President’s Message

We had the Lamont Memorial service on Sunday, June 3rd at the Fultz House museum in Lower Sackville, now a suburb of the greater Halifax area. It was a beautiful sunny day with a brisk breeze and a temperature of 65°F Fahrenheit. Nearly 30 people were on hand for the event and I met many nice “Canadian Cousins” of ours at the service. After the service we were treated to a luncheon at the museum with a famous Nova Scotian singer, Allistair MacDonald, who sang “Isobel’s Song” for us. The song is about Isobel, the chief’s sister who hid the safe passage parchment in her long black hair, which eventually convicted the Campbell chief, Marquee of Argyll. Allistair wrote the music for the piece while Lamont member Jean Watson wrote the lyrics. Anyone can get a copy from the Clan Lamont of Canada website, clanlamont.ca.

Jean and I made it back to Georgia with one day for me to rest before going back to the Post Office on Monday. We drove a total of 3,864 miles and felt every bit of it too!! The roads on Prince Edward Island are horrible....really! Do not complain about pot holes, all of Cape Breton was one big pothole!! Thank God for good ole’ American roads! I never knew Georgia could look so gooood...but it did when the car finally stopped. I kissed the ground.

I hope to make it to Stone Mountain games this October and am really sorry for not being able to do the Blairsville Ga. games but was gone out of the country. Also, here’s a plug for our festival on Labor Day weekend in Chickamauga, Ga. It has several names....Appalachian Celtic Festival, Highland Heritage festival, and others I can’t remember. I want to encourage all within driving distance of Chickamauga, Ga. to come and have some fun with us at the historic Lee & Gordon’s Mill. Visit our website at www.hcaheritagefestival.org and browse a little. So long for now.

Ne Parcas Nec Spemnas!!
Michael E. Whitfield
President—CLSNA

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News from the Central Region

To Members and Friends of Clan Lamont,

I have been diligently working on the new CLSNA information book which will include a lot of additional information not in the small handout from before. One of the inclusions is the article originally printed in the Nov/Dec 1995 issue of "The Highlander" entitled "The Surrender of the Lamonts" by Norrie McLeish. Many of you have read this article but to many more, particularly our recent members, this will be new information. Much more detailed than my quick ramblings at the various shows, this article will no doubt be enlightening for the newcomer and a poignant reminder for those who know the horrible tale. The article is 4 pages long so we have arranged to have it loaded on our website. Go there (http://www.clsna.us) and download the file, read it at your convenience. I know that each time I read the article, and after transcribing each and every word of it, I am freshly appalled by the atrocity and fate of our Clan and ancestors.

In accordance with our mission as a clan organization we must never forget the events of 1646 and forever remember those ancestors who died so awfully and criminally.

Ne Parcas Nec Spernas!

David Patton, Vice President Central Region CLSNA

I am pleased to announce Victoria Luke as Area Commissioner in the state of New Mexico for our society. Victoria has previous experience working with the Clan Hamilton society and is well versed in the art of "tent hosting". The first event in New Mexico for Victoria is the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival & Highland Games in Albuquerque. Please welcome Victoria as she takes on our important mission to preserve our heritage and connect our families. Victoria can be reached for all matters relating to the society at the following e-mail address: Victoria Luke, at boddicea@zianet.com

More from the Central Region

We had a warm reception on our triumphant return to Houston. Not only was the staff happy to see our clan back in the roster but we met some great people who were happy to see us as well. I'd like to thank members Chuck and Suzanne Patrick who met with us Friday night and helped us set up. It was nice to see you again and thank you! We also need to welcome three new members into our society: Randall Black, Shelley Burkett “Brown”, and Anthony Whalin “Lucas”. Thank you for supporting our society and it was a real pleasure to spend time with you at the show.

News from the Western Region

This was my first attempt of a Clan Lamont display table of the 2007 season. April 14, 2007. The Oregon Scottish Heritage Festival in Albany Oregon at the fair and Expo Center. Everything went just wonderful. There was a very good crowd in spite of maybe because of the rain. I guess since the Lamonts were not such bad actors in the history of Scotland, we are not really recognized as an important clan in the history of Scotland even if we are one of the largest and oldest.

