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### 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.



### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am honored to have been chosen to take over as president of the Clan Buchanan Society for the next two years. It will be no easy task to follow in the footsteps of our president for the past five years, Louis McCaslin. Under his leadership, our Society has grown in that period to where the present membership of more than four hundred, now ranks third in the United States, surpassed only by the Clan Donald and the Campbells. I would be remiss if I did not also recognize the yeoman work on the part of Harold Townend who, in addition to his duties as Executive Secretary, helped get out the "Banner" and took over the responsibilities of Treasurer when Bob Whitfield suddenly returned to Canada. Credit and recognition must go too, to our Founder and indefatigable Membership Secretary who keeps track of all our members and answers innumerable letters regarding membership in the Society.

First, the "good news". We had a good turnout at Grandfather Mountain this year. Not as many as we've had in the past, but a fine representation. The ceilidh, dinner and annual meeting went off very well with Harold doing his usual ~~job~~ "super" job as master of ceremonies. The treasury is moderately healthy, thanks to the prompt payment of dues by most members and the addition of several more Life Memberships, plus the sales of clan jewelry and more recently, the sale of Clan Buchanan T-shirts (a "hot" item, it seems). It appears that the Society will be represented at more Scottish events this year and next due to the willingness of members to act as Conveners and to "show the tartan".

Now, the "not so good news". Our Society faces a number of serious problems in the months and years to come, not the least of which is inflation which affects all of us. Louis, who has graciously agreed to continue as editor of the "Banner", in addition to his duties as Treasurer, has managed to keep its size down to where it can be mailed out for a single 18¢ stamp and still provide an interesting and informative publication. Up until now, Louis has had access to the reproduction facilities in the offices of the company where he worked. With his recent retirement, those facilities are no longer available and a new source must be found. We have high hopes that we have located a new source - a commercial printing firm, operated by one of our members. While there will be an increase in the cost of putting out the "Banner", we believe it will be an even more attractive publication.





## 1981 General Meeting



The General Meeting of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc. was held at the Ramada Inn in Boone, North Carolina on July 10, 1981. The meeting followed a reception and dinner which was hosted by the Society.

The General Meeting was called to order by the Executive Secretary, Hal Townend and the retiring President gave welcoming remarks. He expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support during his administration and asked that everyone continue their enthusiastic support of the new President.

Margretta Eagon - Membership Secretary reported on the State of the Membership indicating that we have over 400 members and that there were two new life members. She also reported on the activities of the "Friends of Loch Lomond Society" and made an appeal for contributions so that this society can continue its commendable work in the preservation and conservation of Loch Lomond. (Ed. Note: See article from Margretta on Loch Lomond appeal).

Hal Townend, who has acted as Treasurer since the resignation of Bob Whitfield reported on the state of the Societies finances. Hal mentioned that inflation had taken its toll in so far as cost of postage and supplies are concerned and that the Society must do more toward raising money to carry on the functions of the Society.

It was also announced that effective 1 July 1982 the dues would be raised as follows:

New Membership	- Individual	- \$10.00
New Membership	- Family	- \$15.00
Sponsor Member	- (five years)-	\$35.00
Life Member		- \$100.00
All Renewals		- \$ 7.50 per year

Ms. Lavon Watson was recognized and thanked for her yeoman service in the organization of the Buchanan trip to Scotland in May. She was also asked to show the decanters which she had commissioned, they are in the form of a comical Scottish character whose kilt is in the colors of the Buchanan tartan. Lavon is offering these for sale to the members and she is donating 30% of the proceeds of the sales to the Society.

Kenneth Youell, President of the Youell Family Society and life member of the Buchanan Society was asked to describe some of the activities of the Youell Family Society. We learned that they are very active and are growing rapidly.

After the reports of the officers etc., Retiring President McCaslin was presented a carved representative of the Coat of Arms of the Chief of Clan Buchanan. This was a unique carving and was most appreciated by the past President.



After installation of the new officers the new President - Lt. Col. George S.G. Buchanan USAFR was presented. President Buchanan expressed his appreciation for the confidence expressed in his election to office and indicated that he hoped to see the progress made within the Society in the past continue during his term of office.

The General Meeting was then adjourned and the company was entertained by Pipers, Dr. John Youell and Mike Frank and Dancers, Scott Townend, Jennifer Frank and Laurie Youell.

It was most gratifying to see and be with our old and new friends again this year. This really is the highlight of the Grandfather Mountain Gathering. Hope to see you there next year!



#### A REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY-July 1981

The Clan Buchanan Society trip to Scotland in May and June was a delightful experience for all of us who participated. An unexpected bonus of the trip was meeting other Buchanans who somehow had missed joining our Society but had joined up with our party in Scotland, especially to enjoy the weekend spent with the Buchanans in the Loch Lomond area.

