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scotlandontv.tv at Piping Live! and the World Pipe Band Championships

Michael MacLennan

If you were around these parts last year, you may remember that *Scotland on TV* was on hand to provide you with the finest coverage of the World Pipe Band Championships 2007, with our free video content containing footage of bands such as the Rob Roy Pipe Band from Kingston, Ontario and the Band Club from Sydney.

We were back in force again during August for the World Pipe Championships 2008 and also for Piping Live!, the week-long international piping festival that precedes the main competition.

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Scotland photographs!

Glasgow and Edinburgh in pictures, pages 20-21 this section, this issue.

Do you have Scotland pictures to share? Email bethscribble@aol.com

Whether you think you can - or think you can't - you're probably right.



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Bicket (below) and Miss Narra
The Wonder Cat (right) take a small
break from their arduous duties of proof-
reading *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*.

Miss Narra loves to cuddle in her
"MacDonald Corner" where most
everything is tartan!



A letter from your editor....

On creative, innovative, fun Clan Tents!

Beth Gay



As much as some games organizers wish it wasn't...the Clan Tents at a games are very much a part of the "show" and what draws individuals and families to pay their hard-earned money to come through the gates on game day.

It is important that the Clan Tents are interesting to see, fun to visit and a place where friends, strangers, family and just everyone will enjoy visiting.

Since the little letter about "How to have a happy, successful and vibrant Scottish clan organization," I've had numerous folks ask me to write about clan tents and give a few ideas on how they can be wonderful.

In the south, almost every Clan Tent provides some kind of food for their members and friends. It may be that someone brings a grill and cooks right there - or many of the members bring lunch fare and snacks and treats to share. I can testify in court that Scots at Southeastern Highland Games are some of the best cooks in the world!

To me, this is a grand idea and wonderful tradition. What better way to welcome clansmen and clanswomen to the tent than to be able to say, "Join us for lunch!" What better way to have time to chat and visit than to share someone's wonderful shortbread or cookies or cakes or pies...

This tradition doesn't go as far as the west coast. I've been surprised at the absence of picnics at the games out there. If there is a rule about

it or some reason why it's not done, I would like to know about it.

I don't think the picnics at the games affect any food vendors who have hour-long lines at the Southeastern Games in spite of the clansfolk bringing their own.

Thinking about Clan Tents, I have to think of Clan Keith - who has a wonderful antique "throne" chair sitting in the middle of a very nice oriental rug. Any person who signs up to become a new member of Clan Keith is invited to sit in the chair to have their photograph taken!

Clan Keith's tent always is wonderful. You'll see armor for "Steel Bonnets" and armor for their horses. You'll see flowers and tartan and books and paintings and maps and

souvenirs of Clan Keith's romantic and glorious history.

Visit the Clan Henderson tent most anywhere and you'll see little sleeves of Henderson tartan which cover those plebeian tent posts! There's always lots of books and educational material, always handsome table covers featuring the Henderson tartan - and, if you are fortunate, George Henderson will have his rare and beautifully painted Henderson motorcycle on display - featuring painted Henderson tartan on the gas tank and in fact all over the bike! There are always plenty of chairs and flowers and food...a welcoming and

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Year 2009 Events Slated To Celebrate 250th Anniversary of Robert Burns Birth:

The year 2009 will mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of Scotland's beloved Robert Burns.

Burns was born January 25, 1759, two miles south of Ayr, in Alloway, South Ayrshire, Scotland.

To celebrate the birthday of The Bard, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling has announced that a special 2-pound commemorative coin will be minted in 2009.

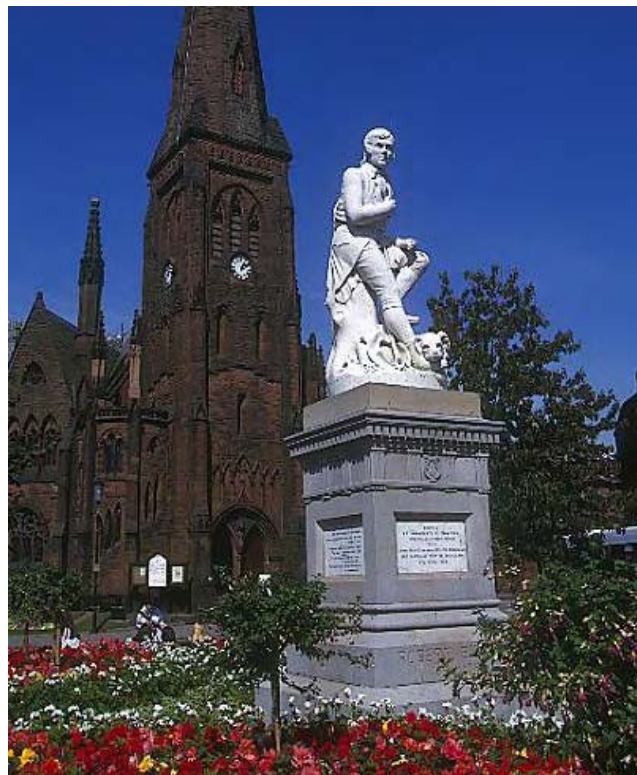
According to Frank Shaw, past president of Atlanta's Saint Andrew's Society - a Burns devotee and self-described "collector of everything Burns" - "A greater tribute could not be given to our Bard since the coin will be in circulation throughout the country. It will be in every person's pocket or purse at one time or another as a reminder of this talented poet and songwriter."

