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Frae the Chair



First, my apologies for allowing the combination of decisions and cascade of events to result in a quite late issue. The first decision was holding it after the Cobourg Highland Games. As the only games running in Eastern Canada and that we could feasibly attend, it was important to get photos in this issue for it. "The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men" can best describe the rest of the delay.

As background for this issue we're featuring the Four Seasons tartan, another of the three beautiful tartans designed during our spring Tartan Day event. This issue also features some full page spreads, such as this page, in order to allow more text and images. Also some re-ordering of content have been done to bring contributions from members to the front of the issue instead of them being constantly relegated to the back.

We welcome in this issue the recently joined members: Clan Colquhoun, Kennedy Society and the National Capital Highland Games. We also have featured an announcement from member ScotlandShop about their new North American presence and provided, as sponsorship, a page on the Fèis by The Toronto Gaelic Society this upcoming weekend.

It never ceases to bring wonderment to me how the universe connects the dots for important challenges such as dealing with organizational leadership, succession, membership and engagement of youth. I've had leadership/succession as an ongoing concern about CASSOC since assuming the position of Chairperson back in 2019. It appeared then that there weren't any others willing to take on the position. Doing much about this, of course, was quite hampered by the COVID pandemic which arrived during the second quarter of my first year as chairperson.

Not much was accomplished other than connecting with other organizations that this was not a unique concern and that the companion challenge to leadership/succession was declining membership numbers combined with the engagement of youth. My gut feeling evolved to a belief that both these concerns arose from deeper issues in how organizations are structured in governance. Then the universe stepped by connecting dots as follows:

1) In early August an article showed up in my email titled 'Why some of the smartest people can be so very stupid' (<https://psyche.co/ideas/why-some-of-the-smartest-people-can-be-so-very-stupid>). In summary, it pointed out that no matter how much better one executes old, inappropriate, un-adapted tactics, the results can not achieve what an evolved strategy will provide. More often the result is failure and stagnation such as was seen with the horrific trench warfare of WWI.

2) Later in August, James Brisbin, the seanchaidh of Clan Kincaid, sent three articles one of which has the Bridge Builder poem by Will Allen Dromgoole that follows. The message I understood from it was that putting concrete and viable mechanisms in place is critical in enabling those that follow to take on leadership and responsibility.

3) At the beginning of September our patron Charles, Lord Bruce, sent us an email asking for our advice on making the next generation of chiefs better prepared to assume the responsibility for leadership of Scotland's clans and families. Our reply was that this aligned with our greater concerns for leadership and membership thus we are very supportive of this initiative and will gladly participate in activities for it.

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4) In mid-September, one of our vice-chairs, John Duff, noted that a non-member Scottish organization is recruiting for a board position which specially would provide direct input as representation for youth.

5) While assembling this issue, I discovered that one of our members has term limits in place for a leadership position. Something that I know is the norm for many other organizations. In particular some whose core membership derives from a very young pool of individuals and have demonstrated very many years of organizational continuity and success.

What does this all mean? The answer is not complete yet however we can see that these are pointing to the need for deeper change that is far beyond trying to do the 'same old' but term limits, youth representation, and mechanisms to bring change that expands options and options for membership must be part of the core of our strategies for a successful future. Your thoughts are welcome!

Yours Aye,

William Robert Petrie : Clan Gregor
chairperson@cassoc.ca



Will Allen Dromgoole

The Bridge Builder

by Will Allen Dromgoole circa 1900

An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm and deep and wide,
Through which was winging a sullen de.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for '
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the de.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,
"You are winning strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide-
Why build you this bridge at the evening de?"

The builder ed his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth er me today,
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.

This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a p be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Fáilte!

On behalf of our publisher, Siobhan L. Covington, please enjoy this new complimentary copy!

[PDF https://cel-clifeintl.com/october2021](https://cel-clifeintl.com/october2021) or [Flipbook https://online.iphtml5.com/iznnk/krhk/](https://online.iphtml5.com/iznnk/krhk/)

Feel free to share with members of your Clan!

Slainte!

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About CASSOC

Founded in 1976, CASSOC's purpose is:

- To advance Scottish Cultural Heritage in Canada, such that Scottish culture be defined to include, but not be restricted to, traditional Highland, Island and Lowland cultures, whether in Scotland, Canada or wherever Scottish Culture may be expressed;
- To foster the organization of and co-operation and communication between Scottish federations, clans, societies or groups through the initiation and co-ordination of projects and undertakings;

Membership in CASSOC is open to any and all organizations which promote or encourage some aspect of Scottish tradition or culture, represent a link between the Scottish people and their descendants and relations in Canada, or seek to develop an understanding of the role Scotland and its culture has played in the development of Canada and its history.

Patrons:

Charles Edward Bruce, Lord Bruce, DL MA MSc FSA Scot

Major The Hon. Sir Lachlan MacLean of Duart, Bt. CVO DL

Meetings 2021—2022:

The 2021 Spring Delegate's meeting was held April 11 as a Tartan Week Party.

The next General Assembly meeting will be held November 28, 2021 2pm to 5pm virtually. Notifications and how to connect will be provided in the upcoming weeks. Scheduling of regular meetings from 2022 onward is pending.

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Guidelines for submissions are:

Submissions due by the first of the month of publication

Word/text readable format is preferred

A grant of right of use for publication and posting on the web is implied

Submitter must be able to legally provide the contents. For instance, please ensure that you have image rights for persons in photographs.

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CASSOC, the editor and agents assume no responsibility nor liability for submitted content in terms of factual correctness or right of use.

All submissions will be published with the implied or explicit attribution of source.

Any member group of CASSOC may submit an advertisement to AD at no cost.

Website:

The website contains, among other things, a list of Scottish and Celtic Events in Canada, Canadian Regional tartans, and a list of our member groups with a link to their websites and other digital media, as well as their membership contact information. On the Events list, for each date, our member group events are

Games, Festivals and other Events

As of publication, check the [CASSOC website](#) for the latest listings as well as the 2022 schedule as is currently known.

In-person gatherings will be subject to ongoing restrictions for public gatherings. As the date for these events approach, please verify status with the event organizers.

| 2021 Dates and Times | Description | Location |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Thursday, Oct 14: 8pm ET | St Andrew's Society Toronto 48th Highlanders and the Legacy of Highland Culture | Online: Register Here |
| Friday and Saturday, Oct 15-16 | Gaelic Society of Toronto ; Fèis Chomunn Gàidhlig Toronto A festival weekend of traditional Gaelic arts and culture | Online, Info: https://www.gaelicsocietytoronto.com/fegraveis.html |
| Saturday, Nov 6: 10-11:30am ET | Highland Studies Foundation Signed and Sealed: The Rise of the Charter in Medieval Scotland | Online: Register Here |
| Friday, Nov 12: 6-7pm ET | St Andrew's Society Toronto Ceilidh Cocktail Hour | Online: Register by email |
| Sunday, Nov 28: 2-5pm ET | Clans and Scottish Society of Canada Annual General Meeting | Online: Info: www.cassoc.ca |
| Friday to Sunday, Dec 10-11 | Scottish North American Community Conference | Online: Register Here |

Campbell's Ceilidhs are starting up again

The next set of Campbell's Ceilidhs start on Sunday 10th October until Sunday 12th December 2021.

I host these weekly online global gathering of songs, tunes, poems and offerings from friends, fans and family. The ceilidhs will take place on Sundays at 7 (UTC).

Sign up to the mailing list to join us each week.

[Sign up to the mailing list](#)



Centre for Scottish Studies: Online Event



**Saturday, November 6, 2021
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EDT
(Eastern Canada and US)**

Greetings from the Scottish Studies Foundation.

As all in-person events have been cancelled due to the pandemic, the University of Guelph's 2021 Scottish Studies Fall Colloquium is being replaced by an online event hosted on Zoom,

which will feature the launch and exhibit of its valuable medieval Scottish land charter collection. The Keynote speaker will be Prof. Cynthia Neville, formerly of Dalhousie University, now of the University of Guelph's Centre for Scottish Studies. The event is free and open to the public worldwide.

More than just property deeds, charters can tell us much about Scottish people, their livestock and their lands in the Middle Ages. Inclusion clauses in charters reveal the local saints to whom they prayed and the names of the family member whose souls they prayed for. Some charters closely describe the lands they bestowed including wells, ponds, copses and streams that have long since disappeared. Their seals are embossed with heraldry that projects the authority of the grantor. Witness lists can help historians reconstruct personal names and relationships that were held by local elites. And even DNA, sampled from the parchment, can tell us something about the cattle, sheep and goats that inhabited medieval Scotland centuries ago. (Read an article by Dr. Susannah Ferreira on the Medieval Land Charters of Scotland [here.](#))

— REGISTRATION —

To register please visit the Eventbrite site at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/signed-and-sealed-the-rise-of-the-charter-in-medieval-scotland-tickets-174360586207>

Please note that the event is limited to 300 attendees so early booking is advised. Registration for all will close 24 hours before the event date.

About 24 hours before the talk starts, a reminder containing the Zoom link will be sent to you via email. The link will also be posted on the Eventbrite site which can be accessed by logging on to <https://www.eventbrite.com/> and clicking on "Tickets." Once there, click on "Go to online event page" associated with the appropriate event. This will take you to the page where the link will be posted.

I do hope you will find this talk of interest. Please visit our [website](#) which will be updated as more items of interest become available.

Best regards and thank you very much for your support,

David Hunter

President

Scottish Studies Foundation

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CASSOC Scottish Studies Graduate Bursary



COLLEGE of ARTS

August 24, 2021

Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada
Mr. Bill Petrie
78-24 Fundy Bay Blvd
Scarborough, ON, M1W 3A4

Dear Mr. Petrie and Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada,

On behalf of the College of Arts, I would like to extend a sincere thank you for your gift of \$5,000 designated to the CASSOC Scottish Studies Graduate Bursary and for the fulfilment of your pledge.

Gifts such as these are essential to the University's ability to foster a culture of innovative learning and excellence for our students.

Furthermore, at times like these, knowing there are others that embody generosity is humbling and inspiring. You are a big part of our community, a community who cares, a community who looks after each other, and a community that is engaged in Improving Life.

On behalf of the University community, thank you again for your dedication to the College of Arts and for your philanthropic generosity. We could not accomplish all that we do without your support.

With my best wishes for you and the people close to you.

Sincerely,

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For more information on the CASSOC Scottish Studies Graduate Bursary click [here](#) or go to the Graduate Award page at

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/studfinance/apps/grawards?id=I6048>

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SCOTLANDSHOP



ScotlandShop is coming to Albany, NY

For 19 years we have served customers in the US & Canada from our base in Duns in the Scottish Borders and now we are very excited to announce that we will be opening a base in Albany, capital of New York state in January 2022. Our [appointments page](#) is already open if you want to be one of the first to visit!

You might be wondering why Albany and why open a branch overseas in such uncertain times? We have sold to customers in the US and overseas since day 1 and both the internet and social media have meant that despite being located in a very rural area in the south of Scotland, we are not limited by the local population in how we can grow our business. The opportunity to reach customers is almost unlimited. In the last 18 months our favourite move has been into video appointments and consultations with customers. Everyone is so used to Zoom now and it is great fun teaching people how to measure and chatting about tartan

with someone thousands of miles away, hearing their family stories and why they are choosing that specific tartan.

However despite all of the above saying how fabulous e-commerce and video calling is, nothing beats face to face and pre-Covid as we started researching where to have our base in the US we ran pop-up shops and attended Highland Games all over the country, including our tour of Glengarry & Montreal as well Fergusburgh Festival. These were well received and the passion from our American and Canadian customers spurred us on to do mountains of desk research during Covid into key populations with Scottish heritage, locations with historical connections to Scotland and it has been an amazing journey, we have learnt so much and spoken to so many interesting people running Scottish Societies and events. Albany is a great location for accessing the rest of the US and popping over the border into Canada. We intend to run a regular pop-up measuring service in New York once a month, and support lots of events and organisations from our new base. We will also be able to extend our customer service hours and provide you with even more opportunities to chat to our tartan experts, whether you can make it to Albany or not.

Some of you might have already met our Marketing Manager, Emily Redman who will spearhead the project taking up residence in the States and she can't wait to meet you all. Send her your thoughts and ideas or arrange a call to discuss them. emily@scotlandshop.com





JOIN THE TARTAN *Clan* THIS CHRISTMAS



Your very own Canadian Tartans Tartan Garland to hang on your door at Christmas time or during the festive season. So lovely you will never want to take it down! Your very own piece of Scottish heritage which can be used year after year.

We use over 1.5 metres of beautiful fabric woven locally here in Scotland to make your garland so you can be assured of the authenticity of your tartan.

Need some help choosing your Christmas gift? We are on hand with help and advice via phone, livechat, email and our Virtual Appointments via video call.

[CREATE YOUR TARTAN GARLAND](#)

A Very Tartan Christmas



Every culture and family has different traditions and rituals around special occasions such as Christmas and Scotland is no different. Did you know that until 1958 Christmas wasn't even a national holiday? Garlands used to be used primarily as part of religious rituals, or as personal accessories but are now particularly popular Christmas decorations.



[LEARN THE HISTORY OF THE GARLAND](#)

St. Andrew's Society of Toronto: Upcoming Events

48TH HIGHLANDERS & THE LEGACY OF HIGHLAND CULTURE



RORY MCDONELL
University of Glasgow



LCOL. RON ALKEMA
48th Highlanders

ZOOM SPEAKER SERIES

THURSDAY, OCT. 14

8:00-9:00PM

Free to attend

The 48th Highlanders of Canada will be celebrating their 130th anniversary in mid-October. The St. Andrew's Society of Toronto is pleased to mark the occasion with two respected speakers. Lieutenant-Colonel Ron Alkema will talk about the history of the 48th Highlanders and Rory McDonnell will talk about the military and cultural traditions of the Highlands, with a focus on the role of pipers. Each will speak for about 15 minutes and take a few questions.

This Zoom event is free to attend. It will start at 8:00pm ET on Thursday, October 14 and run for about an hour. Please register in advance for the session on [Eventbrite](#). The necessary information to participate will be emailed to you 48-hours before the event.

