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## A message from our Chief, Michael Buchanan of that Ilk

Dear clan member,

We find ourselves in the most extraordinary of times with half the world suffering various levels of contagion and lockdown. Who could have imagined this when we were all jetting around the world attending mass gatherings only a few months ago?

CBSI exists to celebrate our common ancestry and to socialise with like-minded clansmen at highland gatherings. Gatherings, particularly the largest and most successful, will be off the agenda for months to come. Let us hope that localised state

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**Buchanan**

## Statement from the CBSI Executive Council on COVID-19

We hope all of you remain safe and well during this pandemic. Many events, including the Inauguration of our Chief, are being postponed or cancelled.

At this time the Council is advising our CBSI Regional Directors, Regents and Conveners to use all precautions and make a considered judgement before hosting a Buchanan Clan Tent at any remaining highland games and Scottish festivals in the near future.

Because the spread of the virus varies from one area to the next we would ask you to follow the recommendations of your local health authorities. Of course, regular hand washing is advised

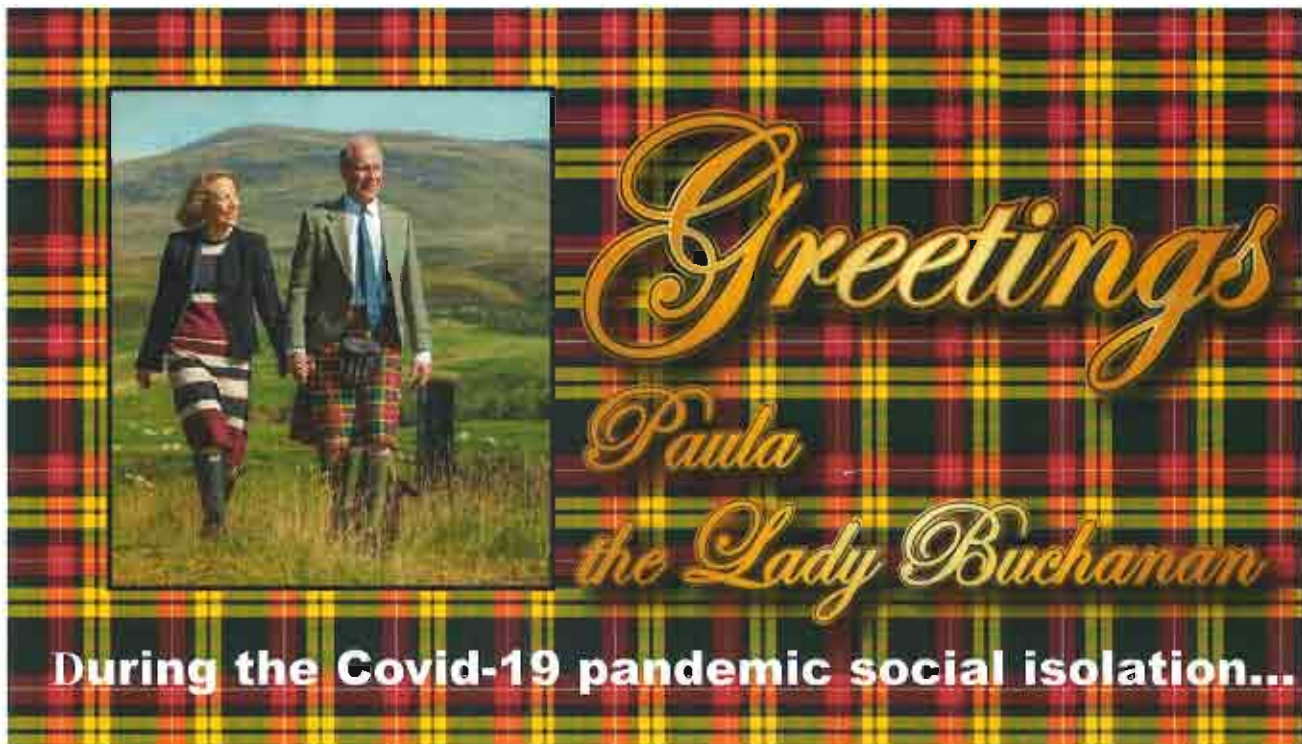
and you should have hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol on hand in the tent and use it regularly. We would suggest you refrain from having visitors handle items within the tent and of course, physical contact should be avoided. If you are personally in a high risk demographic or have underlying health issues you may want to seriously reconsider hosting a tent.

I suspect as the festival season really gets underway that more events will be cancelled. In that case, obviously the decision is taken out of your hands.

I would ask: If you do cancel your plans please

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**Stone Mountain Highland Games have cancelled 2020.**



Social isolation is hard for all. Like many others, our family has been isolating during the Covid-19 pandemic. Living at Cambusmore, we have been really lucky to have had access to a garden during this time and to have the space to be all together as a family.

Not only have we also had more precious family time together, the dogs have also become used to more walks than normal and also seem to be enjoying the increased attention from the kids who have been studying their courses online.

Most of their exams have now finished, much to the current relief of my children. It must have been hard for them to work without the company of their friends, but they have been pretty pragmatic and just got on with it.

They have also increasingly taken turns to cook for the family. Angus is now the pasta king, Bruce is famed for his excellent beef buritos, Lucy is a dab hand at pepper chicken with lardons and roasted sweet potatoes and Rory has just today received some barbeque tongs as he has been cooking BBQ's every Saturday since lockdown started.

We in Scotland are still very much in lockdown, and I am personally looking forwards for the time that these restrictions start to be eased. I imagine this is the same for many others who want

to get back to a more normal life. Yet its also been a time when it has been possible to share valuable experiences with fellow Buchanans and others from Scotland and further afield.

Throughout this time, I have also been using my medical background and experience researching the Covid-19 outbreak.

I have been writing about natural ways to boost immunity using natural foods and supplements and have been working with various different organisations with regards to this. I feel its really important to try to learn from this so we can all be better prepared if and when something similar happens again.

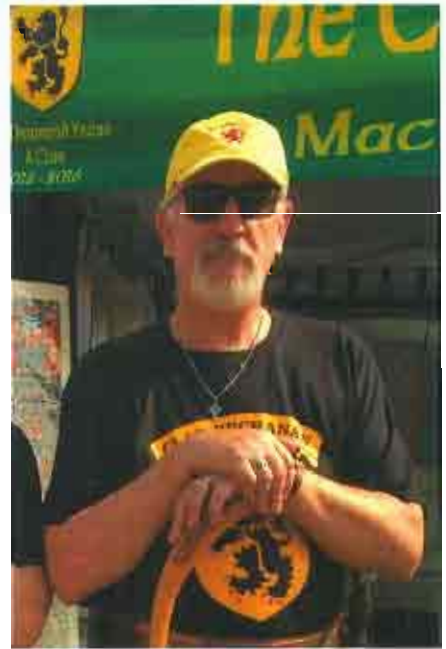
As most people know, this event has delayed the inauguration, the international Buchanan family gathering and the first Buchanan Clan parliament plans. However once lockdown is over, we plan to get started on setting a new date for next year. If anything, this all has shown how our families and communities are so important to all of us and how valuable our social connections are particularly in times of need.

Lastly, whilst its hard to lose someone in 'normal' times, my heart goes out to all those who have lost a loved one during this time. You are in all our thoughts.

# from the **PRESIDENT**

**David Byrne,** President, CBSI Inc.

As the number of Scottish Festivals and Highland Games that are cancelled continues to pile up I am keenly aware of how much I will miss attending them this year. My involvement with the Clan Buchanan Society International began many, many years ago when my brother Richard and I were invited to take over a clan tent at the Goshen, Connecticut Highland Games. The previous conveners, Jack and Kay Hanlon, were two founding members of the Society and had served for several decades hosting a clan tent at many events in the northeast.



We took over not really knowing what to expect but soon realized that it was a rewarding and very enjoyable experience. We soon started hosting a tent at other events in Connecticut and then added Vermont. A few years later the Commissioners for New England, Sally Hanson, and John Ouderkirk Jr. were also retiring and asked if we would be willing to take on the large three day New Hampshire Highland Games which we gladly accepted.

Since those early days, we have hosted a Buchanan Clan Tent well over 100 times. We have several large binders full of the attendance ribbons given to clan tent conveners by the sponsors. Many of those games are no longer in existence: Southern New Hampshire, Cape Cod, Rhode Island, Western Massachusetts, and even our first, the Goshen Highland Games, are all gone now. Each of those ribbons represents friendships made, experiences shared and a coming together of all things Scottish for a day or two or three every year. I am proud to say that at many of these events we were awarded Best Clan trophies including two at the now gigantic New Hampshire Highland Games.