In addition to the special coin, other tributes to Burns are being planned for Scotland.

The National Trust for Scotland plans to open a new Robert Burns Birthplace Museum at Alloway, near Ayr. The museum will hold over 4,500 Burns artifacts, including the original manuscript of Tam O' Shanter.

ANTS spokesperson said: "Both the Trust and the Scottish Government are determined that the priority for the Burns Birthplace Museum is to offer a lasting legacy for Scotland, enhancing the timeless appeal of Robert Burns. Burns has made a huge contribution to literature and almost single-handedly saved the Scottish musical tradition in the 18th century."

Frank also mentions that another plus for all Burns lovers will be the special celebrations in 2009 honoring the Bard led by The Robert Burns World Federation and its able leader Shirley Bell who lives in Dumfries, Scotland, the last home of Burns and where he died at the age of only 37.




You can also look for the hundreds of Burns Clubs and Saint Andrew's Societies around the world to celebrate this very special anniversary of his birth.

With many thanks to The Clan Douglas Society newsletter, *Dubh Ghlase*.



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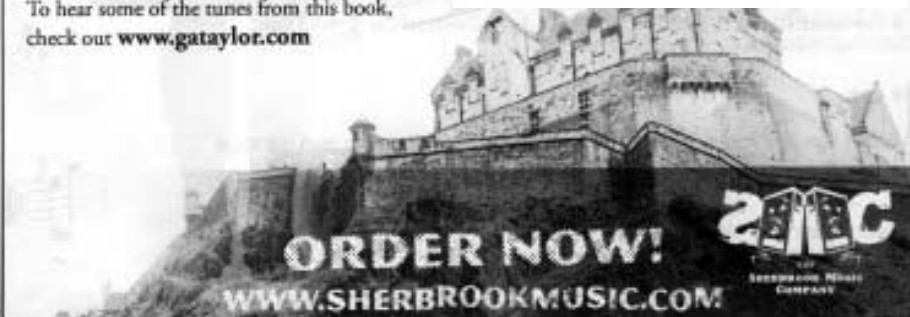
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One Tone Over the Line, composed and written by G. A. Taylor, is a very well assembled manuscript full of great tunes.

This music collection contains many new arrangements of traditional tunes as well as numerous original compositions.

The traditional arrangements are very well written and while they sometimes depart significantly from the traditional sound, they quite good and pleasurable to perform.

The most inspired compositions are to be found in his original hornpipes and reels. These tunes offer some great new melodies that are every bit as exciting to listen to as they are to play!

In addition to containing nice melodies the book also offers a range of difficulty from intermediate to advanced tunes that will challenge many pipers.

While the hornpipe collection is not the largest percentage of the book, it is worth the purchase for these tunes alone.

It is also great to note that this collection will be attractive to both the competition and kitchen piper alike.

There is a variety of settings from rounded reels to pointed hornpipes which makes this book a great source for both solo and band use.

There are also two other portions to this book that make it unique. There is a brief section in the introduction in which he provides some useful

notes for the reader to be able to translate the timing and rhythm into terminology for the classical/orchestral musician which is terminology that has long eluded the piping community. This is very helpful for anyone who wishes to combine these tunes with the body of a full orchestra.

When combined with the notes page, Taylor's harmonies are well enough written that leads one to wonder if any full orchestral arrangements are on the horizon?

Finally, over the past several years I have come to realize that many pipers need to hear a tune in order for the flow of the melody to make sense. Taylor provides an infinitely valuable service to these individuals by making mp3's of his compositions



*Camden Simon at
Glasgow, Kentucky
Highland Games.*

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available of online for no cost.

While this should never be used without first and continuously referring to the printed manuscript, it is an incredibly useful and much appreciated tool.

While the real strength of this collection lies in his insightful hornpipes and reels, the collection as a whole is definitely worth every piper's consideration. This book offers something for most everyone. Regardless of whether you like your quick tunes rounded or pointed *One Tone Over the Line* you will find many pieces worth your attention.

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Look closely!

Have you ever noticed that on a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag?

We'll bet you didn't know that Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciumcula." It can be abbreviated to "L.A."

Did you know that the national anthem of Greece has 158 verses? It is said that nobody in Greece has memorized all of them.

And...Scots are everywhere! Eleanor Roosevelt's secretary was Lizzie McDuffie!



How many feet mean what?

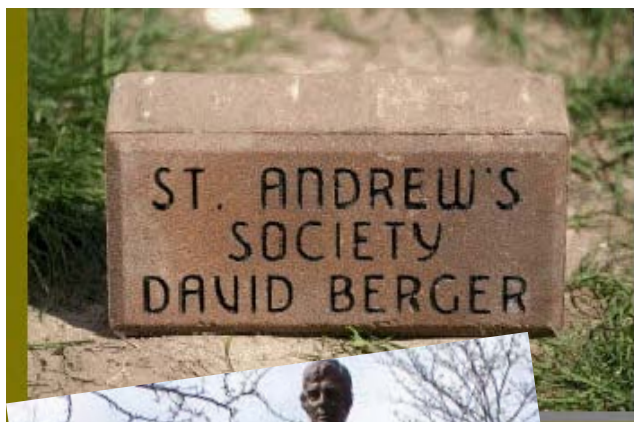
How many times have you seen an equestrian statue with a historical figure? Did you know that the horse's position will tell you much about the rider?

