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## Sumter, SC Scottish Country Fair and Celtic Festival literally “blown away”

Mother Nature had a surprise in store for the Scottish Country Fair and Celtic Festival held in Dillon Park near Sumter, SC this April 25 and 26th. After a warm and mostly sunny morning and early afternoon, a thunderstorm of wicked proportions (There was talk that the storm was actually a tornado, but no official word was received .) swept through the grounds and park, either destroying or blowing away almost every tent. It is reported that one tent smashed into a car windshield.

Thankfully, there were no serious injuries to those who were working at the games or participating as attendees, although several vendors lost everything and every tent had serious damage to inventory.

The games opening ceremony in the morning recognized Frank Shaw, FSA Scot, as Honored Guest and a Military Appreciation Ceremony was held by the Scottish American Military Society a little later.

The Palmetto Pipes and Drums performed during the day as did Ed Miller, the Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble and Scooter Muse along with Jill Chambless. Msgr John F. Kennedy, Ed Miller and Jill Chambless sang the various National Anthems.



Scottish Heavy Athletic competitions were held all through the day - and even after the storm.

Lectures were presented by Dr. Ed Miller (Did you know that Ed has an MA in Cultural Geography and a Ph.D., in Folklore from the University of Texas?); Dr. Patrick Scot, a Professor of English and Director of Special Collections, Thomas Cooper Library at the University of South Carolina who lectured on Robert Burns; Frank Shaw, FSA Scot, who has a Master of Divinity of Southeastern Theological Seminary, spoke on Sir Walter Scott. Carl McIntosh, Assistant Dean for University Ad-

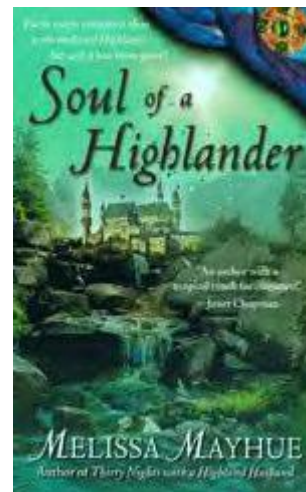
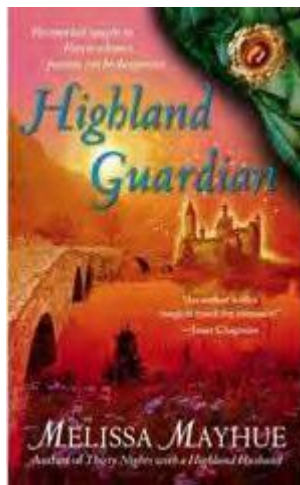
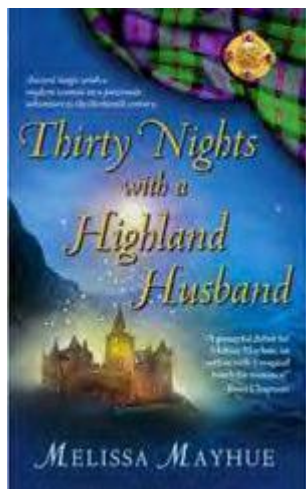
vancement at the University of South Carolina, Sumter, has an MA and Education Administration from Appalachian State University. Mr. McIntosh presented the Whisky Tasting.

Reportedly, the event t-shirts were almost sold out in the morning. (See above) The shirts were designed by Tom Freeman of Caberdancer Graphic Design, Inc.

According to games officials, the future of this long-time event is much in doubt. Most of the Games' tents and equipment were destroyed in the storm.

# Melissa Mayhue has books you'll love to read!

It's not a surprise to anyone who has known me for more than 3 seconds, that I am an unashamed and unrefor med "bookaholic." I love to read. I will read most anything from a cereal box to a tome about current archaeological digs.



*The trilogy by Melissa Mayhue*

Melissa Mayhue is an author new to me. It's a roundabout story how I ended up with an advance uncorrected proof of her newest book, *Soul of a Highlander*...but end up with it I did. Turns out, this is the third book in a three-part story. *Thirty Nights with a Highland Husband* and *Highland Guardian* being the other two.

The publicist for the books sent me both of the others and I sort of disappeared into them for a few days - enjoying every moment.

These books are just fun to read, especially if you enjoy things Scottish.

One of the book jackets says, "Melissa Hayhue knows a great deal about men - after all, she's wife to one and mother of three. She and her family live in Colorado, in the shadow of the beautiful Rocky Mountains, with three insanely spoiled dogs, one domineering cat, a turtle with an attitude and way too many fish in their aquarium."

All three of these books concern romance, Scottish history, fairies and families who are related to the fairies. The stories are interesting, the plots are intriguing and the characters are so real that you find yourself thinking of them as friends.

I was delighted with the stories and couldn't put any of the three down - all about things that your mind knows can't really happen, but written in such a way that when you're reading, you're in a place where all is possible and nothing is too outrageous.

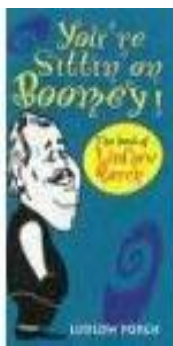
*Soul of a Highlander* (ISBN-4165-7258-9) will be in bookstores in June. *Thirty Nights with a Highland Husband* and *Highland Guardian* are available wherever books are sold. They are all published by Pocket Books.

You may visit Melissa Hayhue on her website at <http://www.MelissaMayhue.com> If you'd like to meet Ms. Mayhue, you may attend her book signing May 24 | 2 PM - 5 PM which will be the Kick-off for *Soul of a Highlander*; Barnes & Noble Booksellers, The Promenade Shops at Centerra, The Shops at Centerra, 5835 Sky Pond Drive, Loveland, CO 80537 Signing with Authors Lynda Hilburn and Robin D. Owens . There will be another book signing June 22 | 2 PM - 4 PM at The Pikes Peak Romance Writers, Colorado Springs, Colorado. If you are in California, you might wish to plan to go July 30 - August 2 to the Romance Writers of America Conference in San Francisco.