While I miss the pipe bands, the dancers, the music, and the food; it is the people I miss the most. All those Buchanan regulars who joined us each year to make our clan tent what it is meant to be, a gathering place for our kin. Some are no longer with us: Jack Hanlon passed away several years ago, as has Gilbert Giles a WWII submariner who sat with us at New Hampshire every year, and so many others have joined the flowers of the forest.

I have come to accept that this is a lost year and therefore no ribbons, no parades, and no shared memories in the clan tent. It will make all of us that much more eager for a new start next year – I hope to see you there!



Clan Buchanan Society of  
America *before* there was a  
Clan Buchanan Society,  
International!

- ◆ Fred H. Buchanan – the first “Convener” of the Society – 1970-1974
- ◆ Byron C. Gibson - “temporary Convener” upon the passing of Fred (1974)
- ◆ Dr. Arren C. Buchanan, Jr. - President, 1974-1976
- ◆ Louis B. McCaslin, Jr. - President, 1976-1983
- ◆ Lt. Col. (ret) George S. G. “Buck” Buchanan, President, 1983-1985 & 1994
- ◆ Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., - President, 1985-1987
- ◆ Harold T. Townend, - President, 1987-1989
- ◆ John Watson, - President, 1989-1993

**A message from the chief,**

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or county-wide meetings might become possible by the autumn.

Meanwhile, thank-goodness for the internet which allows us to socialise online. Why not write something for Beth Gay Freeman’s informative *Buchanan Banner* or the CBSI website? Perhaps an IT-savvy member can set up some webinars?

A sports organization that I am a member of is planning webinars to replace our sport.

In the short term, all I can contribute are three points: ◆ listen to and act on the advice we are being given on handwashing, social distancing and helping our overworked health services etc.

◆ limit yourself to how much depressing news you watch and positively seek out constructive things to do and enjoy

◆ and finally, I wish you all safety in these turbulent times.

*The Buchanan* - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

**Serious Deadlines for  
*The Buchanan Banner***

*January issue*

December 10 deadline

*April issue*

March 10 deadline

*July issue*

June 10 deadline

*October issue*

September 10 deadline

Please just email your articles, stories, anytime, to:  
**[bethscribble@aol.com](mailto:bethscribble@aol.com)**

If you know of more presidents of CBSI or before, please contact your editor!

There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of **the quaranteens.**

**Executive Council**, *continued from page 1*  
let me know so I can keep our membership informed. <email info@theclanbuchanan.com>

And of course, you will still be eligible for reimbursement of your tent site fees.

The Executive Council thanks you for your commitment and dedication. We hope you all stay safe and well. And we look forward to better times in the near future.

Aye, yours,  
David Byrne, President  
Clan Buchanan Society International

## Only great minds can read this

This is weird, but interesting! fi yuo cna raed tihs, yuo hvae a sgtrane mnid too!!

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*Our friend, Jay Brown, sent this to us.*



## *Beth's Newfangled Family Tree*

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# Society to Celebrate 50 Years at 2021



David J. Byrne, president CBSI

The Clan Buchanan Society International Inc. will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the San Antonio Texas Scottish Festival on March 27/28, 2021.

The Society was founded in 1970 at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The original name was the Clan Buchanan Society in America. The name was changed in the 1980s to better reflect an international membership. Today the CBSI has regional chapters throughout North and South America

as well as Great Britain and Australia.

Hosting the Annual General Meeting and Gathering of the Clan will be Texas Regional Co-Directors Bill and Gina McQuatters. Arrangements are being made for two host hotels near the site of the games, an AGM Dinner and installation of officers as well as opportunities to enjoy all that San Antonio has to offer.

We hope you will make plans to join us in San Antonio for this festive event.

More information will be available. Contact David J. Byrne for more information. <david.byrne@theclanbuchanan.com>

## Some Buchanan tartans

Weathered Buchanan Tartan



Authentic Buchanan Tartan

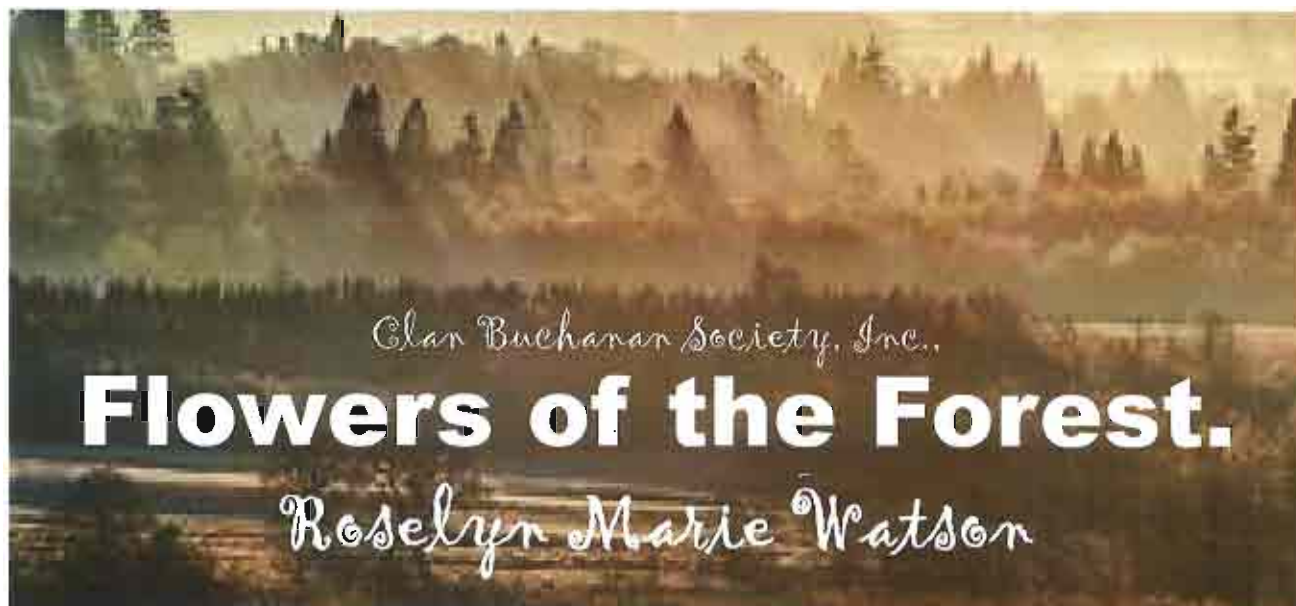


Hunting Buchanan Tartan



Modern Buchanan Tartan





**Roselyn Marie Watson**, age 78, of Statesville, North Carolina, passed away on 23 May 2020. She was known as "Lyn" among her friends. She was originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She was a homemaker and avid semi-professional genealogist who also loved knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing, reading, baking, gardening, and spending time with her family.

She was very compassionate and loving and generous with her time and talents.

She was an active member of the Statesville Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

She will be missed by her family, her church, and her community.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-eight years, Graeme Paul Watson; her daughter,

Bonnie Watson (Lorraine Bock) and son, Graeme Timothy Watson (Candice). She is also survived by her grandchildren; Brandee

Merkley (Scott), Spratty Lin, Graeme Kyle Watson (Alexandra), Keenan Watson (Mallory), Spenser Spratlin, Tyler Watson (Caitlin), Ethan Watson (Ali), Dallin Watson (Payton), Hayleigh Coleman (Corey), and Kirsten Watson. She is survived by her great-grandchildren; Louisa and Gretta Merkeley,

James Abram, Bennett, Layton,

Aven, Emerald, Aela, Olivia, Annabel, and Harper Watson.

The family would like to sincerely thank the staff of Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County for their kind and respectful care. A Memorial Open House was held on May 30, 2020, at the Watson Family Farm in Statesville.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Statesville Ward Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Fast Offering Fund.



# FIVE FORGOTTEN QUEENS AND PRINCESSES OF SCOTLAND

Claude Buchanan

## 1. Margaret Drummond ( 1340 – 1375 )

The second wife and Queen of David II made her mark after her husband tried to divorce her on the grounds of her infertility.

Both widowers, they were married on February 20, 1364, with the union elevating Clan Drummond to a heady status.

Five years later, the marriage dream was broken with the King filing for divorce on the grounds that she was unable to bear him a child.

Margaret, however, had a son with her first husband while David's first 37-year old marriage failed to produce any children.

Margaret wasn't about to take the divorce lying down. She escaped the control of the king's men and travelled incognito in Southern France, where the current Pope was residing.

The Pope of the time agreed that there was no reason to consider she was infertile and promptly reversed the divorce. David

was thus unable to marry his new love given Margaret's intervention with the Pope. He died suddenly in 1371 single and alone.