We are pleased to welcome as new LIFE members Dr. and Mrs. Talmadge Buchanan of Bristol, Tennessee. Also a new LIFE member is Walter W. Buchanan of Lebanon, Indiana. We met these members during the trip. Walter's mother, Mrs. Amy Buchanan, is also now a new member, and she was also with us in Scotland.

Grandfather Mountain is always a great opportunity to meet new Buchanans and renew memberships with our members. This year was no exception. We acquired sixteen new members, three of whom joined us as Sponsor Members; Mr. and Mrs. James M. Albert, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Buchanan.

I would like to ask if any of our readers know the address of Mrs. Alice M. Oakes who lives at 45 E. Main Street, but we know not the city. (Omitted on the application). Please help if you can. We don't want Mrs. Oakes to feel left out but we need the rest of the address. She signed as a new member at Grandfather Mountain.

As you know, our membership year expires on June 30 of each year. We remind everyone in the Spring issue of The Banner, but it is easy to forget. However, printing costs and postage being what they are, we will have to discontinue sending Banners to those members who have failed to renew their memberships. So please, if your membership expired in 1981, please send your check to the Membership Secretary at once. This must be the final Banner for you if your membership is not renewed. Cost is just \$5.00.

Among our renewing members, Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., have renewed as LIFE members. And the two sons of our new president, George S.G. Buchanan, have renewed as LIFE members. They are George S. Buchanan of Fairchild, California, and John Blair Buchanan III of Carolina Beach, North Carolina. We are extremely proud of all of our new and renewing members.

Margretta Buchanan Eagon  
Membership Secretary



### THE OHIO SCOTTISH GAMES

By  
Helen Maffett

Ohio had been in the throes of tornadoes and thunderstorms for several weeks as the date for the Ohio Games approached. On Friday, June 26th, winds were of high velocity and those who had the courage to set up their tents suffered from torn canopies and bent tent poles. We left our heavy items in our allotted space under the supervision of the vigilant grounds committee, and hoped that all would be well in the morning. That evening we attended a concert which served as closing ceremony for the one week long "School For the Scottish Arts". This concert, which was fairly well attended and poorly publicized, was one of the best I have seen. It gave me the impression that this 4th Annual School was well attended and of high quality. Skills were demonstrated in piping, drumming and dancing. It was obvious that instruction was in considerable depth as dancers performed routines they chorographed themselves and many pipers received credit for tunes they composed.

The Ohio Scottish Games were held at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. It is a Presbyterian College of good reputation, home of the "Fighting Scots", and now offers scholarships for pipers in support of their pipe band which is uniformed in the McCloud tartan.

On Saturday morning (June 26th), the campus looked very inviting on one of the most beautiful days I had seen in weeks. My spirits were also elevated when I found that Jim Buchanan (a Clan member and part of the public relations team for the Ohio Games), had arrived early and had already set up my tent. This is a good way to start the day!! Jim helped me at the tent and enabled me to have an opportunity to enjoy some of the other activities of the games. I was also assisted by Frank Slater (a Clan member) who is a registered geneologist, and whose activities in our area kept a constant flow of people to our tent. In this way, people who had no knowledge of their clan affiliation were readily available to approach for membership when they were first aware of their eligibility. Good help at the tent is of great value to the conveener and to the clan.

Clan Buchanan had one young member (Jon Maffett) who received a \$50.00 Scholarship for next years Ohio Scottish Arts School, played the only solo at the concert, received a 2nd place medal in Grade 4 piping competition, and was a member of the pipe band that won first place trophy for Grade 4 Bands. (I hope you don't object if I take a little pride in my son's achievements).

I feel that Clan Buchanan was well represented, and that you all would have been pleased with the endeavors.

During the athletic competitions Fred Vaughn broke two world records.

There is an effort under way to form an association of Ohio Clans and Societies in an endeavor to provide a medium for dissemination of information as to what activities are planned in Ohio for Scottish affairs. I represented Clan Buchanan at this organizational meeting, and feel that this will help to increase awareness and attendance at these affairs, and may help in our Clan efforts in Ohio.

An unfortunate situation occurred at the conclusion of the games. There were over 500 dancers registered for competition, and they were still going strong as the bands formed for the closing ceremony and awards presentation. These bands waited in the sun for over an hour for the dancing competition to end. Most of the crowd left and missed the closing ceremonies and massed bands. It is my hope that better planning will prevent this from happening in the future.



#### ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH EAST

On 18 and 19 July, the Clan Buchanan Society in America was a host Clan at the Acadian Scottish Festival in Trenton, Maine. Mrs. Jean Armour Hunt, the Society's Northeastern Convener set up a canopy and found that there were quite a large number of people in attendance who were Buchanans or Septs thereof and who were interested in the Society. Mrs. Hunt carried the St. Andrews' Flag and lead the Parade of Clan Representatives.

On 15 August midst a northeastern downpour, the St. Andrews Society of Maine held their 3rd Annual Scottish Games and Festival. In spite of the rain and heavy fog there was an attendance of over 2500 and a considerable number of visitors came to the Buchanan tent which was attended by Mrs. Hunt and her two Buchanan tartan clad helpers. (Ed. Note: Mrs. Jean Armour Hunt is the founder of the St. Andrews Society of Maine).

The 22nd of August brought the Scottish Games and Festival to Quechee, Vermont which is sponsored by the St. Andrews Society of Vermont. Again, the tent was visited by quite a large number of Clan Buchanan members and a number joined the Society.

Editors Note: The Society is indeed indebted to Mrs. Hunt and her family for the active support they have given the Society since they became members. Incidentally her husband, Mr. Enoch W. Hunt, II is the North Eastern Commissioner for Clan Mac Neil.

## FRIENDS OF LOCH LOMOND

The bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond are being threatened these days by the location of a pumped storage reservoir on these famous banks. With the necessary roads and power lines, the lovely scenic landscape faces an ugly intrusion unless efforts to block these plans can be implemented promptly.

Members of the Clan Buchanan Tour of Scotland were told about these plans during their weekend in the Loch Lomond area. An organization called The Friends of Loch Lomond has been formed and legal advice obtained which has, for the moment, succeeded in postponing any work on this scheme. However, funds are needed to continue the effort.

Individual annual subscriptions may be obtained at a modest cost of \$5.00. If you feel you would like to participate in this effort to preserve some of the loveliest of Scottish scenery, please send your check to the treasurer, Mr. Louis McCaslin, or to the membership secretary, Margretta Eagon, for forwarding to Mrs. Hannah Barr-Stirling, a lovely lady who is devoting much effort to this preservation. Life membership is also available at a cost of \$100.00. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Margretta Buchanan Eagon  
Membership Secretary



### SEPTS OF CLAN BUCHANAN (Continued from Spring 1981 Issue)

In this article, we will cover the following Septs - MacCormac, MacGreusich, MacNuyer and Risk.

The Sept MacCormack includes the following variations on the surname.

Cormack	McCormick	McKornok
Cornick	McKermick	Makormok
Cramick	McKarmik	M'Kernok
McArmick	McCornick	M'Kornok
McCarmick	McCornock	
McCarmicke	McCornok	

Cormag is an old Gaelic personal name which comes from the early Celtic word "corb-mac" which means "chariot lad" or "charioteer". The name is recorded as far back as 1132 when Gillecrisp macCormaic witnessed to a grant of land to the abbey of Deer. It appears to be the name which was taken by tacksmen who held significant portions of the lands of Buchanan and was a name which was quite common in the Highlands around Loch Lomond.

It is rather interesting that the Buchanan followers of Bonnie Prince Charlie took the name MacCormack. More specifically, it was recorded by Alexander Stewart



of Invernahyle that the Buchanans (MacCormacks) were serving the Stewart of Appin at Culloden and that 5 of these men were killed and one was wounded in this battle.

The Sept MacGreusich included the following surname variations.

Grosick	Gross	Graisich
Grassick	Grosse	MacGeorge
Grocey	Gressiche	MacGrassel
Grassie	Graysich	MacGrasiche

The Gaelic form of the name is "Greusaich" which means "cordiner" or shoemaker. Buchanan of Auchmar says that the MacGrewsich's were descended from a Buchanan who emigrated to Argyleshire with the laird of Ardkinglass' lady sometime after 1460.

MacNuyer as a name of Buchanan contains the following variations.

MacNeur	MacNair	MacNeir	Weir
MacNuir	MacNoyer	MacNuir	

The Buchanan Sept of MacNuyer are said to be descended from a family of MacAndoeir's who settled on Loch Goilside. The authorities differ upon the source of the name. Some say that it stems from the Gaelic "Mac-Iain-Uidhir", "son of John". Others contend that its root is "M'an-oighie", son of the heir". While the late Professor Mackinnon suggests that the source is Mac an-fhuibhir, son of the smith', Dr. Macbain adds another possible derivations, i.e. "Mac-an-fhuibhir", "the strangers son" this is pronounced "Mac-an-war" and from this we can see where the name "Weir" stems. This root also seems to tie in with the name MacAndoeir since the Gaelic word 'deoradh", which is the root word of the patronym means 'son of the pilgrim' or "alien".