## More reading ideas!

If you love to read, I have some other suggested authors for you as well. In just happens that they all are dear friends of mine.

For funny books that will have you rolling on the floor laughing, just look for anything written by **Ludlow Porch**.



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**Books to read and love, continued from page 2 B**

You may visit <http://www.amazon.com> and type in "Ludlow Porch" and find much to love and enjoy.

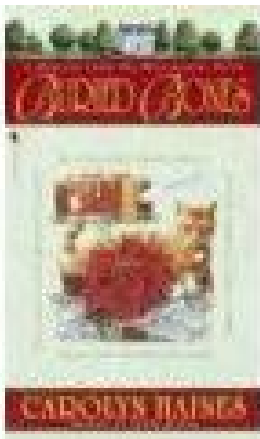
My friend, **Jan McDaniel**, has written books forever. Her books are fun to read and always interesting. You may also find her books on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Jan writes everything from books to word puzzles. All are super.

Of course, most folks in the Scottish community have read **Carolyn Hale Bruce** and **Charles Randolph "Randy" Bruce's** books.

*Rebel King Hammer of the Scots, Rebel King, The Har'ships, Rebel King Bannock Burn* are the continuing story of Scotland's famous Robert the Bruce.

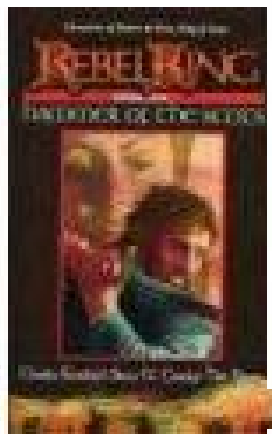
If you have not read these, you may visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or write Bruce & Bruce, PO Box 64007, Virginia Beach, VA 23467-4007.



**Carolyn Haines** writes about lots of things - from fiction to nonfiction. I love her "Bones" books.

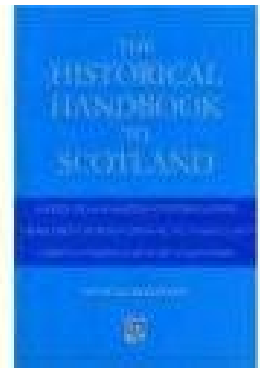
You may visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for a listing of titles and you will also find her books at any of the big, chain bookstores. Look also for her books under her pseudonym, **Lizzie Hart**.

For a book to take with you on a trip to Scotland, or to plan a trip to Scotland, don't miss **Duncan MacPhail's** *A Handbook to Scotland!* You may order a copy via [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or contact me at [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) Caberdancer Graphic



Design, Inc., will have copies at Highland Games this year and I'll have some tucked in my wagon in case someone should like to take one home with them.

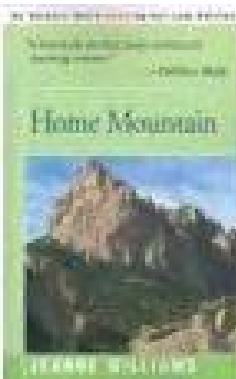
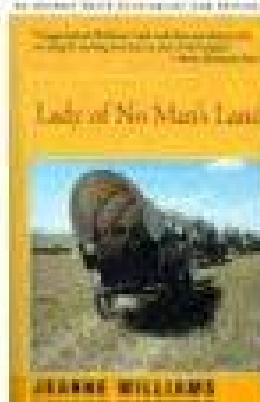
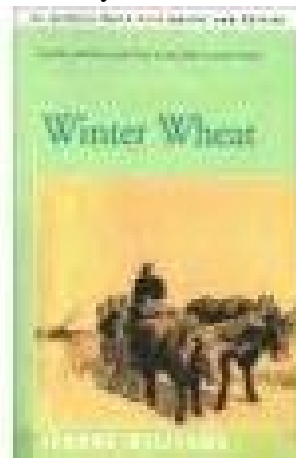
For anyone interested in Scotland it is a treasure and a necessary part of your library!



**Jeanne Williams** writes the most wonderful stories. You will learn about history. You will learn to care about her characters - many of whom really lived - and about the places about which she writes!

Just visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for a list of books. Any title that has Jeanne Williams as author will be something you will enjoy. If you can find copies of her *Island Harp* series, you will read about The Clearances in Scotland in a way you've never read before...real people caught in the midst of greed and tragedy through no fault of their own.

If you love books about the American West, you'll find titles by Jeanne Williams. She is a many-times honored writer.



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# The US Coast Guard gets its tartan at last!



With many thanks for the kind permission to use this article from *The Clan MacCallum-Malcolm Society* The Argent Castle Newsletter, 3295 Chimney Drive, Middleburg, FL 32068

*(The Argent Castle Newsletter Editors Note: Excerpts are taken from the U.S. Coast Guard Pipe Band website www.uscgpipeband.org/tartanhistory and passed on by Rick Mattice whose son, Christopher G Mattice, serves in the U.S. Coast Guard in the Northern New England Sector.) BNFT thanks the Clan MacCallum/Malcolm/newsletter for this interesting article. You may visit: <http://Clan-macallum-malcolm.3acres.org> to find out more about Clan MacCallum/Malcolm.*


The design of the United States Coast Guard Tartan was inspired by the family Tartan of Alexander Hamilton, the founder of the Revenue-Marine, and the 'father' of the modern day U.S. Coast Guard. Each color of the Tartan signifies the following: Red: Symbolizes the courage and sacrifice of the men and women of the Coast Guard and its predecessor services, and their families, in war and peace for more than 200 years. White: There are 10 threads of white representative of the original 10 Revenue Cutters commissioned by

Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, in 1790. They were: The Massachusetts, Scammel, Active, Eagle, Diligence, Argus, Vigilant, Virginia, South Carolina and General Greene. Blue: Symbolizes the seas and skies plied by cutters and aircraft of the Coast Guard as they carry out their missions to serve and protect.