## 2. Matilda of Scotland – 1080 – 1118

Born Edith of Dumferline, Matilda was the queen consort of Henry I of England and the daughter of Malcolm III, King of Scots and St. Margaret.

The life of Matilda is little known and for seven years, she vanished from records altogether after walking out of the abbey where she was being raised.

She disappeared following the death of her father, brother and mother, who all died within three days of each other, but the princess re-appeared in 1100 in great style.

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Henry I found himself on the throne of England after the unexpected death of his brother, William II and immediately proposed marriage to her. English chroniclers of the time claimed that Henry and 'long been attached' to Edith, and even that he 'adored' her. Doubt however, surrounded whether Edith, who was educated in a convent, was actually a nun given sightings of her in a black habit.

The council of bishops concluded Edith was free to marry Henry, and after the wedding she was rechristened Matilda, a far more fitting name for a Norman queen. However, the couple were mocked for their complete lack of interest in the Norman ways of fashion and partying.

Matilda retained her pious practices and founded leper hospitals, wore hair shirts and washed the feet of the poor.

She died in her thirties and is remembered in the nursery rhyme *London Bridge is Falling Down* as the 'fair lady' given her love of architecture and her record of building bridges.

**3. Margaret of Wessex** ( 1045 – 16 November 1093 ) Known posthumously as Saint Margaret of Scotland, this English princess was born in exile and became queen consort of Scotland.

Known for her piety and praised for her charitable works in life, she was canonised as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church in 1250.

Margaret was the grand-daughter of Edmund Ironside, the Anglo-Saxon King, and her early childhood in Hungary was a simple and religious one.

Her family returned to England following the death of Margaret's uncle Edward the Confessor. Her father died not long after making the journey and her young brother, Edgar, was eventually declared King of England. He was, however, promptly kidnapped by William the Conqueror and taken to Normandy.



"Margaret's mother gathered up her two little daughters and fled.

She succeeded in getting passage on a ship back to the continent, but a storm drove them north where they were forced to disembark in Scotland and seek the protection of the King of Scots.

The spot where the royal ladies are said to have blown ashore is today known as Saint Margaret's Hope.

For the widower King Malcolm III, this was an amazing turn of events. He was keen to marry one of the few remaining members of this illustrious AngloSaxon family and so took young Margaret as his wife. They had six sons and two daughters.

She is said to have calmed her husband's "pagan temperaments" by introducing him to religion and 'worked tirelessly' to bring the Scottish church in line with those on the continent to the greater benefit of the common people.

She served food to orphans and washed the feet of the poor every day.

A cave on the banks of the Tower Burn in Dunfermline was used by her as a place of devotion and prayer.

Both Malcolm and their eldest son were killed in the battle of Alnwick against the English in 1093 and, stricken with grief, she died just three days later,

Putting aside Margaret's undoubtedly selfless and virtuous personality, she was simply a great agent for social change in the eleventh century Scotland. For generations she was held up as the very pinnacle of queenship.

**4. Isabella MacDuff** ( 1285 – 1313 ) This heroine of the Wars of Scottish Independence was hung in a cage for four years as punishment for supporting Robert the Bruce.

The daughter of the Earl of Fife, her



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## Five forgotten Queens and Princesses of Scotland, *continued from page 9*

family were loyal to the Bruce claim to the Scottish throne with some claiming that she and a young Robert were lovers.

However, Isabella was “married off” to the Earl of Buchan, who had links to John Balliol, the short lived King of Scots, and a hereditary enemy of the Bruce family.

Following the murder of John Comyn, Bruce’s main rival to the throne, Robert, in all haste, travelled to Scone Palace, where all Kings of Scotland had historically been crowned, to have himself crowned King of Scots.

Isabella’s brother, the then Earl of Fife, had hereditary rights to crown Scottish kings, but he was a ward of court in England at the time of Bruce’s claim and could not – or would not – travel north for the coronation.

Isabella took her husband’s horse and headed for Scone where she arrived a day late for the ceremony.

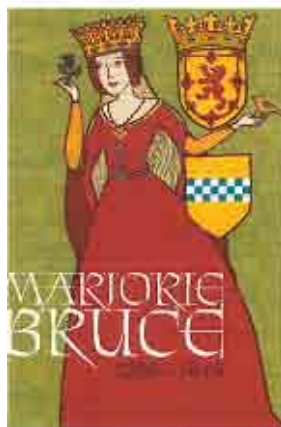
A second coronation was held so she could lay the crown on top of the head of the new King of Scotland and thus underpin the ceremony with tradition. As a result, Isabella became estranged from her husband and was assimilated into the Bruce household.

Following Robert’s defeat at the battle of Methven, Isabella was sent to the castle of Berwick-Upon-Tweed with a number of Bruce’s female relatives.

On her journey there she was intercepted by a supporter of Edward I and hung in a cage from the tower for at least four years as a warning to townsfolk and passing travellers.

Eventually she was released, and is believed to have spent the rest of her life in a friary.

**5. Marjorie Bruce de Brus** ( around 1296 – 1316 ) Marjorie was the eldest daughter of Robert the Bruce, King of Scots and became a princess following the coronation of her father on March 27, 1306. However, the Royal life



was fraught with danger as Edward I came down hard on the family of the new King.

The plan was for Bruce’s female relatives to head to Norway, but the English found the women at Kildrummy Castle in Aberdeenshire. A brother of Bruce, Neil, defended the stronghold for as long as possible as the women fled, but Marjorie and her party were captured by the Earl of Ross, an enemy of the new King.



He violated the laws of sanctuary by having the women arrested from the chapel in which they sheltered, immediately handing them over to the English. Edward I refused to execute the women but he believed they should be used to illustrate the full “price of rebellion”. A saving grace however was Majorie’s stepmother Elizabeth who was a god-daughter of Edward I and treated her gently.

Isabella MacDuff and one of Marjorie’s aunts, Mary, were imprisoned in cages. Marjorie, who was just nine – years old, was destined for an iron cage at the Tower of London but Edward I decided to send her to a convent at Walton, Yorkshire, where she was kept in solitary confinement for the next eight years.

Following her release, her marriage to Walter, 6<sup>th</sup> High Steward of Scotland, who had distinguished himself on the field at Bannockburn, was hastily arranged. The need for a Bruce heir was met when Marjorie became pregnant around a year after marriage.

Tragically, she died in a riding accident close to Paisley Abbey but her son, who was later crowned Robert II – was saved.

A cairn marks the spot called ‘The Knock’ near to where she reputedly fell from her horse. The descendants of Marjorie’s son, with Walter Steward became the House of Stewart or Stuart

# CBSI Nominations Sought

David J. Byrne, President Clan Buchanan Society International

The Clan Buchanan Society International Inc. is accepting nominations for officers of the Society in advance of the elections to take place in January 2021. The officers whose terms will expire June 30, 2021 are: President, Vice President, Deputy Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

All nominations must be received no later than October 1, 2020 and should be mailed or emailed to the Secretary: Email to [secretary@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:secretary@theclanbuchanan.com) or by mail to Shelagh College, CBSI, 18457 W Sunnyslope Ln, Waddell, AZ, 85355-4314

All nominations received by October 1 will be sent to the Nominations Committee for consideration.

Qualifications of nominees for office consist of the following:

(A) A participating active member in good standing in the Society for at

least one year, A participating and active member shall be defined as one who is actively involved in Society affairs, e.g., service on committees, service as a Regional Director, Regent, Convener, or one who has made other significant contributions to the Clan.

(B) The nominee must be capable of fulfilling the requirements, duties and obligations of the office for which he/she has been nominated.

(C) No person shall have his/her name placed in nomination without their prior written consent.

Nominations from the membership at large must be in writing (original or digital) and received on or before October 1. Qualifications and permission of the candidates must accompany the nominations. All nominations will be marked "Attention: Nominations Committee."

## Games cancelled in the last few days:

**Stone Mountain Scottish Games, GA**  
**The August Loch Norman Highland Games, NC**  
**Blairsville Scottish Games, GA**  
**Charleston Scottish Games, SC**  
**Grandfather Mountain Scottish Games, NC**  
**Indianapolis Scottish Highland Games, IN**  
**New Brunswick Highland Games, Canada**  
**Reno Scottish Games, NV**  
**Monterey Scottish Games, CA**





With thanks to Tom Freeman for the Buchanan Brick Wall artwork

**This short article will launch** a new & hopefully recurring series of articles on brick walls in our Buchanan genealogical research. CBSI co-genealogists, Patty Hopkinson & Chris Conlon are interested in YOUR brick walls. Please submit your problem ancestor research to either of us for publication in this space. You may email Patty at [cbsigenealogist@gmail.com](mailto:cbsigenealogist@gmail.com) or Chris at [genealogyresearcher@comcast.net](mailto:genealogyresearcher@comcast.net) to participate.

