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Frae the Chair



Greetings,

Just recently a close friend of ours suffered the loss of his mother and received news that his partner is now battling stage 4 cancer. As we were all helping with support in any way possible, I came to a realization that when shared with our friend provided a wonderful lift in spirits and energy.

Just vocalizing it also provided a boost to myself in my 'tilting at genuine windmills' if you don't mind the stretched analogy. My realization was not just an invention at the spur of a moment but the bubbling up of what we'd been doing since our last newsletter. In summary:

Action in itself can be the best therapy

An example is found in the article in this edition 'CASSOC at the Games' where we describe how we've flipped the paradigm of what we do to present CASSOC at events. Instead of promoting CASSOC, we're first

promoting our members while providing a 'find your Scottish roots' service to booth visitors.

We accomplished this through the use of strong visuals to attract, an open area concept to allow a 'flow' of visitors and easy take-aways with the use of QR codes and URLs that many would take a picture of in order to access later. As mentioned later in the booth article, a huge benefit was the lessons learned which are quite aligned with my philosophy that action means one never fails but that one learns, adapts and moves closer to one's objectives.

Let's look at some of what we learned.

1. The combination of clear visuals with an open area for visitors to opt for a 'self-serve' first approach was attractive. The use of QR codes was essential to making this work since it also imprinted on visitors that we were a forward looking organization. Yes, there were one or two who had gripes about the QR codes but for those we just pointed out that the URL was there as well plus it was a simply structure to use.

Try "www.cassoc-cesedc.ca/mackenzie" for example.

2. The CASSOC booth was, by default, designated by other groups as well as by visitors as the go-to source for genealogical information. Upon reflection, this made sense since if one doesn't know what your roots are then asking a clan booth, for instance, is too narrow a focus. And those at a clan booth when confronted with such a visitor wouldn't send them just to another clan but to CASSOC as having more of an umbrella level of knowledge. This of course helped us in our learn-

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ing of the next item. We also adapted somewhat by emphasizing access to the books and sites for digging out Scottish roots information.

3. There are different and sometimes overlapping levels of booth visitors:
 - a. Those who know their Scottish heritage as being that of a clan or family and are looking to connect to an appropriate organization. We specifically directed them to our member organizations when possible and otherwise suggested where to find out more.
 - b. Those who know they have a Scottish heritage but are not sure as to it being connected to 'name' or not. These we helped with find my clan search or other mechanisms and then followed the path for (a) or suggested additional mechanisms to get some orientation. One of these was to do a DNA test and see what possible relatives showed up. A technique that for me revealed a distant living MacGregor in Inverness Scotland.
 - c. Those who suspect but don't know for sure if they truly have Scottish roots. These we suggested ways to find out more as per (b).
 - d. There are those who may be in any of the above who just don't have the option of participating in clan/family or other organization but would like to. These we could only pose the interesting question as to whether they would join a national Scottish organization if there existed one that they could. The responses were unanimously 'YES'.
4. A significant lesson was that action impresses while also providing results. We were quick to let booth visitors and other groups know that this was something that we're trying out and intending to evolve. That we know it may not, as it is being done right now, be appropriate or practical in all situations or perhaps if CASSOC was to grow. I'm not sure how we'd handle displaying a poster for each of 300 members. We'd need a lot more booths and volunteers.



Sylvie Thériault with booth visitor

Speaking of volunteers, our huge thanks goes to out to a my lads David, Alex and Michael who helped out. An even larger thanks to my wife Sylvie who, as well as supporting my 'tilting', extended her role with Clan Gregor to helping with the CASSOC both in concepts and execution.

In finalizing, the first-hand lesson learned about a good portion of the diaspora not being served by clan/family or other organizations is the basis for an upcoming motion the board has adopted for ratification at the up-

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Frae the Chair

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coming AGM. This being that CASSOC look into becoming a National Scottish Organization having a new class of individual membership with the understanding that there may be legal fees and other costs to be paid from the existing development fund.

This is not a motion to undertake a change in membership class but a motion to allow the board to examine what would this mean, what would it take and is this an acceptable future for CASSOC?

Lastly please join me in welcoming our new members, Clan Johnston/e in America, Edmonstone Clan Society, The Scottish Society of Ottawa, Montréal Highland Games and Clan MacNicol Society of North America. Credit for them joining is not solely due to our booth work and outreach but also is a result of the excellent diplomacy of our Treasurer Steven Logan.

Yours Aye

William Robert Petrie
Clan Gregor
chairperson@cassoc.ca

Images below left to right

David Petrie on break at Fergus

Michael Petrie at North Lanark

Steven Logan and Alex Petrie at Quebec

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AGM motion to adopt a new tartan - Fill in the blank!

This background of this newsletter features the tartan that we will be asking the AGM to formally adopt with the following motion.

Motion to amend By-Law 3.5 TARTAN: The tartan of CASSOC shall be the “_____” tartan.

Of course this needs completion and we’re asking you, the membership for input on the name. Of course we could just call it the CASSOC tartan but what if our name changes and how does this work for French? We could call it the Canadian National but would this be ‘too big for our britches’?

Or maybe not if we look at the motion at the top of page 4?

Please send your input, thoughts and suggestions to chairperson@cassoc.ca by our next board meeting which is at 7pm on Sunday October 30, 2022. The chosen name will be used to register the tartan with The Scottish Register of Tartans at <https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/>. You can check out what names are already in use with the search at <https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/search>

The rest of this page is being left blank in order to provide you with a large sample of the tartan to meditate about filling in the blank.

CASSOC at the Games



Panorama of CASSOC booth at National Capital Highland Games

CASSOC at the Games - 2022

By William Petrie

Chair and Newsletter Editor

A dedicated booth was setup for CASSOC at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville as a “Let’s See What Happens”. A traditional display of posters and a desk with binder, books and tartan swatches was used. The results were quite interesting in that we had good interest from the public in the books and tartans while not much notice of us by other groups but what was evidently a challenge for all in the form of presentation.

This difficulty came from the ‘one at a time way’ for someone to look at the binder, books and tartans. Many times we saw people arrive at the booth only to then turn away because others were already there. So they just moved on.

What was a huge success was the use of QR

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Image 2 - CASSOC QR Codes	

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Image 3 - Clan Johnston/e Booth Poster

codes which visitors used to access our website, our Facebook and the 'Find Your Clan' tool on our partner website (COSCA). (Image 2)

Frankly I was unsettled by the contrast in visitor interest in looking up their name and our members versus the ability of an older style presentation method to best serve them.

The solution we developed was to convert the binder to a set of posters for each member, placement of the posters on the booth walls in some fashion and thus leave name/genealogy search to being the only use for the table.

Key to the success of the posters was a balance between visual appeal, easy identification and utility. This was done by a simple name in large text at the top, placement of crest/logo under the name along with septs, motto, and tartans where applicable. Lastly a QR code for the members page on a new CASSOC website which contains needed info

for contacting the member such as website and membership contact. It was essential

that dynamic information be separated from static information for a member in this strategy since we wanted to avoid the updating challenges experienced with the binder. The posters were mounted in alphabetical order.

An example poster for one of our new members (Clan Johnston/e) is shown in image 3.

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CASSOC at the Games

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The mounting of the posters was first considered to be done by hanging on cords between booth poles. However a test of this quickly revealed that it wouldn't work well. Instead we used retail store grid walls which the posters are clipped to. The grid wall can be mounted on legs (image 4) or connected together and articulated to be free standing as was done at the Quebec Celtic Heritage Festival (image 5).

The posters and grid walls were used for Fergus, National Capital, North Lanark, and the Quebec Celtic Festival. However use of the grids walls, due to weight and bulk, is not practical for all events especially when significant distance is involved. The solution we're trying out is to mount the poster images on large banners. We may see how this works at the upcoming Stone Mountain Highland Games this coming weekend (images 6,7,8).

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Image 4 - Use of grid walls on legs at NCHG



Image 5 - Articulated grid walls without legs at Quebec



Images 6,7,8 - All posters on three 96" x 60" banners

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In summary, the strategy so far has been a success. Not only in direct results of bringing new members to us but also in lessons learned which we could only have gotten by an expanded engagement with our members, other groups and, most important, the public and rest of the Scottish diaspora.

Please enjoy more of the images over the following pages and let me know your thoughts and ideas on how we can even do better.

Yours Aye

William Robert Petrie
Chairperson



CASSOC Director Robert MacKenzie and ViceChair Paul Elliott at Fergus



A steady flow of booth visitors at Quebec Celtic Heritage Festival

CASSOC at the Games



Our congratulations go out to Clan Buchanan on the recent inauguration of a new Clan Chief.

The Inauguration is a significant historic event that, after more than 300 years, Lord Lyon has identified J. Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan as the new Hereditary Clan Chief following on from the last Buchanan Clan Chief who died in 1682.

On 7th to the 10th October 2022, Clan Buchanan hosted in Callander Scotland the significant historic event recognising The Buchanan, Michael Baillie-Hamilton Buchanan, as the Clan Chief.

More information is available at <http://www.buchananchief.org.uk/inauguration/>



Fáilte!

On behalf of our publisher, **Siobhan L. Covington**, please enjoy our October 2022 edition!

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Scottish North American Community Conference

Coming up in just over a week's time, SNACC is an annual event which this year is moving to a hybrid format. Some of us will be live in New York and, as in previous years, many participants and presenters will also be joining us live through Zoom.

Registration for remote attendance is \$25 per single day, or \$45 for both days of the conference. This is payable in USD or CAD. For Canadian remote attendees, please scroll down on the [ticket page](#) for special CAD payment options.

As a member of the SNACC Executive Board, moderator and presenter, I see for us the important highlights of the conference being the panels "What Happened to our Identity: Early Formation of Clubs and Organizations" and "World of Clan and Family Societies: How Things are Changing". These two panels resonate with why Winston Churchill paraphrased Santayana "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it".

For more context on what the future has in store for your clan, family, society and CASSOC itself, please be a part of this conference. Your voice on the future deserves to be heard.

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Yours Aye

William Robert Petrie

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST - 2:30PM TO 5PM

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society
36 W 44th St 7th Floor - New York, NY 10036

New Developments in Scottish Genealogy and Migration Stories: Who Are We and How Did We Get Here

Keynote Speech	2:30pm - 3:00pm	Introduction from John Bellasai & KEYNOTE SPEECH from Rev, Dr Joseph Morrow QC, Lord Lyon King of Arms
Panel 1	3:00pm - 3:40pm	Genealogy - Featuring: Stephen Preston (St Giles Cathedral project), Sue Miller (NY Genealogical & Biographical Society)
Panel 2	3:40pm - 5:00pm	Migration Flow - Featuring: Douglas Brooks (past President of St Andrews DC), Keith MacGregor, Maggie McEwan, Cameron Steer,
Group Dinner	7:00pm	Group Dinner Reservation Required by 10/18 (\$65), Includes Dinner, Drinks Not Included, Venue TBA Open to Conference Attendees & Guests (Seats Limited)

Scottish North American Community Conference

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND - 9:30AM TO 5:00PM

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society
36 W 44th St 7th Floor - New York, NY 10036