If you see a statue where the horse is either rearing or cantering - with two feet on the ground - you'll immediately know that the rider was killed in battle.

If you see a statue where the horse has three feet on the ground, this signifies that the rider survived the battle, but later died of his wounds.

If the horse has all four hooves flat on the ground, this means the rider was declared a national hero - and proved his mettle.

If the soldier is standing on the ground, the horse was killed in battle.



You can help preserve Milwaukee's Burns Statue!

Buy a commemorative brick to save Milwaukee's Burns statue: Just a few blocks north from Milwaukee's downtown, within view of Lake Michigan, stands one of only three unique statues in the world of the immortal poet Robert Burns. The statue stands proudly at the head of a county park, the Burns Common. The beautiful monument is the site of an annual ritual where the Saint Andrew's Society lays a wreath to remember the poet's birthday.

One Hundred Year-Old Gift: The statue was originally a gift to the city from the Saint Andrew's Society nearly 100 years ago. It was commissioned from Edinburgh sculptor William Grant Stevenson, who duplicated the bard's statue in Kilmarnock, Scotland. The statue stands 12 feet high and weighs 2,200 pounds. It stands on an 11-foot, 26-ton granite pedestal. It was dedicated on June 26, 1909, before a crowd of 2,000 including the mayor, the governor, U. S. Senators and other dignitaries such as General Arthur MacArthur, father of General Douglas MacArthur.

Over the years the statue has provided a focal point for Milwaukee-area Scots. But years of standing in the less-than-friendly climate on

Milwaukee's east side has taken a toll on the statue, and because it is the property of the Milwaukee county park system, funds to maintain the statue are nonexistent in today's world of tight government budgets.

Let's help save the bard: To maintain and preserve the Burns statue, the St Andrew's Society of Milwaukee reached an agreement with the county government to create a preservation project. To accomplish this, the society is selling memorial bricks that will become a permanent apron around the statue's base. One hundred percent of the funds raised from the sale of the engraved bricks are dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of the statue. Individuals, clans, businesses, societies and all others are encouraged to purchase one of three sizes of bricks - a permanent tribute not just to the poet but also to the donor.

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MacFie Society of America sets 25th birthday celebration at Stone Mountain. Ya'll come!

The 25th Birthday Celebration of the MacFie Society of America is planned for the Stone Mountain, GA, Scottish Highland Games to be held October 17-19. The annual meeting and celebration will be on Saturday night, October 18 at the Steak and Ale Restaurant, 2150 Northlake Parkway,

Milwaukee Burns Club, *continued from page 9*

The community wins by keeping this important monument in repair; the people win by becoming a part of history; we all win in saving history and heritage. If folks are interested, they can go to the Saint Andrew's Society Web site at www.standrewssocietymilwaukee.org for details on how to participate.

If you would like to participate in this project, please visit <http://www.standrewssocietymilwaukee.org/bricksub.doc> and also <http://standrewssocietymilwaukee.org/page3.html> These sites will give you details on how you can be a part of this endeavor.

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Tucker, GA, beginning at 6 PM. The cost will be what you order from the menu.

For more information, visit <http://www.smhg.org/>

There will be a pewter commemorative pin available at the games. The pin is \$15.00. If you'd like to order a pin by mail, contact Ginger at ajgmcafee@tnaaccess.com or call 931-858-4790.

You may also send \$15.00 + \$2.00 for shipping to Ginger McAfee, 420 Ash Dr., Baxter, TN 38544.

Congratulations Chloe!

Chloe McAfee, 5 year old daughter of Keith and Holly McAfee and granddaughter of Jim and Ginger McAfee, made her debut as a Highland Dancer at the Pittsburgh Tartan Day Festival this year!

Since then, she has won several first places, a third and fourth place and second place in two events!

She competed at Grandfather Mountain and will be competing at the Stone Mountain Games in October! Go Chloe!

Simple ways to copyright your work...

According to experts, there is a way to copyright your family history materials. It's called "Common Law Copyright" and it's very easy to do. Simply write "Copyright" and then the year in which you began writing your material. Add your name and that's it. This will protect your work until it is printed.

Another easy way to protect your work from plagiarists is to put a copy of your manuscript into an envelope and take it to the post office. Mail it, Certified Mail, back to yourself. Just file it away, unopened. Should a problem ever arise, you have a sealed envelope dated by the USPS showing that you had written the material before the date shown. Cheap. Easy. It works.



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Seek information or proof of parents of **MARY SHAW AYRES**, born 4 February 1805 in Cumberland County, NC, the wife of **REV. WILLIAM AYERS**, born 17 August 1798. Believe parents were **DANIEL (LIEUTENANT?) SHAW** and **MARY McALPINE SHAW MURDOCK, KATHERINE**, sibs of **MARY**. Please reply: **Euzelia Allen Boyd, 511 Norwood St., Spartanburg, SC 29302**.