I had a few people show some passing interest and a few took some of the information and a few of the DNA test information but there was not a lot of enthusiasm by the crowd to be affiliated with the Clan Lamont or any other clan.

Don Greenly & Robert Lamb, facilitator

If you have photos and stories to share, send them to frank.brown915@charter.net. The more the merrier!
Book Review
from Clan MacCord on SIX MILLENNIA, The History Of The Gael, The Irish & The Scots Highlanders by R.B.M.M MacDonald. Few, if any, History Books garner such high praise. Glennoe Publishing LLC is offering this one-of-a-kind History Book online from their Website, www.glennoe.com for $29.95 US plus S&H. On the publisher’s website, there are two additional Book Reviews. The first by the Chief of Clanranald of Lochaber, MacDonald of Keppoch, and the second by Alastair McIntyre, Editor and Publisher of www.electricscotland.com. Take a look to see if this is something for you.

Review – SIX MILLENNIA
The History Of The Gael

Robert Bruce MacIntyre has written a wonderful book that anyone who has ever looked at the world around them and wondered, “WHY”, should take the time to read.

“The power and truth of these words will surely raise your blood and stir the depths of your immortal soul, for ours is a long and ancient history that is truly alive. Never forget, The Blood Is Strong”

These words from the Foreword of Six Millennia, set the stage for, aside from the Holy Bible, the most exciting and thought provoking book I have read.

The book is not a lengthy or difficult read, it is only 215 pages. Yet it covers the history of a significant group of peoples, from man’s creation to the modern age. It exposes an almost unknown lineage, that in the present includes millions of people. That lineage gives an ancient and noble beginning, and the story is a most interesting trip through our history. “The Greatest Treasure Of The Gael Race, hidden and protected until the last days”, that line, also from the Foreword of Six Millennia, should peek the curiosity of any who look to Scotland and Ireland as home no matter how many generations removed. To accomplish all of that in only 215 pages in itself is no easy feat. I personally think the author was able to accomplish that, not by giving his opinion of history, but by providing us with only the simple truths of that history.

Yet it is not a simple book. There are some bold, and very profound thoughts found within this story. Some made me take a long look at my understanding of the forces that created the world that eventually I came to be a part of. Light and darkness, good and evil, and how much true effect man has, or has not had, on our world. I even found myself looking at my own Faith in a different light.

I think that all who love, or find interest in the story of the peoples of Scotland and Ireland, will agree we owe Robert Bruce MacIntyre a true debt of gratitude for what he has made available in the pages of Six Millennia. I would recommend it with no reservations.

Randy McCord

Homecoming Scotland
To All Scottish Clans in the United States: An exciting project known as “Homecoming Scotland” is underway in Scotland, which promises to be a year-long celebration of Scotland and all things Scottish in 2009. Coincidentally, 2009 also is the 250th anniversary of the birth of Scotland’s beloved bard, Robert Burns, so it is a fitting time.

In order to make it the greatest celebration ever, the project is seeking data from all the Scottish clans around the world regarding what activities, etc. they would like to see included during this special year. They have asked Clan Mackay to send each US Clan their survey, which they would greatly appreciate your members filling out and sending to them. You can do this electronically by going to their website at www.homecomingsurvey.com. Their home website address is: www.homecomingscotland.com

Those of us of Scottish descent have a marvelous opportunity here to share our thoughts and hopes for such a celebration. We in Clan Mackay Society USA, Inc. are happy to take part in the planning, as we hope you will be, too. Consequently, we eagerly look forward to learning the final schedule, when we Scots from all over the world can meet in our ancestors’ homeland to celebrate our heritage together!

Thank you very much for participating in this exciting venture. We hope to see you all in Scotland at the celebration in 2009!