St. Andrew's Society of Toronto: Upcoming Events



As a fun way to connect with members and anyone interested in Scottish culture, the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto has started hosting online Ceilidh Cocktail Hours. After a year and a half of not being able to see each other in-person, it's a great way to get together, have a dram and enjoy a party piece or two. Last month we were entertained by piping, singing, story telling andiddle tunes. Of course, it's not compulsory to do a party piece, just your presence is great too!

The next Ceilidh Cocktail Hour will be on Friday 12th November, hope to see you there! To receive the zoom link, email Kathryn at tartanhistlenews@gmail.com

National Capital Highland Games: New Member



**NATIONAL CAPITAL
HIGHLAND GAMES**

History of NCHG

Every Highland Games athlete has to start somewhere. For Erin Roberts, her first events as a newbie to the throwing scene in Sea Le were memorable not only for the competition, but for the warm welcome she received from the heavy athletics community. “All I needed was my Sport Kilt, a love for the culture, and a big smile,” Erin recalls.

Her experience was notably different when she returned to her hometown of Ottawa, Ontario. There, she encountered a catch-22 of sorts (or a throw-22): female throwers needed experience to compete, but there weren’t any local events for beginners to get that experience.

So Erin did the bravest thing she could think of: she started her own. Erin recruited adventurous women from her CrossFit gym to add new, female energy to her favorite sport. The inaugural National Capital Highland Games opened in 2019 with half of its 48 heavy athletics athletes competing for the first time.

The NCHG found a welcoming home with the Capital Fair who proudly hosts this event in a joint venture. Visit www.capitalfair.ca for more and follow Erin on Instagram under the name “Kiltedathlete”.

These Games represent the culmination of a dream to close the experience gap, grow local talent, and promote women in the sport. Ironically, Erin ethically doesn’t compete in her own Games, but, she says, “the reward of seeing new female athletes try this sport and love it feels like a personal place win to me!” ...

Editor’s Note: This history was adapted from materials on the website for Sportkilt where Erin has been highlighted as one of their Ambassadors. We’re also happy to provide this quote from her email about the Cobourg Highland Games where we met.

“It was a pleasure to meet you at such a wonderful event. I had so much fun that day in the beautiful sun with the wonderful music and people. I even managed to throw the caber with a perfect score! An all around amazing day!”



Unknown Tartan Request

Early in this summer we received an email from Brad Robinson requesting help in identifying a tartan. All that was known is that it was apparently WWI. The images below were also provided.



An attempt to identify the tartan using the Tartan Register is described in this email to Brad.

"The attached image is what was generated at <https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/searchDesigns> using 'K=BLACK;R=RED;G=GREEN;W=WHITE' for palette and 'G/36 K8 G8 K8 G8 K28 G28 K4 W12 K4 G28 K28 G28 K4 R/16' for thread-count.



A search for similar tartans didn't provide an immediate match on the first few pages. My suspicion is that this is an unregistered military tartan or variant. It does look close to an existing Military Intelligence design. You may have to use some additional clues from the garment or history to find out more. There are clues in the way the straps are done, the pleating as well as the lining material.

For instance, since the kilt is pleated to the stripe, this is good indicator that it is a military garment.

I certainly encourage you to try out the online tool to check out all the similar tartans. There are 25 pages. You may find one that is close enough to hint at derivation and thus may get further in your search.

Lastly, you may get more relevant matches by adjusting the palette. I'm not sure if what I've put as green is actually a blue or in between."

If you've any information that may help with this, please contact the [editor](#)



Recipe Corner from Clan Hunter Association of Canada

Jam Roly-Poly (or shirt sleeve pudding)

Jam Roly-Poly is a traditional British dessert probably invented in the early 19th century. It is a flat-rolled pudding, which is then spread with jam preserve) and rolled up. Jam Roly-Poly was also known as shirt-sleeve pudding, because it was steamed and served in an old shirt-sleeve. It can be served with pouring custard.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound Flour
- 6 ounces Beef suet finely minced
- 1 ounce Flour extra
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1/2 pint Water ; or yolks of 4 eggs
- 1/2 pound Raspberry ; or Strawberry Jam

Method:

To make suet crust pastry:

Flour, baking powder and salt

Add suet, rub well into flour with tips of fingers

Add water (or egg yolks) gradually, making a very dry dough. Do not add all water unless necessary. On a floured board roll out the suet crust to an oblong about 1/4 in thickness.

To make the roly-poly:

Spread the suet crust with as much jam as you wish, to within 1/2 in of the edge all round. Roll up as for a Swiss Roll, seal the edges and close the ends.

Take a clean cloth large enough to take the pudding, and wring it out in hot water. Spread it flat, and dust liberally with flour.

Roll the pudding in the cloth, tie both ends tightly with string.

Lower it into a large pan of boiling water, with a trivet or inverted plate on the bottom.

Let it boil continuously for 1 1/2 hours, adding extra boiling water from the kettle if needed.

Serve with custard, or sweet white sauce, or jam sauce.



The Toronto Gaelic Society: Fèis Event



Fèis Chomunn Gàidhlig Thoronnto

Friday, October 15-Saturday, October 16

gaelicsocietytoronto.com/fegraveis.html

We are having a Fèis weekend (traditional Gaelic arts and culture festival) October 15-16. Due to the pandemic, the Fèis will be online again this year. The event will include the Annual General Meeting on Friday the 15th, followed immediately by a traditional Friday Night Ceilidh. Saturday morning will include workshops on Gaelic in Caithness, the new SpeakGaelic program, a presentation on Gaelic History in Canada, and an interactive workshop on Gaelic music. Saturday evening, there will be a free virtual screening of Pelicula Films and BBC Alba's *As an Eilean*.



AGM and Friday Night Ceilidh with Robyn Carrigan and David Livingston-Lowe

**Saturday:
Calum Maclean & Joy Dunlop
Àdhamh Ó Broin
David Rankin
Gillebride MacMillan**

**Online Watch Party - Pelicula Films
and BBC ALBA presents: *As an Eilean***



Family of Bruce International



An Great Grant Council

Family of Bruce International will renew its tradition of holding its Annual General Meeting at the Stone Mountain Games in Stone Mountain, Georgia on October 16, 2021. Our organization has held its AGM there every year since FOBI's founding in 2005, with the exception of 2020, due to COVID and the cancellation of the games. The Stone Mountain Games was also the site of the AGM of Bruce International, one of our predecessor organizations, from 1984 to 2004.

Unfortunately these plans could change given the current COVID surge, but we hope that that does not happen. We would love to see as many members there as possible for this event. The meeting takes place at the games and is followed that evening by a family dinner at a nearby restaurant. If you plan to attend the games, please stop by at our tent site and say hello. Photo from our last gathering in 2019.



Clan Colquhoun of Canada: New Member



CREST: A stag's head gules, red with ten tynes argent

MOTTO: Si Je Puis: If I Can

SEPTS: Calhoun, Cahoon, Cahoone, Cohoon, Colhoun, Cowan, Cowen, Cowing, Ingram (or Ingraham), Kilpatrick, King, Kirkpatrick, Laing (or Lang) , McCowan, McMains (or McMain), McManus, McClintock and McOwan

A SHORT HISTORY:

Sir Ivar Colquhoun, 30th Laird of Luss and 32nd Chief of Colquhoun succeeded as chief of the clan in 1948. He was the longest serving chief of the clan having served for almost 60 years until his death in 2008. Upon his death he was succeeded by his surviving son Malcolm.

Sir Malcolm is married to Katharine, Lady Colquhoun. His heir-apparent, Patrick Colquhoun, Younger of Luss, was born of his wife Susan Timmerman. Altogether there are three children. Sir Malcolm chairs the Luss Estates. In 2012, they opened the Loch Lomond Arms Hotel in Luss.



Kennedy Society of North America: New Member



The Kennedy Society is proud to once again be associated with CASSOC and hopes to be able to meet and engage Canadian Kennedys once the pandemic restrictions are past. The Society would also like to pay tribute to our late Canadian chairman, John Angus Kennedy (1929-2017) of Alliston, ON. Born in Inverness, NS, he was a combined Kennedy and Scot through and through. Our appreciation cannot be adequately enough described.

After a year plus hiatus, the KSNA has begun once again to be represented at games. So far, we have been to the Smoky Mountain games in Maryville TN, Grandfather Mountain in Linville NC, and Ligonier PA. All of the games were vibrant and well attended. Scotland County NC, Stone Mountain GA, and Charleston SC are on the list for the remainder of the year.

Ligonier was the site of the 2021 AGM, and it was a very appropriate place to hold such a meeting and game. Standing as Fort Ligonier, it is the site of the last in a series of forts built during the campaign of 1758 to divest the French from the forks of the Ohio. The prior campaign under General Braddock had not gone too well. General John Forbes of Dunfermline was in charge of this initiative, and utilized Highland regiments in the undertaking. It was he who named the new fortifications and town after William. However, in true Scots fashion, the name was to be pronounced the same as Edinburgh. The fort and Highland units also played a crucial role in breaking Pontiac's siege of Fort Mifflin in 1763. Forbes is a very prominent place and landmark name in Western PA, superseded by only one other Scot from Dunfermline, that being Andrew Carnegie.

The banquet that night featured Matt Gault, Director of Education at the fort, as well as reenactor Wade Stoner. Although his specialty is Capt. Quinn Kennedy, Wade Stoner can assume the rank and dress of not only a variety of levels of the French and British armies but also Colonial forces and First Nations as well. Capt. Kennedy survived the Battle of the Monongahela and went on to serve in the New York/Quebec theater.

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Kennedy Society of North America: New Member

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termer that, being noted for his formation of a light infantry reconnaissance force comprised British regulars, Colonial militia, and First Nations warriors.

It is exciting to announce that the Society not only has rejoined CASSOC but that we are undertaking the creation of a new website. It is also our plan to expand our game footprint across the continent once travel is back to a more normal situation. We certainly welcome anyone interested in Kennedy history and lineage, and not only encourage those individuals to visit the website but to directly contact an officer of the Society. *Avise la n!*

Dave Carrick ~ Chief/President of the Kennedy Society of North America

Kennedy History

The Kennedys have long been associated with Ayrshire, particularly the ancient Kingdom of Carrick. Indeed, Gilbert Mac Kenedi and Gillespie Kennedy, the seneschal of Carrick, are two medieval Kennedys of note. Kinship was claimed with the Earls of Carrick, and the Kennedys were strong supporters of the Bruce. So much so that in 1372 Robert II named John Kennedy of Dunure as chief of the Kennedys as well as the Bailie of Carrick. Gilbert Kennedy was named Lord Kennedy in the late 1450s and David, 3rd Lord Kennedy, was given the title of Earl of Cassillis, a title held by the Kennedy family. By the time of the 12th Earl, an additional title was given: Marquess of Ailsa. The Kennedy family has had many strongholds and castles in Ayrshire, with the most famous and recognizable being Culzean Castle. Constructed between 1777-1792, it is considered to be architect Robert Adam's greatest achievement. Culzean was given to the National Trust in 1945, and the last Marquess to be born there was the late 8th Ailsa, Archibald Angus Charles Kennedy. However, the Kennedy family continues to live nearby, as the 9th Marquess resides in Maybole.

The Kennedy Society of North America was founded in 1973 at Grandfather Mountain with the approval of the 7th Marquess, Archibald David Kennedy, and has grown over the years. The Kennedy Society is in games across the continent, especially since the decision in 2005 to not exclusively hold its annual meeting at Grandfather Mountain. More information can be found on the KSNA website, kennedysociety.org. The Society is proud to have the continued support of the Kennedy family via David Thomas Kennedy, the 9th Marquess. His son, Archibald David, is the current Earl of Cassillis.



Kennedy Ancient



Kennedy Modern



Kennedy Weathered

Clan Ramsay International ~ President's Letter

Fellow Clan Members and Friends of Clan Ramsay:

We had a grand time at the Annual General Meeting at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July. It was good to get together after not seeing each other for two years! Thanks to Nancy Miller for writing up the report of the games which you can find in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report is with that also.

I am very proud to be a member of Clan Ramsay International!

We are not as large as some other Scottish clans who have been around and organized longer than we have, but we have a dedicated spirit and fierce loyalty that few can match.

These last 18+ months have been tough on all of us, including our organization. But not only did we keep the Clan alive, we saw it grow and prosper. That doesn't happen without some considerable effort on the part of several members.

I know many of you work behind the scenes representing the Clan at highland games and gatherings, setting up tents, welcoming visitors and recruiting new members. If I knew who all of you were, I would personally thank you a very loud THANK YOU!

I do know who some of you are and I think it's high time you were publicly recognized. This year for the first time we singled out one individual as the outstanding Clan Member for a given period of time.

Congratulations to Pam McNeil for being named the Outstanding Clan Member of 2020. She was recognized at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina in July. You can read the story elsewhere in the newsletter to find out what Pam accomplished for the Clan in recent months.

There are many other people who need to be mentioned: Ronda Ramsay Shackelford who is the Clan Commissioner for several states; Wayne Ramsey Premo in Colorado; Lois Beckner in three states; former Clan President and North Carolina Commissioner, Bob Ramsey; the very talented Laurent Jaunax and several of the commissioners in Europe; Alice Ramsay our webmaster; Michaila Jolly, our new social media guru; Ramona Ramsey our new newsletter editor, former Clan President John Ramsay, who maintains the clan's DNA records and helps members understand it.

All of these folks, and many more, including the officers— David Ramsey Treasurer and Membership Chair, Mary Alice Ramsey Secretary and Nancy Miller, Clan Genealogist, Dr. Carl Bailey, Clan Convenor Emeritus, who started Clan Ramsay in 1978 —do what they do because they are committed to Clan Ramsay. I am proud to be associated with them all!

Yours, Aye Ora et Labor
Dick McGraw, President
Clan Ramsay International



Clan Ramsay International ~ Clansman Handbook



It's a long haul project book... Lady Evelyne and myself have been spending years in building these 90+ pages books. Lady Evelyne had the idea at least 3 years ago to have a clansman's handbook.

It is a wonderful book that is going to give you lot of anecdotes about our clan's history. Did you know there are ties between our clan and the assassination of Henry the IVth, king of France ?

Do you know which Scottish clan is our hereditary enemy ?

