



CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY IN AMERICA, Inc.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization is to foster and promote understanding and good fellowship among descendants of Scots in America; to study, preserve, and promote the culture, customs, and traditions of the people of Scotland and the Isles especially with regard to the Clan Buchanan; to foster and promote the Society by initiating goals and objectives consistent with our heritage and the desires of the membership.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the retiring President (Ceann-Cath) I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the membership for allowing me to serve the Society in this capacity during the past five years.

During this period, the membership in the Society has more than doubled and we now have members from coast to coast and in Canada. We have been represented in Scotland at two International Gatherings and have actively sponsored many new games as they have evolved during these years.

We developed and adopted a model Constitution and By-Laws which has been used as a model for other Scottish Organizations, including two Clan Societies. Also, our communications media, the Buchanan Banner, has been recognized by a number of organizations and individuals in the Scottish community as an excellent Newsletter, and its dual mission of providing news relative to the Society and things Scottish, in general has been applauded by these kind folk.

Further, the Treasury has grown to the point where we are able to meet rising expenses without increasing our membership dues.

I do not wish to claim credit for these successes for myself. Rather, I wish to recognize the fact that they have been made possible by the hard work of the elected and appointed officials, as well as many dedicated members who have given so generously of their time. I will not name individuals for fear that I might leave someone out, but I do want to thank you for the invaluable assistance which you have provided during these years.

Yours Aye'

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L.B. McCaslin, Jr.



Election Results

The election results as reported by Mr. David Morehead, Esq., Judge of Elections are as follows:

| President (1981-83) | - | Lt. Col. George S.G.Buchanan,Jr. |
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| Vice President (1981-83) | - | Dr. Arren C. Buchanan,Jr. |
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| Trustee - Class of 1984 | - | Dr. John K. Youel, Jr. |
| Trustee - Class of 1984 | - | Mrs. Charlotte LeGrand |

These officials will be installed and their terms will begin at the annual meeting which will be held at the Ramada Inn, Boone, North Carolina on Friday, 10 July 1981.

Annual Meeting

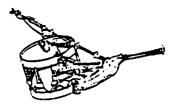
The annual meeting will be held on Friday Evening, 10 July 1981. The meeting will be held following a reception and buffet supper which will begin at 6:00 P.M. and the evening will be concluded with a ceilidh. These events will take place in the banquet room of the Ramada Inn, Boone, North Carolina.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

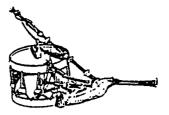
Opening Ceremony

On Thursday evening, 9 July, a full program is planned for those clan folk who have arrived in the area. Following a picnic and slide presentation, the evening will culminate in an opening ceremony and dedication which should provide a very meaningful beginning to the Gathering. This ceremony will symbolically represent the raising of the Clans by the use of the firey cross, recognition of the Clans individually and a tribute to those who have "gone awa". The ceremony will take place "in the gloaming" and should be a most impressive event. You should plan to be on the Meadow (Mac Rae) by 8:30 P.M. You will be able to see the program from the hill on either side of the reviewing stand.





The Genealogical Corner



R. S. Wilson

BUCHANANS TO SALT LAKE CITY. Dr. Frederick S. Buchanan, Ph.D. writes that in searching Glasgow death records on file at the Genealogical Society of Utah he was overwhelmed by the size of the task. It is too much for one person. Dr. Buchanan recommends that the Society sponsor a project for gathering information from existing records. "How about organizing a group vacation in Salt Lake City and spend time extracting Buchanans from the Archives", he suggests. After the great Gathering of Clan Buchanan in Scotland this year, a ing tour sounds great Please inform Rowland S. Wilson, 3011-34th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20008 (Ph: (202) 337-2742) of your interest in participating.

Additional pedigrees received:

Frederick S. Buchanan of Salt Lake City, Utah from John Buchanan, born about 1821 in Glasgow who married Mary Graham of Paisley in 1840.