The Impact, Expressions, and Icons of Scotland in North America

Intro & Message	9:30am - 9:45am	Introduction from Gus Noble & Message from Chris Thomson (Scottish Affairs Counsellor to North America)
Keynote Speech	9:45am - 10:30am	KEYNOTE SPEECH from Sir Tom Devine: Icons of Scottishness
Panel 1	10:40am - 12pm	What Happened to Our Identity: Early Formation of Clubs & Organizations Featuring: Gus Noble, Graham Morton, Alan McCall, Rory Sinclair, Kimberly Attebery
Message	12pm - 12:15pm	Message from Kirstin Bridier of the National Trust for Scotland
LUNCH	12:15pm - 12:30pm	Lunch Provided
Keynote Speech	12:30pm - 12:40pm	KEYNOTE SPEECH from Donald MacLaren of MacLaren
Panel 2	12:40pm - 1:30pm	World of Clan and Family Societies: How Things are Changing - Featuring: Viscount Dunrossil, John King Bellessai, Charles L. Sherwood, William Robert Petrie, Bob Creighton, Paul Johnston (Johnston Clan)
Panel 3	1:30pm - 2:15pm	The Next Generation of Social Media: The Changes in Communications Featuring: Camilla G. Hellman, Rhonda Warlaw, John Cochran
Message	2:15pm - 2:25pm	Message from Lord Bruce
Panel 4	2:25pm - 3:15pm	Highland Games: New Directions - Featuring: Michael Reid, Andrew Morrison - Viscount Dunrossil, David Radley, Terri Wiltse, Jim Sims, Erin Roberts, Heather McKenzie Haddock
Keynote Speech	3:15pm - 3:30pm	KEYNOTE SPEECH from Alan Beck (Robert Burns World Federation)
Panel 5	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Celebrating Our "Scottishness": Burns Suppers, St Andrew's Dinners, Tartan Week, Kiltskate - Featuring: John Cherry, Gus Noble, Camilla G Hellman, John King Bellessai, William Petrie
Group Dinner	7:00pm	Group Dinner Reservation Required by 10/18 (\$65), Includes Dinner, Drinks Not Included, Venue TBA Open to Conference Attendees & Guests (Seats Limited)

Scottish Studies Foundation



Report from David Hunter, President, Scottish Studies Foundation

Dear CASSOC members,

On behalf of all of us on the Board of Directors, I do hope you have had a pleasant and safe summer. Thank you for your support, contributions and encouragement which have enabled us to maintain operational during the pandemic. Since my last report to you back in July, a number of activities have been keeping us busy:

Scot of the Year

On September 9, we were delighted to have acclaimed historian Margaret MacMillan as this year's recipient of the Scottish Studies Society's Annual Scot of the Year Award. The Society is the fundraising wing of the Foundation and the celebration, held at Seeley Hall in the University of Toronto's Trinity College, was our first in-person event since the pandemic. The evening was organized by Maggie McEwan, President of the Scottish Studies Society and VP of the Foundation who, aided by fellow Director Richard MacFarlane, put in a fierce piece of work and so it was gratifying and a huge relief that everything came together so well on the night. She reported that everyone arrived at the event enthusiastic, lively, and intent on enjoying themselves.

After everyone was seated, the Head Table was piped in by Rory Sinclair after which MC Douglas Gibson started the evening by calling for a moment of silence in recognition of the recent death of the Queen. After a long and respectful time had passed, Foundation Director John McMillan delivered the "Selkirk Grace" and the event got underway.

Caledon County, the trio of entertainers headed up by piper Rory Sinclair, were wonderful and along with our three Highland dancers, encouraged guests to get up and dance and move around while they performed.



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The actual award (a specially engraved quach) was presented by John Fraser who was our Scot of the Year in 2012 and who had worked closely with Margaret when he was Master of Massey College. Margaret spoke happily and well about her pleasure in receiving the award and everyone was in agreement that she was an excellent candidate. As one of the world's most highly respected historians, she has become a familiar, stabilizing and authoritative presence, not just in Canada, but in the media worldwide. She is always in demand when the great issues facing the world are being analyzed and discussed, more often than not, as is case with the current war in Ukraine, lamenting that we do not seemed to have learned from the past. Coming from a country with the world's most culturally and ethnically diverse population, her uniquely Canadian perspective brings an authority valued for its impartiality and objectivity.



Margaret MacMillan

During the evening, Clan MacMillan Abbot Blanche McMillan read out the following poem which was sent by MacMillan Clan Chief George G. MacMillan:

***Some concepts are irrational –
No logic, purpose, plot,
No substance, unoriginal -
Rooted, like flowers, in rot.
And yet their power's sensational –
Or can be, like as not.***

***Take names.
We know they're notional,
An accident, a whim;
But still we get emotional,
And bask in borrowed fame,
When someone quite exceptional
Happens to bear our name.***

***And never, Margaret, let it be forgot:
Whatever else you are, you are a Scot.***

It was truly a magnificent evening of fine food, great company, great music and dance, and a night to remember.

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Zoom Talk

Shortly after that, on September 17, Dr. Andrew Jones presented the third in our 2022–2023 series of online Zoom Talks. His talk was titled *The Revival of Evangelicalism: Mission and Piety in the Victorian Church of Scotland*. Dr. Jones completed his PhD at the University of Edinburgh in 2018 and is currently a Postdoctoral Teaching Historian at Reinhardt University near Atlanta, Georgia. His research focuses on religion, identity and race in modern Scotland and the Scottish Diaspora.



Dr. Andrew Jones

Andrew's talk was of current significance, as just seven days earlier, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the very first act carried out by King Charles III was to sign a historic oath vowing to uphold the Presbyterian system of Church governance in Scotland — a throwback to the 1707 Act of Union between England and Scotland. Whereas the reigning British monarch is also the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, ever since the 1707 Act of Union, monarchs have been required by law to uphold the Church of Scotland's Presbyterian structure which is based on the premise that no one person or group within the Church has more influence or say than any other. The oath thereby reflects the constitutional independence of the Church of Scotland from the state.

For many people today this may have seemed like a sectarian anachronism, but in the 18th and 19th centuries church independence was a major issue and when the Patronage Act of 1712 was passed and local lairds, councillors and landowners were given power to appoint ministers to their local kirks over the heads of their congregations, many parishioners saw this as state interference and mobilized to have this overturned. In 1843, this culminated in what became known as "The Disruption" and in his talk Dr. Jones looked at the aftermath of this event which was a dominant feature of the Scottish political and religious landscape until the 1920s. He also highlighted ways in which members of the Scottish Diaspora in Eastern Canada participated in these ecclesiastical developments across the Atlantic.

The recording of his talk and what turned out to be a very lively Q&A session with many questions being asked by participants, can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/3LCZ1IU>

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Jacobite Conference

On Sunday, August 28, the Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph hosted an international conference as part of an exciting new initiative — Networking Jacobites — which brought together global scholars to plot a new path in Jacobite Studies. The special guest speaker was Professor Vicci Coltman from Edinburgh University. The title of her talk was *Wartime: Scottish officers in military service, 1793-1815*. This community event featured presentations by University of Guelph faculty, graduate students and Archival and Special Collections staff, and is part of a wider partnership between the University of Guelph and Simon Fraser University. It will lay the foundation for further research collaborations between both universities, post-secondary institutions, museums and archives in Scotland.

Upcoming Virtual Lecture

Looking forward, we are pleased to announce that the Centre for Scottish Studies at the University of Guelph will be hosting an online lecture from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday, November 3, 2022. The lecture will be given by Professor Fiona Edmonds who will draw on highlights from her book *Gaelic Influence in the Northumbrian Kingdom: The Golden Age and the Viking Age*.

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Professor Fiona Edmonds

Her book was awarded the Frank Watson Book Prize for the best book or monograph published on Scottish History in 2019 and 2020. The prize is awarded in odd-numbered years for the best monograph, edited collection and/or book-length original work on Scottish History published in the previous two years. It was established more than 20 years ago by Dr. Cicely Watson, a champion of educational reform in Ontario, in memory of her husband Dr. Frank Watson. Cicely and Frank were long-time supporters of the Scottish Studies Foundation and their association with Scottish Studies at Guelph dates back to 1968.

Political and ecclesiastical connections are discussed in detail and the study also covers linguistic contact, material culture and the practicalities of travel, bringing out the realities of contemporary life. This interdisciplinary approach sheds new light on the west and north of the Northumbrian kingdom, the areas linked most closely with the Gaelic world. Overall, the book reveals the extent to which Gaelic influence was multi-faceted, complex and enduring.

Starting Thursday, October 6, registration will open to the public and will be shared widely through our communities and Lancaster University.

The event is free and early registration is encouraged, as tickets are limited. To register please visit the Eventbrite site at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gaelic-influence-in-the-northumbrian-kingdom-tickets-428648658677>

Details on all future talks and events will be emailed to members and will be posted on our website.

In closing, I thank you again for your support. It has been crucial in ensuring that the Scottish tradition in Canada at the academic level remains both strong and secure. Best wishes to you all, and stay safe.

Sincerely,

David Hunter
President
Scottish Studies Foundation
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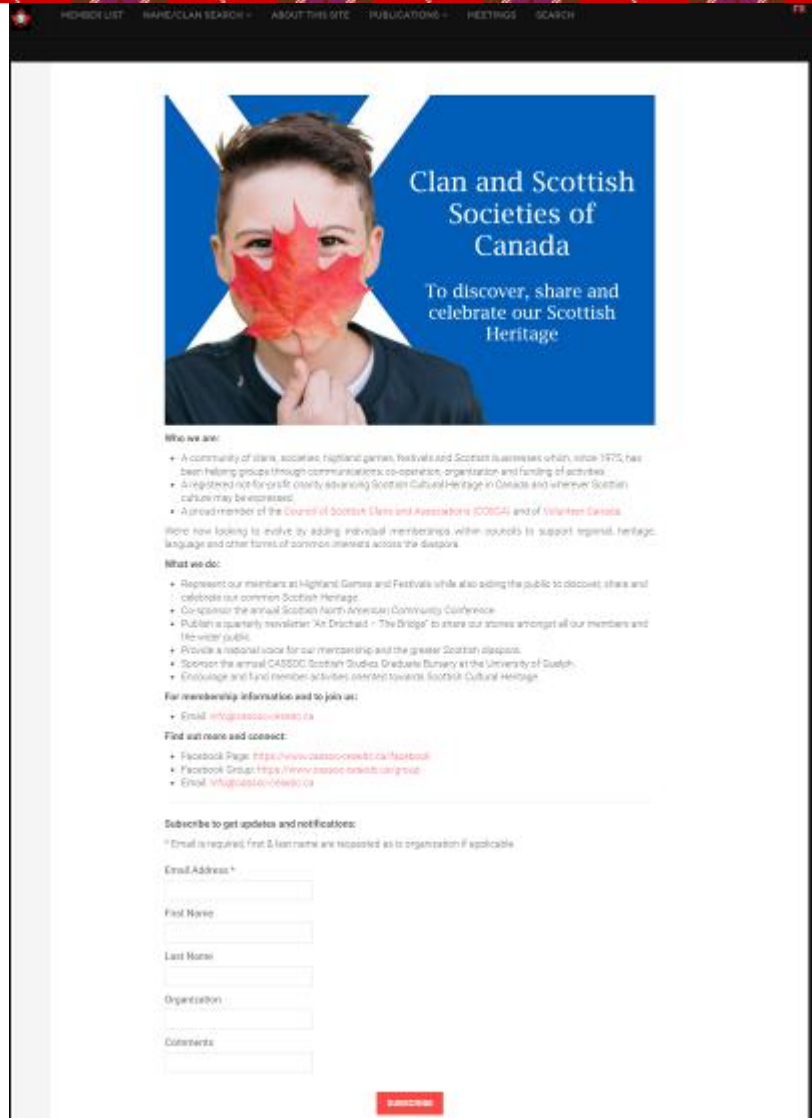
As an organization, CASSOC has grown beyond the offered functionality of the current hosting service.

Our current web host, which has served us well for many years, is based upon legacy HTML based sites with no functionality made readily available for managed databases, content management systems, web based file manager, metrics, security certificates and server software management. These are all standard offerings nowadays which the existing hosting service doesn't and perhaps can't offer. The impact of this is that the existing hosting service can't support modern mobile friendly and responsive websites such as has been put in place with www.cassoc-cesedc.ca, a site we created to handle cell phone queries triggered by the booth posters we're now using. In a legacy HTML site, provision of capabilities such as members only content, automatic language selection based

upon browser language, on-line form completion/submission, on-line payment with connections to gateways or even a site search would not be possible or would require tricky HTML.