Eddie Ramsay and Isabella Penttilä have heavily contributed in giving us some historical information about our clan in Great Britain and in Nordic countries.

Did you know one of our chiefs was Governor General of Indies ?

This wonderful book is prefaced by our current president Richard McGraw and also by the one who is at the beginning of our clan's rebirth : Carl Bailey.

With this book you are going to know how our clan is working, where it is coming from, the French roots (oh yeah !) of a nobleman who came along with William the Conqueror...



These books are also explaining you how our clan is basically working (in Europe) and what are our favourite suppliers.

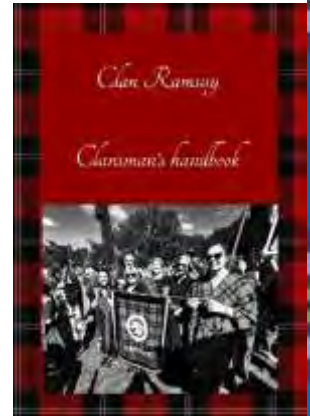
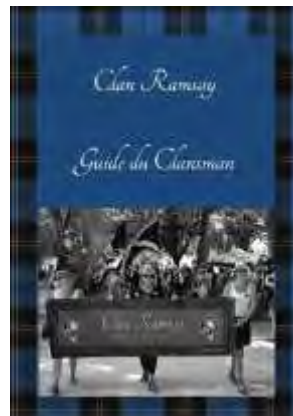
The blue book is written in French... The red one is written in English (well, we intended to...)

If you like collections, purchase them both !!! It is the first editions with mistakes and typos!

Available on lulu.com; click on images Ora et Labora

Laurent Jaunaux

Clan Convener for Europe



Cobourg Highland Games Society

57th Cobourg Highland Games & Highland Games: September 10—11, 2021 Report

Our congratulations to the society on running a very successful and safe event. Everything perfectly combined for this much overdue getting out to be immersed in the music, art, dance, singing and all the rest that we love in Scottish culture.

The great weather blessed the seven clans in attendance. Colquhoun, Gregor, Irwin, MacAulay, MacPherson, MacNeil, and Munro. Of course CASSOC was well represented with four of the clan tents being run by members of the board of directors.

A huge bonus was being next to the pipe band warm up/presentation area (image below). Great music all day!



Cobourg Highland Games Society



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association



The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc. (NBSCA) is preparing to resume some degree of normal activities with two upcoming events. The first was our Annual General Meeting held on October 2nd in Dalhousie, NB at the Resegouche Regional Museum and hosted by the Caledonian Society of Resegouche, one of our fourteen member societies. This is our first meeting since October 2019, so it was great to greet old friends in person. Covid precautions were in place with a request that all attendees be fully vaccinated. Dalhousie is in northern New Brunswick adjacent to the Resegouche River, a world famous Atlantic Salmon River, a portion of which is a Canadian Heritage River. A tour of the Museum and a presentation by the President of the Caledonian Society will be highlights of the AGM.

The second event that the NBSCA will be participating in will be the Fredericton North Heritage Fair on October 16th, in New Brunswick's capital city. The Fair, which was cancelled last year, is an annual event which involves displays by a variety of volunteer heritage and cultural organizations including the Irish and Welsh societies. NBSCA, along with the Fair, formed the Caledonians Committee Inc. The committee was formed in recognition of our mutual interests and to speak as one voice when dealing with the Provincial Government.

The NBSCA has continued publication of the New Brunswick Scottish Journal, our quarterly newsletter during 2020 and 2021 which includes articles by and of interest to our membership.

At this time, it is unclear if there will be St. Andrews Day Dinners as all member societies are being cautious with respect to large indoor gatherings. Flag Raisings will take place in various communities including the Provincial Legislature in Fredericton.

The NBSCA is looking forward to 2022 with the return of our four annual highland games and Scottish Festivals; the Gathering of the Scots in Perth-Andover, The Moncton Highland Games Festival, The New Brunswick Highland Games Festival in Fredericton and The Miramichi Scottish Festival. The New Brunswick Highland Games Festival will give the opportunity to put the open sign on our major fundraiser, The Haggis Café and Scottish Bake Shop. In addition to the Haggis, which is prepared in the Dumfries highlands where the secret haggis roam free, we serve a variety of traditional homemade Scottish bake goods which is enjoyed with the ever popular Irn Bru.

So, in closing, I propose that we all raise a glass to a healthy and exciting year - Slainte Mhath!

Mel Gibson, President

New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

Scottish North America Community Conference

SCOTTISH NORTH AMERICAN COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 10-12, 2021



Join this opportunity for the Scottish North American community to share views, values, experiences and best practices.

Here we'll raise awareness of Scotland and Scottish culture; develop a better understanding of the roles, objectives and operations of the various government, academic, non-profit and private sector organizations that operate in the Scottish-North American community and identify opportunities to enhance communication and collaboration.

Conference 2021 is themed as 'Expressions of Scottishness... Exploring the Full Dimensions of Scotland's Engagement with North America in 2021'.

Delivery will be online through Zoom and will feature prominent guest presenters from Scotland and the Scottish North American community.

Tickets are now available at <https://scottishleadershipconference.com/>

Clan Munro Association of Canada ~ Frae the President's Pen

Dear Cousins,

Autumn is just around the corner, as the much cooler nights and shorter days have arrived to warn us. Covid-19 is still playing a major role in all our lives – whether it's the dilemma as to when to wear a mask, or what do I need to do to leave the country? There are dozens of other ways the pandemic has affected us and continues to do so.

In Britain, supermarket shelves are increasingly empty due to Covid, Brexit and the resulting loss of truck drivers. Sadly, it's not only a few shelves of unwanted consumer products that are in short supply. I was scheduled for a blood test today, but all non-essential blood testing has been suspended for the foreseeable future due to a shortage of test-tubes! It's as if Covid has been a testing ground for things to come, what with the expected impacts of Climate Change. But as a race, human beings are incredibly resourceful so I am sure we will create the technology necessary to cope with the global challenges we are facing.

Scotland is moving forward with a power-sharing agreement signed at the end of last month between the Scottish Green Party and the Scottish National Party (SNP). One of the key outcomes will be the announcement of a new national park in Scotland to join the existing two, The Cairngorms and Loch Lomond and The Trossachs.



The seven sites being considered are strewn across Scotland. My bet is that the government will choose either Galloway or the Cheviots and Border Hills, both of which are in the south, for practically expedient reasons. Simply put, there are more people in the south of the country, just as there are in Canada.

A new £148 million Scotch Whisky Visitor Centre has been opened in the centre of Edinburgh on Princes' Street. There will be shops, a whisky cellar and two rooftop bars.

As if there weren't already a myriad reasons to visit Ol' Reekie! (Photo: Diageo)

And as another indication of there being life after Covid, The Gathering, a music festival near Inverness, took place on the weekend and attracted over 6,000 music-lovers. Two of the main acts were the Red Hot Chili Pipers and Wolfstone.

As the leaves start to change their colours, I'm always reminded of the colours of so many of the



clan tartans – reds, yellows, orange, purple and brown. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it's certainly a time for reflection and to recognise how lucky we are. It has been a harrowing time over the past 20 months or so, and my heart goes out to all those who have lost loved ones or are trying to cope with the burden of sickness, whether physical or psychological.

It is most definitely a time to find those extra reserves of compassion and understanding. May you have a bounteous harvest this year and for those to come.

Yours Aye

Clan Munro Association of Canada: Tea Time wi' Angus



Beaully Beans and Bacon Pie

This dish may not be elegant but it is authentic! There really is a big difference in the flavour of British baked beans, compare and see.

Ingredients

- 2 cans Heinz Baked Beans (from Britain if possible, there is a difference!)
- 1 pack Ayrshire Bacon (1 lb Canadian smoked bacon will do)
- 3 eggs
- 3 slices toast
- Mashed potatoes (any variety work best), about 2 cups
- Seasoning (salt & pepper)
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Preparation

- 1) Cringe, then pour the world's best beans into a blender, buzz a few times to create a somewhat lumpy paste
- 2) Break 3 eggs into the mashed up beans and whisk them in
- 3) Add seasoning (salt, pepper) and Worcestershire Sauce
- 4) Line the base of large, greased ovenproof dish with toast then pour on the beans
- 5) Chop and lightly fry the bacon, drain fat, then add to the pie
- 6) Top with mashed potato
- 7) Bake at 350F (175C) for 45 minutes

Editor's note: Many years ago I had a French Canadian version very close to this at a Cabane a Sucre (Sugar Shack). Instead of toast there was a pastry crust. Of course it was all doused in maple syrup.

Clan Munro Association of Canada: Tartan on Burnett's website!



<https://www.burnetts-struth.com/how-tartan-is-made>

Burnett's & Struth Scottish Regalia, located in Barrie, ON, Canada's Premier Kiltmakers, is a member of Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) as is CMAC. On their website, in the section How Tartan is Made, if you scroll down to the description of Weaving, there you will find this image above the explanation of the inspection process:

"At the beginning of the weaving process a strip of woven fabric is cut off and inspected by the 'darners' to ensure each colour and each thread is in the right place and that the weaving structure is as it should be. If it's ok, then the rest of the fabric can then be woven. If not, the fault must be fixed before the weaving can continue. At the end of the weaving each piece of woven fabric is then inspected."

"How nice to see the Munro tartan other than at our own clan tent! Thank you Burnett's."

Jo Ann Tuskin: Clan Munro

Clan Munro Association of Canada: At the Cobourg Highland Games



Greater Moncton Scottish Association



**Feats of Strength, Feasts of Lobster
A Taste of Scotland in New Brunswick**

Scottish Highland Games Masters World Championships coming to Canada's East Coast

We hope you'll join us to watch the world's strongest competitors heave telephone poles into the air as the [Tidal Bore](#) makes its way up the Petitcodiac River this June. Combine an Atlantic Canadian vacation with the chance to see top international heavy events athletes as the [Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival](#) hosts the [2022 Scottish Masters Athletics Heavy Events World Championships](#).

For a sneak peek of what to expect, check out this video : www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwDOWaF3pik

Enjoy salt air, Maritime hospitality, and all things Scottish June 17 – 19, 2022 in downtown Moncton, New Brunswick. We'll have pipe band competitions, highland dance, workshops, craft food & drink, top international musical acts, and much more. This is only the second time the Masters World Championships have come to Canada; we hope everyone will come out to celebrate with us!

New Brunswick is steeped in Scottish history, with nearly 40% of the population tracing its roots to Scotland. The province boasts both coastal scenery and mountain ranges, with Moncton situated along the historic Petitcodiac River, which rises up to one metre twice a day, thanks to the Bay of Fundy. PEI's red shores and Anne of Green Gables are just a two-hour drive away, while the world-famous Cabot Trail and the Gaels of Cape Breton are just a mile further down the way.

The [Greater Moncton Highland Games & Scottish Festival](#) and the [2022 Scottish Masters Athletics Heavy Events World Championships](#) are the perfect starting point for an incredible holiday!

For updates, follow us online:

Websites: monctonhighlandgames.com
greatermonctonscots.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/monctonhighlandgame

Instagram: www.instagram.com/moncton_scots



Greater Moncton Scottish Association



Clan MACRAE Society of Canada



MacRae-AGM – Aug. 28th, 2021

Written by Barb Du

As fall approaches, there has been yet another summer where we all missed spending time with our friends and family, as well as our extended MacRae family that we are able to visit with at the Highland Games and Festivals. This has been another season with mainly virtual meetings, plus cancelled games and festivals which cannot compare with in person.

Clan MacRae Society of Canada held their AGM on Aug 28th, 2021, with Sharon & Bill Clayton hosting the meeting at their home in South Surrey, BC. The AGM was also virtual so that any Board and Clan members could join in remotely.

Our board members met numerous times this past year so there has been a lot happening behind the scenes. When COVID is over, we will be ready to move in a more efficient and positive direction for the benefit of our members.

One theme this year has been to publish some interesting MacRae family stories in our news "The Kintail". We have worked to make our website more mobile friendly for our membership and have upgraded our membership payment process to take advantage of efficiencies in the fast-moving world of electronic payments. To assist our web-master workload, several additional administrators were added. A special note of thanks to our editor, Sharon Graves MacRae, for the layout and putting our news together. Sharon has always done a fantastic job! We also want to recognize Sharon Clayton for her assistance interviewing members who submitted family stories and re-tuning their stories while looking over our Clan genealogy. You can find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/clanmacraecanada/>, Twitter <https://twitter.com/clanmacraeca>, or Instagram.

Our main website address is <https://clanmacraecanada.ca/>

Another project this year was adding insurance coverage for our MacRae Board and Directors to make sure they felt comfortable while volunteering time and talents to our Society. We also updated some by-laws and our legal status thanks to Bill MacRae. For other groups interested in researching this type of insurance we were able to source it through first becoming a member of Volunteer Canada then taking advantage of their BMS insurance options.

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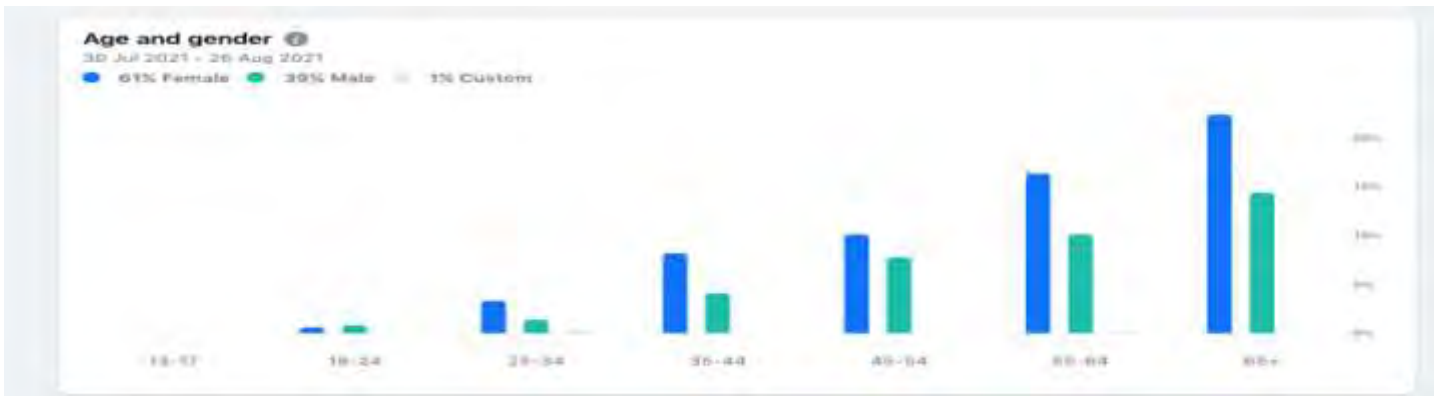
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We are elated to see that our Facebook genealogy group membership numbers have increased dramatically recently. We are currently gaining new members from all over the world with lots of positive feedback. Some believe the profile picture on our genealogy site has helped encourage new members to join, others believe COVID, while the content is what we hope will bring them back. It probably will not surprise most that according to the chart below, more women ask questions and join the genealogy group than men. Our Clan MacRae of Canada Facebook Genealogy Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogyCMC/>



GENEALOGY – CLAN MacRAE OF CANADA FACEBOOK GROUP



On December 31, 2019, there were 183 members.