With kind regards,
Marilyn Mackay Ballard Rabakukk, Representative of the President Clan Mackay Society USA, Inc.
Calendar of Games

If you are like many of our clan, you’d like to know where and when Highland Games are scheduled. Below are the dates, names and city/state through May. For those connected to the Internet (a large percentage of you!), here is the website link where you can get even more information for the games of the Association of Scottish Games and Festivals:

HTTP://WWW.ASGF.ORG/4.HTML

**August 2007 Games**

24-9/1 Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School, 1281 Fifth Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122

25 Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities-IOWA, P. O. Box 3201, Rock Island, IL 61204 (Mailing). Games at Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport, Iowa

25 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival, P. O. Box 511, Oshtemo, MI 49077-0511

25 Long Island Scottish Games, 58 Bayberry Dr, Huntington, NY 11743

31-9/2 Dakota Celtic Festival and Highland Games, P.O. Box 765, Rapid City, SD 57709

31-9/2 Wisconsin Highland Games and Celtic Fling, P.O. Box 270292, West Allis, WI 53227

**September 2007 Games**

1-2 Capital District Scottish Games, 50 Mather Ave, Schenectady, NY 12304

6-9 Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, P.O. Box 1820, Estes Park, CO 80517-1820

7-9 Western Kentucky Highland Festival, 2028 Jefferson St, Paducah, KY 42001

7-9 Ligonier Highland Games, P.O. Box 884, Bethel Park, PA 15102-0884

7-9 Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival, P.O. Box 5384, Johnson City, TN 37602

8-9 Columbus Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 2573, Columbus, IN 47202-2573

8-9 Whiteface Scottish Highland Festival, P. O. Box 1980, Wilmington, NY 12997

14-16 Oklahoma Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 470412, Tulsa, OK 74147

15 Charleston Scottish Games and Highland Gathering, P.O. Box 31951, Charleston, SC 29417

15 Virginia Scottish Games, P.O. Box 1338, Alexandria, VA 22313

21-23 Alabama Highland Games, P.O. Box 241204, Montgomery, AL 36124-1204

**September 2007 Games—con’t**

21-23 New Hampshire Highland Games, P.O. Box 4197, Concord, NH 03302-4197

22-23 McPherson Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 616, McPherson, KS 67460

28-30 Celtic Classic, 532 Main St, Bethlehem, PA 18018

29 Pipes In The Valley Celtic Music Festival, 776 Tolland St, East Hartford, CT 06108

29 Williamsburg Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 866, Williamsburg, VA 23187-0866

**October 2007 Games**

5-6 St. Louis Scottish Games & Cultural Festival, c/o St. Louis Scottish Games, P.O. Box 6811, Chesterfield, MO 63006-6811

5-7 Flora MacDonald Highland Games, P.O. Box 547, Red Springs, NC 28377

6 St. Andrew’s Society of Connecticut Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 1195, Litchfield, CT 06459

13 Anne Arundel Scottish Highland Games, P.O. Box 539, Crownsville, MD 21032

20-21 Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival, P.O. Box 14023, Atlanta, GA 30324-1023

27-28 Richmond Highland Games and Celtic Festival, P.O. Box 26805, Richmond, VA 23261-6805

27 Waxhaw Gathering of the Clans and Scottish Games, P. O. Box 527, Waxhaw, NC 28173

**November 2007 Games**

2-3 Tucson Celtic Festival & Highland Games, c/o Tucson Celtic Festival Assoc, P.O. Box 40665, Tucson, AZ 85717-0665

3 Foothills Highland Games, c/o SCOTS (Scottish Clans of the South), P.O. Box 1939, Hendersonville, NC 28793

NO DECEMBER ACTIVITIES LISTED

Photos on this page provided by photographer Adam Guasch-Melendez
Out of Ireland’s crippling dependence upon the Roman Catholic Church came unspeakable abuses of her women and children in orphanages, workhouses, and industrial schools. The Magdalen laundries was one such example of places where many young girls were sent to repent of their sins, probably the greatest of which was being born in poverty. So cleverly were these institutions devised that most people thought of them as fine examples of the church’s charity and mercy, yet those who endured their abuses know better. They were essentially places where the poor were imprisoned to work without pay for the profit of the church while enduring psychological, physical, and sexual abuse. The Irish have been clinging to the Catholic Church for centuries, seeing them as some kind of savior and mistakenly thinking it gave them some leverage against the English. I can only see them as Ireland’s worst enemy, one who has used Ireland to their full advantage in every possible way. For those who have not yet seen the movie, The Magdalene Sisters, I strongly encourage you to do so. It is a movie about these laundries, and according to those who were there, it is a very mild representation of the reality of it. Of course, the Vatican tried to censor this movie, but we can thank Miramax for not giving in to their demands. The church has a long history of controlling information including confiscating books and censoring every aspect of expression including literature and art and here they are today still trying to control and feed us their contrived, canned, and neatly packaged version of everything, and claiming authority over all.