A transitioning is being undertaken with functionality of the existing cassoc.ca site being moved step-by-step to a fully bilingual site <https://www.cassoc-cesedc.ca>. Once adequate transitioning is in place and mail services are configured, the legacy cassoc.ca will just be used as forwarding. The appearance of the transition site is not final and we'll be updating it as we proceed.

Please have a look, test the options and let us know what you think. Sometime before the AGM we'll be sending out a survey on desired web functionality such as on-line member application, profile maintenance, integrated payment gateways, members only areas and more.



Clan MacDougall Society of North America



MacDougall

Why We Are Together

Walter M. Macdougall

The clearest statement of intent and mission for the Clan MacDougall Society of North America appears on the certificates originally issued to new members. This statement proclaims that the recipient is a member "...of the Society which joins those of this name and septs and brings their proud heritage of good Scottish Ancestry and all it implies to help in building a better world."



MacDowall

That there were two "heritages" involved in the growing membership is quite clear. In an article appearing in *The Tartan* in the Spring of 1967 (Vol. 1, 4, p.5), one finds the following observation: "At the moment it is not apparent what the relationship is between the MacDougalls of Lorn and the MacDougalls of Makerstoun." (This question was not unimportant as the principal founders of the Clan MacDougall Society were descended from the MacDougalls of Makerstoun and thus from the Galloway Macdowalls.

The question remained unresolved within the Society as late as 1970–1971 when *The Tartan* carried a three part article the first installment of which was entitled "Lorn vs. Makerstoun." This series concludes in regard to the relationship between the MacDougalls of Lorn and of Makerstoun that: "Perhaps one day genealogy may solve the riddle on which history is so mockingly silent."

While there are still questions on specific genealogical relationships, the following facts are clear: The MacDougalls of Makerstoun descended from the Macdowalls of Garthland who in turn represent the Ancient Lords of Galloway, a royal lineage long prominent in the history of Scotland.

There are interesting genealogical connections between the Macdowalls/MacDowells/MacDougalls of Galloway and the MacDougalls of Lorn. However, they are distinct both historically and by present official recognition by the Lord Lyon. Both are headed by their own hereditary chiefs who bear their own arms and title. What is of equal importance to this account, both have their own heritage and distinctive roles in the history of Scotland. There existed, especially during the so called "Wars of Independence," an alliance between the two royal houses of Lorn and Galloway against common enemies.

The leadership and membership of the Clan MacDougall Society has dealt with the issue of dual representation in various ways. The most flawed assumption has been that the Macdowalls/MacDowalls/ Macdowells/MacDowells were, by virtue of their surname, a "sept" of the MacDougalls of Lorn. If a person's genealogy is that of the Galloway MacDowalls (however spelled), or branches thereof, then this is

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Chief Fergus Macdowall with grandson Garnett

Clan MacDougall Society of North America

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not the case. A second mistaken view has been that the appearance of MacDougall/Macdowell surnames in Galloway simply represented displaced families from Argyll. Perhaps the most prevalent method of dealing with the dual heritage within the Society's membership was to adopt a policy of "the less said about this situation the better."



The major issue involved in the latter "solution" lies in the fact that by following such policy, a Society dedicated to bringing to its membership "the proud heritage of good Scottish ancestry" was participating in submerging the heritage of a considerable portion of the membership.

This issue became focused during the Society presidency of Walter M. Macdougall. An obvious solution was to encourage the Macdowalls/MacDowells to form their own society. Considering the fact that many of the leadership as well as the general membership in the Society were MacDowells (however spelled) with Galloway genealogies, President Macdougall argued that such a solution would simply create two weakened clan societies. He strongly urged that the old, historical alliance between the MacDougalls of Lorn and the Macdowalls/Macdowells of Galloway be "re-instituted" and that the Society continue in common purpose and in recognition of the two rich heritages involved. This proposition was supported by Madam Coline MacDougall of MacDougall and by Fergus Macdowall of Garthland the two Clan Chiefs directly involved.

The solution, therefore, became one of recognizing that the Society represented two Clan families and that it did so in common purpose and in recognition of two rich and goodly heritages. In 1983, Fergus Macdowall of Garthland wrote a two part feature on the MacDowalls of Galloway for The Tartan, and the Society's Board of Directors voted Fergus Macdowall first Honorary Vice President and then Honorary President of the Society taking a place along side of Madam MacDougall of MacDougall. The Clan Crest of the Macdowalls of Garthland (and senior line of all MacDowalls of Galloway) along with that of the MacDougalls of Lorn appeared on the letter head of the Society and upon its brochures. The aim of this alliance was most recently celebrated in the Society's publication of The MacDowalls.

In summary, the rationale for joint representation of two Clan families by the Clan MacDougall Society of North America rests in the conviction that the purposes of both can be better served by their combined strength and through a joint celebration of two heritages which have interconnections at many points.

Recipe Corner - Scottish Heritage USA

PORRIDGE

(A recipe and information about Oatmeal from Larder Love and our own President, Peter Wilson)

As we are nearing the cooler months, a nice hot breakfast will fit the bill for this month. And, since the 10th of October is officially World Porridge Day, we will celebrate such an auspicious occasion with easy and healthy traditional Scottish porridge (or as we say on this side of the pond, Oatmeal). We will also explore a few fun facts and figures on this truly Scottish breakfast dish.



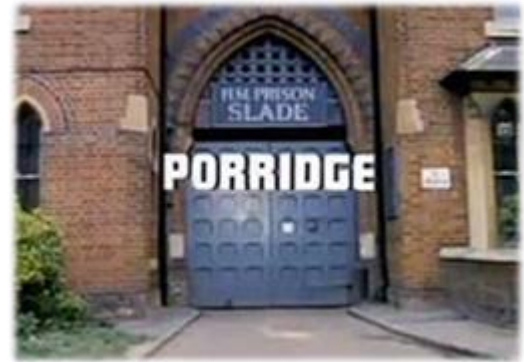
Porridge is made from oats, ground, or rolled. These oats have been steamed and flattened under huge rollers and takes a while to cook. There are also Steel Cut Oats, known as Scots Oats or Irish Oatmeal, these are the least processed form of oats and are chopped but not rolled. They take the longest time to cook (forever- or try soaking overnight before cooking) but have the lowest glycemic index meaning they are better for you. Scott's Porridge Oats (brand name) created the word Porridge as a marketing gimmick combining the word porridge with the French word potage (thick soup) and designed the iconic packaging:



The frontage of the former St. Albans Prison was used as the fictitious H.M. Prison Slade in the series.

Porridge also refers to “doing time in prison.” Supposedly that’s what inmates were fed in UK prisons. In fact, there was a British sitcom on BBC1 called “Porridge” aired from 1974-1977, starring Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale (yes, Kate’s Dad) and a feature film of the same series was released in 1979.

But we digress, back to some fun facts about porridge. The name Porridge comes from the 16th century words Pottage and Porray, both meaning broth. Porridge is called other similar names through history; gruel, stirabout, porage, porridge or even porritch. Porridge can really mean any grain that is cooked, mashed, and eaten hot or even cold (or in the pot 9 days old)! Scottish porridge dates back thousands of years and is ALWAYS made using oats. Traditionally porridge in Scotland was made and kept in a Porridge Drawer where it solidified and was cut out in bars and taken for lunch by workers. It was originally served in a wooden bowl and stirred with a spurtle. You must stir the porridge clockwise, using your right hand - apparently to ward off the devil.



The TV series Porridge opening, showing the main entrance to the fictitious Slade prison

Every year there are Porridge Making World Championships in Carrbridge in Scotland and a Golden Spurtle is awarded to the winner (there is a Silver Spurtle for the Junior Champion also). But now let’s get to the recipe!

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For one serving:

¼ cup Hamlyns Porridge Oats

2/3 cups milk or 50:50 water:whole milk (or other liquid)

Pinch of salt (optional)

Stovetop: Stir oats and water/milk with pinch of salt in small saucepan (if using oatmeal, soak for 30 minutes – if using steel cut, make sure to soak overnight in fridge)

Bring to boil, stirring occasionally, simmer and stir under medium heat for approximately 3 minutes (longer for steel cut) till smooth and silky

That's it! Easy peasy.

Microwave (1200W): Mix oats, liquid, and optional salt in a large bowl (to prevent overflow) Cook uncovered on level 7 for approximately 1-2 minutes

Stir and microwave until porridge reaches desired consistency

Last, but not least (well maybe) there are instant oats. They have been cut, steamed, and rolled out extra thin. They cook in just 5 minutes and can be used in most recipes that call for oats unless stated otherwise.

However, to agree with “My Cousin Vinny” who spoke about grits saying, “No self-respecting Scot would use instant” (changed Southerner to Scot) and add Aye!

NB: You can purchase Hamlyns (a family business) at TheScottishGrocer.com or on Amazon



Clan Johnston/e in America



Clan Johnston/e in America (CJA) serves both the United States and Canada. We are the official Clan Johnston/e for North America as recognized by our Chief: The Right Honourable Earl of Annandale and Hartfell, Lord Patrick Annandale. The Clan was formed in 1976 and is a Not-for-Profit organization registered in the state of New York.

CJA has recently joined CASSOC and we look forward to a beneficial relationship with this organization. It is our goal to increase Canadian membership through the expanded network of CASSOC members and events.

CJA members enjoy access to our Members-Only Website at Members.ClanJohnstone.org where they have access to exclusive content on the topics of Genealogy and Scottish History, as well as a calendar of events. Our online store offers members special

pricing on Johnston/e branded and tartan goods. Joining and renewing with our Clan is easy thanks to our online Membership Management System.

Our Genealogy Committee meets quarterly and sources research materials and responds to member inquiries. They also provide articles for our quarterly newsletter the Spur and Phoenix. Our Clan Genealogist recently began a series of Genealogy Zoom Talks which have been an outstanding success.

The CJA Tent Host Committee supports our tent hosts across North America. They meet monthly to discuss recent and upcoming events. They also provide support materials and help train new tent hosts. Funding is also available for designated activities such as Games registration, printing costs, CJA banners, etc. This past summer, my wife Nikki and I hosted a CJA tent at the Games in Fergus and Glengarry (Maxville) Ontario.

We look forward to meeting other CASSOC members and joining in their Clan related activities.

Aye Ready!

Paul Johnston

President, Clan Johnston/e in America (and Canada)

Chief Commissioner to Lord Annandale for North America

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<https://clanjohnstone.org>



Flying Officer William S. Johnston RCAF

By Bart Johnston

I recently came across an article by Stephen Thorne, whose father flew Spitfires in the RCAF during WWII. As he was going through the pictures his father had taken during the war he came across one portrait labeled on the back "Wm. S. Johnston." Thorne assumed Johnston was in his father's squadron but upon investigation, he did not appear on the rolls. In fact, he did not appear in any RCAF squadron. Finally, after much research he found Johnston flying Mosquito bombers in RAF squadron 21.

The young flying officer bore an uncanny resemblance to my father and his two older brothers. He could have been the fourth brother they never knew. Not only that but my father was an officer in the army air corps and one brother was a naval officer during the war. Furthermore Billie, as he was known, hailed from Renfrew, Ontario and I am familiar with that area from genealogy research and travels. I knew that it was settled predominantly by Scots-Irish and Irish. My Johnstons farmed near Mt. Albert, Ontario and came from Co. Derry, so I surmised that his Johnstons also came from Ulster. I located Billie's people in Co. Fermanagh when mine were in Derry. Ulster was a small corner of the British Empire but its emigrants wielded a huge cultural influence in North America and around the world.

Born in 1917, to Frank and Ida May (Smith) Johnston on a farm near Renfrew, Billie grew up working on the farm, playing hockey and lacrosse while doing well in school. In 1936 he joined the Lanark and Renfrew Scottish Regiment, which was part of the Canadian militia system. With his work ethic and intelligence he worked up the ranks to Quartermaster Sgt. by 1940. During this time he also completed a two-year degree in agriculture and farmed with his father.