On December 31, 2020, there were 284 members

On August 27, 2021, there were 528 members

Thanks to Sharon Clayton for her genealogy report and members report.

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Areas of the World that our Clan MacRae's are from.

| Top countries | | Top towns/cities | |
|----------------|-----|---------------------------|----|
| United States | 196 | Ottawa, ON, Canada | 13 |
| Canada | 193 | Calgary, AB, Canada | 13 |
| United Kingdom | 65 | Charlottetown, PE, Canada | 9 |
| Australia | 29 | Melbourne, VIC, Australia | 8 |
| New Zealand | 10 | Edmonton, AB, Canada | 7 |
| Germany | 4 | Hamilton, ON, Canada | 5 |
| Spain | 4 | Jacksonville, FL, US | 5 |
| Argentina | 4 | Surrey, BC, Canada | 5 |
| France | 3 | Toronto, ON, Canada | 5 |
| South Africa | 3 | Tampa, FL, US | 4 |

Clan MacRae recently elected new Directors and also a new President to take us into the future. Our outgoing President "Owen MacRae" of White Rock, BC., has served our Society well and has now literally passed the torch to our incoming President "Dave McRae" of British Columbia. As our Society moves out of its second decade and into its third with Dave McRae, we want to congratulate Dave and look forward to all the positive things that we can accomplish together in the next decade.

Owen MacRae took over as our President 10 years ago from Robert MacRae (Canada's first MacRae President in 2001 and one of our founders). Owen has carried out his clan duties with patience, dignity, and encouragement. At the end of our AGM, all members present and remote for our meeting had the chance to say a few words to thank Owen for his service to the clan.



Troy & Tracey Peverly, Roslyn McRae, Owen MacRae, Sharon Clayton, & Dave McRae



Owen MacRae (Past President) & Dave McRae (Current President) The Torch is literally passed

The Macfie Clan Society of Canada



Greetings to all, I hope you are well and staying safe. This past month Clan Macfie has celebrated its 47th anniversary of a society in Canada. We look forward to 2024 when we can celebrate our 50th year as a Clan Society. Also, we are hosting our International Clan Gathering in Scotland in September 2023. Plans are in place so for those interested in attending, start saving.

Clan Cousins

I can't believe this has happened to me. Two years ago, I signed up with "23 and Me," an agency similar to "ancestry.com" (which I also joined). You submit a cheek swab and they send you back your DNA results, telling you your ancestry. Turns out, I'm 89% UK and 11% Western European.

You have the choice of seeing if there are any DNA connections or not. Of course I do! Once I signed up, I received many emails, saying there is a match to your DNA. You soon realize these people are your third and fourth cousins (or beyond). They share a DNA match, but most of them are less than 1%, anywhere from .40-.80% matches. It means these people have also signed up and you both get to see how you are related. Since they are third or fourth cousins, it means you share the same great grandparents or great great grandparents. In many cases you share only one great or great great grandparent, as many of our ancestors had children from different partners. Obviously, it is a bit scary as you could very easily find out you had a long lost relative, sister, brother, or half sister/brother and the same with your parents. That can be good or bad! Approx. 75% of these people who show a match to my DNA live within 3-6 hours of me, (in my case live within Toronto or the province of Ontario. However, about 25% of these matches are from all over Canada, USA and the UK.

About 2 months ago, I received another email. A woman named Michelle emailed me to say her mother was a McPhie, and there was a match in our DNA. (Michelle had actually signed up her son)

What was really unusual with this email was that she asked what high school I went to. It turns out that Michelle also went to the same high school as me. So, we sent a few messages back and forth and we found out that her great grandfather and my grandfather were brothers and immigrated to Toronto in 1905 and lived together for many years before starting their respective families.

Interestingly, this information on my grandfather and his brother was obtained about six months earlier as I contacted a Toronto genealogist to inquire about my father's parents, my grandparents. I wanted to know when they immigrated to Toronto from Scotland. My grandparents were both married to someone else in Scotland prior to immigrating to Toronto and had children from their past marriages. I was just curious to see what a genealogist could find.

Well, sure enough, the genealogist started with the Ontario census taken approx. every 4 years and found that my grandfather and brother immigrated to Toronto in 1905, both leaving behind a wife

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and a child. Seeing where they moved within Toronto thanks to the census, they could be tracked at where they lived every four years and after signing up for WWI and surviving, they were back in Toronto in 1919.

My grandfather's brother started a family years before WWI and my grandfather met a woman in the mid-1920's and my father was born in 1927. My grandfather was 55 at the time of my father's birth. It turns out my grandfather's brother's family moved to Scarborough (east Toronto) in the early 1950's as did my parents and my dad lived very close to a cousin that he had no idea lived 7 blocks away. This is how my third cousin and I ended up at the same high school.

I also found out that my grandfather's mother stayed back in Scotland taking care of grandchildren as three of her children moved to Toronto leaving the children behind. Finally, she immigrated to Toronto in 1910 and brought over the three grandchildren that belonged to her two sons and daughter who were all living in Toronto. I then found out that my great grandmother was buried in Toronto in 1922. Once this pandemic is over, I will contact the cemetery to see where her plot is located. All of this information was shared to me for a relatively inexpensive cost to an Ontario genealogist.

My third cousin and I have remained in touch and once the pandemic clears a little more, we will meet up for a c

I really enjoy exploring my ancestry and through companies like 23 and Me or Ancestry.com, it The cost to sign up is about \$200, but it might be worth it to send in your cheek swab. And the more of us that sign up, the more likelihood of interesting matches like mine. Also, if you are in Ontario and are interested in the Ontario genealogist, send me an email and I'll share her contact information. It's about \$20/hour and since she knows exactly where to look, it is quite reasonable.

Gary MacPhie

President, Macfie Clan Society in Canada



Graham McTavish, left, with Gary MacPhie

Clan MacFarlane Worldwide: Worldwide Heritage Report



The CMW Heritage Committee has been kept busy especially with “Muniments” in the past few months. These muniments include historical information and communications plus cultural information over the period of a few centuries in Scotland. This information although related to Clan MacFarlane includes some royal communications plus interactions with other Clans especially those whose lands were near Loch Lomond, the location of our MacFarlane ancient Clan lands.

We all believe this important work being overseen by this committee will be informative and of historic interest for MacFarlane, Septs and others for decades and hopefully even generations to come.

The Muniments Committee, a sub-committee of Heritage, is tasked with working with thousands of images taken of the original documents mostly stored in Glasgow, Scotland. For those that are unaware, these include ancient MacFarlane Historical Land Charters, Writs, Wills, Diplomas and Sasines (like Land Deeds and property transfers). Some of the earliest were written on animal skins and later ones on different types of parchments and papers. These vary in age from 1395 to 1896 with many from the Middle Ages. Some are in Latin, some in Old Scots with “secretary hand” and some in English that you would have difficulty reading because the content text is like the King James Version of the Bible for those that have seen this version. These also vary in quality with some being stored in less-than-ideal conditions for centuries.

Members have already been able to read some of these completed transcriptions or translations published in the “Loch Sloy” and there are more planned to be in future news

CMW will require additional funds before we will be able to complete the transcriptions and translations of all 110 muniments. For any readers that can or that have an interest in Scottish history especially around Loch Lomond, please consider a donation which I understand is also IRS tax deductible for those with US taxes to help complete this important project. You can contact Sandy Morgan (our treasurer) at sandy.morgan@clanmacfarlane.org for those able to make any dona-

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ons and she will assist you with arrangements.

Unfortunately, there was no archaeology work completed recently due to the Covid travel restrictions in place in Scotland for some time. First planned in 2020, Heather James, our archaeologist, had all permissions in place other than travel to complete the Ardeish dig which is situated near Loch Lomond. This project was not able to be completed in 2020 and now this may not even happen during 2021.

The committee is also initiating a new program/project at the University of Guelph in Canada (Scottish Studies) who are working in conjunction with the University of Toronto also in Canada. U of G presently are at the very beginning of a Transkribus project with a team of students learning to use this computer software. They are interested in collections containing charters in particular from the 1300s or 1400s with high resolution images of charters and having translations already completed. CMW has several of these that we have already shared with the U of G for educational purposes, and these can be used to 'train' the computer program to read charters accurately. Their hope is that in the future, they could use this computer program to facilitate the transcription of charters which have yet to be transcribed and even to do some key word searches.

Apparently, U of G became interested in the 1300-1500 timeframe because the secretary hand (or bastard secretary hand) is different from the period before. If they can acquire images from approximately 100 charters and input accurate transcriptions, they hope to train a model to accurately (90-95%) transcribe a Scottish charter from that period. Please contact them directly if you can assist them with additional translated Latin charters. They are in the process of shaping the final project and perhaps a digital catalogue of extant land charters that would help researchers better locate records might be an option.

U of G also has a more whimsical project where they are running DNA tests on some ancient charters made from goat skin (rarer than sheep skin in Britain) and these tests may allow them to do some research into feral goat herds around Loch Lomond! U of G now are inquiring if any historians know anything about Loch Lomond goat herds during the Middle Ages, or if any other Clans have medieval documents that were made from goat skin.

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| Transcribed from Old Scots and English | 22 | 53 |
| Translated from Latin | 15 | 20 |
| Total | 37 | 73 |

Clan Logan Society of Canada



The Clan of the month

At the end of July, The Clan Logan Society received the greatest news. Clan Logan was to be Scotland Shop's Clan of the month of August 2021. This year has been quite difficult due to a lack of events that could promote our visibility so this came at a great time for all of us. Back in 2019, we had the pleasure to work with Scotland Shop in their Tartan Ted initiative in cooperation with Chief Joan MacAulay of Clan MacAulay. During that period, we hosted at a variety of Highland games and brought Tartan Ted to each making him visit Canada on his way to New York in the US.

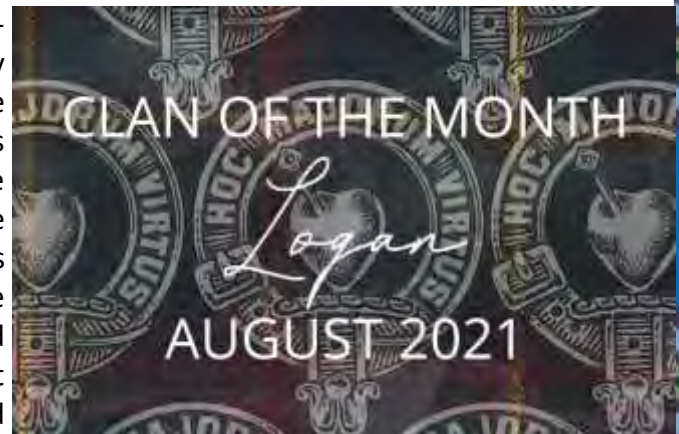
Scotland Shop had a lot planned for Clan Logan from posting general information to creating a quiz that people could take. We had a "Logan tartans and Clan page" that informed visitors of the Clan crest, our origins and history. We

were pleased to see that we were listed on equal footing to other clans. There was even a link to allow people to join the Clan Logan Society International. A wallpaper was created with the Logan crest that people could download.

We were given the opportunity to do a few interviews to promote our Clan. I did mine with Emily Redman and answered different questions. We talked about how well our organization has been. I also, among other things, mentioned the sad fact that Clans at various Highland Games are often treated as uninteresting add-ons to events as we are community and heritage and not in the same category as the entertainment or Highland sports, that we aren't particularly valued and that we need more consideration, support and acknowledgement. Clans go to considerable time and expense to host in various places and contribute to events by bringing people and special guests and in turn, this sells tickets. This is why I think it's important to encourage Clans to encourage their visit, don't be stingy, that reputation is shared among the Clans who will start refusing to visit based on how they are treated, especially if you want them to return to your games and bring their people and Chiefs!

Our Representative of Ontario, Patrick Dionne-Kuno also conducted his interview with Kalyn Deihl and represented Clan Logan with great pride. We would like to thank Scotland Shop for believing in our Clan and giving us some limelight in these difficult times.

(Clan Logan articles have been provided by Steven Logan, Commissioner for Canada)





Clan du mois

À la fin du mois de juillet, la Société du Clan Logan a reçu la plus grande nouvelle à date. Notre clan allait devenir le Clan du mois d'août 2021 de Scotland Shop. L'année a été assez difficile en raison d'un manque d'événements qui aurait pu promouvoir notre visibilité, donc le moment était bien choisi de nous informer de ceci. En 2019, nous avons eu le plaisir de travailler avec Scotland Shop

dans leur initiative Tartan Ted en collaboration avec la chef Joan MacAulay du Clan MacAulay. Durant cette période nous avons apporté Tartan Ted à chacun des jeux écossais où nous étions allés, l'amenant graduellement en route pour New York aux États-Unis.

Scotland Shop avait beaucoup de prévu pour le Clan Logan tel que messages sur les réseaux sociaux, d'information au sujet de notre clan et aussi un quiz que les gens pouvaient prendre. Tout était bien détaillé sur le site web incluant une page spécialement pour nous intitulée "tartans Logan et le Clan Logan" qui informait les visiteurs de l'écusson du Clan, de nos origines et de notre histoire. Nous avons été heureux de voir que nous sommes inscrits sur un pied d'égalité avec les autres clans. Il y avait même un lien pour permettre aux gens de se joindre au Clan Logan Society International. Un fond d'écran a été créé avec l'écusson Logan lequel les gens pouvaient télécharger.