The Magdalen laundries got started in the 1800s but the last one in Ireland did not close its doors until 1996....a mere ten years ago. Since that time, there have been no reparations for these women and no formal apology from the Catholic Church. They succeeded in stripping away every ounce of dignity these children and young women might have had, and turned them into a brainwashed, captive, and compliant work force. I recently read Childhood Interrupted by Kathy O’Malley which is about one woman’s experiences in the orphanages and laundries of Ireland and Kathy’s Story: Don’t Ever Tell by Kathy O’Bierne. Frances Finnegan also has a book out called “Do Penance or Perish.” There is also another book out called Ireland’s Magdalen Laundries and The Architecture of Containment by James M. Smith. Mr. Smith is associate professor of English Irish Studies at Boston College.

While Ireland’s women and children bore the brunt of the Catholic Church’s “charity”, Scotland was also host to a few of these institutions as were many other countries, including the United States, Canada and Australia. Since records have been hidden, altered, and/or destroyed, and the church is all too secretive about their crimes against these women and children, as well as others, it is quite difficult to find information and so, we have to rely a great deal on the accounts provided by those who actually experienced the horrors of it....and the accounts are many. The Vatican officially condemned The Magdalene Sisters movie and called it a rancorous provocation. They have yet to see a rancorous provocation, but it is forthcoming. I will certainly be more than happy to do my part, because even though we may be of Scottish descent, we are also of Irish descent, and my blood boils whenever I think about the treatment that thousands of women and children received at their hands, perhaps even some of our own kith and kin. In fact, I did find a Mary White on their list of "penitants" and I hope to find out more information regarding her situation. The Catholic Church has had some 2000 years to hone their system of demonization, marginalization, manipulation, intimidation, and incredulity and in their rise to power, they have never had any qualms about eliminating those who get in their way. It is unfortunate that they have chosen to ill use those upon whom I place high value because I don’t have any qualms about voicing my opinions about them, nor acknowledging those who have suffered at their hands. I did find this picture of a Magdalene Laundry in Glasgow in the Glasgow University archives. I am still uncertain whether this particular laundry was operated by the Catholic church, but I received from Glasgow University library a copy of a newspaper article in September 1958 Glasgow Herald The article mentioned that this institution was nondenominational and that several girls escaped telling tales of abuse. It was investigated and closed shortly thereafter.

While truth may offend some, I just cannot find an apology within for the telling of it. We still have freedom of speech and the best way to honor my forefathers who fought for it is to use it in calling this tyrant to account. Like William Wallace, "I'm going to pick a fight" but rest assured my blade is sharpened upon the stone of adversity, or is that destiny?
BEEF STEW WITH GUINNESS

Ingredients:
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 lbs stew meat, cut into 1 1/2 - 2 inch cubes (leave some fat on)
- 1 large yellow onion, peeled and cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 tsp dried thyme, whole
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 2 -3 tsp all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup Beef Stock (canned okay, but homemade is best)
- 1/2 cup Guinness Stout (get it in a can, not a bottle)
- 1 Tbsp chopped parsley
- 1/2 lb carrots, sliced, I often substitute potatoes and celery
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Directions

Heat a 6-quart stove-top casserole and add the oil and the bay leaves. Cook the bay leaves for a moment and then add the meat. Brown the meat on both sides on high heat. Add the sliced onion and cook for a few minutes until it is clear. Reduce the heat to low and add the garlic, thyme, rosemary, and flours, and stir well until smooth. Add the beef stock and stout; simmer, stirring, until the stew thickens a bit. Add the remaining ingredients and cover. Place the pot in a 275 F degree oven for about 2 hours, stirring a couple times. Check for salt and pepper before serving.

Caledonian Cream

Ingredients:
- Whipping Cream
- 1 tblspn Lemon Juice
- 2 tblspn Brandy (or Malt Whiskey)
- 2 tblspn Orange Marmalade
- 1 oz Sugar

Directions:

Combine the brandy, marmalade, lemon juice and sugar into large bowl. Add the cream last, then whip the mixture until thick. Spoon into glasses and chill. Serve chilled.