Lt.Col. Florence Eleanor White O'Niel of Cocoa Beach, Florida from William Buchanan of Tyrone, born about 1677.

George M. Buchanan, Jr. of Holly Springs, Mississippi from James Buchanan born 1718 in Ireland, came to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania with wife and eight children about 1760.

Dixon Long Coulborn of Georgetown, Texas from Jane Watson, born 1745 in Argylshire who with husband, james Smylie, were in Richmond County, North Carolina by 1792.

Margretta Buchanan Eagon of Athens, Georgia from John Buchanan who married Jean Foster in Ireland during the late 1700s.

Kevin P. Hayes of New York City from John Buchanan and Bridget McGunn (McGwinn, McGunnen) of Donegal, Ireland in mid 1800s.

David L. McQuiddy, Jr. of Nashville, Tennessee from William MacQuattie (McQuitty, McQuiddy) and Ellen Smith who emigrated from Scotland to County Antrim, Northern Ireland by 1700.

Esther Stewart Shontz of West Sedona, Arizona from John McCausland and Esther Stewart of Landaster County, Pennsylvania in mid-1700s.

Rowland S. Wilson of Washington, D.C. from William Buchanan of Tyrone, born about 1677.

A total of thirteen pedigrees are now carefully stowed in the Archives.

Information Sought

Proof sought on father of James Buchanan, the immigrant to Pennsylvania at about 1736, who later moved to Virginia. He was the father of Col. John Buchanan and Margaret Buchanan Campbell. His wife was Jane Sayer. Please contact -Charles H. Young, 802 W. Blanco, Kyle, Texas 78640. John Hanlon, P.O. Box 563, Wappingers Falls, N.Y., 12590 seeks lineage of Elizabeth Buchanan, an heir of Hazlett Kyle Campbell who inherited a fortune from his father, Colonel Robert Campbell of the furn trade in John Jacob Astor's day according to Boston newspapers of 1939-1940.

The Year of the Scot or The Buchanan Trip to Scotland -1981



By

George S.G. Buchanan, Jr.



Despite a few "rough spots" at the beginning and end of the tour, it was a memorable experience for all of us - even those who had been to Scotland before.

The weather was most kind to us - only two days of rain and then it was a nice mild "Scottish rain" which really didn't hamper our activities. It was a pleasant day when we landed at Prestwick and the bus to Edinburgh took us through the incredibly green fields of the lowlands. We were impressed by the neatness of the yards of the houses we passed and the profusion of beautiful flowers which seemed to be blooming everywhere - and the sheep, in the pastures, and they wander across the roads at will.

There were some problems at the hotel in Edinburgh at first but most of these were resolved. We registered at the Freemason's Hall and contacted the Buchanan Society Booth. The opening ceremonies of the International Gathering of Clans was Saturday afternoon and we had "front row" seats. The principal speaker was The Honorable John Buchanan, Premier of Nova Scotia. We had met him personally when we registered at the Freemason's Hall and he invited all of us to visit Nova Scotia in in 1983 for the International Gathering there. The ceremonies were colorful and the entertainment delightful.

We visited Edinburgh Castle and had a bus tour of the city with our charming tour guide, Mrs. Ann-Marie Newton, who was with us for the entire first part of the trip. Dr. Derek Buchanan hosted a reception on Monday summer for all Clan Buchanan members and tour participants - a delightful get-together where we met many members of the Buchanan Society.