Nous avons eu l'occasion de faire quelques entrevues pour promouvoir nos intérêts. J'ai fait le mien avec Emily Redman et répondu à de nombreuses questions. Nous avons parlé de comment est notre organisation par rapport aux autres. J'ai aussi dénoncé le triste fait que les clans qui viennent aux jeux écossais sont souvent traités comme de simples ajouts ayant peu d'intérêt aux événements. Nous ne sommes pas particulièrement valorisés au même titre que le divertissement et les sports écossais et que nous avons besoin de plus de considération, de soutien et de reconnaissance. Les clans consacrent beaucoup de temps et d'argent à l'accueil dans divers endroits et contribuent aux événements en amenant des gens et des invités spéciaux qui à leur tour vendent des billets. C'est pourquoi je pense qu'il est important d'encourager les clans pour leur visite et ne pas être radin à cet égard, surtout si vous voulez qu'ils reviennent à vos jeux et amènent leurs gens et leurs chefs! Une mauvaise expérience entraîne les clans à parler entre eux et peut causer les clans à refuser de venir aux événements futurs.

Notre représentant de l'Ontario, Patrick Dionne-Kuno, a également mené son entrevue avec Kalyn Deihl et a représenté le Clan Logan avec une grande fierté. Nous tenons à remercier Scotland Shop de croire en notre Clan et de nous rendre célèbre en ce mois de août et ces temps difficiles.



Clan Logan Society of Canada

Fergus Sc sh f val Highland Games 2021

This year, the Fergus Sc sh f val and Highland Games went virtual. The event was held from the 12th to the 15th of August and offered a wide selection of things to see and experience from the comfort of our own homes. Visitors simply accessed their website fergushfval.com to see what the excitement was all about.

A few months previous, Clan Logan received a request from these games to produce some sort of video that could be included for their Clans' entertainment. We knew that they thought they'd get a sort of promotional video talking about Clan Logan heritage, history and so on, as we would do when we host. I wanted to offer something a little different and refreshing that would celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Fergus Sc sh f val and Highland Games.

The idea was the following: why not have our different members raise a glass to the Fergus games? Why not make it a real party with confetti, have streamers and fun showing that our Clan is participating in their event? We were really pleased with the members who answered our request. We ended up with more videos than we could use! We had members and supporters from Montreal, Quebec, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and even a few of our US Logans participate in the interview. President James C. Logan participated, as well as Kevin Logan the Vice-President and all of us at Clan Logan. Patrick Dionne-Kuno raised his glass and I concluded with a short greeting in both official languages of Canada. Our video was a huge hit with the President of the games, Dave Radley, wrote to us to thank us for the thought put into it.

As we celebrated with the Fergus Sc sh Highland games, we clicked from one video to the next. We saw the Hearth Lighting that made us very emotional as we remember the fun in doing that in years past. We watched "Tartan Kiss of Fergus" by David Leask and were unexpectedly surprised to see that in some of the footage used, we could clearly see Clan Logan going to light the Hearth with the other Clans. We could be seen on a few occasions. In those moments, we could only feel extremely blessed to have such good friends in Fergus who genuinely care for Clan Logan and all Clans in general. Let's remember that back in 2017, Clan Logan won best Clan at these games on its very first visit, only 2 years after being founded in Canada.

We are currently looking at plans for 2022 to be back at these amazing games. We will have new displays to impress visitors and new surprises! Let's make our return special! We would like to warmly thank the Fergus Sc sh f val and Highland Games for always making us proud of who we are as Scots and making us feel valued. We will be back real soon!



Patrick Dionne-Kuno, representative of Ontario offers his best wishes! - Patrick Dionne-Kuno représentant de l'Ontario offre ses vœux!

Les jeux écossais de Fergus 2021

année, le val écossais de Fergus était virtuel. L'événement s'est tenu du 12 au 15 août 2021 et a offert un large choix des choses à voir du confort de nos propres maisons. Les visiteurs devaient simplement accéder au site [Web fergusso hf al.com](http://www.webfergus.com) pour voir ce qui nous excitait tant.

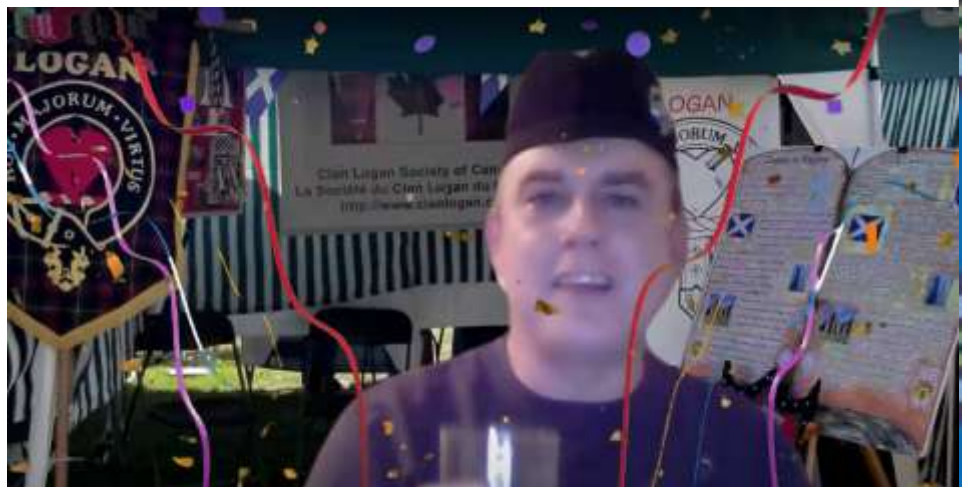
Il y a quelques mois, le clan Logan a reçu une demande de ces jeux pour o une vidéo qui pourrait être inclus pour leur section Clans. Nous savions qu'ils pensaient recevoir une sorte de vidéo promo elle parlant de l'héritage, de l'histoire et du clan Logan ainsi de suite, comme ci nous le faisons lorsque nous accueillons. Je voulais o quelque chose un peu d rent et rafraîchissant qui célébrerait le 75e anniversaire du fe écossais de Fergus.

L'idée était la suivante : pourquoi ne pas avoir nos di rents membres faire un toast aux jeux Fergus? Pourquoi ne pas en faire une vraie fête avec des confes, des banderoles et du plaisir montrant que notre Clan p cipe vement à leur événement? Nous ons vraiment sfait des membres qui ont répondu à notre demande. Nous nous sommes retrouvés avec plus de vidéos que nous avons pu liser!

Nous avons eu des membres et des sympathisants de Montréal, du Québec, du Manitoba, de la Nouvelle-Écosse et même quelques-uns de nos Logans américains ont p cipé à l'in ve. Notre président James C. Logan a fait une vidéo ainsi que Kevin Logan, le vice-président de la société américaine et nous tous du Clan Logan. Patrick Dionne-Kuno a levé son verre et j'ai moi-même conclu avec un bref message d'accueil dans les deux langues officielles du Canada. Notre vidéo a été un énorme succès. Le président des jeux, Dave Radley, nous a même écrit. Il a été vivement impressionné et nous a remercié pour la pensée qui y a été mise.

Alors que nous célébrions avec les jeux écossais de Fergus, nous avons cliqué d'une vidéo à l'autre. Nous avons vu la cérémonie des torches ou chaque clan allume le foyer ce qui nous a rendus très émo fs car nous nous souvenons du plaisir de le faire dans les années passées. Nous avons regardé 'Tartan Kiss of Fergus' de David Leask et avons été surpris de manière in endue de voir que dans certaines des séquences u isées, nous pouvions clairement voir le Clan Logan allumer le foyer avec les autres Clans. On a pu nous voir à quelques reprises. Dans ces moments-là, on ne pouvait que se r extrêmement reconnaissants d'avoir de si bons amis à Fergus qui prennent vraiment soin du Clan Logan et de tous les autres Clans en général. Rappelons qu'en 2017, le Clan Logan a remporté le prix du meilleur Clan à ces jeux lors de la toute première visite, seulement 2 ans après avoir été fondée au Canada.

Nous examinons actuellement les plans pour 2022 pour être de retour à ces jeux incroyables. Nous aurons de nouvelles ches pour o aux visiteurs et de nouvelles surprises! Rendons notre retour spécial! Nous aimerions remercier chaleureusement le al écossais de Fergus de nous rendre toujours ers d'être Écossais et nous faire r valorisés. Nous reviendrons bientôt!



Steven Logon propose un toast aux jeux de Fergus - Steven Logon raises his glass to the Fergus Games

Festival de Québec 2021

Cette année, le Festival de Québec de Québec a eu lieu du 10 au 12 septembre 2021. Le clan Logan se préparait à assister en personne à cet événement, pensant que nous étions revenus à une certaine normalité. Nous avions hâte de retourner au Domaine des Maizerets à Limoilou pour retrouver de vieux amis que nous n'avons pas vus depuis le début de la pandémie. Nous nous sommes renseignés et n'avons obtenu aucune réponse. Vers le début d'août, nous avons découvert que cette année, il n'y aurait pas de stands de clan. Ils ont opté pour un événement principalement virtuel en raison des circonstances. Notre Clan n'est donc pas allé à Québec cette année.

Nous avons alors reçu un courriel de Valérie Picard l'organisatrice de l'événement. Malgré que nous ne sommes pas présents pour accueillir les visiteurs, ils voulaient toujours que le clan Logan participe à la création de présentoirs qui serait vus par les visiteurs du Domaine des Maizerets. C'était une excellente nouvelle pour nous car cela signifiait que nous allions quand même bénéficier d'une visibilité bien méritée. Le Festival de Québec est le plus grand festival francophone en Amérique du Nord et cette idée qu'ils ont eu était géniale. Valérie Picard a pris le temps nécessaire pour obtenir la bonne information. Nous avons pu préciser entre autre que nous sommes vraiment un clan et non un sept de l'autre clan. La lumière a été faite sur la conspiration Gowrie liée au 7e baron de Restalrig. Le fait qu'il a été faussement accusé et la honte liée au nom Logan qui en a résulté. Il a été précisé que bien que cet événement a fait honte à notre nom, il n'a jamais été interdit dans toute l'Écosse comme certains l'ont faussement prétendu. De nombreux Logan ont continués à mener une vie heureuse et prospère et, de plus, de nombreux endroits portant le nom de Logan existe toujours aujourd'hui. Sur les présentoirs réalisés, les gens pouvaient scanner un code QR qui les amenait directement à notre site Web.

Nous tenons à remercier le Festival de Québec de nous avoir donné l'occasion de contribuer. Valérie a mentionné qu'elle avait hâte de nous rencontrer en 2022 à Limoilou, ce qui est la preuve que notre Clan sait faire sa marque sur la scène culturelle écossaise.



Domaine des Maizerets à Limoilou

Clan Logan Society of Canada

Montreal Highland Games 2021

On August 1st, 2021 were held the virtual Montreal Highland Games. This year, I was to act as Clans Director at these games for the second consecutive year. We had plans on our end for "Clan Logan's Clans of Scotland" and were ready to proceed but the pandemic decided otherwise. Many requests came on behalf of other Clans but we had to ask them to contact us the following year. The Montreal Highland Games took the difficult decision to celebrate with the strict minimum of events to prevent people gathering.

As I was Clans Director at the event, I was able to attend, with Vice-President Laurent Audar, the signing of Jason Baines attempting to make a caber toss world record on the Douglas Inverurie grounds in Verdun. The very short event, opened with Cameron Stevens doing a few tunes on his bagpipes. We were ready with our Clan Logan banner on hand but due to Guinness record rules, we could not show it as would go for any other form of advertising.

We saw Jason Baines throw many cabers one after the other. He ended up breaking a record by throwing 161 cabers in an hour. We were honoured to have witnessed this event on behalf of our Clans of Scotland. There were a set number of people allowed within COVID-19 rules but we did manage to see a few clan Logan supporters who were also part of this organization just like us. We were pleased to see, among others, George Black who helped us on various occasions with promoting the Montreal Highland Games and other events. He watched the event unfold with us.

Once the new record was set, there were multiple photo opportunities done with the cabers and we managed to get ours! Bagpiper Cameron Stevens then closed the event with a last tune and our athlete went to celebrate his glorious win. It was an event that was short and sweet, but we see it as a gradual return to normal... doing an event live is better than viewing it online and a very promising start to what next year will bring. We want to thank the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society for giving its members something to celebrate despite the current situation we are living through.



*Vice-President Laurent Audar stands by Steven Logan, Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada.
Vice-président Laurent Audar prends la photo avec Steven Logan, Commissaire du Clan Logan du Canada.*

Jeux écossais de Montréal 2021

Le 1er août 2021 ont eu lieu les Jeux écossais de Montréal en mode virtuel. Cette année, je devais agir en tant que directeur des clans pour la deuxième année consécutive. Nous avons des plans de notre côté pour "Les Clans écossais du Clan Logan" et nous sommes prêts à aller de l'avant, mais la pandémie en a décidé autrement. De nombreuses demandes sont venues de la part des autres clans, mais nous avons dû leur demander de nous contacter l'année prochaine. Les Jeux écossais de Montréal ont pris la décision de célébrer avec un minimum d'événements pour empêcher les gens de se rassembler.

Comme directeur des clans lors de l'événement, j'ai pu assister, avec le vice-président Laurent Audar, au tournage de Jason Baines qui tentait de faire un record du monde pour le lancer de la poutre sur le terrain de l'Inut Douglas à Verdun. L'événement était très court et a commencé avec Cameron Stevens faisant quelques airs sur sa cornemuse. Nous sommes prêts avec notre bannière Clan Loganne mains, mais en raison des règles de l'enregistrement du record Guinness, nous ne pouvions pas le montrer comme cela serait le cas pour toute autre forme de publicité.