The idea for a Tartan for the Coast Guard actually began in 1997 when JoAnne Pendleton, wife of CWO Mike Pendleton, heard her husband remark when he saw the West Point Pipe Band performing 'Wouldn't that be great if the Coast Guard had a Tartan? I'd love that.' So JoAnne took on the project and began to research the idea as a retirement gift for her husband Mike in 1998.

She learned that no official Tartan existed for the Pipe Band and that it was needed. In April 1999, Admiral James Loy, Commandant of the Coast Guard, endorsed the idea. With many people contributing to the effort to make this a reality, especially Andrew Anderson CDR, USCG (Ret.), on May 1, 2002, then Commandant, Admiral James Loy, approved the U.S. Coast Guard Tartan. The material was ordered from Scottish woolen mills

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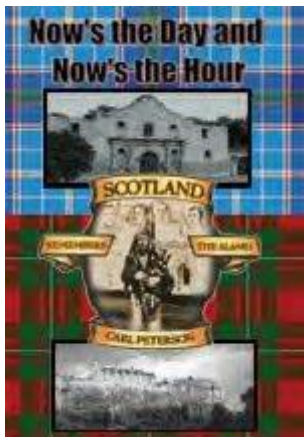
**US Coast Guard Tartan**, *continued from page 4*

and the kilts were made by Clan MacCallum/Malcolm's Alexis Malcolm, Kilt Maker, who was commissioned to make the first Coast Guard Kilts. (You will see on the previous page, Drum Major Andrew Anderson wearing the Coast Guard Tartan Kilt with the red Drum Major Sash, Drummers Sporrans and the Pipe Band Baldrics.)





**Dwan Hightower** is well-known to many in the Scottish community as a past president of Clan Guthrie. She formed Dream Catcher Publishing several years ago and is working now on her own 6th or 7th novel. You may read about her books and order them from <http://www.DreamCatcherPublishing.net>.



Most everyone knows **Carl Peterson** from his musical performances at Highland Games across the country and athe world. Fewer know that he is a talented writer, researcher and historian. *Now's the Day and Now's the Hour* is the story of the

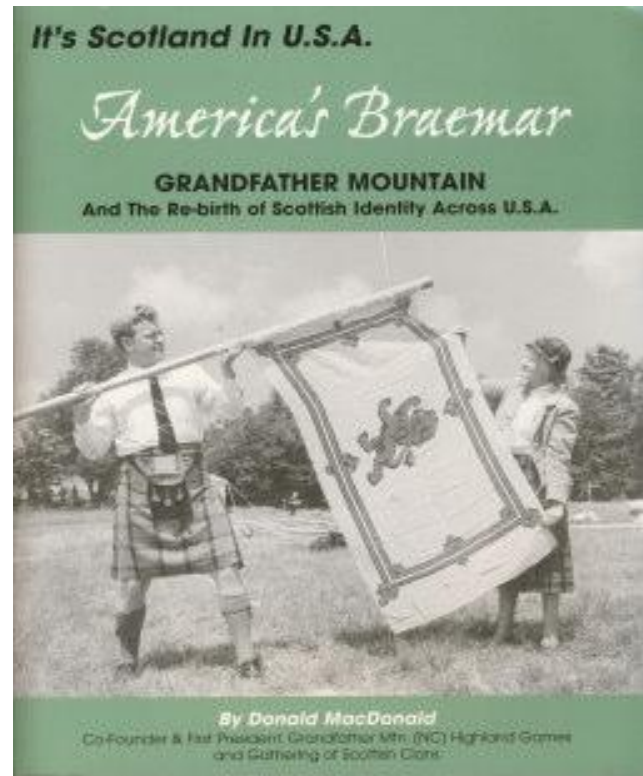
Scottish Highlander involvement with The Alamo.

Published by Dwan's Dream Catcher Publishing, you may read about how to order Carl's book at <http://www.DreamCatcherPublishing.net> or by visiting Carl's own site at: [www.carl-peterson.com/](http://www.carl-peterson.com/)



My late friend, **Vice Admiral Sir Roderick Macdonald** was a wonderful artist and writer. His book, *The Figurehead* is amazingly still available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) It is illustrated with his own line drawings and the cover is a color reproduction of one of Roddy's paintings.

"Roddy" wrote about his experiences and adventures serving in a destroyer, *HMS Fortune* during the early 1940s. If you were born after World War II, this book will enlighten you to the depth of darkness that were those days. If you were born before World War II, you will learn things you never before knew. The book is a personal treasure of mine.



Finally, this time, **Donald F. MacDonaid's** *America's Braemar* - the story of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Donald is planning to be at Grandfather Mountain this coming July, so you'll have an opportunity to purchase a copy of this wonderful book for your own collection.

Amongst all of these authors there's reading for everyone. I happen to enjoy and love them all!

I came into this world knowing how to read and hope that the skill will never desert me. You can do anything if you can find a book telling you how! I've done everything from upholster a sofa to learning to cook, to painting and keeping bees and figuring out what was wrong with my horses hock - all from books. I've visited places I'll never really be able to go - except in the pages of books. I've lived lives that I won't ever live and have had adventures I'll never really do...all in the pages of a book.