My personal genealogy journey began 25 or so years ago when I got my first “real” computer. That was a brand-new Gateway, after having a Tandy 1000 EX - imagine!! At that time there were no online resources for doing this kind of thing as the internet was a relatively new innovation. I began working on a volunteer basis with Brigham Young University, transcribing and extracting old records for their Immigrant Ancestors Project, then volunteered for many years with New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) & eventually went to Boston University to obtain my Genealogical Researcher certificate. I got caught up in the records as I read them in order to extract the pertinent information. Details of people who were sentenced to deportation from England to Australia as punishment for a crime committed were among some of the early records I worked with.

Fast forward to 1998 or so, after my mother passed. Amongst her belongings were some notes of vital records that she wished to obtain for various recent ancestors in her family. I caught the bug and began working on my own family, then my husband’s family, then his stepmother’s family – you can see where this is going!!

In researching my mother’s antecedents, I realized that I didn’t know anything about any of those

people from either side of my family. My parents didn’t really talk about their childhood lives or their relatives. They weren’t close to anyone that I knew of. I remembered that my mother had vaguely mentioned some relatives who were on Prince Edward Island and that she had visited there when she was in her childhood.

I used Ancestry.com sparingly at the time I was beginning my research because it was not thought of very highly by serious researchers in the early days of internet development. I began a tree with a small amount of information that I had & was eventually contacted by a couple of people on PEI, who turned out to be cousins. They corrected some of my misinformation and identified some folks in photos left by my grandmother & great-grandmother.

All of the preceding was the background to tell you about my Buchanan brick wall – John Buchanan. According to family lore, John was born about 1830-ish, somewhere in Scotland (Loch Lomond, supposedly although there is nothing to support this as yet) and emigrated to Prince Edward Island, Canada. He was married to Isabella McIntosh on August 26, 1852, in North River, Queens, PEI. They lived on a farm in Queens County and had 6 children, 4 girls, and 2 boys. My 2nd great grandmother, Christina Buchanan, (pronounced “Bohannon”) was born February 25, 1866 and was the last child the couple had. John Buchanan died sometime in 1865, according to the information from the PEI cousins, after having been kicked in the head by one of the horses on his farm and was buried in one of the fields. His gravesite has not been located to this day, nor does there

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seem to be any record of his death.

John had to have been alive through sometime in May, possibly into June, of 1865 to have conceived his youngest child, Christina. His widow Isabella remarried on January 5<sup>th</sup> of 1866, almost two months prior to Christina's birth. Isabella and her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, Donald McPhee, lived on the farm that John Buchanan had begun for the rest of their lives & raised 6 additional children.

There are other Buchanan's in the historic records of PEI, but at this point in time, I have not located enough information to connect them to my 2nd great grandfather. DNA testing has not furthered my research either, particularly since there don't seem to be any direct line male ancestors to test which might help to determine how my Buchanan's fit into the larger historical picture.

If you might have any information relating to any of the people mentioned in this article, particularly John Buchanan, please contact me at the email above.

This time the column is by Christine Conlon, CBSI Co-Genealogist.

## Three past Preses of the Buchanan Society of Scotland attend gathering in Scotland!



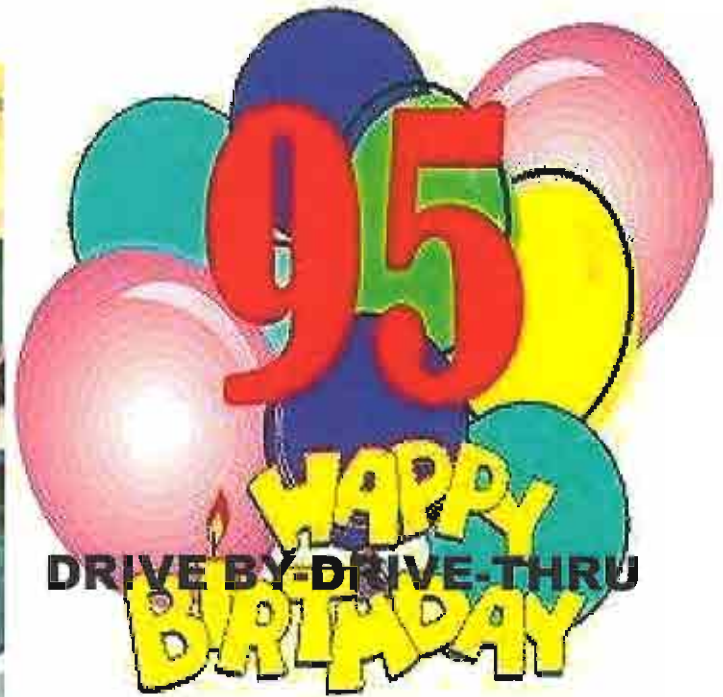
Cameron H. Buchanan, Director and past Preses (President) of the Scottish Buchanan Society (see above) reports that he attended the Williamwood Burns Supper at Netherlee South Glasgow, Scotland.

To his delighted surprise, there were three past Preses of his Buchanan Society present: Peter J. Buchanan, 2007 - 2008; Tam Buchanan, 2013 - 2014; and himself, Cameron H. Buchanan, 2015-2016.

The unusual occurrence was that it was not with the Buchanan Society, but at a local golf club's Burns' Supper!



Faith at a previous New Hampshire games with clan chief and daughter Michelina



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## Michelina Buchino

Long before May 5<sup>th</sup> dawned, Faith (Wasson) Buchino knew that a 95<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration was impossible due to Connecticut's shelter in place order.

Her daughter informed her the best they could do was meet with three nieces by circling cars in the church parking lot and chatting for a while through open windows.

A "Faith 95" sign was put by the road so the women could find the church driveway.

Her daughter parked and then suggested Faith sit outside by the door since it was such a nice day.

Within minutes cars turned in and drove by Faith.

Over the next hour, 33 cars and one motorized wheelchair drove in with 61 well-

wishers. They honked horns, had signs and had decorated cars. They extended birthday greetings and dropped off cards and gifts.

Surprised and overwhelmed she enjoyed and savored every minute and said it was the best day.



The next morning she admitted to having had trouble getting to sleep thinking about the drive-through party. As for now, she looks forward to highland games resuming, the next five years, and her next big party!



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Todd J. Wilkinson  
Vice-President, Celtic Society of the Ozarks

Via my friend, Fraser Gorden from Glasgow, Scotland

Many words commonly used in America today have their origins in our Celtic roots. While the following three terms are associated today with the American South and southern culture, their origins are distinctly Scottish and Ulster-Scottish (Scots-Irish), and date to the mass immigration of Scottish Lowland and Ulster Presbyterians to America during the 1700s.

#### **HILLBILLY**

The origin of this American nickname for mountain folk in the Ozarks and in Appalachia comes from Ulster. Ulster-Scottish (The often incorrectly labeled "Scots-Irish") settlers in the hill-country of Appalachia brought their traditional music with them to the new world, and many of their songs and ballads dealt with William, Prince of Orange, who defeated the Catholic King James II of the Stuart family at the Battle of the Boyne, Ireland in 1690.

Supporters of King William were known as "Orangemen" and "Billy Boys" and their North American counterparts were soon referred to as "hillbillies". It is interesting to note that a traditional song of the Glasgow Rangers football club today begins with the line, "Hurrah! Hurrah! We are the Billy Boys!" and shares its tune with the famous American Civil War song, *Marching Through Georgia*. There are many reports of Southern National Guard units being serenaded with this tune, much to their chagrin, upon arriving in the British Isles during the First and Second World Wars, as the tune is very

popular with British and Commonwealth military bands!

#### **REDNECK**

The origins of this term are Scottish and refer to supporters of the National Covenant and The Solemn League and Covenant, or "Covenanters", largely Lowland Presbyterians, many of whom would flee Scotland for Ulster (Northern Ireland) during persecutions by the British Crown. The Covenanters of 1638 and 1641 signed the documents that stated that Scotland desired the Presbyterian form of church government and would not accept the Church of England as its official state church..

Many Covenanters signed in their own blood and wore red pieces of cloth around their necks as distinctive insignia; hence the term "Red neck", which became slang for a Scottish dissenter.\*

One Scottish immigrant, interviewed by the author, remembered a Presbyterian minister, one Dr. Coulter, in Glasgow in the 1940s wearing a red clerical collar -- is this symbolic of the "rednecks"?

Since many Ulster-Scottish settlers in America (especially the South) were Presbyterian, the term was applied to them, and then, later, their Southern descendants. One of the earliest examples of its use comes from 1830, when an author noted that "red-neck" was a "name bestowed upon the Presbyterians." It makes you wonder if the origi-

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## Hillbilly, Redneck & Cracker,

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nators of the ever-present "redneck" jokes are aware of the term's origins?