Need descendants, spouses of **HARRY G. BROOKS, JR.**, born 1913, **JOSEPH W. BROOKS**, born 1918 in GA (Columbus, Muscogee?) They were sons of **HARRY G. BROOKS, SR.**, born 1892, GA and **ETHEL M. WILLIS** born 1890, GA. Lived at 110 Broad St., Columbus, GA 1920 census. Please write **E. Petruzzello, 1200 SW 124th Terrace, O-201, Pembroke Pines, FL 33027**. Email <silver987@prodigy.net>

Need descendants and siblings of **JOSEPH McCORD**, son of **JOSHUA? McCORD** of Elizabeth, NJ. **JOSEPH** was born 1828 and married **ELIZABETH A. CROSSMAN**, 1853. Please write **E. Crossman, 1200 SW 124th Terrace, O-201, Pembroke Pines, FL 33027**. Email <silver987@prodigy.net>

Is your name **OGLETREE**? Please contact **Aligene Willbanks, 1732 Leonard Bridge Road, Chatsworth, GA 30705**. Call 706-685-3456.



ROBERT ROBERTSON born in NC ca 1833, died in Colorado on 8 April 1905. Can anyone tell me if **ROBERT** and his parents might have been born in the Cape Fear area of NC? Any thoughts of how and where I might find any information of my grandfather, **ROBERT ROBERTSON. Mabel I. Robison, 2235 Juntura Ct., South, Salem, OR 97302-2222**.

I am descended from a **WILLIAM WALLIS** born 1777 in NC. In 1810 census, he was in Madison Co., KY; 1820 in Rutherford Co., TN; and 1830-1850 in Hall and Forsyth Co., GA. His oldest son, **LUTHER WALLIS** was born 1795 in SC. They are always living around or close to the descendants of **PETER WALLIS** who was born 1680 Highlands of Scotland and **ELIZABETH WOODS** born 1682-84, Meath, Ireland. Also **JOHN H. MORGAN** born 1835 and **MARY ANN PATERSON** born 1834 in GA. **JOHN MORGAN** is a descendant of **MARK MORGAN** born 1811 in GA, NC or SC - son of **DANIEL MORGAN. MARY ANN PATERSON**, daughter of **WILLIAM PATTERSON** and **MARTHA WELCH**, both born SC. Any information is appreciated. **Darrell D. Nunez, 303 Winnona St., Natchitoches, LA 74157**.

Transient dies in Northwest Iowa motel and leaves a small fortune behind!

Are you kin to the late John Richard Grant?

Police say a transient man who stayed at the Sheldon Motel in Sheldon, Iowa, left behind a mystery - \$263,000. The Sioux County Sheriff's Office was called to the motel last March 31 to investigate the death of a man who had lived there five months of the year.

The investigation turned into what Sheriff's Sgt. Jamison Van Voorst is calling the most interesting case he's seen in his 14 years with the sheriff's office.

As Van Voorst and Sheriff Dan Altene investigated the death of John Richard Grand, they discovered some papers, the back of a gold watch and other belongings. Nothing they found in the room was unusual until they came to two vinyl cassette tape cases and found \$263,000 inside - most of it in \$50 and \$100 bills.

They immediately began searching for relatives. There was no reason to believe Grant got

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the money illegally, so, they say, it should go to his next-of-kin.

Van Voorst said the sheriff's office is waiting to hear back from Sioux County Attorney Coleman McAllister, who may have found a brother and a couple of first cousins.

"McAllister has been put in contact with them and they will hire their legal counsel," Van Voorst said.

The brother is said to be working as a harbor mater for the US Navy in Japan.

The late John Grant, a US Navy veteran, may also have a daughter.

Nobody seems certain, at least not yet.

Grant had documents showing he served in the navy during World War II.

He was buried April 17 at the Keokuk National Cemetery. His obituary noted he was born November 7, 1925 in Rochester, NY. His parents were Harold and Cora Brant.

With thanks to *Craigellachie*, A Quarterly Publication of the Clan Grant Society USA, Inc.

If you would like more information on the Clan Grant Society, please contact David Grant, 16390 Rocky Glen Rd., Perris, CA 92570. Email <Gam750@aol.com>

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This will be our **Annual Meeting** with the election of officers. The office of Secretary is presently vacant due to the resignation of Dot Fowler. In addition, the proposed Bylaws may be approved.

Please attend. Refreshments and interesting conversation will follow.

Please mark your calendar for the last meeting of 2008 on **Sunday, 9 November 2008, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Brunswick-Glynn County Library.



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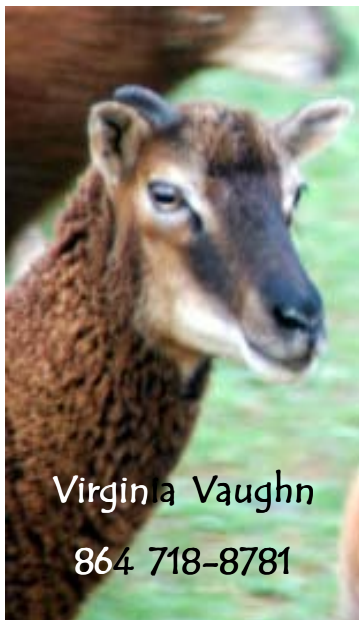
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Seashells mean what? Symbols of pilgrimages

The Association of Gravestone Studies - and you may find them at: <http://www.gravestonestudies.org?> offers interpretations of various kinds of shells.

Clam shells, for example - including scallop shells - are a symbol of a person's Christian pilgrimage or journey through life and of baptism in the church.