Undoubtedly, coverage of the war on CBC radio and in the local papers had some influence on the Sergeant to transfer from the militia to the RCAF where he could learn to fly and get to Britain to do his part. His pastor, school principal, family doctor and commander of his regiment all wrote praises of Johnston. His pastor referred to his "high ideals, good morals and cheerful disposition" in his recommendation for the service, which he joined in January 1940.

Canada desperately needed pilots and Billie immediately reported to Goderich, ON for flight school. The instructors were impressed with his determination and good scores on all his tests. Flying instruction followed next and he became an average pilot but was stronger in instrument flying than aerobatics. His best scores were achieved piloting the Wellington twin engine bomber, which was used the entire war. Since the British and Canadians bombed mostly at night to avoid losses, pilots had to be proficient in flying by instruments. No surprise then that he was recommended for bomber command.



Billie Johnston RAF

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Clan Johnston/e in America

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Arriving in Britain in summer of 1941, Flying Officer William Johnston was spotted by the RAF desperate to replace hundreds of pilots lost during the Battle of Britain and after. The RAF needed bomber pilots more than the Canadians did and Johnston was placed on assignment with the RAF. There he trained on the wonderful de Havilland Mosquito twin engine light bomber.

The “Mossie,” as she was affectionately known, was the only wooden bomber in WWII. Geoffrey de Havilland took a look at the scarce resources of Britain and designed a plane that would use materials that could be assembled by British workers using their existing skills. Namely a wooden aircraft constructed by piano and furniture makers in factories already set up to fabricate wood. The yellow birch plywood came from Wisconsin, the spruce from forests in western Canada and Ecuadorian balsa from South America, all readily available. The wood was steamed and pressed into form with little

metal in the airframe. Mossie was light, tough and easy to repair. The two massive Rolls-Royce Merlin 31 engines insured a bomber that could outrun all fighter planes until the Luftwaffe introduced the Focke-Wulf Fw 190. Just as the Spitfire had a fanatical following throughout the world, the Mosquito was admired, even by Spitfire pilots who usually looked down their nose at bombers.



Mosquito Bomber

The early Mossies were unarmed and unarmored except for the four-thousand-pound bombload. Squadron 21 had newer planes, which had four .30 cal. Browning machine guns

and four 20 mm cannon. With that, the mission changed and they were now the RAF’s special operations pilots, trained to deliver pinpoint attacks on specific targets. They hit headquarters of various Nazi groups like the SS or POW camps or dams and bridges. One raid in Copenhagen put a bomb through the front door of Gestapo headquarters and was last seen flying down side streets between buildings! Another knocked Hermann Goering off the air by hitting the radio tower on top of the main Berlin broadcasting building where he was addressing the nation. You could actually hear the scream of those big Rolls-Royce engines as they dove in their bomb run before the broadcast was cut! The Reichsfuhrer was furious but the Mossies were back in the afternoon to knock Josef Goebbels off the air as well! Goering fumed that the British had a beautiful wooden plane that every piano factory was building. “They have the geniuses and we have the nincompoops!” he lamented.

In the flight-room of 21 Squadron on the morning of January 21, 1944, the pilots were given their mission to destroy a V-1 launch construction site in the Pas-de-Calais region of Normandy. The V-1 was the first cruise missile ever developed-- fifty years ahead of ours-- and was programmed to hit targets in southeast England. In London alone they killed six thousand. By this time the Luftwaffe had been reduced in numbers of planes and experienced pilots so most of their fighters were defending Germany and there were few in Normandy but the Germans had plenty of air defense artillery.

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The Mosquitos of Squadron 21 located their target and dropped from the sky engaging with guns and bombs, and then headed at low altitude and full throttle for England. By the time they reached the coast, the shore anti-aircraft batteries were ready to engage. Both Johnston and Squadron Leader Arthur Alderton took violent evasive action over the channel and collided but both planes remained in the air.

Johnston's Mosquito was hit by cannon fire which blew its tail off, but he managed to keep it in the air for a brief time and then he and his navigator, Leslie Hocking hit the water. It is assumed that Alderton and his Army Air Corps navigator, Bertram Chaiet, also went down over the channel. No bodies were ever recovered. In a final act of irony, they crashed four miles north of Dieppe, site of another tragic loss of Canadians earlier in the war.

It must have been a horrible feeling for Bill's parents on the farm in Renfrew when they got the news that he was missing in action but soon they knew he would not be home to take over the farm. His name appears on the cenotaph in Renfrew remembering the men who died overseas and also at the Runnymede Memorial in Surrey, England, one of 20,450 Commonwealth airmen with no known graves, 3050 of them Canadians.

In late 1946, the RCAF sent Bill's parents Operational Wings and a certificate recognizing gallant services. They hoped that these "Wings" would "be a treasured memento of a young life offered on the altar of freedom in defence [sic] of his Home and Country." North America had lost another good man described by people who knew him as having high ideals, good morals and cheerful disposition. His officers in the RAF had found him quiet, cool, modest and very conscientious. What a loss to Canada and the world: not just for Billie Johnston but for the thousands of others who never made it home from Europe, Asia or anywhere else our legions fought.

From little towns in a far land we came,
To save our honour and a world aflame.
By little towns in a far land we sleep;
And trust that world we won for you to keep!

Canadian Memorial II

Rudyard Kipling

Council of Scottish Clans & Associations

Editor's note: CASSOC has become a formal member of its American counterpart, COSCA. As a member, CASSOC will have a greater opportunity to both share and contribute to promoting Scottish Cultural Heritage for our members and the rest of the Scottish Diaspora in North America. The following are example articles from COSCA's recent publications.



By Robert Heston, Past President of COSCA and Advisory Board Member

This book, set to hit the streets in May 2022, is the best single source book focused on helping those researching family surnames and associating them with Scottish Clans, Houses, and families.

The initial book, first published in 2004, was conceived in 2002. As a COSCA researcher myself, I found it difficult to accurately answer the frequently asked questions, "which is my clan?" or "what is my tartan?."

My mother-in-law, also a COSCA researcher and genealogist, was collecting family sept and cadet sheets at each of the Scottish game she attended. She also spent time researching and purchasing books that would best aid her when helping individuals seeking to connect their specific family surname to a Scottish clan or major family. In the end we were hauling several suitcases filled to the brim with clan family sheets and books. However, with the number of people seeking help with family surnames, it was nearly impossible to quickly go through the numerous books of information and collected family lists to get the information people were seeking.

The research was further complicated because most books on Scottish families are antiquated and incomplete--because they opted to focus on a small number of clans and within that, either ancient names or the preferred spelling of those families commonly found with them. Then there is Tartan For Me!, by Dr. Phil Smith, who associated family names to a tartan but qualified his work as not a link to a clan. He even goes out of his way to warn researchers not to use his book as an authoritative

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source linking individual family names to a clan. That said, many clan society tents use his book as an authoritative list, which has caused some verbal confrontations.

In 2004, as the President of COSCA, I received the approval and support of the COSCA board and the Scottish Clan Societies and Associations in the USA to publish the first edition of *Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families*. That book consolidated, under one cover, the various clan societies, houses, and families active in the USA at the time. The first edition concentrated on these 201 clans and major families, since then, because of the interest the first edition generated, clans added spelling variations and ancient family surnames.

Today, I felt it was time to republish this book incorporating all the changes that have taken place since the first edition. Many families found in the first edition no longer have an active presence, either at the games or on the web, but I kept them in this book and cite the age of the family lists I collected at the time. This edition captures the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs' list of 353 Clans and Families--156 with Chiefs of the Name. And there are an additional 33 families societies who are active in the USA.

It is important to note that most Scottish Clan and Family organizations have clauses in their family lists stating, "...and variations in spelling of these names accepted." Therefore, this book provides the researcher the ability to look beyond an exact spelling (i.e., looks like or sounds like) of the name. I have made every effort to provide a family surname to a clan whether the clan, house or family is active in the USA, on the web, or not. This book contains approximately 12,000 names.

Finally, I have provided my database to COSCA to incorporate in their online research tool. However, all the details provided in this book may not necessarily be provided in that online tool. Therefore, I continued with the effort to publish because I think it's important to supplement the COSCA search tool with clan, house and family provided notes on why a surname may show up in association with more than one clan or affiliated with a confederation of clans.

SUGGESTED RESEARCH MATERIALS

Looking for good research materials? I suggest using these books in the order listed:

- *Scottish Clans and Their Associated Families*, by Robert J. Heston
- *The Surnames of Scotland, Their Origin, Meaning and History*, by George F. Black
- *The Book Of Ulster Surnames*, by Robert Bell
- *Tartan For Me!* by Philip D. Smith, Jr., PhD (great source for Scottish District connection)
- *The Surnames of Ireland*, by MacLysaght
- *The Surnames of Wales*, by John & Sheila Rowlands
- *A Dictionary of English Surnames*, by P.H. Reaney & R.M. Wilson
- *Tartans*, a 3 Volume Set by William H. Johnston & Philip D. Smith Jr., PhD
- *District Tartans*, by Gordon Teall of Teallach & Philip D. Smith Jr.

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Angels over Moscow

Juliette M. Engel, MD, Clan Gregor & COSCA Member

Angels Over Moscow is an inspirational, first-person account of the life of American physician, Dr. Juliette Engel, who founded the non-profit MiraMed Institute to devote her energy and resources to helping reform maternal and infant healthcare in Russia. During a mission to improve medical care for children in orphanages, she discovered a link between the State institutions and an international network that trafficked young Russian girls to Scandinavia for prostitution. She followed their trail north into Norway, where she ran headlong into the international slave trade of the 20th century—human trafficking.

From that point forward, she traveled throughout the former USSR, often at great personal peril, building a network of villagers, educators, police, media, and government officials called the Angel Coalition. They committed their talents and resources to fighting human trafficking, and bringing thousands of Russian trafficking victims safely home. Her strength and personal commitment saved thousands of lives and has helped heal the wounds of a broken nation.



In *Angels Over Moscow*, Dr. Engel describes her journey as the “gift of an unexpected life.” More than that, it is a tribute to American ideals, and to idealists like Dr. Engel, who put her life and freedom on the line to fight the good fight for all of us. Every human encounters crossroads on the path of life that require fate-altering decisions with unknowable outcomes. Selling her medical practice to live and work in Russia wasn’t among her life plans when she first set out to explore what lay beyond the boundaries of her familiar world. How could she anticipate that she would be drawn down the harder, darker, unexplored road into the tumultuous disorder of Russia? «I look back and wonder if I might have been more cautious had I known the magnitude of the winds that were gathering outside my door».

It was 1990 when she first flew to Moscow. The Berlin Wall had just been torn down. The Evil Empire capitulated to the forces of greater good. The ideals of democracy and freedom could now be realized for all people.

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Americans saw only optimism for the future, and it was in that heady atmosphere of the Age of Aquarius that she set out to explore the world behind the Iron Curtain. Did she regret it? No. Her path became a difficult, frustrating and often tragic one, but she was gifted with a rarified view into other dimensions. She was joined by a cast of characters that enriched her life, even if they didn't have a kopek between them. Is there a takeaway for readers of *Angels Over Moscow*? Absolutely. You cannot anticipate the unexpected. Instead, open your arms. Embrace all that life has to offer. Drink it in. Celebrate every moment. Do not be afraid of tears.

Her books are available, like everything else, on Amazon: SPARKY - Surviving Sex Magick, and *Angels over Moscow*.
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Scottish "Clan Map"

Many different maps claim to indicate the areas controlled by specific clans in Scotland. However, most "clan maps" appear to be pleasant fictions that bear only slight resemblance to actual ancestral family lands. Few maps specify the basis for the selection, whether the land was owned by the clan chief; whether members of the clan resided there; or whether the land was under the influence of the clan. Another problem is that the date of the determination is rarely mentioned. This is a problem because the land owned or influenced by a specific clan ebbed and waned over time. The lands could be the "origins" of the clans before the 13th century, the height of clan rivalries in the 15th and 16th centuries, or during the 17th and 18th century Jacobite uprisings after many many families' ancestral lands were seized by the government.