Burrebrede (Scottish shortbread)

Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup superfine sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 cup butter, softened

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the sugar, cinnamon, cardamom, ginger, allspice and salt. Divide into two equal parts, and set one aside. Add the flour and butter to the other half, and stir until blended. It should be slightly grainy.
3. Press the dough evenly into an 8 inch square pan. Cut into 1x2 inch pieces using a knife, and prick with the tines of a fork. This will keep the shortbread from warping while baking. Sprinkle the reserved sugar and spice liberally over the top, brushing into all of the cuts and holes.
4. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until firm and golden at the edges. Do not brown. Cool completely in the pan, and break into pieces along the lines to serve.
Wool Gathering

Dunoon
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Chorus: How dear the cost in the lives that were lost In the massacre at Dunoon. For a treaty was spoke, and a truce was broke, And a tree grew red from Lamont blood shed, Now the sod grows green o’er their tomb.

Randall & Linda Dighton and Robert Lamb—Music on Pg 9

The covetous eyes of Lord Argyle fell on the lands of Lamont at Toward.
In the name of God they laid to waste with fire and salt and sword.
Cruelly they murdered the lasses and bairns, and left them for beasts of the field,
And tenscore true men were fettered and bound, with no chance to use claymore or shield.

With Sir James as their captive, the Campbells rode forth, the castle at Escog to take.
On an oath of safe-conduct, the gates were flung wide, the life of their lord was at stake.
O, the terror, the treason, the savage betrayal, the lives that were lost on that day!
As the castle was leveled, the clansmen were bound, and in boats they were taken away.

(Chorus)

The Campbells took all to the shores of Dunoon, those Lamonts who dared to survive.
Three dozen they hanged from an old oaken tree, while others they buried alive.
The remnants, still fettered, were slain where they knelt, with dagger, with dirk and with skean.
Their bodies were left for the birds and the beasts, but the horror will always remain.

Now some say that the hanging tree withered and died, and a miracle henceforth ensued.
The roots of that tree were said to run red, the result of that dreadful feud.
The Campbells, in panic, did hack out its roots, in an effort to cover their deed,
But the earth still was stained with the blood of Lamont -‘twas the price of Lord Argyle’s greed.

(Chorus)

The Rape of the Magdalene

Born in poverty, your greatest sin, and in a popish state
What use are you to them who cannot fill their plate
So your sins have been assigned, to the laundries you must go
And forcefully you are taken, whether you will or no
Arise before the sun to eat your porridge cold
Then wrap yourself in provided rags, be grateful you are told
Your lice infested locks are strewn across the floor
And ridiculed you stand, behind the bolted door

You listen for your number, for now you have no name
And penance you shall do in silence and in shame

Now, it's off to the laundries, you know you have no choice
No protest can you make, for now they have your voice
The years roll by and echoes of laughter through the town
Are heard as the penitants are paraded up and down
The church's mercy must be shown to one and all
Then it's back to the laundries to toil behind the walls

Yet, merrily the Magdalene be, tis not your disgrace
Rejoice that you have shown the world a most deceitful face
So sing you women of Ireland of all you've endured and seen
Tis not the first betrayal of the merry Magdalene

Going To The Stones
By Janice White

I am going to the stones as did those who came before
For I am ever drawn even from this distant shore
I am going to the stones if through Hell's Glen I must go
As I am not the bishop's mare, nor shall he lead me so

I am going to the stones, it is my path, my way
I am going to the stones for truth is told this day
It is there the goddess comes in harmony with the god
to sing

A thundering song of evil carried upon imperial wings
Across the land it sails, to gather all it may
Stay close to the stones, was her refrain and our ancient ways

Jesus referred to his congregation as his church and gathered them about him in a circle of stones. Those of the early Celtic church who went to listen referred to it as going to the stones or stone circles.
New Members
We are pleased to welcome these new members to the Clan Lamont Society of North America, joining since September 2006. We are pleased to have you with us and hope you enjoy your membership immensely. (Note: RA: Regular Member; FA: Family Member; AA: Associate Member)