In the Middle Ages, Christians wore the scallop shell to indicate that they had made a pilgrim-

age to the shrine of St. James of Compostella in Spain.

Placing a shell on a gravestone when visiting the site is an ancient custom and may in fact have several different meanings depending on the cultural background of the people placing the shells.

The idea of crossing over a body of water to the promised land - or crossing the River of Styx to the afterlife, the final journey to the "other side" is also part of the symbolism of the shell.

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If you are fortunate enough to uncover a surviving journal or diary, this could greatly enhance your prospects for research success.

Journals, diaries, and old letters can serve many purposes for the genealogist. They may shed light on a number of genealogical research issues including: 1. Family relationships 2. Former places of residence 3. Places of visitation 4. Major events in the life of an ancestor or family 5. Reasons for migration from one area to another 6. Religious affiliation 7. Educational and economic status of the writer 8. Offer personal (the writer) observations which may be useful in helping the researcher understand the time period.

Journals, diaries, and old letters may be the closest option available if older family members are deceased. Writers may have jotted down facts and personal feelings that would have never been made public to the family or anyone else.

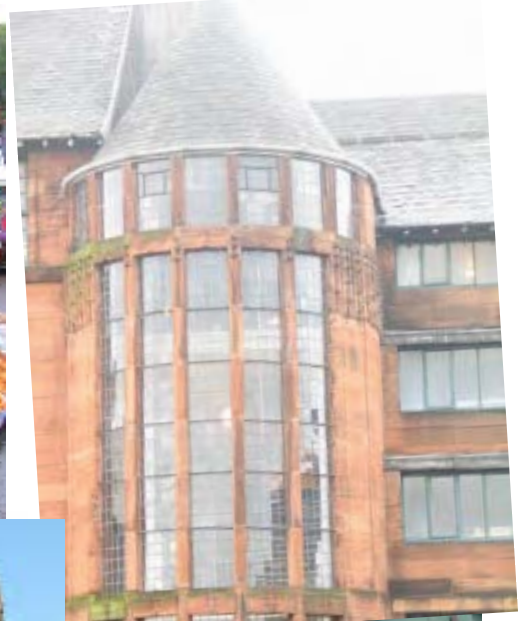


When examining these types of materials it is wise to have a genealogical dictionary handy. The terminology used in wording will reflect the meanings relevant to that time period.

Some professionals have also suggested having a handwriting style book handy as well. Reading penmanship from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries can be a challenge. When the text refers to an individual or members of a family, it is also wise to determine what the relationship was between the writer and those names in the source. This may help you determine the relevance and accuracy of the information.



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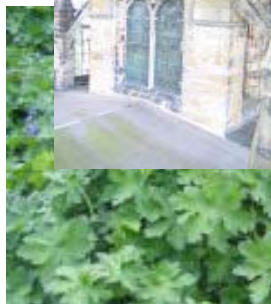
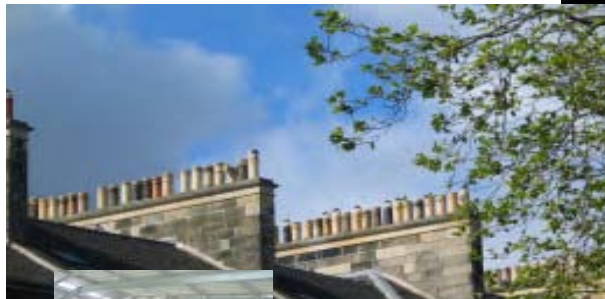


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Scotland, June 2005

These are "cityscapes."
We'll revisit the
countryside next time!





Ludlow Porch

No matter where you live, you can enjoy The Ludlow Porch Show on your computer! Just visit <http://www.funseekers.net> and follow the prompts. You'll not only find the program, but you'll find the toll-free phone numbers for outside Atlanta, GA that will allow YOU to become part of the show! It's just fun.

Georgia Radio Hall of Fame member, Ludlow Porch, is a pioneer in talk-radio. His humor and wisdom and wit has been on the airwaves for more than thirty years...and it is as fresh today as it has always been! You're in for a treat if you haven't heard Ludlow before...and you'll welcome him back if you have not heard him in awhile.

Visit <http://www.amazon.com> and type in "Ludlow Porch" in the author's box and you'll see a list of Ludlow's books that will make you laugh and laugh and laugh and laugh and laugh.



Beth's visit to Flagstaff, Arizona was made possible by Ludlow and Nancy and AirTran Airlines.

friendly place to be.

Clan Lockhart's tent features an almost life-sized banner with their castle inviting folks to have their photograph made with the castle as a backdrop...wonderful idea! Clan Lockhart always has a small "flock" of toy sheep just in front of their display (It is tradition that I "tip" at least one sheep!). The youngsters flock (pun intended) to the soft and cuddly creatures...and their parents stay to visit.

At the Clan Home tent, you're likely to see Clyde, the Stealth Camel - well, his halter anyway. As the home of the Clan Home Air Force

(Yes, you can join!) there are many artifacts attesting to the proud Clan Home Air Force and their "flyovers" at many Highland Games. The Air Force flies Stealth Sopwith Camels. (If you'd like more information, just email <aeaton@cflrr.com>)

Clan Montgomery has given away red and purple Mardi Gras beads for years and years. Their tent is always filled with tartan, flowers, beautifully arranged displays of books and photographs and more.