COSCA has reviewed four such "clan maps" and found only one to be the most accurate. "Scotland of Old," first published in 1956, was crafted by Sir Iain Moncreiffe of That Ilk, Bart., (1919 –1985) Albany Herald and Don Pottinger (1919–1986), Unicorn Pursuivant of Arms. This version was also approved by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs and the Lord Lyon King of Arms. The map notes that the lands indicate "general spheres of influence, usually about the time of King James VI but taking the history of each district or family as a whole."

Learn more here: <https://www.cosca.scot/clan-map>

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ST. ANDREW'S

SOCIETY OF TORONTO



Time to dust off your dancing shoes and start thinking about Poussettes and Dashing White Sergeants! After a two year hiatus, our Charity Ball is back and will take place at the Toronto Reference Library on November 26th. Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 12th October at 10am. Visit the [Ball page](#) on our website for more information.

We can't wait to celebrate with you all!

It may be a while until you next visit beautiful Loch Ness in the heart of the Scottish Highlands, but until you do, Loch Ness can come to you! Five new cameras have been installed along the shores of Loch Ness making it easy for avid Nessie hunters to look out for the Loch Ness monster and discover the destination from the comfort of their own home 365 days a year.

Click [here](#) to view the live cameras set up by [visitinvernesslochness.com](#).



Grant applications for 2023

The St. Andrew's Society was founded in 1836 to assist struggling Scottish immigrants. Our modern day Society honours that tradition by supporting grass roots charities in Toronto that mitigate the risks associated with poverty and people in transition.

We are pleased to announce that our grants programme is now open to applicants for 2023. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, December 9th, 2022.

To get more information on the selection criteria and application process, go to our website or [click](#)

Breast Cancer Support Fund



The financial burden of breast cancer can be just as devastating as the physical and emotional impact. The Breast Cancer Support Fund provide financial assistance to patients who are living in poverty while in treatment.

The St. Andrew's Foundation was very pleased to issue a grant to Donna Sheehan, Executive Director at the Breast Cancer Support Fund to help support them in the important work they do.

"We are all hoping for a world where breast cancer doesn't exist, but right now, we help breast cancer patients with the short-term financial support they need so they can focus on getting well." Donna Sheehan, breast cancer survivor

To find out more about the Breast Cancer Support Fund, [click here](#).

Scottish Society of Ottawa



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Hogman-eh! - Hall of Origins

Invitation to participate

We're seeking confirmation of interest in participating at our Hogman-eh! event this year, specifically in what we call our Hall of Origins. The Hall of Origins is dedicated to providing information to our attendees regarding clans, Scottish immigration to Canada, genealogy, heraldry, and Scottish and Celtic history and culture as celebrated through art, education, and sport. We are looking for local representatives of the various clans, genealogy and history groups, heraldry societies, reenactors, and organizations promoting Scottish and Celtic culture. We know from previous years as well as through participating at various highland games, that attendees are very excited to learn about their ancestral heritage, culture, and well...origins.

The Hall of Origins will be set up in the Horticulture Building at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa on December 31st between 4 pm and 8 pm (set up time TBD and tear down after 8). We will provide you with a 10x10 floor area, 6 foot table, and 2 chairs. Electrical hookups can be provided upon request and you are welcome to bring a small tent (no bigger than 10x10), other tables and chairs, and displays. There is no cost to you (provided you're not selling goods), other than travel costs.

So what is Hogman-eh? Every year the Scottish Society of Ottawa organizes Hogman-eh! to celebrate New Years and Scottish culture through music, dance, and entertainment, as well as food and drink to thousands of people from Ottawa and the surrounding areas. This will be our 11th year running the event (both live and virtual during Covid) and we are looking forward to celebrating live now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

For more details, please see our website <https://ottscot.ca/hogmanay>.

For those who are not local to Ottawa and have other representatives for your group who are, please feel free to forward this invite to them or let me know the correct person to contact. I would be very interested in gaining (and maintaining) a partnership with you for future years as well.

For more information on our society and events, please visit our website: www.ottscot.ca. If you have any questions about Hogman-eh! and/or the Hall of Origins, don't hesitate to contact me directly at isobel@ottscot.ca or 613 882-1578.

Please respond on or before October 31st. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and hopefully working with you!

All the best,

Isobel Adams

Director, Hall of Origins

Scottish Society of Ottawa

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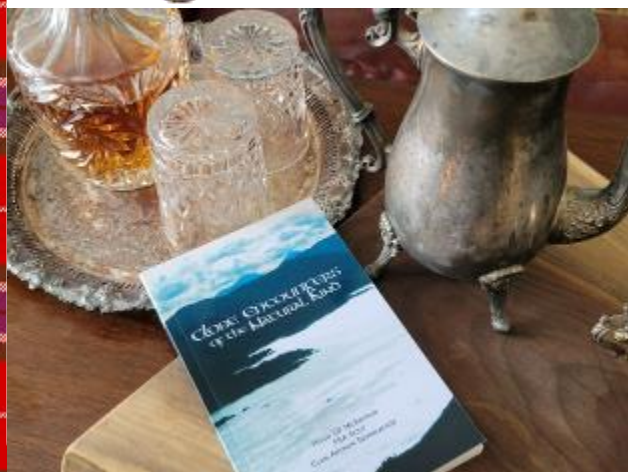


Clan Davidson



Labour Day has come and gone across North America. For some, this indicates the end of the Highland Games season, for others - it's barely beginning. This year reminded us of how thankful we are to experience the bellowing of the mass pipes to stir our souls; the community of clan comradery; the thirst to connect to our roots.

Enjoying some Scotch and tea while reading a new book; *Close Encounters of the Natural Kind* by Hugh McArthur ~ Clan Arthur Seannachie.



Why am I sharing this?

Well, it is a great read outlining Hugh's memories of growing up in Glasgow and the Highlands and Islands of Western Scotland. A little excerpt from the book brings it home to roost..

"There were also frequent visits to my grandmother's home in rural Aberdeenshire to meet the Davidson side of my family. My mother had grown up in a croft with seven siblings, her father was a 'dry stane dyker' and the family had expanded into an extensive tribe."

SHARE YOUR PICTURES WITH US!!!

This picture comes from Liz, tent convener in Canada. Posing with the Clan Baird Commander and one of the historical reenactors at the Fergus Highland Games.





DAVIDSON OF NOTE: Basil Davidson

Basil was born in Bristol, UK in 1914. He served during the war as secret intelligence and afterwards worked for social justice in the Anti-Apartheid Movement in Africa. He went on to receive multiple honorary positions at universities as an authority on Africa.

The Clan Dhai Association was the forerunner of the current Clan Davidson Association. Here is an interesting article about some of the history of Clan Dhai to Clan Davidson. Click the image to the left to have a read or go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sXu4-OmNou18FfG6Fz02HS0UReSabzBA/view>





Frae the President's Pen

Dear Cousins,

HM Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest recently. Huge swathes of the UK population have been in mourning and this wave of sad remembrance has extended around the globe.

For many, this loss has served to conjure up memories of our own nearest and dearest loved ones, whom we have lost over the years. The commemoration of Queen Elizabeth's passing was in many ways an opportunity to remember those who have perished over the 95 years of her life, and who have had huge influences in our lives. For me, I have been remembering my Mom, Margery, who died in

2019 in Ottawa. Like so many Canadians, she was a big fan of the Royal Family, and in particular, Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. I gather The Queen Mother was a great inspiration during the dark times of the Second World War and Mom never forgot that support.

Loyalty is so much part of family. It's a big part of what binds the Scottish clans together. But this sense of loyalty can also be hugely divisive. Let us not forget that while most of the Clan Munro were loyal to King George II, fighting alongside the Clan Chief, many Munros fought on the side of the Jacobites and Bonnie Prince Charlie. This was true for many clans who were either staunch English Royalists and/or drew their allegiance from whether they were Catholic or Protestant.

We in Europe are facing one of the toughest winters in decades. With threats of strike action, the highest cost of energy ever and the war in Ukraine menacing political, economic and social stability across the region many are anxious about what will happen next.

But the Brits are famous for their ability to thrive under pressure and helping one another out in times of adversity. Anecdotal, being housebound during the Covid Epidemic, I had offers from many friends to do shopping for me. And folk regularly look in on the elderly and those less fortunate. But that's not to make light of the challenges facing many Europeans this winter. People are talking about not turning on their heating at all this winter. That's scary talk, in any person's language.

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On a more positive note, I'm looking forward to coming home for a couple of weeks, leaving London this coming Friday. I can't wait to see the fall colours and for the first time ever, I'll be taking the train from Montreal to Ottawa and then down to Toronto and Hamilton. I know the scenery will be breathtaking at this time of year. Add to that, the chance to see friends, family and meet my new-born Grandnephew Caspian for the first time, and the future looks bright again.

As we welcome October, and our Thanksgiving Holidays, it's an appropriate time to reflect on all the good in our lives. Indeed, I think it's a terribly important exercise to help us lead a happier day-to-day existence. As I get older, I'm more and more convinced that cynicism, meanness and anger are so often so much easier to indulge than optimism, kindness and joy. But the rewards of working just that little bit harder are so much richer, more resonant and long-lasting than just giving into the negative.

To conclude this season's President's Pen, may I wish you all a bounteous Thanksgiving and a healthy, happy build-up to Christmas and the New Year.



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MacFie Clan Society in Canada - Sylvia McPhee



Happy 90th Birthday Sylvia!

Sylvia M. McPhee, who was the 1st Executive Secretary, 3rd Chair (1980-1981) and 6th Chair of CASSOC (1991), celebrated her 90th Birthday on 18 July 2022. Sylvia's devotion to her Scottish roots has been passionate and exemplary.

Despite recent health challenges, she is still active in the development of CASSOC's policies to better meet the changing needs of those who trace their roots to Scotland.

Sylvia was born in London, ON, the daughter of Douglas McPhee and Ann Elizabeth (Nancy) Leather, a Yorkshire lass. Her life at home with her brother and three sisters was always exciting and rewarding as was school! Sylvia attended the London Normal School for teacher training in 1950-1951.

She later graduated from Western University and the University of Toronto, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) and holds a Master of Education degree. Sylvia has taught learners from toddlers to post-grads and her decision to become a teacher led to a rewarding career as a Teacher, Principal, and Consultant with the London Board of Education and as an Assistant Superintendent (Education Officer) with the Ontario Ministry of Education from 1967-1989.

Sylvia was an enthusiastic Scottish Country dancer and took her Teacher's Certificate in the same in 1960 at St. Andrew's Scotland. She taught interest groups for the London School Board and the local RSCDS chapter. Anywhere Sylvia could gather a group, had a good floor and a music source, then - Voilà – a reel or a strathspey soon followed!

The MacFie Clan Society of Canada has been a member of CASSOC from the original foundational meeting in 1975 until the present. Sylvia was President of the Ontario branch of the Society in 1980-81 and from 1992-94 and has served as their Seneschal for Canada since 1980. Sylvia was President of the Canadian society from 1995-1998 and is well known to clan members across Canada and around the world. Sylvia has been armigerous since 1981 and her motto is Pro Veritate. She was a member of the Derbhfinnes that selected Dr. Earle MacPhee (Can), Sandy McPhie (Aus), and Iain M. McFie (Scot) as Commanders. Sylvia was first appointed Commissioner for Canada in 1982 by the founding Clan Commander Dr. Earle MacPhee. On 1 July 1990, Sylvia was appointed Commissioner for Canada by then Commander Sandy McPhie. On 2 Nov. 2008, she was appointed Commissioner for Canada by the latest Commander Iain M. McFie. Sylvia has served all three commanders with diligence and enthusiasm.