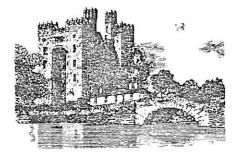
We visited Sir Walter Scott's home, Melrose Abbey and on the next day, we toured Loch Ness, Loch Lomond, via Fort William to Strathblane. We saw Stirling Castle and had a brief tour of Glasgow, where we met members of the Buchanan Society who were with us for the next three days. Saturday (May 30) we spent the day on a "sail" up Loch Lomond on the paddle-wheel steamer, the "Maid of the Loch" with lunch on board hosted by the Buchanan Society and the Friends of Loch Lomond and on our return we passed the Isle of Clar Inche. Then on our way back to the hotel we saw the remains of the Place of Buchanan (now Buchanan Castle Golf Club) and what is left of Buchanan castle. In the evening, the Buchanan Society hosted a ceilidh at Corbie Hall. The Sunday was a special day - not only was it one of the two days on which it rained, but it included ceremonies at Well Green at Killearn. Dr. A.C. Buchanan participated in the unveiling of a memorial for the killearn Trust, and that was followed by the placing of a wreath at George Buchanan's monument by our own Lavon Watson and a Miss Kay, a direct descendent of George Buchanan's brother. The rain continued to fall gently, but the group rallied behind a pipe and drum band that marched us to the Killearn Kirk where George Buchanan was honored by reading the Second Lesson, in the Church of Scotland service.

From there on, our group was smaller and we had a new driver/guide. On Monday June 1, we drove to Oban where we took the ferry to the Isle of Muel and across it to another ferry to Iona, the burial place of Scottish and Danish Kings who ruled a thousand years ago. St. Columba landed on Iona in the 6th century to try to bring Christianity to the Picts. It might be noted that the road was wide enough for only one vehicle so there are numerous "lay-bys" (our turnabouts) used for passing, but it gets a bit disconcerting at times. We toured the Isle of Skye on the following day and Dunvegan Castle, home of the Clan MacLeod. We had seen Culloden and here was where "Bonnie Prince Charlie" was hidden by Dame Flora MacLeod. We saw the fertile and green fields of the lowlands and border country and now we saw the barren and desolate moors of the Highlands and the mountains. We visited Stirling Castle and Balmoral (the Queen's summer residence - and we could understand why, after seeing it) where we were permitted inside to see an exhibition in the Ballroom. We detoured out of our way to see and tour the Glenlivitt distillary at Spey Bridge (and have a "wee nip" of the precious stuff at about 10:00am). We visited Glencoe and the Monument to the Clansmen at Glenfinnan, and finally on to Ayr on Saturday, June 6. The Scottish International Air Show was taking place and somewhere between 100,000 and 150,000 people jammed the "dual carriageway" (our expressway) for several miles as late as 2:00pm, still trying to get into the airport. Fortunately, our driver was able to get off on a side road after nearly an hour in the heavy traffic and we arrived in Ayr in time to visit Armandale Castle and the Burns Cottage.

Regretably, we were on the move much of the time and there were many places where we would like to have lingered longer. We did see a great deal of Scotland in a relatively short time. We were able to visit most of the important castles and historic sites but had little time for shopping (perhaps just as well), for the prices were quite high. The flowers were simply unbelievable nearly everywhere, particularly the Rhododendrons which grew wild in such profusion that whole hillsides were covered. Although the heather was not in bloom, there were many acres covered with the yellow blossoms of gorse and broom.

We picked up three new memberships in the Society and I think all of us agreed that it was a thoroughly enjoyable and worth-while trip. Now that we've been there, we know what we want to see and where we want to go when we return for a more leisurely visit.

We surely wish that you all could have been with us, it would have made the tour even more enjoyable.



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The Folklore of the Highlands

The stories which shall be reiterated in this new series are the type of stories which were related during the old fashioned ceilidh's. People would meet for an evening of entertainment, and contribute their share by song, music or tale.

At one time there were thousands of fairies throughout the Highlands. It is said that they used to come into the houses and sit by the fireside. Some said they looked like princesses, others that they were like little girls dressed in green. Apparently they did not like for mortals to wear their favorite color. It is said that when Bonnie Dundee was killed at Cilliecrankie it was because he had worn green on that day and the "little people" had been annoyed. They were a very musical people fine singers and wonderful dancers and they made their homes in "Sithean" or Fairy mounds.