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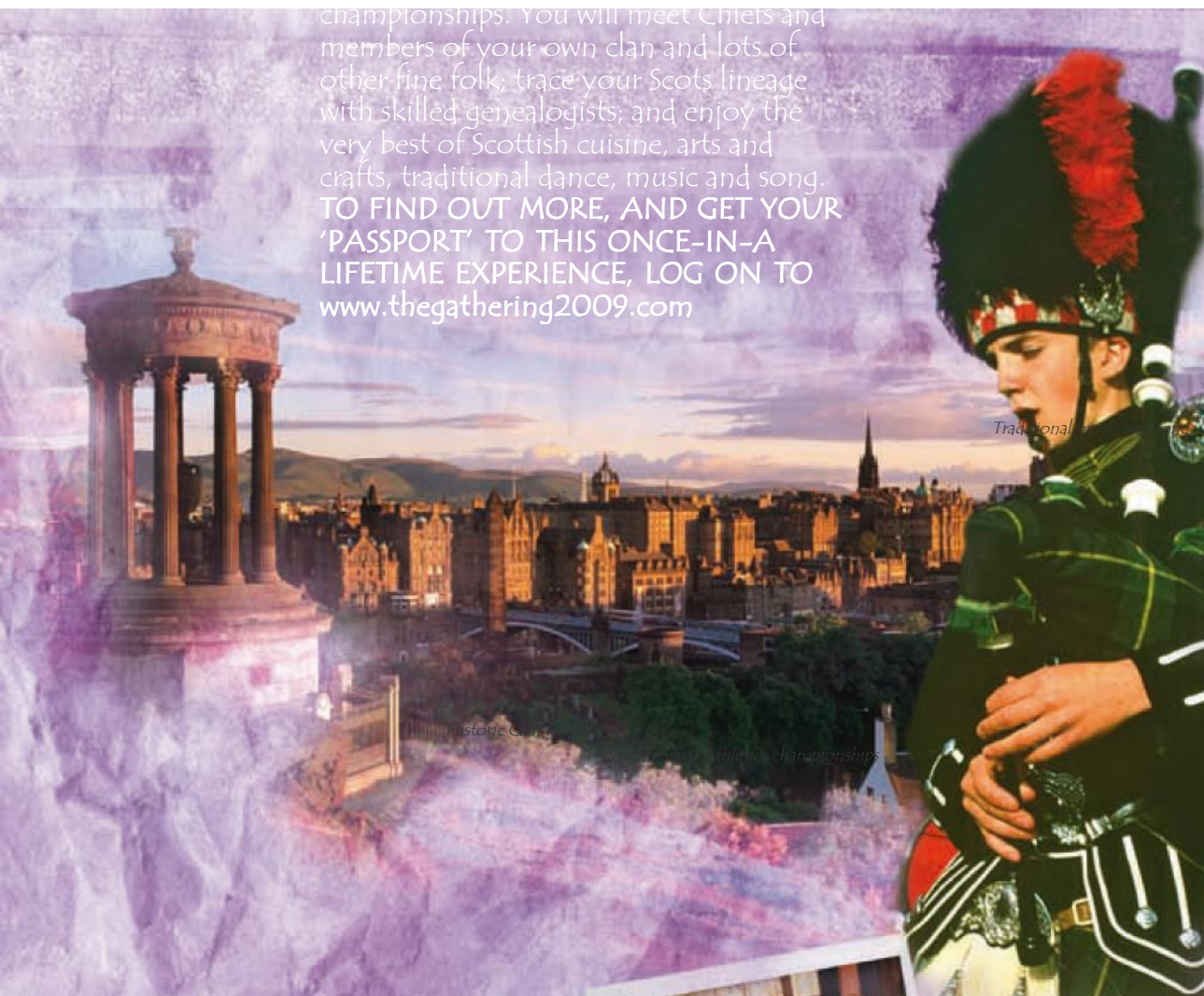
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# CONQUER THE CASTLE

## Scotland on TV

### Conquers the Castle in Perthshire



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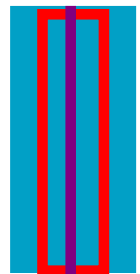
six 'townies' who will be competing to be crowned the 'King' or 'Queen' of the Castle.

In each episode, the six contestants, who hail from cities across Britain and have very little experience of even visiting the countryside, will go head to head in countryside challenges which will test their rural skills. Tasks awaiting the competitors vary from rabbit-catching, nature rambles and gardening to a public performance with the Atholl Highlanders at Blair Castle, stag hunting, sheep-shearing and competing in the Braemar Highland Games. The six also sample Scottish food and drink, including whisky tasting challenges and eating the results of river fishing and foraging tasks. And there's also a visit to Perth Farmers Market guaranteed to make your stomach rumble with hunger!

How will these city-dwellers cope with the Perthshire climate, farm animals and, of course, lots of mud? And who will be crowned the eventual winner? For an introduction to the six contestants and to watch the first episode, click here:

[http://www.scotlandontv.tv/scotland\\_on\\_tv/video.html?Channel=TodayScot%20People&vxClipId=1380\\_SMG2039](http://www.scotlandontv.tv/scotland_on_tv/video.html?Channel=TodayScot%20People&vxClipId=1380_SMG2039)

And remember to check back to Scotland on TV each week for the next eleven episodes to see how they adjust to Scottish country life - as well as for fantastic views of scenic Perthshire.



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# *Our Orcadian Connections*

## **James Sinclair**

**Pat Long from <http://www.buyorkney.com>**

In every corner of the world there are places named after Orcadians.

Captain Cook named Sutherland Point in Sydney after his young crewman, Forby Sutherland who died of consumption and was the first white man to be buried in Australia.

The Arctic explorer William Scoresby named Traill Island off the coast of Greenland after his friend, Professor Thomas Stewart Traill and George Traill, commissioner of the province of Kumaon and later owner of the Trumland Estate in Rousay gave his name to Traill's Pass in the Himalayas. He established this pass over the Himalayas in 1830, long before the days of mountaineering although, at 17,700 feet it is still considered a very high and difficult climb.