The Sept - Risk, does not seem to generate variations. Buchanan of Auchmar indicates that a son of the Buchanan of Drumikill was born upon the "Risks of Drymen", and received the surname "Risk" from the place of his birth. The name is quite common in Fentry and Stirlingshire to this day.



THE GENEALOGICAL CORNER

Pedigrees received and placed in the Archives:

George S.G. Buchanan of San Antonio, Texas from George Buchanan of Blairlusk and Walter Buchanan of Cameron.

Paul W. Buchanan of Concord, North Carolina from George Burton Buchanan, born 1792, North Carolina.

Walter W. Buchanan of Lebanan, Indiana from William Buchanan born 1754, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

Judith Ann Johnson Burkhardt, of Berne, Indiana from Dorsey Buchanan born about 1805, in Virginia or Ohio.

John S. Hanlon, of Wappinger Falls, New York from James Buchanan and Mary Maum who were in Ireland during the early 1800's.

Eighteen pedigrees are now on file, more are in prospect and are very welcome.

### QUERY

Florence Eleanor White O'Neil, 1611 Minuteman Causeway, Apt. 111, Cocoa Beach Florida, 32931 seeks kin of George Davison (Davidson) who married Ann Buchanan (born about 1734), daughter of Walter (1702-1788) and Mary Roney (about 1706-1789) Buchanan, Marsh Creek, Pennsylvania.

Ellen Buchanan Rozengota, 1253 Hoffman St. Elmira, N.Y. 14905, is very interested in obtaining proof that George and Betsy Miller Buchanan, were the parents of Benjamin Buchanan, born c1824, who married Emma Viele, in late 1840's.



### NOTES ON GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN

The Opening Ceremonies on Thursday evening, following the picnic for Sponsoring Clans and Patrons, was a new event this year. As always in a "first" time, there were a few relatively minor problems but once the ceremonies began, it was most impressive. I would urge all those who plan to attend next year to arrive on Thursday to attend the picnic and the Opening Ceremonies following.


While there were quite a few males wearing the tartan on both Saturday and Sunday, the number that marched in the Parade of Tartans was considerably fewer, although we were still an impressive group. I hope that next year all able-bodied male members of the Society will join in the parade. If possible, wear a white short-sleeved shirt (weather permitting) so that we will present a fairly uniform appearance. By all means, wear your kilt if you have one!

The combined "social hour", ceilidh, and dinner, followed by the annual meeting was a success and the change in time and place for the annual meeting from the "big tent" at McCrae Meadow avoids the previous hassles we've had for space there. I hope that we can receive items from the membership that are proposed for discussion in time to publish them in the "Banner" prior to Grandfather Mountain. Thus, those who cannot be personally present will have an opportunity to comment.

Collecting annual dues and requesting reservations at the Ramada Inn have been perennial problems. Heretofore, there has been a page in the "Banner" which could be removed and mailed to the Membership Secretary. Next year we will have a separate mailing which will (a) remind you that it is time to pay your dues for the coming year and, (b) a separate page with the information necessary to confirm your reservations at the motel. We hope that this notice, coming in a separate envelope, will be a reminder that the Membership Secretary needs your dues renewal check and motel reservation information (and deposit) within the specified time period.

The Tartan Ball. A number of you will recall that several years ago, despite our request to be seated as a group, we were split into several different tables at a considerable distance from each other. The reason given was that they wanted "more color" in the various areas. Since that time, only a few members have attended the Tartan Ball. Since we are the third largest Clan Society in the United States (including Canada), I would like to see us again represented in greater numbers at the Tartan Ball. I would like to hear your views on this. Of course, we would have to be assured that we could all sit together as a group. Please let me know how you feel.





THE BRITISH ARE COMING

The Pipes, Drums and Dancers of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and the Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards are returning to our shores for the first time since 1970. These two magnificent companies will tour the country beginning in October so keep your eye out for the date that they will appear in your area. They will be in the Baltimore-Washington area on 11 and 12 December 1981. The Royal Scots are known world wide for their hit recording of "Amazing Grace".