I can't tell you the numbers of creative folks you'll find at Highland Games. Just look at the paperweights next time you visit clan tents. There are painted rocks made to look like tartan, sheep, haggis, you-name-it - but all great fun - and useful too.

Clan Donald probably has the biggest "feast" of most games...with many clansfolk bringing about anything that tastes good. The tent is always attractively set up with tartan and flowers and books and more.



Recently, a Clan Hunter member had made three huge panels featuring something like 66 Hunter Coats-of-Arms. These panels are to be used as a backdrop in the Clan Hunter tents!

Clan Wallace in the Southeast always arrives early to Highland Games as it takes hours and hours to set up the walls of their tent and the display of

weaponry and books and paintings and more.

I must mention the Clan - and I am embarrassed that I can't remember which it is - who has a "Sword in the Stone" for the little ones to try and magically pull from the stone. The

gentleman tells the youngsters about being brave and courageous and honorable and good...and when the kids agree to working on having all of those qualities...the magic occurs and the sword slides out of the stone. (It's all safe...and those children will never, ever forget it!)

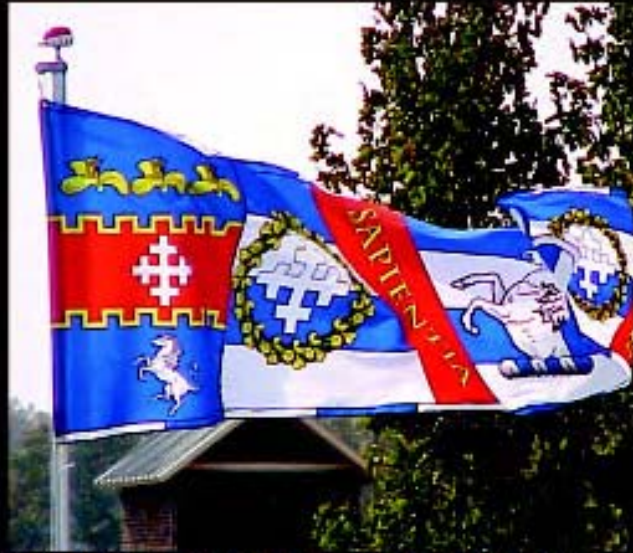
I haven't scratched the surface of all the creative things to be seen at Clan Tents at the games.

There are so many more wonderful things. We'll do this again.

I haven't mentioned either, the naked tables with nothing except the little bit of paper that the games provide to let you know which tent is whose...and not anything else.

Tom and I have been talking about some way to award creativity at games. I'll let you know when we figure out what we can do...

But, if you're going to a Highland Event - please think about your Clan Tent and how you can make it better! It simply adds to the fun of it all!



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Wish Upon a Dream reality on the Isle of Man

Wish Upon a Dream was founded by Lesley Turnbull in 2007. The aim of the non-profit organization is to enable terminally ill and sick Children from the Isle of Man, UK to fulfill some of their ambitions and dreams. The charity recently granted a wish celebrating its first anniversary. Six children experienced a flight over the Island. The children ranged in age from four to thirteen. They are sick or in remission for their conditions. They were able to get a bird's eye view of their schools and homes as they flew above the Island. Also on board was founder, Lesley Turnbull.

The wish was granted through the arrangements of Ms. Turnbull and courtesy of Manx2. Lesley said, "It is our first birthday – a year since we granted our first wish and it coincided with Manx2's birthday." Manx2 chairman Noel Hayes said, "It has been really nice to do something for the kids and give them a few moments of happiness...it has been a great and uplifting experience because it's given a chance to put something back and I think days like this make everyone realize really how fortunate people are in life."

Last year one of the wishes granted was for Joseph. "Mid 2007 saw our first wish being granted to Joseph. He suffers from a condition known as 'Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type II' and is confined to wheelchair. A close family friend nominated Joseph for his wish of a spa that would aid and relax his muscles and allow him home water therapy whenever he needed it. A 'Softub' developed in America has transformed his everyday life.

With help from Swales of Laxey the wish happened. It requires various water treatments to keep the water right at all times and Swales are on hand to deal with any problems that may arise. Joseph knew nothing of the nomination or what was happening in an extension to his home and all delivered courtesy of Phoenix Logistics.

The day of the surprise came and Joseph's

face was a picture of joy and delight, his new spa with coloured, underwater lighting was exactly right. This was as amazing for his parents, to know that their son could have this water therapy treatment in the home, their faces a picture. Joseph is such a lovely child and very deserving of his wish, that is in constant use."

For more about *Wish Upon A Dream*, visit <http://www.wishuponadream.co.uk>.

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., September 20, 2008 at the Webb Wesconnett Branch Library, 6889 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

History, mystery, and genealogy in true story form from the book, "The Lost German Slave Girl," is what Barbara Kiersch, our speaker, brings to our meeting.

It should be an interesting meeting; please plan to attend.

For additional information please contact Mary Chauncey at (904) 781-9300.

Could You Be Related To . . . James Turnbull?

With thanks to *The Bullseye* - the publication of the Clan Turnbull Association.

Could you be related to James Turnbull, a private soldier of the 3rd Regiment of Guards?

Before answering or delving too far perhaps it would be wise to learn more about this soldier Turnbull. He is not known for his heroic patriotism. His fame comes from a different sort of heroic act.