These fairies were not like the story book fairies of the south with their magic words. They were a race of people who had their own customs and personalities. Sometimes they mixed well with the mortals in the area but at other times these were awkward encounters. There was a woman who used to put big branches of Holly inside her doorway every Christmas and New Year to keep out fairies and witches, who were said to be particularly mischievous at that time of the year. The woman insisted on big branches saying that twigs were of no use at all. (Why do you suppose we put holly in our homes each year during the holidays?) It is also a widespread tradition that the "Rowan" keeps witches away, this has led to the belief that the Rowan Tree is "lucky". Tradition holds that the Rowan should be planted at the front of the house and an Elder should be planted in the back.

One Hogmonay, an old man and a friend went for a whiskey at Strontians. As they were travelling home they met some fairies and were invited into their "sithean". The door was open and they could hear the most beautiful and enticing music. As they entered, the friend placed his open knife in the door jam to keep it ajar. For it is told that cold iron is offensive to fairies and thwarts their magic spells. Becoming quite nervous he soon left, taking his knife with him, causing the door to close. Some time later, the old man took his leave and when he arrived at home he discovered that he was just in time for the next year's Hogmonay. People asked him where he had been for a year, but he felt that he had only been gone for a few hours.

Like most such stories, they appear in different parts of the country with variations. I wonder if Washington Irving may have heard this tale and used it as the basis for the story of Rip Van Winkle?

Another tale is the story of a shepherd who was sitting by the fire drowsing, his wife was in bed with their small child. His dog, a collie named Deargains, was sleeping by the fire. A knock came at the door of the house and a woman in green asked for shelter. He let her in. Shortly his wife cried out, for there was a fairy woman trying to take her child. The shepherd grabbed a burning stick from the fire and was going to strike the woman with it. The dog growled and went for the fairy woman. She asked him not to hit her and to call off the dog, which he did. However, a short while later she again tried to steal the child. This time he drew his dirk, placed some snuff upon the blade



and held it up to the fairy woman who sneezed violently and disappeared.

It is said that the reason that fairies tried to carry off mortal children is that they hoped to rear one who would be their leader and not be afraid of cold iron. They hoped that this leader would drive out the mortals who had taken the land from them. The stories have it the little boys were dressed in girls dresses so that the fairies would not steal them thinking them to be girls. While little girls were sometimes stolen they were not so popular as little boys for they were not likely to be good as leaders.

FRANKLIN BUCHANAN: THE MAN AND THE SAILOR

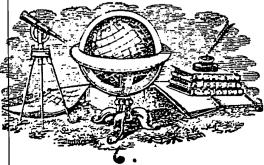
The first American of Perry's Japanese expedition to set foot in Japan, the first superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, the first (and only) full admiral in the Confederate Navy -- this was Franklin Buchanan of Maryland. From a mishipman at age 15 to an admiral at age 62, Franklin Buchanan was a navy man, and the history of the navy in the 19th century may be summed up in much of Buchanan's life.

Born in Baltimore in the year 1800, Buchanan came from a family fathered by the famous Dr. George Buchanan. His grandfather had emigrated to Maryland in 1723, forming a paternal connection to Scotland. On his mother's side he was of Scotch-Irish heritage, his mother being Laetitia McKean, daughter of Pennsylvania's Thomas McKean.

Franklin Buchanan's naval career began near the end of the War of 1812 when he went to sea. A midshipman serving under Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, he toured much of the Mediterranean world, then sailed to China. Commading the frigate <u>Baltimore</u>, Buchanan sailed to Brazil in 1825; later he returned to European waters. His next major assignment was as the first superintendent of the U.S. Navay Academy at Annapolis. Under Buchanan, the school became a respected military academy based on the standards of discipline and efficiency.

Detached from Annapolis in 1847, Buchanan went to sea during the Mexican War, commanding the sloop <u>Germantown</u> in Mexican waters. Five years later he assumed command of the <u>Susquehanna</u>, which became the flagship for Matthew Perry's expedition to Japan in 1853. During this assignment, Buchanan became the first American to set foot on Japanese soil as he landed in advance to make arrangements for the official "opening" of Japan by Perry.