YOUR DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your dues for 1980 or 1981 please do so now. You can check as to whether you are current or not by looking at the mailing label on this issue of the Banner. If it says (80) or (81) your dues are in arrears. Please send your check to: Mrs. Margretta B. Eagon  
455 Riverview Rd.  
Athens, Ga. 30606



CLAN SOCIETY MERCHANDISE

We are pleased to announce that we have the following merchandise available for order at this time.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Clan Crest Badge	\$9.75
Kilt Pins	\$9.25
Ladies Clan Crest Pendants	\$8.50
Lapel Pins	\$6.50
Blazer Badges	\$4.00
Clan Crest Spoons	\$6.50
Adult T-Shirts (S)(M)(L)(XL)	\$7.00
Childrens T-Shirts (S)(M)(L)	\$6.00



Just forward your order along with your check made payable to the Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc. to: Treasurer

Clan Buchanan Society in America  
466 Century Vista Dr.  
Arnold, Md. 21012

The jewelry we have available is of the same quality (pewter) that you see for sale at the Highland Games. The T-shirts are an excellent quality 50/50 cotton and polyester. They are a bright YELLOW with the Clansmans Crest Badge on the front with the words CLAN BUCHANAN. NO BUCHANAN should be without one!



BUCHANAN TARTAN AVAILABLE

The following letter has been received and is published for your information.

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing samples of the Ancient and Modern Buchanan Worsted which I have on hand. The Ancient is 10 yards of 27 inch cloth selvaged on both edges. The Modern is selvaged on one edge and torn on the other. It is 10 yards of 25½ inch cloth. The winners of Clann Gunn's Kilt Raffle course from the Modern cloth.

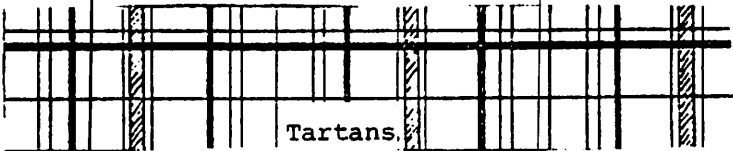
Since I am now up to my ears in kilt order obligations, I would prefer to sell this fabric. The prices are: 10 yards Ancient - \$200.00  
10 yards Modern - \$150.00

However, I will make kilts for \$250.00 each, but it will take 3 or 4 months for me to complete them. This cloth will make very handsome kilts, but keep in mind that a kilt made from the "Modern" cannot be longer than 25½ inches.

I do appreciate your interest and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Wilson,  
Box 35  
Prince Frederick,  
Maryland, 20678.



Editors Note: If you want a kilt of which you will be proud to wear, you should write Mrs. Wilson directly. She is a very fine kiltmaker and the price which she has quoted is a real bargain.



THE FOLKLORE OF THE HIGHLANDS

In the days before radio and television the Highlanders would entertain themselves during the long winter evenings with storytelling, singing and playing of the musical instruments of the highlands, such as the fiddle, harp and bagpipe. The stories in this series are out attempt to pass along some of these stories which helped to while away an evening in the long ago. Some of you may recognize some of these tales as many of them were brought to this country by our ancestors and were related to their children on a winters evening in the not so long ago.

"The Fairies of Appin"

Donald McIlmichall, a vagabond, was accused of stealing a cow and consorting with evil spirits. Donald told the court that one Sunday evening he had noticed a lighted opening in a hill in Appin, and on entering, he had seen a crowd of men and women dancing in a place having many lighted candles. He said he did not know whe they were but judged them not be natural men and women. He also

admitted that he had returned to meet them in various fairy mounds (shians) on subsequent Sunday evenings and that he had played the "Jews Harp" (trumps) for them while they danced. To reward him they told him of stolen cattle so that he might claim the reward money. Unfortunately, the court convicted poor Donald on both counts and he was hanged.

On another occasion, youn Ian MacDonnell saw some people dressed in green coming out of a shian. Each one called upon a person, by name, to fetch his horse. The horse would appear at once and the rider would mount and fly off. Ian MacDonnell also called for a horse, using the same name. The horse appeared, he mounted and immediately flew off with the fairy troop. He was with them for nearly a year and during this time they wandered the country visiting fairy weddings and feasts, mixing unseen with mortals. They ate the food, danced to the music and sang, all unseen and unheard. At one wedding feast the bridegroom sneezed. Ian said "God Bless You". This annoyed the fairies who told him not to do it again. After a while the bridegroom sneezed again and Ian forgetting himself, called out "God Bless You". When They left the feast, the fairies were very angry and set upon Ian, knocked him off his horse and he rolled down the side of the mountain and over a cliff. Fortunately, Ian was not hurt seriously, but needless to say, he promptly went back to live with mortals and he left the fairies alone from then on.



#### THE CLANSMAN'S TOAST

Whenever a social gathering or meeting of the Jacobite Clansmen was being held it was the duty of the Host to propose the Royal Toast. This normally took place after all the guests had finished their meal. The Host always sat at the head of the table while his wife or deputy sat at the other end. On a given signal the host would have a punchbowl, full of water, placed in front of him on the banquet table. Rising with a charged glass in his hand he would call his guests to order by declaring - "Ladies and Gentlemen, be so good as to have your glasses charged, for I will soon propose a toast!"