Nous avons vu Jason Baines lancer de nombreuses poutres les unes après les autres. Il a fini par battre un record en lançant 161 poutres en une heure. Nous avons été honorés d'avoir assisté à cet événement au nom de notre clan écossais. Il y avait un nombre limité de personnes autorisées d'après les règles liées à la COVID-19 mais nous avons réussi à voir quelques parsons du clan Logan qui faisaient également partie de cette organisation tout comme nous. Nous avons été heureux de voir, entre autres, George Black qui nous a aidés à maintes reprises, pour la promotion des Jeux écossais de Montréal et d'autres événements. Il a regardé l'événement se dérouler avec nous.

Une fois le nouveau record établi, il y avait plusieurs sessions de photo à faire avec les poutres et nous avons réussi à obtenir le nôtre! Le joueur de cornemuse Cameron Stevens a par la suite clôturé l'événement avec un dernier air et notre athlète est allé célébrer sa glorieuse victoire. C'était un événement qui était court et agréable, mais nous le voyons comme un retour progressif à la normale. Faire un événement en direct "live" est mieux que de le voir en ligne. C'était néanmoins un début très prometteur pour ce que l'année prochaine apportera. Nous tenons à remercier la Société St-Andrew's de Montréal pour avoir permis à ses membres quelque chose à célébrer malgré la situation actuelle que nous vivons.



*Steven poses with Jason Baines, Guinness world record champion for the caber toss.
Steven avec Jason Baines, champion du record Guinness pour le lancer de la poutre.*

Clan Logan Society of Canada

Clan Logan and Projet Montréal

Clan Logan had a very busy Sunday, September 26th, 2021. It came to our attention that Projet Montréal, one of the leading municipal political parties in our city, held an event at Benelux bar in Verdun. The general public had the opportunity to meet and mingle with various politicians in attendance looking for votes and volunteers to help with the upcoming November 7th municipal elections in Montreal. This political party has done great things for the Irish community. They are known to have brought back the Montreal Highland Games to Verdun in 2014.

When I arrived, I was greeted by Luc Gagnon, Verdun city councillor and colleague of Sterling Downey. We sat down together and had a refreshing beer. Many topics were discussed such as the Clan Logan Society of Canada's successes past and future as well as Projet Montreal's ideas for our city. Luc presented Marie-Andrée Mauger who is mayoral candidate and Municipal councillor for Verdun. She knew all about me and Clan Logan as our paths crossed at an event for the Canadian Legion. She remembered my name, my face and the very Clan I represent as did other people in attendance. Marie-Andrée asked about Clan Logan and I had the pleasure to mention that Clan Logan is presented in both English and French at various events across our country. Among other things I was also able to talk about an important project, the one about CASSOC being translated in French to our French communities everywhere in Canada. I had the pleasure to show them the website created www.clanscanada.ca and mention that as well as being Treasurer I am also the French Representative of the organization and helped make that project possible for all Canadians.

Clan Logan is alive and well in Montreal. It has become common knowledge that Clan Logan is involved with many organizations such as the Black Watch Veteran's Association, Canadian Legion, Black Watch Family Division, The Montreal Saint Andrew's Society, The Black Watch Officers Mess and CASSOC. We are making a difference with various other partners in many Highland games across our country. I had the pleasure of sharing that although COVID-19 is still around, and events are at a minimum, I am still working on many different things behind the scenes.

There were other familiar faces at Benelux bar. We met up with George Black, who we saw at the last Montreal Highland games, and of course Sterling Downey, Montreal city councillor who I've personally known for many years through different events such as the Montreal Canada Day parade. Sterling gave me a lot of praise and support for my involvement in the Irish community in our city. He tells me I must continue on despite the difficulties.

This event pointed out that our Clan is successful and is making huge gains in popularity and presence. Hard work through the years done in Canada has paid dividends. When I hear all this, it makes it all worth it and proves that the sky is the limit. We are set to accomplish great things in years to come.



From left to right: Steven Logan, Luc Gagnon, and Marie-Andrée Mauger our local candidate.

De gauche à droite : Steven Logan, Luc Gagnon et Marie-Andrée Mauger notre candidate locale de projet MTL.

Clan Logan Society of Canada

Clan Logan et Projet Montréal

Le clan Logan a eu un dimanche très occupé, le 26 septembre 2021. Il est venu à notre attention que le Projet Montréal, l'un des principaux partis politiques municipaux de notre ville, a organisé un événement au bar Benelux à Verdun. Le grand public a eu l'occasion de rencontrer et socialiser avec divers politiciens présents, à la recherche de votes et bénévoles pour aider aux prochaines élections municipales le 7 novembre à Montréal. Ce parti qui a fait de grandes choses pour la communauté écossaise. Ils sont connus pour avoir ramené les jeux écossais de Montréal à Verdun en 2014.

À mon arrivée, j'ai été accueilli par Luc Gagnon, conseiller municipal de Verdun et collègue de Sterling Downey. Nous avons pris une bière rafraîchissante et discutés ensemble. De nombreux sujets ont été abordés tels que la Société du Clan Logan du Canada, les élections passées et futures, ainsi que des idées de projet de Montréal pour notre ville. Luc a présenté Marie-Andrée Mauger qui est candidate à la mairie et conseillère municipale de Verdun. Elle savait tout sur moi et clan Logan alors que nos chemins se sont croisés lors d'un événement pour la légion canadienne. Elle se souvenait de mon nom, de mon visage et le clan même que je représente, comme d'autres personnes présentes. Marie-Andrée a posé des questions sur le Clan Logan et moi j'ai eu le plaisir de mentionner que notre clan se présente en anglais et en français lors de divers événements à travers notre pays. J'ai pu parler d'un projet important, celui du CESEDC (Clans et Sociétés écossaises du Canada) étant basé en Français à nos communautés Françaises partout au Canada. J'ai eu le plaisir de leur montrer le site créé, celui de www.clanscanada.ca et aussi mentionner qu'en plus d'être trésorier, je suis également le représentant francophone de l'organisation et a contribué à rendre ce projet possible pour tous les canadiens et canadiennes.

Le clan Logan est bien vivant à Montréal. Nous avons une certaine notoriété publique puisque le clan Logan est impliqué dans de nombreuses organisations telles que l'Association des vétérans Black Watch, la légion canadienne, la division de la famille du Black Watch, La Société Saint-Andrews de Montréal, le mess des officiers de Black Watch et la CESEDC (Clans et sociétés écossaises du Canada). Nous faisons une référence avec divers autres partenaires dans de nombreux jeux écossais à travers notre pays. J'ai eu le plaisir de partager cela bien que la COVID-19 soit toujours présente et que les événements soient au minimum, je travaille toujours sur beaucoup de choses différentes dans les coulisses.

Il y avait d'autres visages familiers au bar Benelux. Nous avons rencontré George Black que nous avons vu aux derniers jeux écossais de Montréal et bien sûr, Sterling Downey, conseiller municipal de Montréal que je connais personnellement depuis de nombreuses années grâce à différents événements tels que le défilé de la fête du Canada à Montréal. Sterling m'a donné beaucoup d'éloges et de soutien pour mon implication dans la communauté écossaise de notre ville. Il me dit que je dois continuer malgré les défis.

Cet événement a souligné que notre clan a du succès et fait d'énormes gains de popularité et de présence. Un travail acharné au fil des ans qui a bien donné des résultats. Quand j'entends tout cela, cela en vaut la peine et prouve que le ciel est sans limite. Nous sommes prêts à accomplir de grandes choses dans les années à venir!



Posing with Sterling Downey, City Councillor of the city of Montreal Poser avec Sterling Downey, conseiller municipal de la ville de Montréal. .

Clan Leslie Society International



The Clan Leslie Charitable Trust bought a quach the other day. This does not sound a fascinating story but, well, it is.

The Trust was set up by my father, Ian, a long time ago to keep items of interest (old family portraits and silver) in one place and prevent them being the property of one individual.

Some years ago, we were offered a silver quach. It was interesting because it was a) very old and b) was made to celebrate the wedding of one Helen Leslie to one John Grant, in Aberdeenshire, in 1680.

This proved that Leslies and Grants had married before and Miranda and I agreed that it was worth investigating, which we did.

The problem was that it was eye wateringly expensive. As our builder would have said to the agent 'sober up and call me back.'

It came up again some years later and the price had gone down about a third. We thought a little harder about it, with our fellow Trustees, but again decided it was too much money.

It is a familiar problem. The auction price would have been about half of this but dealers know that a family connection will double the price.



Finally, two months ago, we were offered it again and this time the price was less than half (a lot less) than the first time round.

So, the Trust bought it. And it arrived yesterday, bringing another piece of Leslie history home.

(The inscription reads: This Cup the property of John Grant of Nevie and Helen Leslie his Spouse eldest daughter of John Leslie of Kinnivie. Married at Kinnivie 14 Oct 1680).

Alex Leslie,
Clan Chief, August 2021



Chaplain's Corner - Samantha Gray, Chaplain

Beaks, body-snatchers and brews.... Scotland in Time of the Plague.

Because the pandemic is on everyone's mind now, it seemed appropriate to write about the one that affected Scotland so profoundly several centuries ago. I allowed the nurse practitioner to take the upper hand over the minister for this edition of Grip Fast, and pray that you, my gentle readers, will not be flogged by further talk of the plagues. We all know by now (unless we've been hiding in a cave since last Christmas or thereabouts) that our current pandemic

(defined loosely as an epidemic of extraordinarily wide geographic proportions affecting millions of people) is viral in nature. And we all know the effects Covid 19 has had across the globe as well. The difference in this and historical pandemics is that we have vaccines on the near horizon to ensure herd immunity, and means of preventing the spread right now if we employ them. This was not the case in Europe centuries ago.

The word "Pandemic had not been coined yet, but the populations of every country on the ancient maps of Europe knew and feared the word "plague". According to most sources I read, the plague existed from the 6th through the 17th centuries. Several noted minor outbreaks in the 18th century as well. But their plague was quite different than our present pandemic. Their plagues were caused by the Yersinia pestis organism carried by fleas which infested rats. And rats in those days were common where many humans lived in very close proximity. Early sanitary measure in cities were non-existent. Germ theory was barely evolving even as late as 1860, when Florence Nightingale returned from the Crimean War and began writing her famous book Notes on Nursing (still in print!). She frequently debunked the germ theory which was increasingly popular among scientists and physicians of the day. Then she published a scathing article in the London Times stating that those who believed disease was caused by tiny animals that one needed a microscope even to see were just short of delusional. She went on to say that every sensible person knew that disease came from miasmas brought by bad night air. And this from a woman who had stopped a sometimes fatal dysentery epidemic in the Scutari Barracks by ordering the removal of a skeletonizing horse who had fallen into the Barrack's only well and died there... She was a hero and much celebrated so many listened to her and not Dr. Semmelweis. She did advocate strongly for keeping rats and mice out of one's house and storerooms. She also said that miasms did not affect clean water. The plague in Europe came as a perfect storm. The first recorded case in Scotland was either 669 or 1349. Again, sources differ. 1349 seems most likely. By then towns had arisen with narrow streets in between buildings and people living cheek by jowl. Garbage and human waste was simply tossed out of the windows and into the gutters and rats thrived on the scraps. The rats' natural predators, cats, were scarce on the ground; this was the period of Medieval history referred to in some texts as "The burning times", when the witchcraft paranoia gripped northern Europe and was managed most brutally

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in Scotland. So-called witches – people usually not much liked by neighbors – were accused of implausible acts and were frequently burned at the stake. Cats had gained a reputation with the devil by then and were often also burned when caught. With no cats to decimate the rat population, the rats thrived and the fleas they carried thrived as well. So did Yersinia pestis. Fleas multiplied in unsanitary household conditions and rat bites were an everyday occurrence. It was a perfect set-up for a pandemic. And it carried horrors which we do not see with Covid 19, nor did we see in 1918.

There were two types of plague with which the Medieval and early Renaissance Europeans had to contend, although the source was the same. First was the “Black Death”, or Pneumonic plague. This primarily affected the lungs on outset, leading to massive internal hemorrhages which turned the skin of the sufferer black. The second, the best known sickness, was called the Bubonic plague or the huge pus-filled boils, or ‘buboes’ which covered the victim’s body. These had to be lanced and sealed with a hot poker or they would break and cause fatal blood infection. The diseases were horrifying to behold, easy to catch, and by 1349, had killed a third of Europe. Scotland did not fare any better.

People prayed for release, believing that the plague was sent for some terrible sins they must have committed.

Many herbs were boiled up into medicines – or “brews” – which were mostly ineffective. Some, in proper combination made a mildly antiseptic concoction that came to be named “Thieves oil”. When suspended in a sweet oil and rubbed on the hands and under the nose across the upper lip it was said to protect thieves from contracting the plague as they stole from others who had it.

Thieves oil is still sold today as a homeopathic preventative for common colds. People hung white cloths from their windows to signify they needed help, water, food, a doctor... and the physicians of the time knew no more than the general populace about treatment. Finally, in 1645, Edinburgh’s only Plague Doctor (John Paulding) died.

The Town Council quickly hired Dr. George



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Rae, after promising him an enormous salary, to be the new 'specialist'. They paid so generously because they did not expect any plague doctor to survive long enough to collect his owed fees. But Dr. Rae had some thoughts of his own about safety from the deadly disease he'd just signed on to combat. Instead of the traditional physicians' robes, he wore boots and a long, voluminous leather cloak which did not react – and in fact actually prevented – the bites of fleas. He wore long gloves. Diapers. And he invented the classic Plague Doctor's mask. This covered his head and face in leather, again preventing infection and bites, and he added a huge 'bird beak'.

The beak pointed downward as it was meant to be a receptacle for the herbs used to prevent infection: thyme, rosemary, rue, rose petals, marigolds, basil, holy thistle, mint... we know some of these have mild antiseptic properties from research today and are used in modern cleaning products. They were placed in the beak of the mask for the doctor to breathe in and surround himself with what were thought to be healing properties. Did they work? Not really. But at the very least, they gave Dr. Rae and others who copied him something better to smell than the odors of the sick rooms and the massive infections with which they dealt.

As the population thinned and cities became less crowded by the plague began to disappear. A disease will not thrive without victims to infect.