*\*Another term for Presbyterians in Ireland was a "Blackmouth". Members of the Church of Ireland (Anglicans) used this as a slur, referring to the fact that one could tell a Presbyterian by the black stains around his mouth from eating blackberries while at secret, illegal Presbyterian Church Services in the countryside.*

### CRACKER

Another Ulster-Scot term, a "cracker" was a person who talked and boasted, and "craic" is a term still used in Scotland and Ireland to describe "talking", chat or conversation in a social sense ("Let's go down to the pub and have a craic"; "what's the craic"). The term, first used to describe a southerner of Ulster-Scottish background, later became a nickname for any white southerner, especially those who were uneducated.

P.S. In the last many years, a "Florida Cracker" has come to mean those whose lives include working with cattle and horses. A "Florida Cracker" is one who is a genuine cowboy of Florida. Your editor, Beth, was, is and will always be one.



## Culloden 'faces new threat' from holiday park plan, warns National Trust

*NTS opposes a new attempt to develop part of Culloden Moor as a holiday complex*



Sean Murphy, Tourism Writer

The National Trust for Scotland has warned of a renewed threat to build a holiday park upon a part of the historic Culloden Battlefield.

The charity originally opposed the first attempted planning application back in May 2018 - which was eventually turned down by the Highland Council.

The original planning application was turned down in 2018. (Image: National Trust For Scotland)

Now, they have warned that they will be op-

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## *The Buchanan Banner* is on Electric Scotland!

Thanks to our friend, Alastair McIntyre.

<https://electricScotland.com/familytree/newsletters/buchanan>

Visit at any time, as much as you wish. There is no charge in any direction.

## Culloden Moor threat,

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posing a re-submitted proposal, which is based upon the conversion of the Treetops equestrian centre at Febuie on Culloden Moor into a holiday, leisure and hospitality facilities.

General Manager for the Highlands & Islands, National Trust for Scotland, Clea Warner stated that they can see nothing especially 'new' about this new submission, she said: "The Battle of Culloden ranged over a large area. We own a key part of the battlefield at Culloden but not the land on which the stables are built. Nevertheless, we've raised our voice in the past against developments that threatened the integrity of the wider historic battlefield.

"The previous application was turned down by Highland Council because it wasn't sufficiently sensitive to the surrounding woodland, and undermined the Conservation Area.

"While the 2020 application appears to suggest additional landscaping, quite frankly I can't otherwise see much difference from the preceding 2018 submission."

The NTS boss added that their original objection in 2018 was based on several key issues including protection and conservation of this historic area, as well as the possibility of "development creep" changing the current land use.

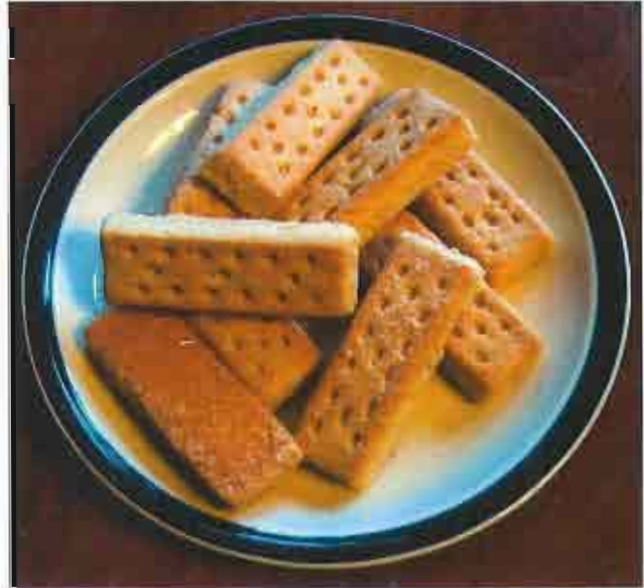
She stated that more worryingly, the possible precedent accepting this proposal would set, could mean other developers are encouraged to "try their luck", she said: "Nothing in this fresh application alleviates any of these concerns.

"To be clear, we do not object to every planning application that comes forward around Culloden. Where changes to existing buildings or land do not result in a visual impact, change of use or materially extend the 'footprint', we tend not to have concerns.

"Unfortunately, in this case, from what we have seen, our objection would be fully justified."

The last pitched battle fought on British soil, the area is a memorial to the final confrontation of the Jacobite rising of 1745, where on 16 April the following year, the Jacobite forces of Bonnie Prince Charlie were decisively defeated by Government troops on Culloden Moor.

# YUMMMMMMM!



## EASY Scottish Shortbread

The simple shortbread recipe that has just three ingredients

A traditional treat that's always sure to raise a smile, shortbread has been enjoyed in Scotland since the days of Mary Queen of Scots - who is credited with its invention.

A favourite during the festive period, there's no reason why it can't be enjoyed during summer too.

Especially when the experts at *Taste at Home* have created such an easy recipe that features only three ingredients and is perfect for trying at home.

Submitted by Ms Rose Mabee of Selkirk, Manitoba, it's quick and easy and takes just half an hour to make.

### What you'll need:

500ml (2 cups) butter, softened

250ml (1 cup) packed brown sugar

500 to 600 grams (4 to 4.5 cups) of all-purpose flour

### How to make it:

Preheat oven to around 180 degrees.

Mix the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy.

Add 450g (3.75 cups) of the flour and mix well.

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# Poppy gets bitten by a venomous adder!

Dear Beth,

Crikey now it seems its Poppy's turn for having health issues. Mike took her and Bertie and Daisy out for a lovely long Sunday late afternoon walk yesterday next to a local loch and when he came back everything seemed fine.

However two hours later Bruce noticed Poppy was much quieter than usual and was happy to be just sleeping on the sofa. So he went over to see her and saw that her two front legs were very swollen and were about double the size they normally were. He called Angus over and he was shocked and called me to see.

Well it was awful as when we looked a little closer we realised there were two patches of blood on the front of her right leg. I immediately suspected a snake bite and since the only venomous snake in Scotland is an adder, this is what the problem kind of had to be. Since the first dog called Elcho which Mike and I had almost died 25 years ago from an adder bite, we knew we had to move really fast.

So Rory immediately picked up Poppy and carried her out to the car then held her as we drove to the veterinary hospital in Stirling. Once we arrived Poppy was whisked away and we were left

outside in the car waiting to hear any news as, due to the new Covid rules, we were not allowed in the hospital. Then Angus and Melody arrived and once the hospital confirmed our suspicions of an adder bite, Angus and Rory started driving directly to Glasgow to wait there till a source could be found of adder snake anti-venom - as time was of the essence. It seemed like ages but they were finally successful at the third hospital in finding seemingly the only vial of adder anti-venom in Scotland! Angus and Rory drove back to Stirling immediately after.

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## **EASY Scottish Shortbread,**

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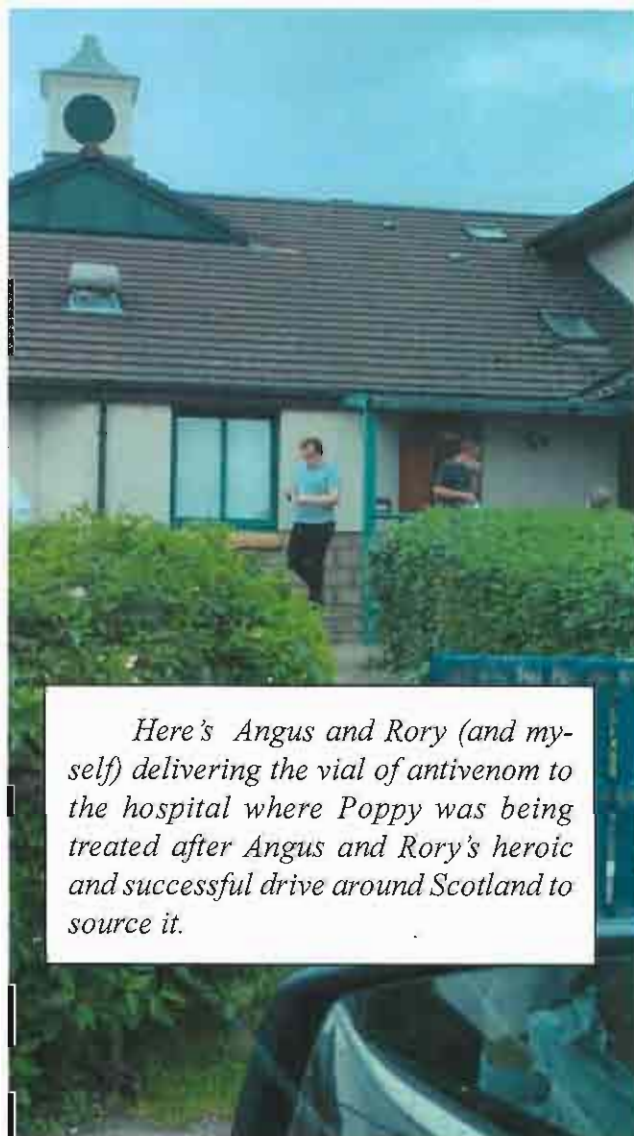
Turn dough onto a floured surface and knead for 5 minutes, adding enough of the remaining flour to form a soft dough.