On the other side of the world, in the Canadian Rockies, another Orcadian gave his name to a mountain pass and even a whole mountain. Sinclair Canyon and Mount Sinclair are both named after James Sinclair, son of William Sinclair from Eastaquooy in Harray and his Cree wife Nahovway.

William Sinclair became a Chief Factor with the Hudson Bay Company and he and his large family settled at the post he established; Oxford House.

When William died he left instructions that his sons James and John should be sent to school in Orkney so in 1819 his old friend and fellow Chief Factor, Alexander Kennedy from South Ronaldsay,

brought them home with his own son.

James went on to Edinburgh University, where he studied the arts and law. His father had hoped he'd

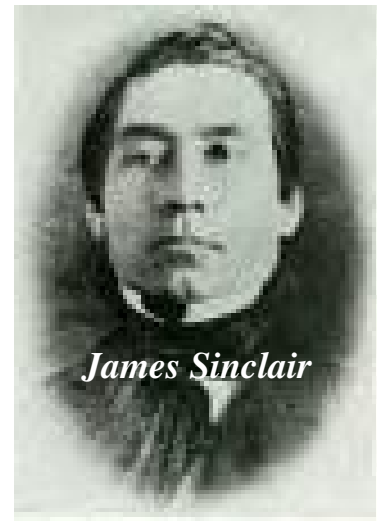
enter business in Britain but he decided to return to Canada as an apprentice with HBC. After serving out his year-long apprenticeship, he headed for the Red River, where many Orcadian ex-HBC men had settled. There he was taken on as an assistant by a free-trader called Andrew McDermot.

The Hudson Bay Company had most of the trade sewn up but they found it useful to have a few small traders to supply the settlers with odds and ends. McDermot was also allowed to trade in furs, as long as he sold them on to the company and James was soon travelling all over the country with the Metis, even as far south as the large fur-trading centre of St Louis.

Although the Metis were French-Cree, James was accepted as one of them.

In 1829 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Chief Factor James Curtis Bird, who had been in charge of Edmonton House for many years and had been a close friend of his father's. They settled into a fine house in the heart of the Red River settle-

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**Pat Long**, *continued from page 14 B*

ment but James didn't stay settled for long.

The USA and Canada were racing to populate Oregon, between the Rockies and the Pacific. The boundary hadn't been fixed west of the Rockies so both countries were keen to claim as much as possible.

The Americans had a fairly straight route from St Louis and by 1838 they were pouring over the mountains.

Canadians had a harder time of it, following the Red River north, going on up Lake Winnipeg and the Saskatchewan River system to Fort Edmonton, then west to Jasper House, over the Athabaska Pass and down the Columbia River to Fort Vancouver.

A friend of Sinclair's, Alexander Ross, had been asked to conduct a party of Red River settlers over the Rockies into the Oregon, to be placed near Fort Vancouver, on HBC farms.

Feeling that he was too old for that sort of thing, he suggested that Sinclair was the very man for the job. He was a recognized authority on prairie travel, able to deal competently with any Indians met on the way and got on well with the Metis who would make up a large part of the party. He was willing and the company agreed he was the man for the job so preparations began to take a large and very mixed party of people half-way across Canada.

Twenty-three families, one hundred and twenty-one people, set out into the wide blue yonder on 3 June 1841. Most of the families were of mixed-race, headed by men who were well known to Sinclair and who were capable hunters, well-suited to life on the trail and as pioneers in Oregon.

It is clear from the names that several of the families were of Orcadian stock; there were four Flett families and John Tait, John Spence and James Birston also seem likely names.

Each family had been told to bring two or three Red River carts and enough horses, cattle and dogs. The men and boys rode while the women and children travelled in the horse-drawn carts, covered with canvas or buffalo hide. They were not allowed to bring surplus belongings, just essential supplies – pemmican, buffalo hides, shot, powder, guns, flints, knives, blankets and tobacco. They were allowed just enough kettles, frying pans, tin plates, mugs, water pails, wooden kegs, butcher and hunting knives, axes, shovels, and shaganappi

(rawhide rope) and enough clothing to deal with any weather that might be encountered between early summer and late autumn.

They were expected largely to live off the land but took

50 lbs of pemmican per person, enough for two months.

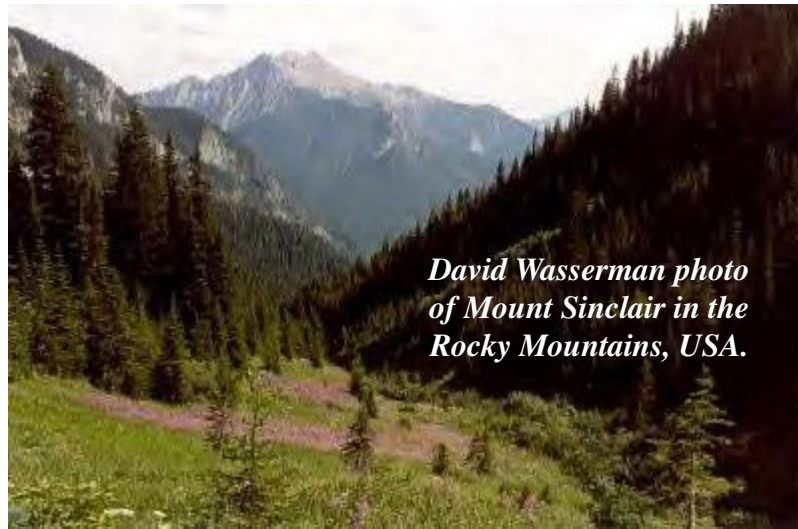
To relieve the monotony of the diet a bit, they were allowed the luxury of some flour, sugar and tea.