Richard T. Jones, RA, Rockford, IL; Keith R. Gosnev, RA, Chesterfield, MO; David L. White, RA, Texas City, TX; Ken Drozeski, RA, Dublin, TX; Regina Courtney, RA, Ft. Worth, TX; Morris J. Lamont, RA, Linwood, MI; Anthony (Tony) Whalin, RA, Bellville, TX; Shelley Burkett, RA, Houston, TX; Randall Black, RA, Friendswood, TX; Lisa Lamon Sorrell, RA, Fairfield, CA; Bruce L. Brown, RA, Montrey, CA; Michael Patrick, RA, Concord, CA; Michael Hand, AA, Morgan Hill, CA; Christopher Hand, AA, Morgan Hill, CA; Howard C. Hand, FA, Morgan Hill, CA; Justine V. Hand, AA, Morgan Hill, CA; Catherine M. Hand, AA, Morgan Hill, CA; Matthew P. Tholl, RA, Oxnard, CA; Darwin A. Brown, RA, Rathdrum, ID; Victoria Luke, RA, Albuquerque, NM; Joseph Lamont, RA, Ocean City, NJ; Paul Patterson, RA, Greenfield, MA; James Patton, RA, Mansfield, OH; Paige Turner, AA, Clarkson, GA; Timothy J. Turner, RA, Clarkson, GA; Wayne C. Beach, RA, Beverly Hills, FL; Gary Lamar Snead, RA, Gaffney, SC; Morgan Knight, RA, Jacksonville, AL; Larry Magerkurth, RA, Indian Wells, CA; Crystal L. Harris, RA, Mesquite, TX; Jane Little McEndree, RA, Hurst TX; Regina Burris, FA, Berea, KY; Deborah Kay Hurley, RA, Irving, TX; Roy Frank Babic', RA, Fort Worth, TX; Christopher Patrick, RA, Garland, TX; Brian Winsett, RA, Fremont, CA; John Christian, RA, Puyallup, WA

Dunoon
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Ballad \( \text{d} = 90 \)

How dear the cost in the lives that were lost in the massacre at Dunoon. For a treaty was spoke and a truce was broke, and a tree grew red from Lamont blood shed, Now the sod grows green o'er their tomb. The covetous eyes of Lord Argyll fell on the lands of Lamont at Toward. In the name of God he laid to waste, with fire and salt and sword. Cruelly he murder'd the lassies and bairns, and left them for beasts of the field, And ten score true men were fet-ter'd and bound with no chance to use claymore or shield.
Flowers in the Forest

I have enclosed a “Flowers in the Forest” piece on my mother for your consideration. When I first became involved with CLSNA, she became a member as well. My mother’s great grandfather Samuel Lamont came from Scotland in 1844 and eventually settled about 10 miles from where I live in Madison, WI. I am preparing an article for your consideration in the future about my “discovery” process regarding Samuel and his family’s life here Wisconsin. I will hopefully have it finalized mid summer. Samuel’s son, Robert Lamont was one of the pioneering families in Aurora, Nebraska in 1867. Robert became the first probate Judge and postmaster of Hamilton County Nebraska.

Neil McCallum,

The origins of the phrase “Flowers of the Forest” is based upon a poem written by Jane (Jean) Elliot (1727-1805). It is a lament for fallen soldiers at the Battle of Flodden Field. She published it anonymously circa 1755.

The Battle of Flodden Field took place in 1513. Because of the alliance between Scotland and France, James IV attacked England when Henry VIII invaded France. The Battle of Flodden was a disaster for the Scots, with estimates of Scottish losses numbering as high as ten thousand. Numerous nobles were killed in the battle, including King James.

It is with great sorrow that I write to inform you of the death of my mother, Barbara Lamont Ferguson.

Barbara L. Ferguson, 68, of Macungie, PA died May 16, 2007 in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA. She was the wife of Peter V. Ferguson. They celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on September 7, 2006. Born in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Ruth E. (Blaisdell) and James Cutler Lamont. She was a medical secretary for many years. She was a member of the Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus, PA. She was a leader for both Girl Scouts and Cadets, active in several Newcomers Clubs in CT; past president of the Acton Woman’s Club and co-founder of Community Supper, Acton, MA.; past president of Binghamton, NY Newcomers Club; member of multiple ministries and founder and first director of the bell choir, all for Acton Congregational Church, Acton, MA. Barbara also sang in the choir during all church affiliations. She was active with Meals on Wheels in Lehigh County, PA and with the Women of Faith associated with Faith Presbyterian. She was a long-time summer resident of Martha’s Vineyard Camp-Meeting Association, where she was involved as a docent for numerous events and was also involved in knitting and quilting groups on the Island. She is survived by her husband, 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Deb W. Ferguson