Roll to 1/2 inch thickness then cut into three 1-inch strips and place 1 inch apart on non-greased baking sheets.

Feel free to play around with shapes here, so long as you keep the thickness you could do circles or triangles.

Prick with a fork then bake until biscuits are lightly browned (around 20-25 minutes).

Leave somewhere to cool (preferably away from wandering hands or hungry mouths) then serve with coffee and tea and enjoy.



*Here's Angus and Rory (and myself) delivering the vial of antivenom to the hospital where Poppy was being treated after Angus and Rory's heroic and successful drive around Scotland to source it.*



## **Black Lion Flags**



**BLACK LION FLAGS** are now available from the CBSI.

Our quartermaster has received a new shipment of our Black Lion Flags. The price including shipping and handling is \$85.00 in the USA.

These are custom made flags printed on 3.2 oz jet flag material - imprinting on one side with the imprint clearly visible on the reverse - size is 3 ft X 5 ft. The flag is yellow with the Black Rampant Lion and red highlights and

brass grommets.

Payment is accepted through a secure system. Invoices will be emailed to you and payment with a major credit/debit card is made directly by you. We do not receive your card # - all major cards are accepted. Inquire about our check acceptance policy.

To inquire or order flag, you might wish to contact Danny McMurphy <quartermaster@theclanbuchanan.com>.



**CBSI Quartermaster, Danny McMurphy, says, "Shop here!"**  
**How to order items: Order first,** using <mcmurfy1@yahoo.com>

You will receive an invoice via email.

Use PayPal/Credit Card or Check.

**The Black Lion Flag Patch**

2-1/4" x 2-3/4", fully embroidered, plain back sew on patch. Price is Two for \$5 plus postage or send check with an SASE.

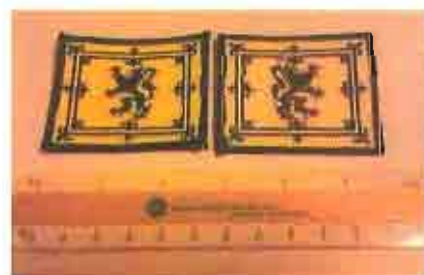
Payment can also be accepted via Paypal using my e-mail address. E-mail Danny if you are interested in purchasing and how many. Let him know if you are a convener.



**Clan Buchanan Crest**

Full color embroidered, 6 inches diameter. This crest may be sewn or ironed on.

US \$7<sup>00</sup> plus US \$2<sup>00</sup> shipping to USA



A smaller Clan Crest patch with an over all diameter of 3". It has an iron on back or can be sewn on. It is good for the left or right breast area on shirts and looks great on the pocket of a kilt jacket. Price is Two for \$10 plus postage or send check with an SASE. Payment can also be accepted via Paypal using my e-mail address. E-mail Danny if you are interested in purchasing and how many. Let him know if you are a convener.

**Desk or Event flag**

4 inches x 6 inches  
 Desk flag

US \$10<sup>00</sup>

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**Clan Buchanan Society, International flag**

Proudly display the CBSI flag! It's 5 feet x 3 feet with 2 grommets.

US \$56<sup>00</sup> plus US \$6<sup>00</sup> shipping to USA



**Black Lion Sticker**

4 inches x 6 inches

US \$3<sup>00</sup> plus \$2<sup>00</sup> shipping to USA



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# Panama City Beach Scottish Festival

*March 7, 2020*

*Frank Brown Park*



John Gibson



## Poppy's snake bite, *continued from page 19*

The vet said without this, her health would have been far more at risk so they did well as Poppy could not have had it any faster.

Around midnight Poppy was still stable and the next day she continued to be stable. Since things tend to progress over the first 48 hours she has to be monitored for a while longer as she is at risk of liver and kidney and other damage, but if things stay at least the same we may be able to see her this afternoon.

*The Lady Buchanan has promised an update on Poppy's condition.*

*From the fang marks, that must have been a huge adder! Get well, Poppy!*



*Here is a photo of Poppy on the way to the veterinary hospital. You can see the very swollen right leg and the bloodstains from the bite marks on it. Even the left leg is swollen.*



The Lady Buchanan writes:

Rory, Lucy and myself picked up Poppy from the vets today. After having the antidote and food spiked with natural herbs and spices designed to deal with the adder venom, she is recovering and fit enough to go home.

While she is still not completely out of the woods yet, it looks like she is definitely on the mend.

When I was putting on some special ointment at home to her injured leg I found that both legs were very bruised under the fur. I think there is a chance she was actually bitten on both legs as her skin is normal in between. This would have been good as too much venom in one place usually results in skin dying and sloughing off.

The vet who saw her was amazed with her recovery. The dogs she has dealt with in the past all had major issues with dead skin which needed either to be removed surgically or required daily dressings for months.

It seems that Poppy has been very lucky indeed to get off so comparatively lightly.

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From The Clan  
Buchanan Society  
International



Just for fun. Your editor's late Landseer Newfoundland, Nitesky's Mnementh, aka Walter. He was a true gentleman in a dog suit.



# Society Acquires Heraldry Website

David Byrne, president of the Clan Buchanan Society International

For many years Claude Buchanan of Auckland, New Zealand has served as Herald for the Buchanan Clan and the Society. As Clan Herald, he has been responsible for monitoring the system by which various coats of arms and other armorial bearings were devised, described, and regulated for members of the Clan Buchanan. Claude has been an invaluable resource for the Clan and has been called upon for many important events including the naming of our new Chief to assist with matters of heraldry and the various branches of the Clan. He also designed the Coat of Arms for the Clan Buchanan Society International and shepherded it through the Court of the Lord Lyon in Scotland.

As part of his interest in all things related to the various coats of arms and armorial bearings of Clan members, he created a comprehensive website to document his work. It includes histories, descriptions, and graphic displays of many Buchanan Clan Chiefs and other persons of interest. His work has spanned decades of scholarship and included the investment of his personal funds to create what is one of the most comprehensive websites of its type.

In 2019, Claude approached the Executive Council of the Clan Buchanan Society International to determine if the CBSI was interested in acquiring the rights to the website and to take over the annual web hosting expenses.

As Claude is advancing in years, he wanted to ensure that the site and the information it contained would be maintained and preserved for future generations. Recognizing the value of the website, the Executive

Council immediately expressed its interest and appointed two members to coordinate the negotiations and acquisition: Malcolm Buchanan, Regional Director of Oceania and Pedro Buchanan, Regional Director of Mexico, Central and South America.

Malcolm is well educated in heraldry and Clan history in his own right and Pedro is an abogado (lawyer) specializing in international trade law with a focus on intellectual property. After several months of discussions, an agreement was reached and the CBSI and Claude signed a purchase agreement on 31 May 2020.

During this time Claude has been working on a complete revision of the website and updating the information.

He will continue with this work and will continue contributing content as much as he can thereafter.

CBSI will take over hosting responsibility though John Gibson of Florida who is chairman of the Information Technology Committee of the Society.

Malcolm Buchanan will be responsible for oversight of the future development of the website.