It was usual for the ladies to ensure that everyone had a charged glass, and time being allowed for those having left the table to return to their rightful place. Rising for the second time, the host would rap the punch-bowl three times with a spoon, thus drawing his guests to attention. "Ladies and Gentlemen, pray be upstanding for the Royal Toast!" The guests would then rise and on doing so would hold their charged glass in front of them. The host would then pass his glass over the punch-bowl in a circular motion and also declare - "Ladies and Gentlemen, a toast! A toast to our king o'er the water!" The Clansmen would immediately raise their glasses and on draining them would ensure that their lips "kissed" the "Star" a sign of the everlasting loyalty to the king o'er the water. The Clansmen immediately replied by shouting "AMEN" and on returning their glasses to the table would rap the bottom of their glass twice on the tabletop, the sound representing the "Firing of Musketry" in defiance of the Union of 1707. Completion of the toast heralded the start of a 'CEILIDH', the greatest and most popular being held on Hogmanay..... January 1 which is the birthday of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

In modern times, the Clansman's Toast is no longer applicable to any cause, but the tradition lives on in memory of those gallant Scots, both FOR and AGAINST who were forced into emigration and/or exile to Canada, Australia, the United States and many other countries throughout the world. Today we drop the "G" from "King" and the Royal Toast is now presented to - "Our Kin O'er the Water, and Auld Lang Syne".



THE GAELIC VIKING  
(Tale of Glencoe)

By  
Lynn Dowell



In the gathering gloom  
twilight thickens and  
as clouds come down to  
of the ancient MacDonald's  
Like smoke in the sunlight  
ancient evil  
time is trapped  
here where Scots murdered

Glencoe broods darkly  
tame tourists flee  
cover the graveyard  
massacred men.  
smudges the air  
haunts these hills:  
in a terrible vise  
Scots who offered them shelter.

The sheep were the first  
huddled in the hope that the  
as the Campbells crept  
to stab sleeping hosts  
Steel upon steel is  
here on the barren bone  
but the thud of swords  
is strange

to sense the slaughter  
horror would pass,  
through the dying campfires  
they had called friends.  
a sound that's familiar  
of earth's body,  
slaying the sleeping  
even to Scotland's wide skies.

They left only the dogs  
hounds who skulked round  
for days as their masters  
Finally, frightened, the dogs  
leaving the carnage to

to mourn the massacre,  
the stinking scene  
turned into meat.  
fled the scene  
corbies and rain.

Still no gorse will grow  
heather can't hide or  
only grass to sparse  
covers the bones of  
And rain regularly  
of crofters' cabins  
The wind plays no plaintive  
no lonely lament mourns  
But restlessly raindrops  
a Highland refrain,

on these ghastly slopes  
heal the wounds;  
to succour sheep  
the betrayed clan.  
washes the ruins  
and kiné's cribs.  
pibroch at sunset,  
MacDonald's last rest.  
repeat his last wish:  
"Revenge, revenge..."

Editors Note: Lynne Dowell is the author of "The Vintage Year". By the way, if you read the above poem in the conventional way, try reading it across from left to right, we think it will make more sense.





## BOOK REVIEWS

The following books have been received for the Society's Library;

"THE BUCHANANS" by Florence Eleanor White O'Niel, privately printed, 1981, 30 p., illustrated with index has been presented by the author of Cocoa Beach, Florida. Descendants of Walter Buchanan (1702-1788), fifth son of William Buchanan of Tryrons are discussed. Walter with four brothers emigrated to Pennsylvania 1724 - 1730. Succeeding generations lived principally in West Virginia and Ohio as well as Pennsylvania. A discussion of Buchanan ancestors back to Fargallus, 156th Monarch of all Ireland who died in 718 A.D. is given in cogent summary.

"BEARERS OF THE PIONEER SPIRIT, Records of the McAnallys" compiled by Frances Blackburn Hilliard, Baltimore, Gateway Press, 1976, 221 p., index illustrated was presented by William A Walter of Lincoln, Nebraska. The first McAnally was an eight year old boy. He had been kidnapped near the mouth of the Forth in Scotland, brought to Pennsylvania and set down to shift for himself. He progeny located in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama Mississippi, the Mid-West, West Coast and even Hawaii.

Rowland S. Wilson  
3011 34th Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008



### WHA'S LIKE US?

The average Englisman in the home he calls his castle slips into his national costume - a shabby raincoat - patented by chemist Charles Macintosh from Glasgow, Scotland.

En route to his office he strides along the English lane surfaced by John Macadam of Ayr, Scotland.