And as the superstitions about 'witches' began to wane, cats began to breed and their numbers also increased, reducing the rat population. The Great Fire of London was a cleansing factor in clearing the tenement-like closes of fleas as well. Gradually, very gradually, "normal" life returned until 1918 when "Spanish Flu" struck with disastrous results. There were still no antibiotics – they were almost 30 years away in the future. And viruses cannot be treated with an antibacterial medicine. Now, here in 2020, a year which will forever carry a taint for this "plague" of our own time, we have some real hope of prevention so that similar situations do not bother future generations with this virus.

Every now and then, an illness rears up and creates havoc: Bird flu (H1N1) of a few years back. Ebola in 2013. Virulent disease that is easy to contract and can easily be fatal. We are not without hope or recourse. When Jesus said "Ye shall do greater things than this" after healing a leper, perhaps he was referring to a future only he could see at that time, when treatments, preventions and cures for all sorts of maladies would come through scientific research. This is not incompatible with belief and Grace.

Be well, my cousins, and stay safe. Remember the precautions and use them.

Meanwhile, let us be thankful for the health, family and blessings we have right now.

We will get through this eventually, so Grip Fast!

Samantha Gray, Chaplain, CLSI

Clan Leslie Society International

Mom Who Went Viral Pushing Dairy Truck Through Snow Gets Year's Supply of Milk



A 50-year-old woman who went viral for helping to push a huge dairy truck up a snowy hill has been rewarded with a year's supply of milk.

Charlene Leslie told the Central Five Times how she led two of her three kids with a friend so she could get in the street and push a truck that was stuck with its wheels spinning in snow.

Video showed Leslie pushing the truck from behind as it moved uphill at a walking pace — with

people dubbing her a real-life Wonder Woman.

After the clip went viral last week, Graham's The Family Dairy, whose truck she pushed, tracked her down — and gave her “milk and high protein dairy products free for the rest of the year,” the company said.

“When I saw the video of Charlene pushing one of our art lorries up a steep hill singlehandedly, I couldn't believe it,” company chairman Dr. Robert Graham Snr. said.

“She not only made our family, farmers and colleagues smile, but clearly captured the hearts of thousands of people across the world.”

Still, the dairy company noted that “although she is a real-life superwoman” others should not “follow her actions,” with many noting it could have been deadly had the truck rolled backward.

Leslie agreed that it was “really dangerous,” but said, “I would never just stand by when I see someone in trouble. In the moment I wasn't really thinking about me, I just wanted to help.”



Charlene Leslie has been rewarded with a year's supply of milk



Greetings from Clan MacLennan Canada

Since January, 2021 Clan MacLennan Worldwide members have been enjoying bimonthly meetings, organized by our Clan MacLennan Genealogist and Web Master, Bruce MacLennan. This year the topic has been “1790s Everyday Life in a Scottish Parish” where MacLennans were most prevalent. Bruce, along with several members, researched the various Parishes and along with the Parish Ministers' “Old St Andrews Accounts” (OSA) gave interesting historical aspects including religion and topography, population, crops and other produce, transport, lairds and minister, education, language, health and clothing, other sources of work and income, diseases, animals, recent agricultural improvements, diet etc. of that

It was the time when Smallpox swept through the villages, where one out of thirteen with this disease survived. The Smallpox Vaccine was new and not accepted by many until a study was done proving that most survived when given the inoculation. (OSA in 1790) Smallpox Vaccine was the vaccine to be developed against a contagious disease.

We have taken away knowledge of what our Scottish ancestors endured and how diverse the Scottish Parishes were.

Keep Safe,

Best Wishes to all Clansfolk,

Barbara MacLennan

President

Clan MacLennan Canada

Clan Kincaid Association International



Your Head!

James R. Brisbin

Clan Kincaid Ontario Commissioner

Many years ago, I took our church group to Medieval Times in Toronto, Ontario. After the show I bought two battle axes as decoration for my study. As I boarded the coach for the journey home, I was asked by one friend “What is in the boxes?” I replied, “I have two battle axes so now I can say I three in the house!” Unfortunately, my wife was on the coach. I recovered from the bruises several days later. (Just kidding.)

Seriously though, I took the two battle axes to the Fergus Shakespeare as decoration for my Clan Kincaid Tent about 18 years ago. Shortly after opening for the day, I saw a family passing by – Mom, Dad and two children aged maybe 7 and 9. I am not sure quite what possessed me, but I invited them over to my tent. I asked the children if they wanted to have fun. “Yes” came the immediate reply. I then asked if Mom had a camera. “Yes”. I then asked if Dad had a sense of humour. On the spot, he had to say “Yes!” I stepped to the front of the tent and told Dad to go to his knees, lean forward and look worried. I then positioned Mom with the camera about 5 meters in front. I then gave each child a battle axe and positioned them on either side of Dad with the axe blade just above Dad’s neck (with instructions they were not to hit anyone!). Mom (and several other passersby) took several photographs. I then told Mom to make two copies of the picture(s) – one for the children to put in their room and one for the children to take to school to show who is boss in the house.

The children were thrilled! Mom and Dad were happy because their children were happy. And I won Clan Tent of the year that year – not for my display so much as for the interaction with the crowd.

Over the years and at many festivals, I have continued the practice of trying to have fun with the next generation. Perhaps it is the teacher in me. A number of times, I have had repeat visits by families – some showing me pictures of the “beheadings” from previous years.

In children are dragged to Shakespeare festivals when they would prefer to be playing with their friends, on their computers or being anywhere but with their parents. By making children special at events like these, hopefully the following year they will say “Can we go again?” rather than “Do we have to go?”



Clan Kincaid Association International

Why Genealogy?

by Seanchaidh James Brisbin

Many readers of “An Drochaid” are amateur genealogists and perhaps even a few are professionals. We all identify with our Clan/Family in one way or another. Some are relatively new to this endeavour of finding ancestors while others are continuing and/or preserving the work of others in the family. So this begs the question, WHY?

Those who make a hobby of collecting things have a goal of reducing the number of things yet to collect. If one collects stamps and finds one more to add to their collection then there is one less to find. Bird watchers can check off another species when they make a visual confirmation leaving a shorter list. Even travelers can take satisfaction that they have one less country to visit as they explore a new destination. Yet genealogists continually create new problems for themselves because when they discover a new ancestor it creates two new problems – who were their parents (or four new problems – who were their grandparents? And so forth). There can be no final goal only the frustration as leads disappear in the mists of unrecorded history. We are left with the question – Why Bother?

Other than our siblings, no one else shares our exact ancestry. Venturing even one generation in either direction (up or down/ earlier or later) removes half the interest in our family heritage unless we are researching lines whose DNA is not within us. Genealogists are often puzzled why others in their family take little or no interest in their research. They ponder what will become of all their efforts when they are gone. So why do we do it?

Could it be that there is a profit motive behind all the work? Not likely, for there has not been a family history book, collection of charts, photo album or repository of files on the “Best Sellers” list. In fact, genealogy can be an expensive pursuit with little return (if any) in a monetary form. So why is genealogy one of the most popular forms of activity today?

The answer can be complex. There are those who feel an obligation to provide their family with a heritage. The inspiration for this obligation might come from a family member, it might be prompted by the media (Think the “Roots” series of the 1970s). It might be instilled in us by our cultural roots (The “Bible” is based in genealogy and ancestor worship is common in many cultures).

There is the challenge of pure research – getting at the truth. We live in an era when there can be many truths and we are constantly questioning what is really true. Genealogists revel in discovering documents that can identify ancestors. Sometimes it is as simple as a census record, a church record, a military record, a gravestone, etc. Sometimes it is a combination of events, geographic locations or even the “preponderance of evidence”.

Then there are those who have a love of history. They place ancestors in the larger picture of historical events. Grandfather was at “D-Day”. Great Great Grandmother sailed around Cape Horn. Great Great Great Grandfather was at the coronation of Queen Victoria. Interest in historical events is greatly heightened when one has a personal connection. One is reminded of the statement that -“Those who ignore history are condemned to repeat it”. Genealogy expands one’s knowledge of history and also geography as one becomes acquainted with places unknown.

There can always be a role of being the go to person in the family when someone wants to know about family connections. Genealogists are often the instigators of family reunions, clan gatherings, memorial displays, etc. where family can gather to renew or establish connections. Genealogists enjoy the unique role of knowing what others in the family want to know but may not be willing to make the effort to learn.

Whatever the motivation, all of us owe a debt of gratitude to the genealogists who provide the “Ties that Bind” family together and help to give each of us that unique identity that we so enjoy.

Learn more about your family and share that knowledge with future generations. They will come to appreciate that knowledge someday.

Clan Hunter Association of Canada



Introducing our Deputy Clan O

It has been the custom within Clan Hunter that the Clan O is appointed by the Clan Chief, Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston. Certainly, both Clan O's before me and of course myself were so appointed.

In keeping with this tradition and etiquette I met with Madam Pauline and Dale Hill via Zoom to confirm Dale's appointment as our Canadian Deputy Clan O. Dale will begin his "apprenticeship" by taking full control of our Highland Games activities so look for his emails regarding a Highland Games near you.

Dean was introduced to the membership within the last newsletter but I am including his Bio again within this note so that you might refresh yourself of his skills for the job.

Dale Hill was raised in Dundas, ON and currently lives in Hamilton near the West Harbour waterfront. His Hunter lineage comes from his maternal grandfather, Allan Hunter, who was born in Ulverston, England and immigrated to Canada at 6 months old. Current genealogical research has not yet connected back to Scotland but there are definitely Scottish traits found in the bloodline as well as a love of Scottish treats! Through his father's maternal grandmother, direct connections to Scotland can be found in Galbraith roots, who once shared a tartan with the Hunters.

Dale attended Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, ON where he graduated with a B.A. and B.Ed. He has been working for the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board since 2000 and in his current role as an Elementary School Vice Principal since 2011. Dale has also taught at Redeemer University's Teacher College for the past several years as a part-time instructor of the Elementary Reading Preparation course.

In his spare time, Dale enjoys volunteering for a variety of organizations, including Food 4 Kids Hamilton, Save the Mothers, and VRPro Races. He recently received a 20-year volunteer recognition award for his work with the Community Living Hamilton Drum Corps. Dale attends Knox Presbyterian Church in Waterdown where he enjoys singing with the Praise Team who have hosted an annual Celtic Christmas Ceilidh for several years which provided a perfect excuse to pull out his kilt (and whisky!). His trailer, located on Lake Erie, is his home away from home from May to October. Dale loves to enjoy the outdoors, decorate for every holiday and spend quality time with friends and family.

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When not locked down by the global pandemic, Dale loves travelling within Canada and around the world. Some of his recent favourite destinations include Newfoundland and Australia. In 2017 Dale enjoyed his trip to Scotland with his mom and had the opportunity to tour Hunterston Castle, search for Nessie and experience the sights and sounds of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. He can't wait to return one day!

Since joining the Clan Hunter Canada, Dale has taken part in a number of annual meetings and hosted the Clan tent at the Fergus Fish Festival in 2019 with his wonderful friend Daphne Clarke.

Dale is excited about helping to promote the Clan through Highland Games and Festivals and supporting other members to do the same. He looks forward to working with Madame Pauline, Tom



and the rest of the team in Canada to learn more about Hunter history and traditions. Dale cannot wait to meet and get to know fellow Clan members across the country and around the world!

I invite everyone to welcome Dale as he embarks in this exciting new role and activity.

You can reach Dale at this email address

schwinnhill@cogeco.ca

Regards

Tom

A reminder about technology help

It's not a level playing field with technology access and knowledge. While CASSOC has made advances, we know many of our members are unavailable to take advantage of online tools such as we've used for our meetings and events. For this reason, we're offering to assist any of our member groups run an online meeting such as their AGM.

Contact us by email for more details.

Clan Bell North America - President's Message



A Renewal of Scottish Heritage:

Never Give Up!

As Scottish games are resuming in some locations, we are seeing many old and new friends at the Clan Bell tents. May 15 & 16, the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Maryville, TN attracted a number of Bells. July 8 to July 11, the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina had even more Bells.

Sadly, we also have more Flowers of the Forest to report with the passing of James Elton

Bell, Karol S. Brown, and Rev. Dr. Donald L. Bell.

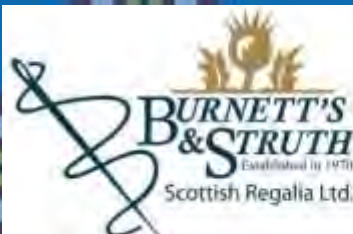
Much of our Bell history has been documented by James Elton Bell in books he wrote, including Bell Roots and One Hundred & Twenty-Five Bell Families Contribute to History. His sons have expressed an interest in keeping the books in print, so his historical legacy will continue with these important books.

The closing of the Col. Hiram Parks Bell Southern History & Genealogical Research Center in Cumming, GA is another loss from the pandemic. The Bell Research Center had rare books valued at over \$500,000, but the center could not continue to function. Luckily, the city doubled their rent.

<https://bit.ly/BellResearchCenter>

Though 2020 and part of 2021 have been difficult times, we will continue our Clan Bell North America outreach to all Bells in the US and Canada. Our battle cry continues to be: **Never Give Up!**

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Joe



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Clan Bell at Games & Festivals

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The Bell sisters with Kathy and Joe Bell.



Emily Bell proudly carries the Clan Bell banner in the Parade of the Tartans.



Bells assemble for the Parade of Tartans at the games in Maryville, TN

Clan Bell North America

VISIONARIES IN STAINED GLASS FOUR GENERATIONS OF BELL ARTISTS & ARTISANS

Article written by Stephanie Bell Clements Adams

According to the Stained Glass Society of America: “Stained glass possesses an aura of mystery and romance. It is the interplay between light and color that sparks the imagination. It is one of the most unchanged crafts, still taking, as it did centuries ago, time and patience, and an appreciation for color and line design.”

This skillset of patience, time and understanding of line design and color was exemplified by the family of Bells and their partners who were known as the London firm of Clayton and Bell. This company was probably the most successful and preeminent stained glass window maker of the Victorian era; the firm remained in business into the late 20th century.