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MacFie Clan Society in Canada - Sylvia McPhee

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In 1967, Sylvia was honoured for her contribution to education with Canada's Centennial Medal and in 1977 for her work for the Scottish community with the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal. This medal was presented by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Pauline McGibbon, at the CASSOC Ball. That same evening, prior to the ball, the Exec of CASSOC had the honour of meeting Prince Philip at the Royal Canadian Military Institute in Toronto. In 2019, Sylvia received her Ontario Volunteer Service Award pin for 40+ years of service to and for CASSOC.

Sylvia's love of the arts led her into all kinds of volunteer activities – awareness, fundraising and support through awards and scholarships to emerging artists and scholars, the latter through the University of Guelph Scottish Studies programme.

Although confined to home for her special birthday, Sylvia received calls from Scotland and around the world, flowers, balloons, and a birthday cake. She also received greetings from the Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon; Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Toronto's mayor, John Tory; her municipal councillor, Josh Matlow; the MPP for Toronto-St. Paul's, Jill Andrew; the Toronto Public Library, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the National Ballet of Canada, the National Ballet School and countless family and friends.

Sylvia looks back on her life with gratitude and looks forward to the future with hope and dreams of all of us sharing this world and all its joys.

Submitted by Jo Ann Tuskin, CASSOC Secretary



Sylvia M McPhee

Kennedy Society of North America



Summer is over, and the Kennedy Society is moving into the Fall season. That being said, the last few months had been quite busy with activities:

* The Kennedy Society had a very successful Grandfather Mountain, gaining 9 new members. There was also a renewal, an upgrade to a lifetime membership, and a new lifetime membership. In attendance were conveners Samantha Dodson and Kim and Rick Hageman as well as Society Chief Dave Carrick and wife Amy, Treasurer Bob Davis and wife Claudette, and past Chief Chris Kennedy, and Scholarship Sue Kennedy. Also, many members stopped by the tent.

* Lydia Kennedy and her extended family convened a tent at Fergus. Also in attendance was the KSNA delegate to CASSOC Andrew McMurtry, rocking his Carrick District kilt.

Unfortunately, Society Chief Dave Carrick and Amy were not able to attend due to testing positive for covid days before Fergus. They plan on trying again next year!

* Dave and Amy convened the tent at the Southeast Alabama Games in Daleville, substituting for Matt Kennedy, who unfortunately tested positive for covid just beforehand. Daleville is home to Fort Rucker, an army aviation training base, and one of the features of the game was that rides in a Huey helicopter were available. The continuous sounds of the helicopter taking off, flying, and landing were unavoidable.

* New England Chieftain Nina Eppes and family and Chief First Class Retired Leo Kennedy convened a tent at Loon Mountain. They signed up several new members, including Owen Kennedy who won the games' fiddling championship.

* Colleen and Dan Caldwell convened a tent at Ligonier, where Colleen displayed information on Quintin Kennedy. Quintin was present with General Braddock at the disastrous (for the British, anyway) Battle of the Monongahela in 1756, and saw the need for light infantry to be added to British forces and overall operations. He subsequently fought in the Lake Champlain and western New York theaters, as well as in the southern Appalachians during the Cherokee war. He was instrumental in the development of not just the utilization of light infantry but also in long-range reconnaissance.

* a committee has been meeting to plan the KSNA's 50th anniversary celebration next May at the Smoky Mountain Games in Townsend, TN.

* upcoming games with a Kennedy Society tent are: Scotland County, NC; Scotland, CT; Stone Mountain, GA; Charleston, SC, and; Clover, SC.

Please check out the Kennedy Society for information regarding the 50th as well as other news and activities.

David
President / Society Chief

Carrick

Kennedy Society at Fergus

Fergus Canada welcomed back the Fergus Highland Games Aug 11th to 14th, 2022 after a two year hiatus obviously due to covid.

The event was held at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex grounds and was a great success. The attendance was stellar this year as I am sure people were happy to see the games back and fortunately the weather cooperated.

The Kennedy Tent was on display at Clan Row and had great support. We set up Sat. morning and saw a steady very large crowd throughout the day. Thankfully I have a great supportive family to help out which allow for a few shifts through out the day for breaks.

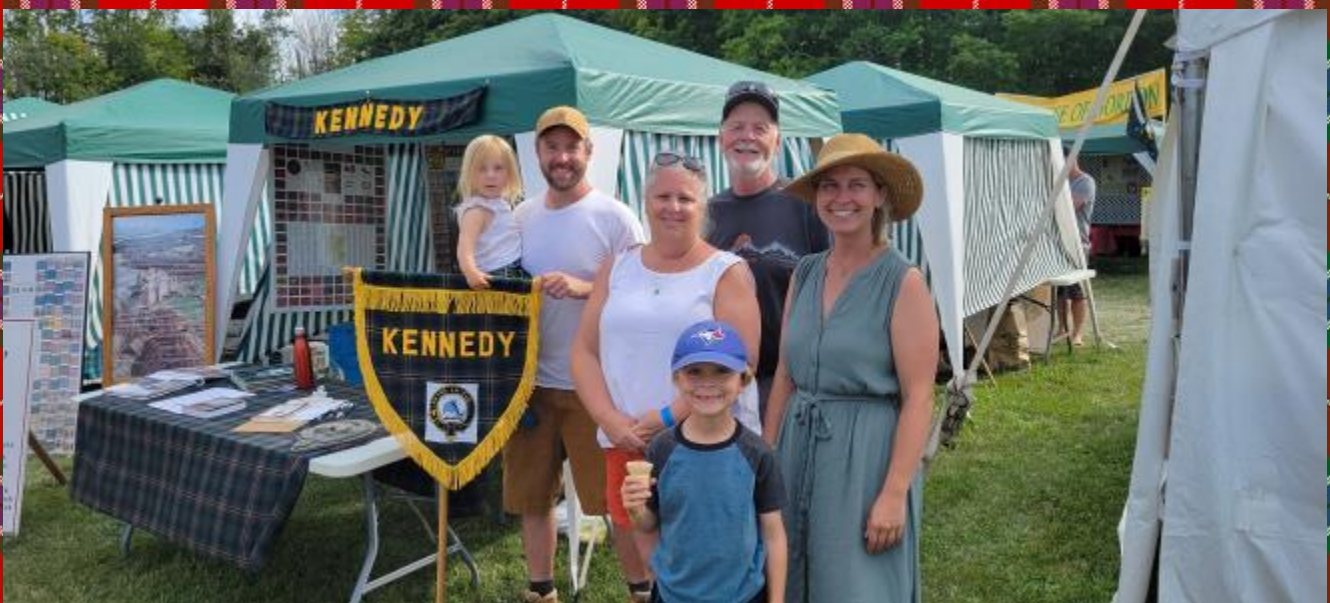
We participated in the Opening Ceremony parade with a handful of those on hand and ready to support. My older brother Mark Kennedy carried the Kennedy name banner up front, and myself (Lydia Kennedy) and sister Joyce Creighton hoisted the modern tartan flag and the Kennedy crest flag accompanied by another sister Adele LaFond - always a proud moment!

We had visitors from throughout Canada, Unit States and even UK come by to visit, chat and share stories. Andrew McMurtry, the Kennedy Society's CASSOC delegate, graced us with some history and interesting knowledge during his tent visit. Hopefully we see some new Kennedy Society members, as I did distribute that information with our visitors.

So nice to hear the pipes and drums again, I'm looking forward to next year's event already!

Kind Regards,

Lydia Kennedy



Kennedy Society of North America





New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association



FALL 2022 by Mel Fitton

The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association (NBSCA) had a good summer at New Brunswick's games and festivals . Following the successful Gathering of the Scots, we participated in the Greater Moncton Highland Games Festival which hosted the successful 2022 Scottish Masters Athletics World Championships (June 17-19) as well as great entertainment and interesting cultural displays.

The games also saw the participation of First Nations with traditional ceremonies .It was a pleasure to meet in person Steven Logan from Clan Logan , I look forward to meeting other members of CASSOC at future games .The New Brunswick Highland Games Festival (July 22-24) was held in Fredericton on the grounds of the Lieutenant Governor's Residence , Her Honour , Brenda Murphy was present at many of the events.

Traditional activities and events for all ages and entertainment attracted lots of visitors from Fredericton and the local area . The NB Scottish Cultural Association invited our friends from The Irish Canadian Cultural Association of New Brunswick and The Central New Brunswick Welsh Society to share our information tent space . This has proved to be a very successful way to attract visitors and share our research resources.

The Miramichi Scottish Festival (August 19-21) hosted by the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi celebrates the Scottish Cultural of the Miramichi Region . A Candlelight Banquet on the first evening is followed by an afternoon at Wilson's Point Historic Site adjacent to the Miramichi River where many Scottish settlers lived and are buried.

On Sunday a special church service was held followed by an afternoon at the MacDonald Farm Provincial Heritage Site the home of Scottish settler Alexander MacDonald .The site is operated by the Highland Society on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick.

At all these games and festivals the CASSOC binder and QR code for Finding Your Clan proved to be great resources to complement our own research material , these have become "must have " resources for all our future displays.

Upcoming fall events for the NBSCA include our Annual General Meeting on October 1st in Hampton hosted by the St. Andrews Society of Saint John , and planning is underway for St. Andrew's events including raising the Saltire at the Provincial Legislature.



An Drochaid was once the name for the village of Mabou

New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association



NBSCA Trophy presented to the winning Grade 4 Band at the New Brunswick Highland Games Festival



This is my wife Avis and I preparing to leave for the Candlelight Banquet at the Miramichi Scottish Festival



Moncton Pipes and Drums at MacDonald Farm

Clan Ramsay



President's Letter

In parts of our great country, many lives have been torn upside-down as a result of ravaging fires and punishing heat, heavy rains and hurricanes. Many parts of Europe have also experienced extreme heat. Our hearts go out to all those who have suffered.

In some more fortunate parts of both the United States and Europe, however, the highland games are being carried on in glorious fashion. Attendance has been over the top in many places. It's good to see. If you have attended games this summer, let us hear about it. Send us some photos of you and your family participating in highland games activities.

And to all those who have helped set up and man-age Ramsay tents and welcomed visitors to the at High-land Games and Gatherings, thank you!

There will be a special meeting of the membership at the Stone Mountain, Georgia Highland Games October 15th at 2 p.m. in the Ramsay tent. The purpose of the meeting is to select the President-elect and Vice-president-elect of Clan Ramsay. The Clan's Nominating Committee have put forth Pam Ramsay McNeil of Evansville, Indiana for President of Clan Ramsay and Mike Ramsey of Dallas, Texas for Vice President. Assuming they are elected, they will assume office at the 2023 AGM also at Stone Mountain.

I am particularly pleased to have these two people join the leadership ranks of the Clan. Pam was the first, and so far only, person to be recognized as the Clan Member of the Year. She is energetic and a strong person to lead our clan. In the past couple of years Mike Ramsey has shown terrific initiative in expanding the influence of the Clan in Texas. We need new, young and energetic leadership and I believe we have found them.

I hope to see you all at Stone Mountain in October.

Ora et Labora
Dick McGraw, President
Clan Ramsay International



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Linville, North Carolina

We look to the future, while celebrating the past. For any organization to survive new blood must exist. During this year's Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this became very apparent.

Looking forward we need young people who share a deep love for their past. And the North Carolina Ramsays are blessed with a young family that is representative of this quality.

Christian and Michaila Jolly Carswell share such a pride in their heritage and that became apparent on Sunday, the last day of the games. Games that had been scarred by a tragic event on Thursday night prior to the opening ceremonies when a runner was struck down and killed during the start of The Bear Run.