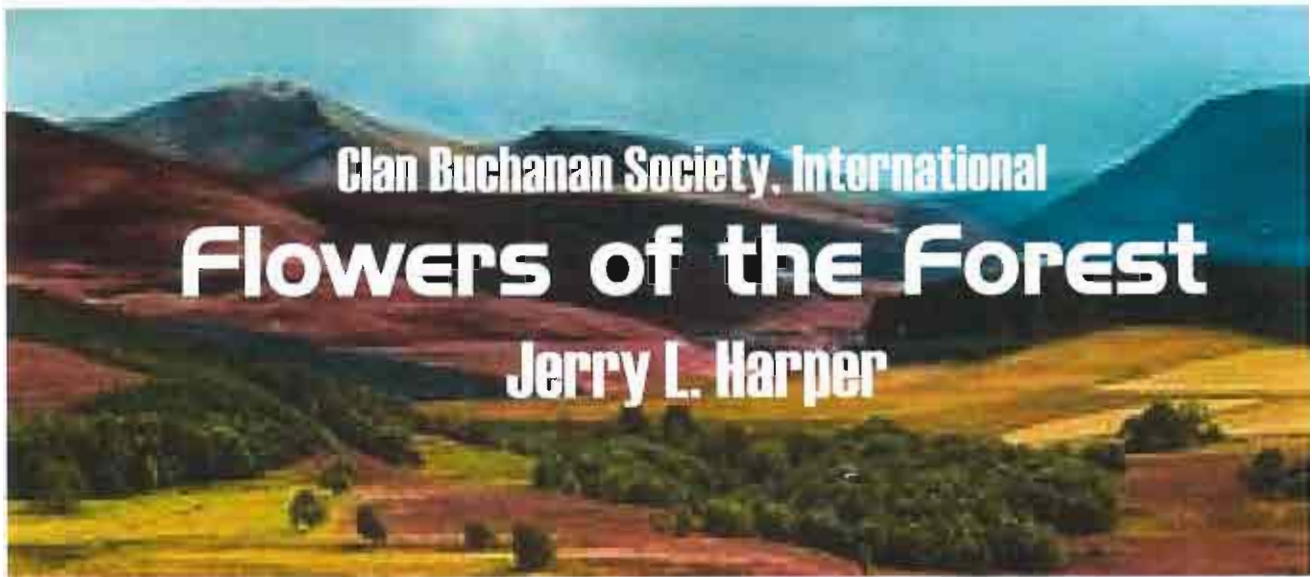
The invaluable work that Claude Buchanan has done over the years in creating the Buchanan Heraldry website cannot be overstated. His knowledge and commitment to create this resource and making it available to Buchanan's the world over is a great contribution to our Clan. The Executive Council thanks him for his work and looks forward to it continuing for many years to come.

To view the website go to <http://buchanan-heraldry.com/>



*The arms above are those of the Clan Buchanan Society International (CBSI).*

*They were designed by Claude Buchanan. He guided them through Lyon Court. The arms are now housed at the Odom Library, Moultrie, Georgia.*



**Jerry L. Harper**, age 80, of Elizabethton, Tennessee went home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 13, 2020, from the Johnson City Medical Center.

Jerry was born in Portland, Tennessee to the late Raymond O'Dell Harper and Elsie Mae



Randolph Harper. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Joyce West Harper; and one sister, Martha Pirtle.

Jerry attended Tennessee Technological University where he earned his degree in Chemical Engineering.

He went on to have an illustrious career as a Chemical Engineer at North American Rayon and Service Thread, Inc.

Jerry was a member of First Baptist Church in Elizabethton, where he was a deacon and a member of the Messenger Sunday School Class.

Jerry's church and community were very important to him. He was active in the church

choir, the community choral choir, the meals on wheels program, and he specifically enjoyed visiting and caring for members of his church and community.

Jerry loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and was a man of many hobbies, he enjoyed traveling, the Scottish games, woodworking, roasting coffee, motorcycles and working on the Appalachian Trail.

He was a member of the Clan Buchanan Society, Incorporated.

Those left to cherish his memory include a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy Harper May and Joe May and his granddaughter, Emily May, all of Elizabethton; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Lori Harper and grandsons, Price, Reed and Vance, all of Clemmons, NC; a sister, Peggy Shanks and husband Jim, of Portland, TN; two brothers, James Harper and wife JoAnn, of Indiana and David Harper and wife Jane, of Portland, TN; and a special friend, Lillian Oliver, of Johnson City. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, a private graveside service will be held at Happy Valley Memorial Park. A celebration of life service

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Thanks to Claude Buchanan,  
A lovely Scottish Poem”

Here lies our land: every airt  
Beneath swift clouds, glad glints of sun,  
Belonging to none but itself.

We are mere transients, who sing  
Its westlin' winds and fernie braes,  
Northern lights and siller tides,

Small folk playing our part.  
'Come all ye', the country says,  
You win me, who take me most to heart.

**What month is it in Gaelic?**

Here are the Gaelic months of the year, with translations and a phonetic version; \* January -Am

**Jerry L. Harper**, *continued from page 26*

will be announced at a later date, to be held at First Baptist Church of Elizabethton.

Those who prefer memorials in lieu of flowers may make donations to First Baptist Church Technology Fund, 212 East F. Street, Elizabethton, TN 37643.

Faoilleach - *um Feul-yoch*

\* February - *An Gearran un G-yarran*

\* March - *Am Mart um Marsht*

\* April - *An Giblean ung G-yarran*

\* May - *An Ceitean ung K-yaetchan*

\* June - *An t-Og-mhios - un Tawg-viss*

\* July - *An t-Luchar - un tchoochee*

\* August - *An Lunasdal - un loonuss-dull*

\* September - *An t-Sultain - an tool-teen*

\* October - *An Damhair - un dah-vir*

\* November - *An t-Samhainn - un taveen*

\* December - *An Dubhlachd - un doo-lochk*

# MANY PITS THEY DUG:

## Claude Buchanan

*The Archeology of Robert the Bruce* – By Dr. Callum Watson. An advisor on *Outlaw King* ( Robert the Bruce biopic )

King Robert I of Scotland – Robert the Bruce as most of us know him – is undoubtedly one of Scotlands most celebrated monarchs.

Much of what we know about his life and reign comes to us through written sources, but archeology has also furnished us with several artefacts that offer tangible links with Scotland’s hero king.

Perhaps the most dramatic archeological discovery associated with Bruce was the unexpected unearthing of a body, believed to be Bruce’s, during building work at



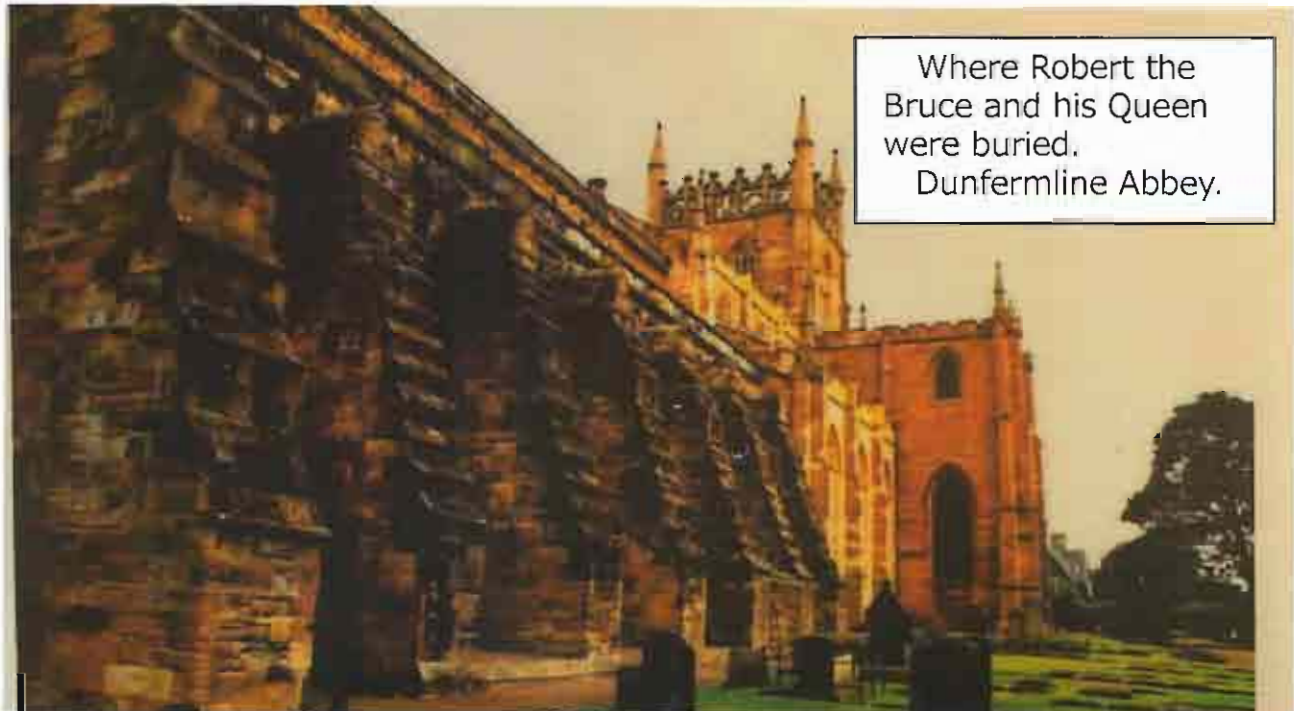
*These are reconstructions of Robert the Bruce made from a skull found in 1818. The one on the left shows leprosy and the one on the right does not.*

Dunfermline Abbey in 1818.