He drives an English car fitted with tyres invented by John Boyd Dunlop of Dreghorn, Scotland.

At the office he receives the mail bearing adhesive stamps invented by John Chambers of Dundee, Scotland.

During the day he uses the telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

At home in the evening his daughter pedals her bicycle invented by Kirkpatrick Macmillan, blacksmith of Dumfries, Scotland.

He watches the news on T.V., an invention of John Logie Baird of Helensburgh, Scotland and hears an item about the U.S. Navy founded by John Paul Jones of Kirkbean, Scotland.

Perhaps he has now been reminded too much of Scotland, and in desperation he picks up the Bible, to find solace, only to find, however, that the first man mentioned in the Good Book is a Scot, JAMES VI - who authorized its translation!

Nowhere can the Englishman turn to escape the ingenuity of the Scots, he could take to drink, but after all, we make the best in the world!

He could take a rifle and try to end it all, but the breech loading rifle was invented by Captain Patrick Ferguson, of Pitfours, Scotland!

If he escaped his death, he may find himself on an operating table being injected with Penicillin, which was discovered by Alexander Fleming of Darvel, Scotland, and given an anaesthetic, discovered by Sir James Young Simpson of Bathgate, Scotland!

On coming out of the anaesthetic, he would find no comfort in learning that he was as safe as the Bank of England, founded by William Patterson of Dumfries, Scotland!

Perhaps his only remaining hope would be to get a transfusion of "guid Scottish blood", which would then entitle him to ask - WHA'S LIKE US!"



FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Dear Clansfolk:

I hope this issue of the BANNER has found all of you well and in good spirits.

This has truly been a BANNER year for your society. New members have swelled our family size by considerable magnitude. We all have good reason to be very proud!

Our heritage, like good health, cannot be bought, it just is, however, it must be tended to in order to assure its continuance.

Like any organization, this one takes money to operate. Your Executive Council has never had to ask for a single penny from the membership (as a donation) the annual dues have served as our primary source of operating income. PLEASE if you have not renewed for the 1981-1982 year, please do so today, it will really help the cause! We offer BUCHANAN related paraphenalia for sale, as a means of raising funds. The items presently available are listed elsewhere in this issue. I would encourage all of you (who have not already done so) to order these little treasures. Obviously the more we sell, the more capital we have to invest in a more varied stock, which in turn is offered to the membership. Stated differently, we are simply SELF PERPETUATING.

Enough about funds. To all you "new" members of the society, I extend a sincere and heartfelt WELCOME. We hope you will enjoy each issue of the BANNER, we hope you will come out to the highland games in your area and participate at your Clan Tent, in welcoming still more BUCHANAN's into the fold. We hope especially that you will plan to join the CLAN at Grandfather Mountain in 1982 for the highland games activities, and to meet and socialize with your Clansmen from all over the country.

Do you have any suggestions for the good of the society? If so please communicate with your President, or any of the officers. We are all listed here in the BANNER, and we want to hear from you, honest!

Till next time, I am

Yours aye,

— HAROLD —





"Kissin' Cousins"



The Royal wedding in London this year, gives us an excuse to use a piece on the Scottish roots of Prince Charles. (his friends may call him Wales, for short!)

The article is by Sir Iain Moncrieffe of That Ilk, and it appeared in "The Scotsman" about the time of the 650th anniversary of the death of Robert The Bruce.

Moncrieffe noted that Prince Charles has 22 separate lines of descent from Mary Queen of Scots, and more than 200 to King Robert The Bruce.

It was a matter of marriages between distant cousins, and Moncreiffe gave only a few examples, one of them ought to be enough to make the point here!)

"Robert Bruce's" grandson, Robert II, was the father of Princess Marjorie, who married MacDonald, Lord of the Isles. Through their son Donald, this line comes down by way of Sutherland of Dunbeath, Sinclair, Earl of Caithness, Sewart, Earl of Atholl, Stewart, Earl of Lennox, Mary Queen of Scots ill fated consort, Henry (better known as Darnley). Their son, James VI (who, like Prince Charles, was born Lord of the Isles) and his daughter, the Winter Queen, to George III's son Adolphus, Duke of Cambridge, who was grandfather to George V's consort, Queen Mary. Queen Mary being (if we look from the other direction) Prince Charles' great Grandmother.

Moncrieffe notes that Queen Victoria had only one line of descent from Mary, Queen of Scots and that Mary had only one line from the Bruce.

It seems that Henry, Lord Darnley had at least seven separate lines to Robert the Bruce. And Queen Alexander, Queen Mary and Prince Philip brought many more lines from Mary Stuart-Queen of Scots to the present Prince of Wales.