Sunday morning began with a heavy downpour of rain, the kind of rain that you know will continue to drench all day. I, along with other clan members, decided that a day of rain was not high on the list due to recent illness. It pains me to admit this, I could not spend the day in the rain.

But the rain did not hinder Christian and Michaila, they drove back to Linville on Sunday, from their home an hour and a half away, knowing that it was pouring rain. They parked their car and rode the bus to the field then rode the bus out at the end of the day. And on top of that, they did this with their baby girl.

This young family is exactly what we need to ensure this group continues.

Christian, Michaila, and baby Lochlyn greeted visitors to the Clan Ramsay tent, yes a single tent due to a mix up with the GMHG organizing committee, in the drenching rain. Michaila said, "We met new Ramsays today".

A few of these "new Ramsays" joined Christian in the Parade of Tartans. When I saw the photo, on Sunday night, my heart leapt with joy. The drenching rain did not stop them.

The dedication that Christian holds is apparent in this photo and I will never forget the impression that it made on me.



Michaila and Lochlyn Carswell



Jeremy Ramsey and his sons Lachlan, Gage, and Landon from Mars Hill, NC join Christian Carswell in Sunday's Parade of Tartans

Clan Ramsay - Europe

We made it!!! During a couple of years the French Scottish fairs did not take place at the beautiful small city of Aubigny-sur-Nère because of the COVID. Therefore, this summer 2022, we had the great opportunity to attend this fabulous event again as it reopened its doors!

The French Scottish fairs are a must in Europe; it reunites all of our EU members in a same location where we can share great moments all together, including small funny confessions that made us laugh. We shared drinks, good food, happiness and 30 of our members came for this event, unfortunately not always at the same time.

We had several key moments. The first of them was the sharing of the Quaich with our new members. As our famous giant tree where we used to do the welcome ceremony has been used by other groups, we decided to do it during a banquet in a restaurant. In fact, we had our banquet and thereafter we went to the entrance of a local castle, in the garden, during the night, under the starry vault to do this beautiful ceremony.

We had prepared a Quaich (It's a half-gallon one...) with our clan's Fettercairn and as our new members pronounced their oath, we shared this quaich (not filled to the top... hopefully) with them. It was a very solemn moment.

The second key moment is the parade in the streets of Aubigny-sur-Nère, moment our US cousins experienced when they came in 2018. For this parade, image above, we had the great honour of walking the third behind the Lann Bihoué's Bagad. The Lann Bihoué's Bagad is the official marching band of the French Navy. You can regularly see them



opening the Bastille Day ceremonies on "les Champs Elysée". As an excellent moment, some of their members came to the Clan Ramsay's Barnum to have pictures with us.

Our new joiners (they "technically" joined the Clan end of 2021) are from the Eastern part of France, the region we call the "Great East" (Grand Est in French). Clans represented were: Ramsay, Scott, Hay, MacKenzie, MacMillan, MacPherson, Lamont, and MacKinnon.

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Members of the Clan Ramsay with members of the Lann Bihoué's Bagad

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Our next events

- The 10th and 11th of September will be the Celtic Days in Thys le Château (Belgium).
- The 10th and 11th of September, there is also the Schots weekend in Alden-Biesen (Belgium) where the clan Ramsay will also be represented.
- The 15th of October: Our new EU region, Grand East, for Clan Ramsay is organizing a whisky tasting with a very famous journalist, specialized in the whisky... The goal is of course to make our clan famous in this part of France.

We'll do it again next year!

Submitted

Ora et Labora!

Laurent Jaunaux-Ramsay

Canada News

Clan Ramsay International was represented at four events in Southern Ontario, Canada during the summer of 2022:

**Cobourg Highland Games
Kincardine Scottish Festival
& Highland Games
Cambridge Scottish Festival
National Capital Highland Games**

**Submitted by
Ontario/Canada
Commissioner
Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve**



Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve, Kincardine, July 2/22

House of Gordon



Greetings fellow Clans,

It was wonderful to be back at the games in person. I was able to host a tent at the Fergus Scottish Festival after a 2 years hiatus. It was good to see so many old friends and meet some new ones. I had assistance at the Gordon tent from my son William and from Amy and Steve, conveners from House of Gordon USA-Georgia.

In July, I attended the House of Gordon AGM at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina. As usual, the Gordons welcomed me like family.

Bydand!

Shane Kelly

Convener, House of Gordon Canada (USA)

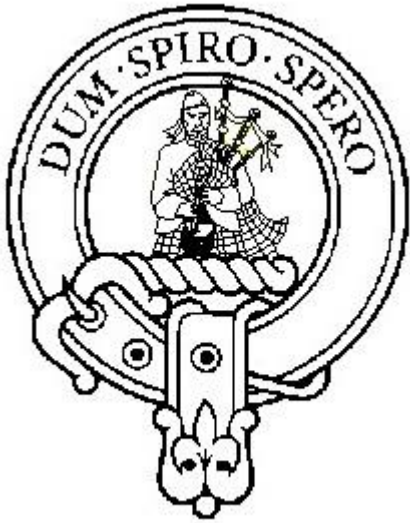


Shane, Amy and Steve at Fergus

House of Gordon - Grandfather Mountain



Clan MacLennan



Clan MacLennan was a registered Clan in the Avenue of the Clans at the Glengarry Highland Games and the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games this year.

Bruce McLennan, our worldwide genealogist and web master from Sydney Australia, held Mc/MacLennan gatherings in Vancouver, B.C. and at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville. At Glengarry, the MacLennan team arranged a Meet and Greet at a large tent in front of the barns where a wine and cheese reception was given for the many Mc/MacLennans, gathered from near and far to meet their kin and talk with Bruce about their MacLennan Family lines and learn about how to register for monthly webinars on "Finding Your Scottish Ancestors", free for members of Clan MacLennan International. For more information email Mr McLennan at famhis@clanmaclennan-worldwide.com

Clan MacLennan had a good attendance also at our tent at the Fergus Games with many guests interested in their Scottish Heritage and MacLennan membership. It was a beautiful day, with a large turnout to celebrate Everything Scottish after three years of Covid restrictions.



Dominion of Canada Pipes and Drums

Looking for pipers and drummers

We are looking for pipers and drummers who would like to have a band tour of Scotland May of next summer,

All information is on our website www.dcpd.ca



Dominion of Canada Pipes & Drums in Glencoe Scotland - July 2019

Clan Logan



A special BBQ invitation by Steven Logan

Fall has sprung here in Montreal. You would think events would slow down but nothing ever really stops this time of year except for Highland games. I was pleasantly surprised to see an invitation in my email. Scott Mackenzie, President of the Montreal Highland games, invited everyone who was part of our games to a nice BBQ at his home held on September 24th, 2022.

We all just had to bring a little something to eat that would accompany the tasty burgers Scott would grill for us. I set forth plans with someone to come and get me so I could attend and baked a cake. I made a homemade chocolate Boston cake. I wanted it to be nice and chocolaty with a nice layer of English Devon custard in the middle with a nice rich chocolate glaze over it. The BBQ happened the same day as my birthday so I made it extra special. The event went well. I had great burgers

and tasted a few delicacies and of course enjoyed some sweet treats as well as a piece of my own cake.

In early evening, it started to get chilly outside. Scott turned on his firepit which warmed us all up and we enjoyed the night ahead talking and having some coffee.

Once we had our fun, we thanked our hosts Scott and Heather and left. It was a really nice BBQ that we'll always remember.



Wee Ceilidh 2022

by Steven Logan

At the end of the month of July, things got really busy in Montreal. As part of The Montreal Highland Games events, I was to take part in the Caber Promenade that goes down Wellington street here in Verdun, a perfect occasion to march down the street as a Clan and take out the Logan banner. This did not happen due to bad weather to my great disappointment and it got cancelled this year. The next best thing was the Wee Ceilidh that took place on Friday, July 29th, 2022 at the Burgundy Lion Pub, right before the Maxville Glengarry Highland games on the following day.

I arrived early that evening and found a small crowd of people, members of the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society gradually arriving to settle down, have a drink and a bite to eat followed by the Scottish entertainment. I had a few interesting discussions with different people and ordered my meal. Tony the bartender took good care of me. More and more people came, suddenly more dancers arrived, bagpipers and so on. The lights were suddenly dimmed and the entertainment began as we ate, drank and had fun with different people around us. The dancers were amazing considering the limited space they had on the second floor to perform.

I enjoyed a short evening then headed back home, without staying too long because the following day I have to get up really early to go to Ontario. I always need to leave when the evening really gets started. People were warming up and really getting into intense pub fun by the time I had to go. I was on my way out of the pub and many people stopped me to ask questions about the upcoming Montreal Highland games as well as what Clan Logan was about. I answered the questions I received but really had to excuse myself. As you all know, I must do my Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada duties. It was a wonderful Wee Ceildith event, highly recommended for those times you need to escape daily life and start celebrating the start of the Highland games season in Montreal!



Tony poses with me!



People arrive at the event.



Dancers giving it their best!

Clan Logan

Festival Celtique de Quebec 2022

By: Steven Logan

This year, The Clan Logan Society of Canada came back to the long awaited Festival Celtique de Québec that took place from September 8th to the 11th, 2022. It is the biggest francophone Celtic festival in North America. We were invited back to the Domaine des Maizerets in Limoilou, Québec for a few days that were nice, warm and sunny.

Once we arrived, we met up with the other Clans in attendance. We were pleased to see Clan Lindsay, Gregor, MacNicoll and Mackenzie that we last saw at our very own Montreal Highland Games. We also met Stacy Girard, the representative of Clan MacRae. It was nice to see all these Clans who we consider to be good friends of ours, all making their own difference. Clan Logan was also greeted warmly by organizer Marjolaine Parent who was very happy to see us.

We hosted and met various people while sharing about Logan history and heritage. This time we haven't met any Logans but visitors were interested in knowing more about where we come from, what Hoc Majorum Virtus means and about our tartans. The visitors were wonderful, polite and receptive to learning new things about our Clan. We received a surprise visit from Patrice Macleod, of the MacLeod of Saguenay and another from Ted and Louise



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Gunn who were very kind and complimentary towards what we are doing for Clan Logan.

The festival had some entertainment. we saw some Irish dance and some ladies doing some tap dancing from the Manigance school. The entertainment was varied as to fit in with various Celtic traditions and cultures. They also had music on their stage and visitors enjoyed listening while having a nice drink with the family.

On the first evening after hosting, we met up with the Clans for a bite to eat. Finding a restaurant would be a difficult challenge due to various other events happening in Québec. A miracle happened, Boston Pizza had room for us. Once there, we settled and enjoyed the rest of our evening with a good meal and conversation and headed to the hotel. Being extremely tired is the reward of hard work hosting and promoting our Clan to new audiences.

The following day, we got up early, had breakfast and left for Domaine des Maizerets to host the last day. Sunday was a little more quiet in terms of visitors but we still enjoyed ourselves. Once the day was done, the sad part happened.. we had to pack up and leave. We thanked everyone at the festival Celtique de Québec for a wonderful event. They were pleased with us and we are going to come back next year!



Clan Logan

Pipes, Plaid and pageantry parade 2022

by Steven Logan

On August 11th, 2022, the adventure began! We had been waiting for quite a few years for this due to the pandemic. Fergus is always a place we look forward to going and we really missed our friends at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games!

This was going to be a long drive for our Vice President, Laurent but he also needed the escape from everyday life and problems. It takes a good 7 hours to go to Fergus from Montreal because we need to cross over into Ontario and go through Toronto to get there. The trip in itself went well, we had water bottles and snacks as we went up the highway and saw different cities on our way to final destination. Around Toronto, we got frustrated because traffic would change for no reason adding delays. It would be very fluid then suddenly we were bumper to bumper. This would repeat itself constantly with the addition of construction work. Realizing we would be a little late due to traffic, we decided to go straight to the hotel we were staying at in order to prepare for the pipes, Plaid and pageantry parade that happens in downtown Fergus that evening. We were going to be a little late, a situation I wanted to avoid.