As early as 1314 Bruce had expressed a desire to be buried at Dunfermline with “our royal predecessors” as he put it.

Seven previous Scottish monarchs had been buried at the Abbey, including St. Margaret, whose shrine attracted pilgrims from across Europe.

To that end, Bruce paid for an ornate tomb to be made for himself and his queen, made from white marble shipped from Italy with a slab of black Frosterley marble from northern England beneath it, Sadly, the tomb was smashed during the Reformation, but several fragments of the expensive Italian marble have survived – some of which are now on display at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.



## List of Septs of the Clan Buchanan

Sept: an affiliated or allied family which is part of a larger clan in Scotland. Often these were families that lived on lands owned by a clan chief, swore allegiance to a chief for protection or were relatives of the chief. The word sept is Irish in origin.

Because Buchanan was originally a place name, and only after several centuries was used as a surname, we have many allied or associated family names. Many of these names derive from the forename or even the nickname of one of our chiefs or lairds. For instance the name Gibson derives from the nickname for Gilbert (one of our chiefs) which is Gibb and his son's were called - you got it - Gibsons! Others can derive from an occupation, such as Harper or Rusk (a tanner) in service to a chief. Still other names come from towns, villages or areas within Buchanan territories such as Len(n)y.

If your name is on this list then you are very likely a member of the Clan Buchanan. If you are in doubt feel free to contact us at [info@theclanbuchanan.com](mailto:info@theclanbuchanan.com)

A NOTE ON SPELLING: There are many hundreds of variations in the spelling of these names. If yours is not an exact match, don't worry we are familiar with them all.

Bohannon	Macauslan	MacIndoe	Morrison*
Buchanan	Macauslane	MacKibb	Murchie
Coleman	MacCalman	MacKibbin	Murchison
Colman	MacCalmont	MacKinlay	Richardson
Cormack	MacCammond	Mackinley	Risk
Cousland	MacCasland	Macmaster	Rush
Dewar	MacChruiter	Macmasters	Rusk
Donleavy	MacColma	MacMaurice	Ruskie
Donlevy	MacColman	MacMorris	Ruskin
Dove Dow	MacColwan	MacMurchie	Spittal
Gibb	MacCommon	MacMurphy	Spittel
Gibbon	MacCormac	MacNuir	Spittle
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Gibby	MacCubbie	MacQuat	Walters
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Gilbertson	MacDonleavy	MacQuattiey	Waters
Harper	MacGeorge	MacQuinten	Watson
Harperson	MacGibhon	Macuasland	Watt
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# The Buchanan Banner very last page!

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## PHUN! FUN AT GAMES EVERYWHERE N'LOTS O'PLACES!

Most of us (including me) work at things Scottish because we love it. Very few people actually make their living at this. The rest of us do it because it is fun. We do it for the friendships and for the great feeling we get in helping to preserve our wonderful heritage.

Now, there are all levels of having fun. I, for example, have fun creating this publication although it is a whole lot of very hard work. I also have fun tending to horses and caring for dogs and being a staff-person for my cats. To me, fun is having a neat house and a yard that is mowed. I love to garden and think nothing is more fun than growing roses - which is another whole set of hard and regular work.

But those of us who relish the Scottish community, just love the PHUN parts of Highland Games.

What fun you ask?

Well, there are several kinds of fun to be had at Highland Games.

Here is just a sampling of the items I have heard discussed at Highland Games as potential million-dollar sellers.

**The Guzzle-A-Dirk** which I heard discussed quite seriously at the recent Stone Mountain Highland Games. At first glance, this would appear to be a large and manly great knife. However, should you pull the dirk from its sheath, you would discover the blade portion is a little thicker than the normal knife blade. In fact, should you remove the gem from the top of the bone handle, you would discover the entire thing is hollow and filled with the "water of life" should you need a medicinal sip during your sojourn at the games.

**This reminds me of the old remedy** for snake bite. If you were snake-bit, a long, stiff sampling

of what used to be called "moonshine" was recommended. The moonshine was easily available and cheaply priced, but the story is that the most money was made on the selling of biting snakes so you would need the remedy!

**The Airline Proof Skean Dubh** that I heard about out at the Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, California, is another worthy invention.

Seems there would be a great market for a skean dubh that would be proper for carry-on bags. The word was to make a skean dubh that looks normal in every way...except, if you take it from it's sheath, it turns out to be a handsome sterling silver comb instead of a sharp blade!

Wow. A skean dubh legal on the airlines - and neat hair to boot.

**All of these remind me of my** long-ago rodeo days. I always thought there was a fortune to be made in training goats used for the "Ladies Goat Roping" event. In that event, the mounted cowgirls race after a goat, rope him about his neck, leap from their horse and gather three of the goats' legs together and then wrap those three legs in a "Piggin' String" that must stay tight for at least 3 seconds.

Sometimes, the goat just doesn't want you to have three of his legs gathered up. Goats can put up a pretty good fight.

So, all you have to do, is train goats to put three of their legs together in a nice neat little package for the tying part of the event. It would also help if they were trained to be perfectly still after they are tied! Every goat roper would want some!

If the Creek don't rise and you all enjoy fun things, we'll do this again from time to time.

Next time we'll talk about shooting bowling balls at Nessie!

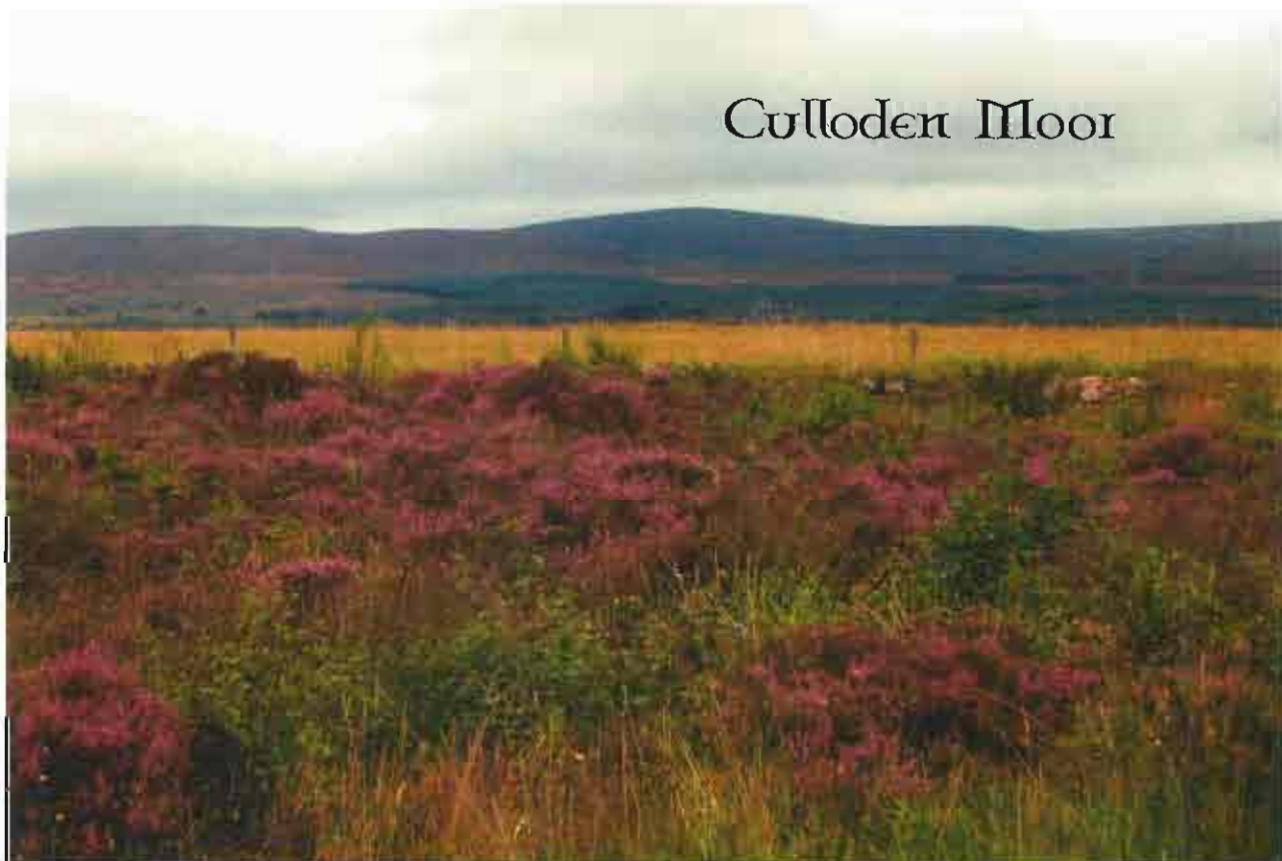
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