Of course, they weren't heading into an unexplored wilderness; the first legs of their journey would be between HBC trading posts, and, as the leader of the party, Sinclair would have to look presentable when they arrived, so he took 'toilet articles' and 'clothes suitable to his position'.

We can only hope the other members of the party were also allowed to bring soap.

For any emergencies that might arise, Sinclair

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*David Wasserman photo of Mount Sinclair in the Rocky Mountains, USA.*

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had a good gun, a medical kit, a compass, a spy-glass and a small amount of alcohol.

Sinclair was recognised as a firm but fair leader and he established his authority from the start.

Rules were laid down and everyone was expected to do his fair share.

All the men were expected to know how to make camp efficiently, repair carts, negotiate streams, build bridges, handle horses and hunt game.

In an emergency every member of the party was expected to conduct himself with 'fortitude, restraint, consideration and good humour'.

Their lives depended on their livestock so the men and boys took the cattle, oxen and horses to water and pasture at regular intervals and at night they were placed within the ring of carts and a watch was kept.

The first two hundred miles of their journey was to Fort Ellice, followed by three hundred miles to Carlton House and four hundred miles to Edmonton House.

On the first leg of their journey they had to pass through the Bad Woods with their swarms of bulldog flies and mosquitoes and then an escarpment covered in tree stumps before they reached the Big Plain.

After about a hundred miles they had to cross several wide and deep creeks and the carts often had to be eased down the banks on rawhide ropes or the men had to push the carts through muddy streams, wading waist deep in water.

They stopped for three days at Fort Ellice to repair their carts, exchange their horses and replenish their stores.

Travelling was then relatively easy until they reached the South Saskatchewan River in mid June, swollen to two hundred feet wide by flood waters and within banks one hundred and fifty feet high.

The carts had to be turned into rafts and the horses were driven across. A log raft was then made to ferry the oxen and some of the women and chil-

dren unwilling to cross in the crude boats.

Sinclair crossed last, after seeing everyone else safely across.

They spent three days at Fort Carlton and Sinclair then chose the northern route to Fort Pitt, where there was less danger of attack by Blackfoot Indians.

This trail had many streams to cross and some of them could only be crossed by building bridges. Logs were cut, hauled into place and lashed together with rawhide ropes. They had to be strong enough to bear the weight of the animals and the laden carts. It must have been a nerve-wracking business, driving the first cart across.

In the Red Deer Hills, a range about four hundred feet high with still more streams to be crossed, Governor Simpson of the Hudson bay Company caught up with them on his round-the-world trip. He wrote in his diary, "Each family had two or three carts, together with bands of horses, cattle and dogs... As they marched in single file their cavalcade extended above a mile long... The emigrants were all healthy and happy; living with the greatest abundance and enjoying the journey with great relish..."

There were more members in the party at the finish than when they started!"

This was due to several births that had delayed the party who tried to travel at least twenty miles a day.

The settlers' next stop was at Fort Pitt, which had been established ten years before on the banks of North Saskatchewan.

The party exchanged their horses, made their repairs, replenished their supplies and took on an Iriquois guide called Michele.

There were many creeks still to cross, and many more bridges to be built, delaying them as they hurried to reach the Rockies before bad weather set in.

They arrived at Edmonton House in August,

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### ***Famous Hudson Bay Company blanket***





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more than two months after leaving Red River.

Sinclair met a Cree Indian chief called Mackipictoon, also known as Broken Arm, who said he knew passes that no white man had crossed and that he would guide the party over one. Good horses were chosen for riding and packing and very few carts were taken. They took warm clothing and enough pemmican to last all the way over the mountains and set off in the second week of August.

As they set off, most of the party were on horseback, including the women with their children behind them.

The most trusted men had been trained in the art of packing by the men who prepared the pack trains at Edmonton and they all carried the very minimum of equipment.

The party soon adjusted to the new mode of transport, they slept in shelters made of buffalo hides and headed south at about twenty to thirty

miles a day.

In their approach to the Rockies they had to cross the Red Deer River.

The trail to the only good crossing followed the Little Red Deer River, crossing it and its tributaries forty times but this was much easier when travelling by pack train.

They entered the Rockies by the Devil's Gap into a valley with four lakes, Minnee-wah-kah being the largest, where they rested for a few days. They then followed a trail into the valley of the Bow River, which they forded and then headed south-west up past the Goat Range through a country of fine lakes

The change as they crossed the Great Divide was barely noticeable, apart from the difference in the flow of the streams and the softer air. They travelled up the Kootenay Valley to the awe-inspiring Red

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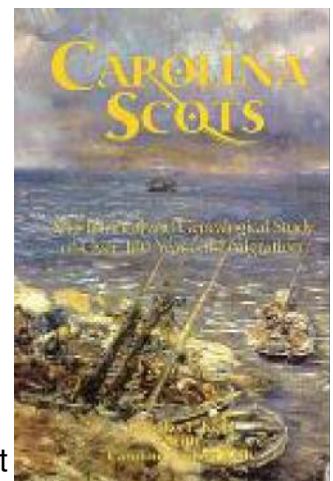
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# The Fifteenth Annual

Sorry, just not enough room for all photos. If you'd like to see if your group was photographed, please just email [bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com) and I'll be glad to send you photos I have. I think I took something like 500 pictures at Loch Norman.

# Loch Norman Highland Games

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Rock Gorge, now called Sinclair Canyon. Its walls are over a thousand feet high but it is so narrow they had to follow a dangerous path beside a mountain stream, now the Sinclair River. The path led down to hot springs that were called Sinclair Hot Springs but are now Radium Hot Springs.