James Turnbull robbed the National Mint in the Tower of London the 25th of February 1799. A private soldier of the 3rd Regiment of Guards, he received orders on the 20th of December 1798 to work in the die in the coinage of guineas. At 9:00 in the morning, James pretended to go with the other men to breakfast.

James, in fact, did not stay at breakfast. He returned from breakfast after only a minute or two with a fellow comrade named Dalton.

Dalton stood at the door while James put a pistol to the head of an apprentice named Finch, who had been left in care of the coining room. A Mr. Chambers was also present.

James demanded the key to the chest where the finished guineas were deposited. Mr. Chambers attempted to interfere. With the pistol now leveled at his forehead, he and Finch were pushed down a passage leading to another room into which they were forced and consequently locked.

James then opened the chest and removed four bags, containing two thousand three hundred and eighty guineas and proceeded to escape with them before any alarm could be made. He managed to elude detection for a fortnight, but was discovered on the 5th of January, at Dover, when he attempted to hire a boat to carry him to France.

With the evidence against him, he ac-



knowledged himself to be guilty of the robbery and when called to make his defense was immediately found guilty by the jury. He was sentenced to death and instantly replied, "I have now heard my sentence, and I thank God for it."

James Turnbull was tried and convicted on the 25th of February, 1799. He was executed on the 15th of May before Newgate. So, is James in your family line? And if so, will you admit it?

(Story contributed by Fiona Turnbull)

Glimpses of Old-World Scotland Remembered

Col. Cliff H. MacLean Hansen, Ret.

I have received a number of inquiries. I shall discuss this one because of its application to a wide swath of name organizations.

“Do you know where the name *Reeder* was common in the British Isles? Was there a difference between a *Reeder* and a *Thatcher*? What books might be able to help me in my search?”

There is a rule which has a few exceptions...persons being named from places, not places from persons. This applies to rural pursuits and occupations which predominate among us. Hence the origination of Tennant, Farmer, Grieve and Fairgrieve, Carter, Shepherd, Shearer, Harrower, Tasker, Thrasher or Thrashie.

Bowman was the man in charge of the “Bow” or cattle; “Husband” is he who cultivated the portion of soil which derived from him the name of husbandland, a measure known in Merse and

Lothian. Granger has his name from looking after the grange - or homestead of a farm.

Many names stem from the chase and hunting. Hunter, Fischer, Falconer and Fowler are some names which derive from these. The Falconers called their domain “Halkerson (Hawker’s town), and a family of reputation derived its surname from the town of the Fowler - Fullerton. The park-keeper became Parker and the officer in charge of the warren, Warrener or Warrender, equivalent to the Norman De Warrenne. The guardian of the forest took many shapes of name...Forrester, Forster, Foster, Forrest and even Forret. More warlike occupations give us Archers, Stalkers and Spearmans.

The name Grieve mentioned before may have its origin in a higher office; perhaps the Shiregrieve

or Sheriff. Area wise, besides Elgin and again near Forres, there are estates called Greeship Lands. We can assume estates were attached to the Office of Sheriff when there were sheriffs and courts at each of these burgs.

We must accept the fact when researching a family name, which stemmed from a common farm occupation as mentioned. The family area location will be difficult. The humble people of Scotland, unless arrested for murder, robbery, debt, etc., would rarely be mentioned in public records. None-

theless, thousands of names are listed in public records. To find a name means hours of research reading. With the ever expanding capabilities of our modern computers, I believe someday these records will be surveyed - all names listed...and can be found instantly by future family research-

ers. Meanwhile, keep backtracking your ancestors and with luck you will find a place name location. With a positive location, family-wise, researchers in Scotland will be able to fill some family tree branches.

The General Register Office for Scotland

The General Register Office is located in the New Register House. The New House is at the east end of Edinburgh’s Princess Street, directly opposite the Balmoral Hotel, a few minutes walk from the main Waverly railway station, the bus station and the airport bus stop. There is NO space for car parking or baggage storage. With advance

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notice prior arrangements can be made for customers with disabilities.

Be sure and call if you wish to visit New Register House to be sure of the hours and if the facility will be open when you wish to visit.

Guidance for General Research Customers in New Register House

A general search is one for an unlimited number of entries in their records over any period of years made by a members of the public. Access to the records is NOT normally allowed to anyone under 16 years of age. The number of places in the search rooms is limited and space is not guaranteed to be available to you on a particular day if you have not made a reservation. Advance bookings are taken for a proportion of the search places, the remainder being filled on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are traveling any distance to Edinburgh, you are strongly advised, if possible, to book a search place in advance.

By contacting the Search Room Supervisor, you can make a booking or ask questions about booking arrangements to include block bookings. These bookings can be made in person by writing or telephoning 031 314 4433. If you book a place for a particular day it will be held for you until 10:00. If you do not appear by then, don't call and say you will arrive later in the day as they may let someone else have your booked time. If you are holding a weekly, four-weekly, quarterly or annual pass and you are not going to be present at the New Register House on a particular day or part of the day, you should inform the Supervisor in the appropriate search room by 10:00 that day, so someone else can use your booked seat. There are no charges for booking a place. You will, however, need to buy a valid pass allowing you admis-



sion to the records.

(Today, charges for a year's pass are well over 1200 pounds.)

You will realize the economy of hiring a local professional researcher.