When the Civil War broke out, Buchanan was in charge of the Washington Navy Yard at which he prepared its defenses against mob attack. He resigned the job when he believed his native state of Maryland was to secede from the Union. When Maryland was kept in the Union, Buchanan attempted to have his position restored provided he could assume duty where he would not have to fight against the South (with which he was in sympathy). Dismissed by the Navy, Buchanan retired for a few months, then went South to serve the Confederate States Navy.



Placed in command of the Office of Orders and Details, Buchanan proved very efficient in organizing a service based on merit and not on patronage, as well as carrying out his major duties to prepare the South for defense against naval attack by Union forces. In 1862 he was placed in command of the <u>C.S.S. Virginia</u>, which had been constructed on the remains of the <u>U.S.S.</u> <u>Merrimac</u>. On March 8, 1862, on what was supposed to be the shake-down cruise of the <u>Virginia</u>, Buchanan took the craft into action against the Union forces inflicting the worst defeat the U.S. Navy had ever suffered to that time. Destroying the warships <u>Cumberland</u> and <u>Congress</u>, the ironclad <u>Virginia</u> was soon to be involved in the first battle of ironclad naval warships. Buchanan, however, would not see command in that battle, being wounded in the action against the <u>Congress</u>.

Following the battle of March 8, 1862, Franklin Buchanan was made Admiral in the Confederate States Navy. After recovering from his wounds, Buchanan assumed command in Mobile where he served until the end of the war. And here came his second glorious battle in which he took his flagship the <u>C.S.S. Tennessee</u>, into action against the entire naval force of 18 ships commanded by Admiral Farragut. Outgunned by nearly 200 to 6, the <u>Tennessee</u> was eventually forced to surrender after Buchanan was again wounded, but severe damage had been done to numerous ships of Farragut's fleet.

Captured in the <u>Tennessee</u>, Buchanan spent the rest of the year 1864 as as prisoner of war. Exchanged in 1865, Buchanan returned to Mobile only to surrender himself at the fall of the city, whereupon he returned home to Maryland.

Despite his age, Buchanan returned to work, becoming the president of the Maryland Agricultural College for the school year 1868-1869. In that single year Buchanan returned the school to a sound budget and raised the student enrollment dramatically, thus giving a solid foundation to what was to become the University of Maryland. This was followed by service with the Life Insurance Company of America in Alabama. Finally he retired to his home, "The Rest", in Maryland where, at the age of 73, he passed away. A naval hero to the Confederacy, a traitor to the United States Navy, Franklin Buchanan's life was dedicated to the sea. Serving 45 years with the United States Navy, and four with the Confederate States Navy, Admiral Franklin Buchanan had been involved with, and had seen much of the history of American naval development in the 19th century.

Editors Note: The residence of the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy is known as Buchanan House. A very fine portrait of Franklin Buchanan hangs in the second floor fover.







FROM THE DESK OF THE - Executive Secretary

As we are assembling this issue of the Banner, I can't help but wonder where the time goes? It just doesn't seem possible that it is time to make the journey to Grandfather Mountain again for our annual meeting! I am looking forward to that weekend with enthusiasm. It is always refreshing to go to the mountain and meet with old friends from past years and greet new members as you decide to come down (or up) to see just what goes on there.

If you have never attended the GFM Highland games and Gathering of the Clans, why not start planning now for next year? It is an experience you will not soon forget. Upwards of 20,000 people (the exact attendance is never really known for sure) gather on MacRae Meadow for the two day festivities. The sight of all the Clan tents encircling the athletic field never fails to set the heart beating a little faster, especially when you know that your Clan tent is out there, full of Clansmen just waiting to greet you and make you feel welcome.