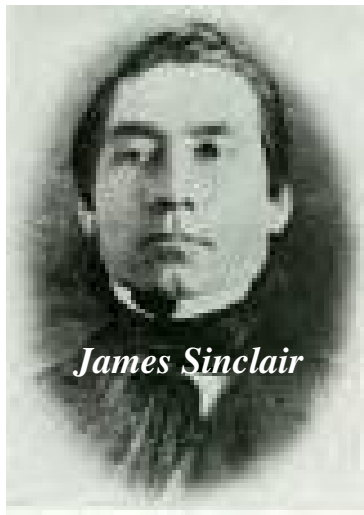
There was still some hard travelling after they had crossed the Rockies but it was relatively straight-forward and they travelled the last two hundred miles down the Columbia River on HBC boats, arriving finally at Fort Vancouver.

James Sinclair had brought them safely across the Rocky Mountains and half a continent.

He married Mary Campbell, daughter of Chief Trader Colin Campbell of Fort Dunvegan.

Tensions between his children and their step-mother led to his placing his daughters, Harriet and Maria, in boarding school, Knox college in Galesboro, Illinois.

Sinclair took his daughters there and then moved on to St Louis. He struck up a friendship there with a young army lieutenant, Ulysses S Grant and assisted him financially and in his courtship of Julia Dent. He was a guest at their wedding in August 1848 and seems to have remained in America that winter and taken steps to become an American citizen.



## I “sort of” found what I was looking for...

On page 3A of this publication in the “Letter from the Editor” you’ll read about a Scottish trip that took place in 1993 with your editor and her lifelong friend, Marti Van Horne (See *Traveler! Tourist! Tourn!* in the first section of this little magazine.).

The last part of the article on page 3A offers you a copy of the complete story of that wonderful trip - if I could find a copy.

I did find it - not at my house, but at <<http://www.electricscotland.com/familytree/cookbook/index.htm>> Lord knows where my own hard copy has landed since 1993. I’ve already sent Section A to Alastair.

You’ll find the story, including a map of our travels at the end, on pages 112 through 121 of the *Kissin’ Cousins Cookbook*. It’s called (not very succinctly) *Exploring Scotland by Car - The Highlands & West Highlands - Adventures on the Other Side of the Road* by Marti Van Horne and Beth Gay.

I can’t even open the cookbook on my computer at home as I have dial-up connection. I did open it on a high speed connection computer and it all worked like a charm.

Of course, you’re welcome to print the entire cookbook if you wish. I was surprised at how readable it is if you will just click on the pages to enlarge them, some crooked parts, but easily readable.

This little book started as a Christmas present for my friends and family. My good friend then and now, Gary Boley, who was publisher of the local newspaper at the time, saw the cookbook and said, “Oh, Beth, we’ll print 1000 copies of this and you can sell it to benefit *The Family Tree*.” That’s exactly what we did.

I had a new laptop and didn’t know how to do anything within the computer. I cut and pasted the whole thing - and you can surely tell. It’s not fancy, but does have some yummy recipes and some stories you might enjoy....plus some photographs that you might chuckle over. (Yes, that’s a “baby Beth” holding two chickens - Pearl (a white chicken) and Ruby (a Rhode Island Red).)

If I can get a printer somewhere to print a copy for me, I’ll retype it into the computer and will be able to make copies. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the article and the cookbook.

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# Discussion set in Jax for May 17

The Jacksonville Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting on May 17, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Webb-Wesconnett Library, 6887 103rd Street, Jacksonville, Fl.

With the difficulty in procuring a speaker for this month we will have a “round table” discussion meeting for anyone with questions on solving their family history research.

Bring your questions and ideas to the meeting. Let everyone know what has worked for you in your research.

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

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## Here's a chance to meet the author!

Sudy Vance Leavy will speak about her research for her recently published book about the Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation and the Dent family at the next Society meeting on Sunday, 18 May, at 2:00 p.m., at the Brunswick-Glynn County Library. Be sure to attend!

The genealogy collection of the Saint Simons Island Library is still being added to the shelves. The majority of the books are in place, however. Please visit the Library and see the collection. Just what you have been looking for may be waiting for you there!

Please share any ideas or suggestion with Rob Lear at [BackRiver@comcast.net](mailto:BackRiver@comcast.net) or 912-265-5916.

Your CGGS will meet every other month January, March, May, July, September, and November usually on the second Sunday of the month

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*Congratulations to William Wallace, shown here with his wife and young ones. Mr. Wallace, of Westminster, SC, was the Overall Winner of the Class B athletes at the recent Loch Norman Highland Games near Huntersville, NC. Wallace garnered one first place and three third places for the day, earning the Overall title.*

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## SGES invites you to meeting on May 10, 2008

The Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society meeting is Saturday, May 10, 2008 at 10:15 AM. The meeting will be held at the Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road, Jacksonville, Florida in the Community Meeting Room.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Patricia Barefoot of Quarantine Island, Georgia. Author of several books, Mrs. Barefoot will speak on “Researching in the Georgia Piedmont”.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Additional information, call (904) 778-1000.

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## Flowers of the Forest

**Dennis Stewart**, son of St. Andrews Society of Detroit and Honour Guard member, Dave Stewart, lost his battle with cancer on April 2, 2008.

Dennis was very proud of his Scottish heritage. The Honour Guard attended his service and Pipe Major Dave Martin played at his funeral on April 8th.

# Did you know about “The Burry Man?”

Did you ever hear of the Burry Man? He’s been around for a long time - some say at least 900 years in some form or another. You’re just about to discover who he is.

The pagan character is shrouded in mystery, but has become an annual fixture in the South Queensferry (a part of Edinburgh) calendar, putting in an appearance on the second Friday of August each year.

The most likely historical explanation for his appearance is that South Queensferry used to have a seasonal herring catch and the Burry Man would travel about the town covered in burrs which would attract all of the bad luck, thereby ensuring a good catch.