Ready and prepared, we brought our Logan banner through Fergus, to find the start of the queue for the parade. We really sprinted because we were minutes from starting. I don't like these stressful moments at all as I want things to be perfect. We managed to head for the baseball Diamond corner of Albert and David for the gathering. We arrived just in time and Dave Radley, President of the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games was there greeting us. Clan Davidson who we met at the Maxville Glengarry games was pleased to see us as well as many other Clans. It was nice to be finally ready for action! We held the Clan Logan banner proudly as we paraded downtown Fergus as people cheered us on. Once at the Canadian Legion, we disbanded, spoke with people and Clans and headed for the hotel afterwards.



Fergus opening ceremony 2022

by Steven Logan

On Friday, August 12th, 2020, after a day of relaxing and visiting, we attended the Fergus Scottish Festival opening ceremony. Once we arrived, we were able to check our installation to make sure we were ready to host Saturday and Sunday. We then met up with the Clans and various people ready to enjoy the evening. The weather was warm and welcoming and we could feel the excitement the organizers had for this long awaited event that was postponed due to COVID-19 for a few years.

The opening ceremony was very nice and there was a nice show with the Scottish dancers. This was happening as the sun was setting which gave it all a magical feel. What is most appreciated about the opening ceremony is that the Clans get to participate. Each were given a torch as we waited. It is always interesting to wait in that case as it gives us time to catch up with the Clans and have great conversations. We were very pleased to meet up with Clan Young that we hadn't seen for many years. As we were being called to go on the field, we lit our torches and proceeded to move forward as the crowd watched. The Clans were all called to come forth one people could encourage their Clan on the way to lighting the hearth. We then exited the field to say goodbye to certain Clans who needed to get ready for the following days and stayed behind, enjoying the evening.

We had a nice drink as we watched the entertainment. The Red Hot Chilli Pipers were going to play! We then met up with Clan MacNeil and positioned ourselves to watch the fireworks which were breathtaking. These games pull out all the stops. We then watched more entertainment before heading back to the hotel to relax and recharge for the next 2 days of hosting. It was a wonderful evening that gave us time to enjoy the event before we got to work in the hope to meet new Logans and promote our Clan.

photo 1: dancers at the ceremony

photo 2: On our way to light the hearth with Doug Young(Clان Young)



James C. Logan a Stalwart of Service

by Steven Logan

July has been a very busy month for us in terms of events and meetings. On July 17th, 2022 we had a very special board meeting with the Clan Logan Society International. Kevin Logan, the current President wanted us all together so we could pay tribute to former President James C. Logan.

Many years ago, in 2007, I had decided to renew with my Logan roots and contacted the Clan Logan Society International. James C. Logan explained how to be a member of the society. Little did I know that it was the start of a very long relationship with Clan Logan! James took the time to explain so many things I needed to know. As I read the newsletter through the various publications, I discovered there was a new world with tons of Logan history, tradition and heritage to discover. As the years progressed, I felt the need to get involved more intensely and James was there once again to tell me how to go about things. He has always been there, supportive, attentive and ready to give much needed advice and guidance.

I was very pleased to attend this meeting as it was important and necessary to recognize James. Patrick, our Representative of Ontario was also present. We were all in agreement that James C. Logan should be rewarded by being made honorary President Emeritus for his ongoing commitment to Clan Logan. James has gone far and beyond the call of duty and has set the foundations of today's Clan Logan Society International through his devotion and hard work. His efforts go way back to 2009 when he was appointed the office of Vice-President of the society and even accepted the additional role as editor of our Clan Newsletter "Our valour". Despite the difficulties, he also had his hands full with additional responsibilities because the former President Vernon Logan was battling health issues on and off for over a decade. I have always been proud of James through the years and back in 2016, I even went to San Diego to help him host at the Vista California Games. I would go each year because there was always so much to learn from him. He has been a great host through the years and it was an honour to help him out with the tent and his set up.

Our Logan community is full of interesting people to discover and know and the only way to really know what it means to be in a Scottish Clan is to participate, visit, see and meet! Be proud of being a Logan and show it while using our tartans!

In 2018, I was very pleased to know that James won the Duke of Montrose award at the 2018 Seaside Games for the highest level of Clan spirit. I saw that beautiful award on one of my visits to see him. This is an honour well deserved for a man who works so hard to make sure we have Logan heritage and traditions protected for the next generations. As a way of showing our gratitude, James C. Logan was given a very special award, an engraved Sgian-dubh with mention "James C. Logan the epitome of "Hoc Majorum Virtus" CLS President 2018-2022.

As Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada, it is important to pay tribute to exceptional people like James that make our Clan stand out from the rest. I try to do that through each commitment and each effort. All that I do is with him in mind. I want to make sure that Clan Logan is shown with great pride, honour and dignity across our country, Canada.

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Photo 1: A Logan trio, years ago at the Vista Highland games in Vista California.

From left to right: myself, James C. Logan and Leroy Logan.

photo 2: James gets a nice Sgian-duhb!



Award for Meritorious Conduct



Clan Logan

Montreal Highland Games 2022

by Steven Logan

July 31st, 2022 was a very busy Montreal Highland games. Not only was I hosting the Clan Logan tent with Vice-President Laurent but acted as Clans and Communities Director! It was a very nice hot and sunny day. I was extremely pleased with all the non profit organizations that came and this year, I could boast a total of 8 Clans, that is one more than in 2019 despite the pandemic and other factors.

The day went very well, I helped the Clans participate in the opening ceremonies, did a Clans presentation followed by a Clans parade. It was nice to have Clan Gregor and Sylvie and William, chairman of CASSOC with us. I was also able to renew my ties to the other Clans in the process. We had Clan Lindsay, Clan Gregor, Clan Mackenzie, Clan Logan, Clan Hay, Clan Macpherson, Clan MacNicol and Fraser. The Highland games committee chose Clan Fraser as Best Clan and Clan MacNicol as 2022 chieftain of The Montreal Highland games.

Our Clan was represented by myself and Clan Logan Vice-President Laurent Audar who did a tremendous job setup up the Logan tent, hosting and packing afterwards. I consider myself very lucky to have Laurent who is so involved and really is doing a great job for the Clan. This year, Patrick our Representative of Ontario was to meet up with us but could not due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Many familiar faces came back to these games after a long pandemic where everything stopped. Clan Logan members Krista-Lee and Justin came back to encourage us and enjoy everything the games had to offer, the bagpiping, sports and culture. Clan Logan got many visitors this year. We seem to be interesting more and more people and we are gaining in popularity.

These games attracted around seven thousand people on the Douglas grounds and were a huge hit. I have received a warm thank you from Scott Mackenzie, President at these games and even a Clans request for the following year from Guthrie Stewart, President of the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society. Our implication within the Scottish Community here is getting noticed as many came to thank me for a job well done, it be the Clans themselves, visitors, non profits and organizers.

Next year should be very interesting and promising because I have more Clans who are willing to attend. Hopefully, many others will chose to come to our games also despite hosting for 2 days in Maxville. I have a lot of work to do for my Clans but you can always count on my very best service, help and support. My dear Clans, if you decide to come by the Montreal Highland Games, you shall always be warmly welcomed and taken care of as I act as Clans and Communities Director. I look forward to building bridges, strong bonds and relationships through the years.

Top photo: Myself with members krista-Lee and Justin who were visiting

Bottom photo: Presenting the Clans to the public!



Clan Logan

Maxville Glengarry Games 2022

by Steven Logan

On Saturday, July 30th, 2022, Clan Logan went back to attend and host at The Maxville Glengarry Games in Ontario. This event was one the organizers were looking forward to for the longest time. It goes without saying that we had been asked earlier in the year if we would be back. Clan Logan has built a steady reputation through the years of attending certain events.

We were back in building 2 this year. Vice-President Laurent Audar came and hosted and helped all the way through the event. Patrick, our representative of Ontario was to attend but had to change plans at the last minute. This year, there were many people due to long COVID-19 years with no activity. We clearly felt that people needed to be out, have fun and participate actively. I was extremely pleased to be welcomed back by Clans Coordinator William Hinse-MacCulloch to these fantastic games that have always been good to us.

These games felt different compared to the last we did back in 2019. There were a lot more people and.. more Logans!! Clan Logan benefited from a lot of visibility as we participated in the Clans Parade, received public acknowledgement and were seen by all the Logans that afterwards came to visit us. We handed out numerous business cards and membership forms to many Logans and Logan families that were proudly wearing their Logan tartans! Clans came to see us, Clan MacPhie was opposite us and we managed to spend time with Gary MacPhie that we last saw when we did the Moncton New Brunswick games last June!

We seem to be making steady gains in terms of repute and participation within the Scottish Community in Ontario as Erin from the National capital Highland games in Ottawa came to visit us hoping to bring us back to their games in years to come since we are visible in many other places across Canada. This is something we will look into as the years progress. To be visible at any Highland Games requires timing and vacation time, various resources, financial or otherwise and organization. It also requires having the help needed to host of the given dates of an event that are often some distance away. I firmly recommend all Highland Games to invest in Clans to attract them and offer interesting incentives, it be by giving them free parking, a offered tent installation with tables and chairs is a HUGE bonus, a free lunch is appreciated or anything to help them out. I try nonetheless to participate in as many games as I can for Clan Logan's visibility with great pride.

Among the various visitors we got this year, many were from Clan MacLennan. It's always very nice to see our tartan being used. It was first recorded in 1831 by historian James Logan in his book, The Scottish Gaël. Clan Logan's participation was very much so appreciated by The Maxville Glengarry games and attracted young people interested in heritage and Scottish traditions.

Photo 1: Meeting Abigail Logan and family

Photo 2: Our setup at The Maxville Games

Photo 3: Gary MacPhie and Steven Logan



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- To advance Scottish Cultural Heritage in Canada, such 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

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The next General Assembly meeting will be held November 27, 2021 2pm to 5pm. Format of in-person, virtual or blended is to be determined.

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Newsletter website (www.cassocnews.ca)

This is the online version of this publication with articles from the latest issue, previous issues and incoming articles and items which will likely appear in the next issue. All materials are provided in French and English on a best effort basis.

Games, Festivals and other Events

Check the CASSOC websites (www.cassoc-cesedc.ca or www.cassoc.ca) for the latest listings.

As the date for these events approach, please contact event organizers for up-to-date information.

Date	Event	Location	For More Information
Oct 7-15	Celtic Colours International Festival	Cape Breton, NS	https://celtic-colours.com/about/
Oct 21-22	Scottish North American Community Conference	New York & Online	https://scotsconf.com
Nov 26	Charity Ball St Andrew's Society Toronto	Toronto, ON	https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event
Nov 27	CASSOC AGM 2pm to 5pm	Hybrid/TBD	http://www.cassoc.ca
Dec 05	Virtual St.Andrew's Day Whiskey Tasting	Virtual event on Zoom	https://ottscot.ca/tutored-whisky-tasting-ottawa
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Jan 25	St Andrew's Society Toronto Burns Statue Celebration	Toronto, ON	https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event/burns-statue-visitation/
Apr 09	St Andrew's Society Toronto Tartan Day Pub Night	Toronto, ON	https://standrewstoronto.ca/sast_event/tartan-day-pub-night/
Aug 11-13	Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games	Fergus, ON	https://fergusscottishfestival.com/
Aug 26	North Lanark Highland Games	Almonte, ON	http://www.almontehighlandgames.com/
Oct 6-14	Celtic Colours International Festival	Cape Breton, NS	https://celtic-colours.com/about/

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A reminder about ongoing benefits and offers.

Communication

Your reach can extend to over 10,000 enthusiasts in our member groups and beyond through our online availability.

Advertising

Post your upcoming calendar for events in our quarterly newsletter 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 Scottish heritage.

National Representation

You are part of the national voice for clans and societies 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.

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