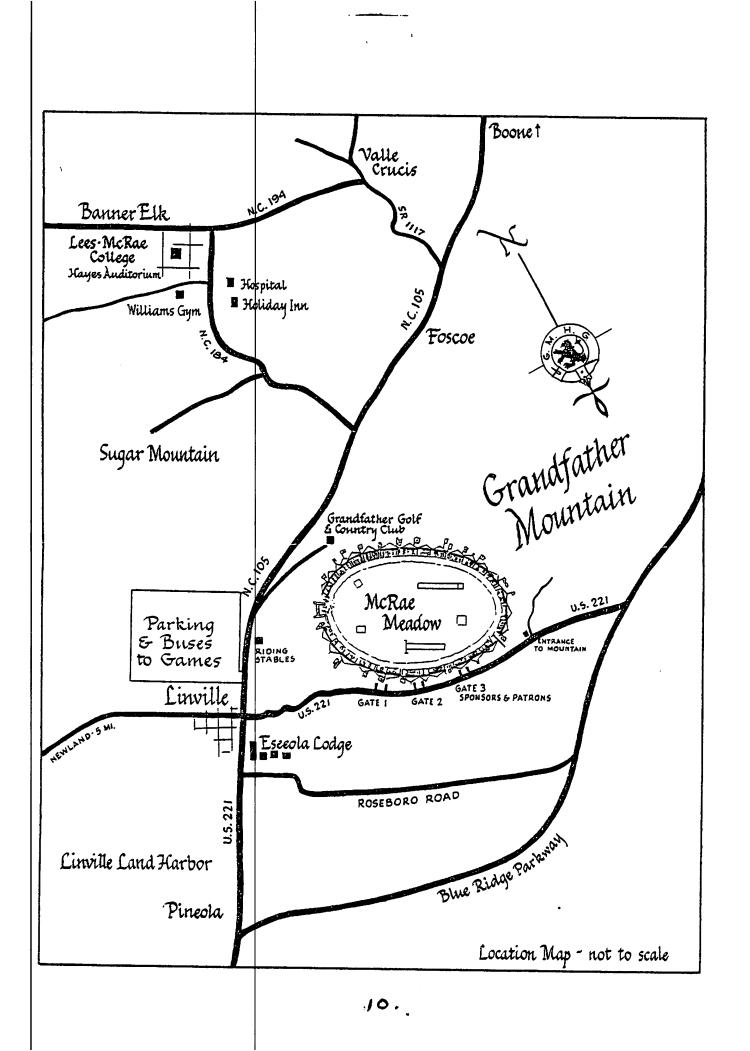
To be sure, that is only part of what goes on! Clan Buchanan has for several years booked a block of rooms at the Ramada Inn at the foot of the mountain. Those in attendance have dinner and a ceilidh together on the Friday evening (along with our annual business meeting) and our hospitality suite is open all weekend for the partaking of fellowship and spirits and etc. Throughout the weekend, concerts, and ceilidh's and picnics et al are taking place at various spots in and around Linville. All the motels are filled with Scots and the air (wherever you go) seems to be filled with the strains of the pipes.

If you've never been to that part of North Carolina, you are missing seeing a place which in many respects resembles a portion of the Highlands, it is truly beautiful. I can guarantee you a weekend you will thoroughly enjoy.

As this, our business year, comes to a close, I would be negligent if I did not inform the membership that your society is alive and well. The election which has just been concluded assures us of the continuing brand of leadership which will be necessary to further the aims of the society. We are reasonably healthy (monetarily) - by the way if you haven't paid your dues, please do so!, and the new officers are looking forward to a Banner (pun) year. My personal congratulations go to George, Arren, Louis, Margretta, Lavon, John and Charlotte. I am looking forward to supporting you with all the enthusiasm I can muster, (which is considerable - when I put my mind to it!)

To all of you Clansmen, I hope this newsletter finds you and yours well and in good spirits. Please accept my personal best wishes for your continued well being, and may God Bless You.

Yours for Aye, - AFAROLO -





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