Upon entering the building you must show your valid pass to the staff at the reception desk. If you are without a pass or your pass is out-of-date, you will be asked to take a numbered ticket and wait your turn to buy a valid pass at the public counter. In the morning, when the building opens, the public counter is a hectic location.

To avoid queuing, you may, at any other time when the public counter is staffed, pay in advance for one of their limited number of bookable spaces. Alternately, you may queue and take a chance that a place might be available that day.

Don't arrive at the New Register House with items such as a suitcase or backpack. There is no room for them. For security purposes and valuable records protection from fire or theft, visitors are occasionally asked to submit to a search to include any handbag, briefcase or similar items which have been brought into the building.

You may pay for your pass and for any certificate you buy in cash, VISA or MasterCard, by sterling check supported by a British check card or by a sterling Traveler's Cheque.

The best antique is an old friend.



**Simon Fraser University
wins World Pipe Band
Championship!**

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Playing host to an impressive array of bands across the globe, we were on hand to put interviews and performances from throughout the week on to our website. You can find the results at www.scotlandontv.tv. Just follow the links from the homepage.

We were extremely lucky to gain exclusive access to rehearsals during the week by the Spirit of Scotland Pipe Band, specially formed this year for the elite Grade 1 competition at 'the Worlds'. This band contains some of the best-ever solo pipers, who due to their individual pursuits are unable to commit to a band all year round.

We talked to some of them, including Jim McGillivray from Aurora, Ontario, a former top-class performer and leading judge.

Another band that features in our extensive coverage is the Oran Mor Pipe Band from Albany, New York, who performed in the Glasgow's pic-

turesque George Square to celebrate the start of Piping Live!. Their Pipe Major Andrew Douglas was in good form and looking forward to the Worlds.

As well as an interview with him we have a full performance by the band, as we do the Australia Highlanders from Melbourne and their Pipe Major Danny Boyle.

You can also find us chatting to long-serving Pipe Major Bill Livingstone from The Scottish Lion 78th Fraser Highlanders at the website, the band arriving over from Ontario and caught having to practise in some typical Scottish weather! It was extremely interesting to hear him talk about the commitment necessary for the members of his band to come over every year.

There was also a huge amount of preparation involved when we exclusively captured The House of Edgar Shotts & Dykehead Pipe Band while in

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final rehearsals for the esteemed annual pre-Worlds concert, which took place at Glasgow's Royal Concert Hall, the band accompanied by a folk band and even cheer-leaders!

On the actual day of the World Pipe Band Championships we managed to gather a whole host of footage highlighting the best of the day's events, all of which can be found at our website.

There was so much going on that even if you attended you were bound to miss some of the magic, which is why we tried to capture as much of it as possible, and of the people from home and abroad who helped to make it such a special occasion.

First of all there's Canadian pipe band Simon Fraser University's reaction as the results were announced that they had become Grade 1 champions for the fifth time, taking the title away from Ireland's Field Marshal Montgomery.

We talked to SFU Pipe Sergeant Jack Lee just as they celebrated another famous victory.

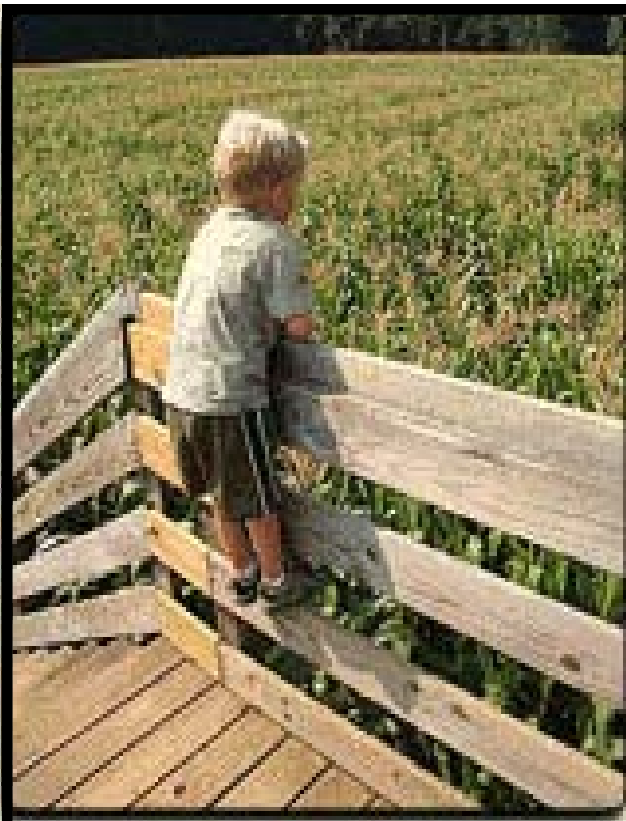
We have footage of both those bands rehearsing at Glasgow Green, as we do Shotts & Dykehead, Spirit of Scotland and many more top acts, as well as the competition performances from some of the best Grade 2 pipe bands. Around the day we also got to talk to participants from Australia, Canada and America, all of whom were certainly making the most of a day that had promised to be something of a mud bath, though thankfully the weather turned out for the best.

It was a long day, but a very enjoyable one, and hopefully that comes over in the videos we've made!

We hope you enjoy what's on offer at www.scotlandontv.tv, and return to visit us as soon as possible.

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