To prepare for the ritual, the Burry Man dresses in trousers, shirt, long johns, long-sleeve vest and a balaclava. He is then covered from head to toe with something like 11,000 of the sticky seed pods from the burdock plant.

The Burry Man then parades around wearing a banner bearing a lion rampant stitched around his waist and carrying a bunch of flowers.

Tradition calls for The Burry Man to be plied with whisky as he plods the streets of South Queensferry - to ward off evil spirits. He walks for up to 11 hours with arms outstretched, visiting pubs and friends.

A group of helpers stick the burrs all over him, just leaving small holes for his eyes and at his mouth so he can sip whisky through a straw.

As you would imagine, the outfit is rather heavy, warm and uncomfortable.

A key question arises in that how does he go to the bathroom because during the course of the day, he may down 20-something drams of whisky visiting all the pubs in town?

Nowadays, he uses a catheter (!), but in days gone by, his helpers would carry scissors so they could cut a hole in the appropriate spot. They also carried extra burrs with which to patch him.

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# In memory of The Armstrong Clan Society's Genealogist - William (Bill) E. Kilbourne - 1918 - 2008

Bill Kilbourne was born August 3, 1918 and died January 6, 2008 in Huntsville, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel Kilbourne; his second wife, Eleanor Armstrong Kilbourne; and his son, William Kilbourne, Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Beverley Kilbourne, several relatives and his special dog, Missy. In addition, he had numerous friends (including your editor) who will greatly miss him.

Bill was very proud to have been a firefighter and was the retired assistant fire chief of Southport, NY. He was honored for being a fireman for more than fifty years. He was also a 32nd degree Mason and was a charter member of the Valley United Methodist Church in Huntsville. He was also a retired cost engineer for IBM and CAS, Inc.

Bill Kilbourne became interested in genealogy when he researched his Kilbourne family line. His wife, Eleanor, decided it would be good to research her Armstrong side of the family. Together, they gathered all of the information they could in the US and then in Wales and Great Britain. Remember, this was before the "information age" on the Internet and required much work visiting courthouses, churches, etc. Bill recorded his information in one of the few software programs available at that time for genealogy. He had some of the first genealogy data recorded on the old 5 1/4 inch disks.

As the genealogy information increased, it became apparent that more room was needed for storage. The garage was cleaned, carpeted, heated and air conditioned with the result that it became the "Armstrong-Kilbourne Library." The library became somewhat famous over the years among the Armstrong Clan Society members and amongst other genealogists.

As genealogy research emerged into the Internet age, Bill continued to collect Armstrong history books and to update his software and computers to keep up with the growing changes in family history research.

It has been written that genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the world and Bill certainly stayed on the leading edge of the changes.

When Charles Armstrong became the second president of the Armstrong Clan Society, he asked Bill

if he would become the first Clan Genealogist of the Society. Bill agreed in the summer of 1991. When the Armstrong Clan was named the Honored Clan at the Gatlinburg Scottish Games in 1990, Bill, along with others of the clan, gave presentations on Armstrong family history and how to do genealogical research.

In 1991, a special genealogy edition was featured in the *Armstrong Chronicles* with much of the input from Bill's file on Armstrong history.

Later, Bill also became genealogy editor of the Society's newsletter.

During the years that he was Clan Genealogist, especially in the early years, Bill helped many people discover their family lineage.

He kept meticulous records on Armstrong clan families and their relation to each other. He cross-referenced these families and input the data into his software so it could be printed and inquiries published in the *Armstrong Chronicles*.

Bill and Beverley hosted the Armstrong Clan tent at the Huntsville, Alabama Games for several years. In 2004, Clan Armstrong was the Honored Clan in Huntsville. Everyone who knew Bill was aware of his outgoing nature, colorful attire and wonderful congeniality.

He and his daughter, Beverley were always gracious hosts and Bill became widely admired for his pancakes and waffles. He was well-known for his sugar cookies which he brought to the Scottish Games. They were delicious and I doubt that he ever had leftovers.

Bill never missed a chance to let people know that the Queen Mother had the same birthday - month and day. He wrote the Queen Mother about this matter and received a note from her acknowledging their birthdays.

It was a great honor and privilege to have known Bill for so many years. He was certainly instrumental in helping the Armstrong Clan Society grow.

It was just fun to be around Bill Kilbourne. He never knew a stranger.

Even in the last years and sickness, he did not slow down very much and always brightened a room with his presence. He will be greatly missed.

Milton Armstrong





Alexandra “Ali” Stannard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stannard of Robertson, New South Wales, Australia - has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management from Southern Cross University. She also received an Academic Achievement Award for consistent academic effort.

Ali is now the Conference Manager at Milton Park, one of Australia’s most prestigious country hotels.

Friends of *BNFT* will recognize Mrs. Stannard as Susan Cromarty Stannard, editor of *Scots Heritage* magazine and longtime friend of *BNFT*’s editor and Mr. Bruce Stannard as the publisher of that wonderful publication.

Above, Bruce Stannard, Alexandra Stannard and Susan Cromarty Stannard at Ali’s graduation ceremony.

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## **Congratulations to Jackie Davis of KSNA!**

The Kennedy Society of North America congratulates their member, Jackie Davis, who has been selected as the Middle School Teacher of the Year for the New Hampshire Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The award honors a middle school physical education educator “who has brought expertise and credibility to the field through exemplary teaching at this level.”

Jackie is a nontraditional teacher, but was awarded the honor in spite of that fact. She says, “I ‘m pleased to be recognized by my peers and am most likely the first Waldorf school movement teacher to be acknowledged in the mainstream.”

She has been accepted in the Master of Education program at Harvard University and will be attending soon.

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