The daily press talks about Charles being the heir apparent to the throne of England, but Moncrieffe reminds us that he is the Prince and Steward of Scotland and just as much the heir apparent to the throne of King Robert the Bruce.

Prince Charles and Princess Diane are 16th cousins once removed, but, so far, no one has worked out what Scottish connections they may share.



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COMING EVENTS

October

3-4

Flora MacDonald Highland Games - CHARLOTTE LaGRAND  
Red Springs, N.C. CONVENING

10-11

Scottish Fair  
Winnetka Community House  
Winnetka, Illinois

17-18

Stone Mountain Scottish Festival - MARGRETTA EAGON  
Stone Mountain Park CONVENING  
Stone Mountain, Ga.

18

White Heather Concert  
Lakewood Civic Auditorium  
Cleveland, Ohio



November

7

St. Andrews Society Tartan Ball  
Shrine Club  
Sarasota, Fla.

7

Scottish Heritage Highland Games  
Northridge State College Campus  
Northridge, Calif.

14-15

Gathering of the Clans - DR. ARREN BUCHANAN & SOCIETY  
Salado, Texas PRESIDENT, GEORGE BUCHANAN  
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30

St. Andrews Day



December

5

Scottish Christmas Walk  
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# Wear It With Pride

Highland garb, the kilt, the plaid (played) and accouterments are a controversial subject even among Highlanders! The do's and don'ts have changed and continue to change since the first weavers loomed these colorful fabrics. Here then are some basic guidelines, gleaned from many sources that may be helpful in deciding what to wear and when and how.

The tartan sashes or plaid for the ladies are worn as shown. A respect for tradition is desirable. All these suggestions are based upon a careful study of old portraits, prints and traditional practice, and bear the authoritative approval of the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Women wear the tartan sash as it is a remnant of the plaid so widely used as a general sort of overall garment or cloak by the women of Highland and Lowland Scotland right into recent times. It was often used by the Mother to support and cover her baby which she held in her arm, thus leaving the other arm free.

## THE PLAID FOR THE LADIES



As worn when it is of her clan.

As worn by wives of chiefs, or Colonels of Scottish Regiments.



When a lady marries out of her clan, but wishes to wear her own tartan.



For dancing, to keep the front of the dress clear of sash.



**PLAID**  
Over left shoulder.  
Day wear for pipers.  
Evening for others



**BELT**  
Day-brass buckle  
evening-silver,  
with crest or  
insignia

**CROMAG**  
Only carried outdoors.  
Length should be equal  
to distance from ground  
to arm pit.

**KILT PIN**  
Day-plain  
Evening-ornate  
with jewel

**SKEAN DHU**  
Day-plain, evening  
ornate, with sheath  
worn in right stocking  
(if you are right  
handed)



**SHOES**-Evening  
Light pumps, buckled  
or bowed.



**SHOES**  
Day-sturdy laced or  
buckled brogue.

**HOSE**  
Day-plain colors,  
evening-tartan, diced, white or  
fawn

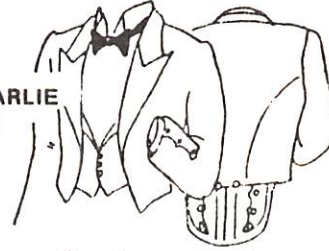


**BALMORAL**  
Plain wool, never  
tartan or Tam O'  
Shanter. May have  
diced band. Cap  
badge on left side.



**GLEGGARY**  
Usually worn by  
pipers.

**PRINCE CHARLIE**  
with black tie



**EVENING WEAR**  
with lace jabot



**KENMORE**

**MONTROSE**

**SPORRAN**  
Day-Leather or fur,  
evening-horse hair,  
trimmed with silver



**JACKET**  
Day-plain tweed,  
never reaches below  
the seams of kilt.

**SHIRT**  
Plain contrasting  
color or white.

**TIE**  
Plain, contrasting  
color, regimental  
or tartan.

**BUTTONS**  
Day-bone or horn,  
evening-silver.

**WAISTCOAT**  
Day-matching tweed  
evening-tartan,  
scarlet or white.

**KILT**  
Reaches to center of  
knee or touches floor  
when kneeling.

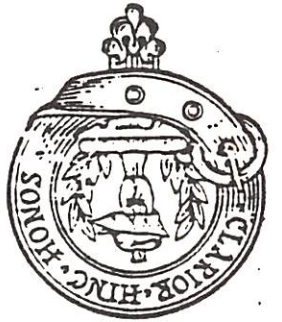
**GARTER FLASHES**  
Usually red or green,  
but any color matching  
kilt is satisfactory



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