

Indianapolis in September 1876 with Col. Robert Ingersoll, one of the best known atheists of the time. By the time they got to Indianapolis, Lew said he was so ashamed of his ignorance of religion and his inability to answer the man's statements that he must study the Bible. In trying to imagine how to make the task more compelling, he realized in a flash of inspiration that he could write a book detailing the religious and political situation of the world that "would demonstrate a necessity for a Savior (sic)."

Most of the book was written on the Study grounds under that gigantic Beech tree in a rocker with a lap board on which to write lain across the arms of his chair. The last part of *Ben-Hur* was written in the Palace of Governors in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Lew was appointed Governor of New Mexico Territory in 1878 to settle the Lincoln County Wars. In order to accomplish this, he granted amnesty to all involved, providing they had not been indicted for any crimes. Billy the Kid actually testified against others involved in the killings after talking to Gov. Wallace. But he had been indicted for killing three men, and he escaped from jail to avoid standing trial. One of the last documents Lew Wallace wrote as governor was Billy's official Death Warrant.

In 1881, Lew Wallace was appointed U. S. Minister to Turkey (i.e., the Ottoman Empire). President Garfield had been hoping to find someone who knew a little about the area.

He read *Ben-Hur*, a book full of very accurate historic and geographical information, and decided Lew Wallace was a good choice. During his four years in Turkey, Lew became a very good friend of Sultan Abdul Hamid II. In 1885, Lew resigned his diplomatic post due to a change of administration in Washington, D. C. He was becoming a wealthy man because of *Ben-Hur* and decided to retire from law and concentrate on his writing. He also started tinkering around in his workshop and as a result, accumulated eight U.S. patents.

In 1893, his third novel *The Prince of India* was published. The story was based on the legend of the Wandering Jew and dealt with the events leading up to the fall of Constantinople in 1453. During the fall of 1894 he started a lecture tour of the west with his subjects being "Turkey and the Turks," "How I Came to Write *Ben-Hur*" and "Shiloh."

Late in 1895 he started construction on his Study. It was something he had been dreaming of for twenty years, and he designed it himself. An eclectic mix of Periclean Greek (the front porch), Roman (the tower) and Byzantine (the main structure) architecture, it took three years to complete and cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$30,000. (See "The Study" for more information.)

On November 29, 1899, he attended the opening night performance of *Ben-Hur* on Broadway. An overnight, smash hit, it ran for twenty-one Years, 2500 performances, with the race actually being run on stage with 8 live horses and two chariots. It was taken on the road around North America, appeared in Europe and in Australia and New Zealand.

In 1899, Gen. Wallace also bought a farm just west of Crawfordsville which he called "Water Babble." It was his summer home and amateur fishery. Its ponds were stocked with black bass and speckled trout. He purchased the second automobile in Crawfordsville, a 1902 Waverley Electric Model 20A Surrey. He was of the way through his autobiography when he died at his home on February 15, 1905, at the age of 77. He was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery where his grave is marked with a 30-foot obelisk monument designed by Sidney Speed.

His wife, Susan, completed his autobiography, with the help of her protégé, Mary Hannah Krout, and published it in 1906. Susan Wallace died October 1, 1907. Henry Lane Wallace (1853-1926) married Margaret Vance Noble. They had two sons, Lew Wallace, Jr., and William Noble Wallace. Both grandsons served in World War I, and Noble was killed in France at the age of 23. Lew, Jr., married Josephine Parrott and had four children, three of whom are still living.