The partnership took its name from the two founders, Alfred Bell (1832-95) and John Richard Clayton (1827-1913). Trained as a sculptor, John Clayton was a London native. Alfred Bell, born in Slinton to a family of skilled carpenters and craftsmen, was trained in Gothic Revival style by the Victorian architect Sir George Gilbert Scott. Scott, famous for his church restorations, saw some of Bell's drawings in the 1840s and was so impressed that he hired and trained him. Bell was also a professional watercolorist and exhibited at the Royal Academy. John Clayton studied under the famous architect Sir Charles Barry.

Bell and Clayton started their own company in 1855 when there was a great demand for high-quality stained-glass windows; the Church of England was experiencing a revitalization resulting in the rebuilding and restoration of many medieval churches. At that time, Clayton and Bell created the designs for the stained glass, but it was manufactured by Heaton & Butler with whom they shared working space.

Clayton and Bell began to make their own glass in 1861. At the height of their production, they had 300 employees, and they soon became the most prominent and largest of manufacturers and designers of stained-glass windows in London. They were also known for their glass mosaics; in fact, their most famous commission was for the mosaics decoration on the dome and sides of the Albert Memorial in Kensington Gardens, London.

The hallmarks of their work were splendid detail, rich coloring, and luminosity.

Clayton and Bell were so successful they began designing church murals and complete ornamental arrangements. Queen Victoria had such high regard for the firm she granted Clayton and Bell a preeminent royal warrant in 1883; this award gives companies or individuals who supply the royal

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Clayton & Bell stained-glass window, St. Mary's Church, South Dalton, Yorkshire, UK

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court with goods or services the right to use a royal badge in their correspondence and advertising. After Alfred Bell and John Clayton retired from the company in the 1880s, Alfred's heirs took over running the company. John Clement Bell (1860–1944) was succeeded by Reginald Ho Bell (1884–1950) and then by Michael Farrar-Bell (1911–1993). The company moved from London to Buckinghamshire after WWII. Clayton and Bell ceased operation after the death of Michael Farrar-Bell in 1993.



Nativity stained glass, Clayton & Bell, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Quebec City, Quebec

Sir Alexander Mackenzie - Canada's Forgotten Explorer and Hero

By Douglas A. Reid

"ONE OF OUR COUNTRY'S MAJOR HISTORICAL FIGURES" MADAME JEAN SAUVE

There are three unearned reputations which have ever served to place the name of Sir Alexander Mackenzie in three undeserved shadows. The Sir Alex Mackenzie we are chasing through history is the explorer. The other Sir Alex Mackenzie is the politician – Canada's second prime minister. They are widely separated in time. The explorer died two years before the politician was born. Except for the name they were nothing alike: the politician was honest, patient, dark and dull. The explorer was courageous, intelligent, sandy-haired and more than a little dashing. The former was prosaic, the latter poetic. They often confuse and because most historians are political historians it is the explorer who is neglected by Clio (The Muse of History).



The second shadow was cast by the sturdy and public relations-aware Simon Fraser, for whom the mighty Fraser River is named. This though Mackenzie navigated most of the river when Fraser was a fuzzy-faced teen. And, of course, the same holds true for the eponymous University on top of Burnaby Mountain. And there are a number of Simon Fraser this and Simon Fraser that all of which obscure the grand achievement of Alexander Mackenzie.

U.S. Secretary of State. John, always interested in bringing the Pacific Coast into the purview of his dogging nation, surveys the scene and bides his time. To what it will be seen later.

Once the intended destination is determined preparations move apace. Mackenzie and his crew embark a few miles from Fort Chipewyan on Lake Athabaska. They depart June third, 1789 at 9 AM. Nestabet is the native guide. Alas, as early as the second day they set themselves on an incorrect bearing. They are not on a route for the Pacific Ocean but to the

It takes three weeks to travel 110 miles to what we now know as the Mackenzie River, Canada's longest. Along the way they take 20 days to cross mammoth Great Slave Lake and all its myriads of islands. Once on the river that would be named for him Mackenzie believes a relatively stress-free waterway to the coast awaits him.

But unfortunately he is carried a full right angle as the river sweeps north. Modern voyageurs know this as the Camsell Bend. With the passage of both time and water Mackenzie gradually comes to the realization that this northerly course is not about to change. And it is along this stretch that the travelers meet the aboriginal peoples of the north.

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The native peoples they meet are seldom hostile. This is partly to the credit of Mackenzie who personable ways and respect for native culture wins him many friends. Much trading is done and as the party progress north they are informed of the nearness of the great river delta which is now named for the explorer. By now the crew has made discovery of what, by far, will be their most persistent foe – not bears, not the native peoples, not even the cold – but mosquitoes! The men try to escape these terrible small fry by approaching the delta at the river's mouth, but to little relief. In any event it is time to return home without the prize they had sought. Well, the explorer has left his mark.

Today, this delta on the Athabasca boasts the Inuit settlements of Inuvik and Aklavik. There is a Sir Alexander Mackenzie school and such. But the what most captures one's attention is the structure at Inuvik – an Igloo Church! – now that is unique architecture!

The party heads home at double speed on the second longest river on the continent. Mackenzie and his men reach home 102 days after their departure. Almost immediately the explorer makes plans for a second assault on an overland journey to the Pacific. He spends the next winter in England to learn more about astronomy and navigation. He will also acquire books and necessary up-to-date instruments. The spring of 1792 finds him back at Fort Chipewyan to prepare for that second assault on the Pacific Coast. He has new knowledge and resolve. The departure this time will be further around the Athabaska at Fort Fork. Three canoes bob in the water and they are pointed due west.

It is mid-October and ten men and one dog with the three canoes and the long paddle to the west coast is underway. Their immediate goal is to reach the confluence of the Peace and Smoky Rivers where they will erect a fort and hunker down for the winter. By this time they will be as far west as possible to begin their onslaught to the Pacific Coast. On October 17th they reach Fort Vermilion and in two weeks more, less one day, the three canoes arrive at the future site of Fort Forks.

Building the fort begins with the cutting and placing of a rectangle of palisades. This will protect the rough-hewn but serviceable buildings. All things considered, it served its purpose well and the room rates were manageable. Today a plaque, erected by the federal government, is in place at Fort Forks and a few artifacts strew the site. By November the Peace River is frozen. And on New Year's Day, 1793, more than one kind of spirit warms the camp and its found-ins. Alexander Mackenzie records the following in his journal:

“My people, in conformity to the usual custom,
Awoke me at the break of day with the discharge
Of muskets with which they loaded our and cakes
With the usual pemmican and plenty of spirits.”

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The day was complete when Alex and his men were introduced to the Western Canadian phenomenon known as Chinooks, which besides raising spirits, provided a respite from the icy weather.

April 20th and with a dewy dawn spring arrives. Suddenly canoes are repaired and preparations made for the historic push west. On the debit side the mosquitoes are back. By the ninth day of May the crew has abandoned Fort Forks; they will follow a south-west-south-west course to the coast. The distance from Fort Forks to the future site of Bella Coola is 1,750 km.

The going is relatively smooth for a time but once past the site of today's Hudson Hope the river morphs into a series of swirling, swishing, cataracts; some serious portaging looms. The men, especially one vociferous Jacques Beauchamp, balk and demand to turn back. At this juncture a leader's people skills are required; luckily Alex Mackenzie is so endowed. Instead of demanding or threatening this or that, he appeals to his men's skills as voyageurs. Their course is resumed and mile after mile the bubbly water washes the canoes and oars astern. June 12th – they paddle by Clear Lake and a milestone is reached – the Continental Divide. This goal reached and passed, they are emboldened. They ride the swirls and twirls of the Peace River as the walls of the mountains define their progress.



Map of America, between the latitudes 40 and 70, and longitudes 45 and 180 West, exhibiting Mackenzie's track from Montreal to Fort Chipewyan and from thence to the North Sea in 1789 and onward. Creator: Mackenzie, Alexander, 1764-1820

The voyageurs rest a day at Fort George, now Prince George, and from there they ride the grand water slide known as the Fraser River. Mackenzie travels as far south on the Fraser as Alexandria, leaving the job of tracking the Fraser into the Gulf of Georgia to Simon Fraser 15 years later in 1807. On the day the exploratory party reverses course to travel north Mackenzie decides to leave his mark in two ways. First, an empty keg of rum is placed in the water. Second, Mackenzie boldly beaches his canoe below present-day Alexandria, and carves on a riverside Willow tree "Alex Mackenzie 1793". Neither the keg, nor the tree, has ever been found.

Mackenzie returned north to the westward-flowing West Road River, as he named it. He was now only 200 km. and 12 days from his ultimate goal – the West Coast. July 11th – comes into view the snow-topped mountains of the coastal mountains... July 13th – A First Nations woman tells of the sea being visible from a height (now Mount Mackenzie)... July 17th – enters the Bella Coola Valley. The local native nation is the Nuxalt (pronounced Naltex). Mackenzie's canoes are in a battered condition so they walk the final stage and because he wishes to leave a special memorial of his success,

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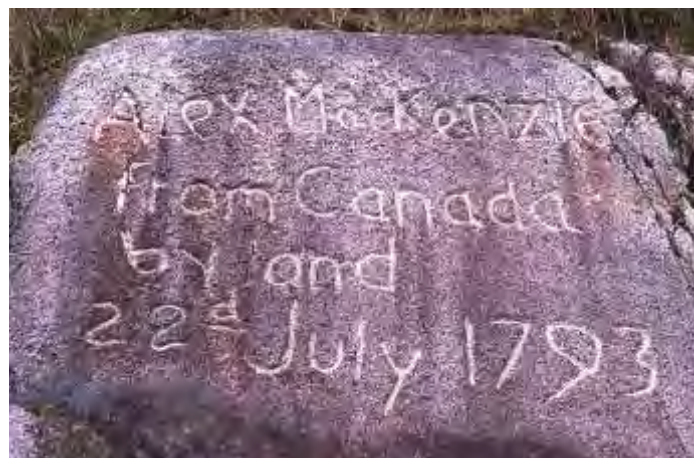
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he arranges to borrow one of the chief's small swiftness canoes and, accompanied by two of his men, paddles out and up the coast a short distance and there he discovers precisely for what he searches.

The dauntless Scot finds a large flat boulder poised just above the line of high tide. He is about to make this boulder the most famous one in the country – then or now. Mackenzie mixes a batch of vermilion and melted grease and he etches on the rock the following:

**ALEX MACKENZIE
FROM CANADA
BY LAND
JULY 22nd, 1793**



That rock has become a Canadian icon and it marked the high point of the life of Alexander Mackenzie. After his seminal voyage he returned to Upper Canada (Ontario) where he continued a successful career in the fur trade. He would leave Canada to return to Scotland in 1812. He purchased the Avoch estate on the Firth of Moray on Scotland's East Coast. He resided here until his death in 1820.

Like other explorers, Mackenzie kept a journal of his voyages. Simon Fraser kept and referred to this journal on every day of his travels. There was another who arranged for three copies of Mackenzie's journal to be sent to him the earliest possible day. This request belonged to none other than the Secretary of State of the United States, and later the third president, Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was a leading exponent of the doctrine of Manifest Destiny. Jefferson hand-picked two men to arrange a sojourn to the Pacific Northwest with the unspoken ambition to annex as much land as possible. The two men were Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. They, too, were furnished with Mackenzie's journal. Lewis and Clark, often given credit for being the first to reach the far coast ahead of all others were beaten by 12 years by Alex Mackenzie. Still, several U.S. historians have written explicitly that the American pair were the first.

It is said there are no original copies of Mackenzie's journal extant. I suspect such is not the case. In 1797 the entire extensive library of Thomas Jefferson was sold to become the embryo of the gigantic Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. I have a hunch that a Canadian or a Scot let loose may find a copy there, or, alternatively, a thorough search of Monticello may uncover a copy of the journal under a covey of maps in a drawer where it could not be reached from inside the ropes.

And that is the story of how a pair of American aces were trumped by a single Scottish-Canadian.

Membership Report and Updates

Membership Report

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KINGSVILLE Highland Games
NATIONAL CAPITAL Highland Games

Businesses

Burn Truth Scottish Regalia Ltd.
Taylor's Tartans
ScotlandShop

Benefits and Offers

A reminder about ongoing offers.

Communication

Your reach can extend to over 2000 enthusiasts in our member groups and beyond through our online availability.

Advertising

Post your upcoming calendar for events in our quarterly news as well as online. If you've an online presence we'll include the appropriate links.

Highland Games, Festivals and other events

CASSOC provides support a voice for all our members at events so that you are represented even if not present.

CASSOC Members Binder

Your group is represented in this membership binder with such as organization information, tartans, septs and contact details that is available for us and all members to display at events. This is a terrific draw for booth visitors and a starting point for engagement with those new to sh heritage.

National Representation

You are part of the national voice for clans and septs in promoting all of our interests with local, provincial and federal contacts as well with international entities such as the Scottish Clan and Ancestry Forum and Scottish North America Leadership.

Special Events and Offers

To provide awareness of Scottish culture and especially clan groups, CASSOC organizes events such as the annual Kilt Skate. Support and awareness is also provided to other events provided by you as a member. We also provide the means for special offers such as the discounts that follow.

Burns & Struth - We're pleased to announce the continuing member benefit of a 15% discount with Burns & Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd. For further details on how to use this discount, restrictions and locations, please visit their CASSOC page at Burns & Struth.

ScotlandShop - Plaid fashion, gifts and accessories designed and tailored in the Heart of Scotland. Authentic Custom Made Scottish Tartan. Made Right In the Heart Of Scotland. Worldwide Delivery. Over 500 Tartans. Types: Tartan Fabrics, Tartan Suits, Tartan Dresses, Tableware, etc. Members of CASSOC receive a 10% discount when using the code 'CASSOC'.

Pipers and Speakers

The following are associated with our membership and available for bookings.

More details are available on the CASSOC website.

| Piper | Locale | Contact Info |
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| Speaker | Topic(s) | Contact Info |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|
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An Drochaid - The Bridge

Each edition of the newsletter will feature a new image of a bridge submitted by our group members or otherwise sourced

This edition features the "Bridge to Eilean Donan, Kyle of Lochalsh Scotland"

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CASSOC assumes no responsibility for content including dates for events.

Please verify by contacting organizers, visiting websites and other sources.

Whenever possible, please provide Word, RTF or text formats

The next issue of An Drochaid will be the Winter issue.

Please try to provide submissions by the first week in December.



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