Marion Lamont McCallum
1916 – 2007

Marion McCallum, age 90, passed away Friday, March 16, 2007, the results of complications from a stroke. Marion was born November 3, 1916 to James W. and Alta Lamont, in LaVerne, California. She graduated from University of Southern California in 1938, and throughout her life was a proud Trojan. In 1941 she married Lloyd "Mac" McCallum and after World War II, they settled on a lemon grove in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, where they lived for the next thirty years. She and Mac had three children, John of Mt Baldy, Jean (Jim) Martin of Oakland, and Neil (Shirley) McCallum of Madison, Wisconsin. She has six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She has enjoyed a life of travel, art, playing bridge, volunteer work for various charities and grandchildren since retiring as an art teacher at Pioneer Junior High School, Upland California.

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James H. Lamb, 79 of Minerva, Ohio passed on February 2, 2007. Jim is survived by his wife, Marjorie, four children, and nine grandchildren. He spent thirty years of his teaching career as a band director in Minerva schools. Jim joined CLSNA April 20, 1985 and helped with the Ohio Games clan tent. He was also able to attend several annual meetings, including the one in Santa Rosa, California in 1990 at which time he had the opportunity to meet with our Clan Chief, Peter Lamont. Jim’s parents were James Lamb and Helen Jane Peterson Lamb who moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1923 from Glasgow, Scotland.

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The Wee Harp
Lemmon’s of the Revolution
David Patton, Central VP, CLSNA

This past fall I had the privilege of meeting Ms. Jane McEndree who passed by our tent at the Bedford games in Dallas. We were busy accepting out first place shortbread win when I noticed her from across the field signing into our guest book. With traffic low I decided I needed to sprint across the field and introduce myself. She had noticed the name “Lemmon” on our banner and as we talked she began to tell me a fascinating story about her grandfathers past. After several months time she had collected some photos, old newspaper articles and personal tidbits for me to collect, rewrite and present to you.

Robert Lemmon was born around. 1730 in Co. Antrium, Ireland and came to America with his two brothers, James and John Lemmon. Settling in the colonies the brothers fought in the French Indian War (1756-1763). It can be presumed although not proven that the brothers may have been Scottish Protestants who left Ireland to seek their fortunes in the America’s because of religious pressures at the time. This would also make sense because the colonists were predominantly Protestant and feared French control of North America would mean a threat to their religious freedom. This was one of the main causes of the war in North America. All that can be proven however, are the dates they came and the fact that they fought.

Later all three became Captains in the Revolutionary War. James Lemmon was killed at the Battle of Brandywine fought on September 11, 1777, near Chadds Ford on Brandywine Creek in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. The battle was a major victory for the British and opened the door to an unopposed capture of Philadelphia. The battle cost the British about 89 killed and 487 wounded, while they claimed to have killed 200 Colonials, wounded 750 more, and captured over 400 as well as destroying or capturing 11 of the American artillery guns.

What’s even more interesting is that Robert Lemmon had a son named James as well. James Lemmon was born in April of 1765 in Hagerstown, Maryland. At the age of twelve he carried messages for George Washington as well as his father and two uncles. It’s unknown if James was there on September 11 when his uncle was killed on the field but James did go on to serve as a private in the Virginia line of the Continental Army. James was there for the Siege of Yorktown and the eventual surrender of Lord Cornwallis in 1782. A proud moment marking the end of the Revolutionary War.

In 1783 he was discharged as a Sergeant and was paid 19 pounds 11 shillings for his service to the new nation. Although he was to serve again, in what capacity we don’t know, in the war of 1812.

After the war James became a true pioneer moving to Kentucky, then Indiana and Illinois. Each time moving further into the wilderness to carve out farms and new settlements. In 1845 around the age of 80 he moved to Texas to help one of his 15 sons, Robert A. Lemmon, settle a new area. This was a 640 acre peters colony grant right on or about where the present cities of Lancaster and Red Oak now reside. I find it particularly interesting because James Lemmon and his Son Robert may have owned the property that my home sits on today.

Fitting for a Revolutionary War Hero James Lemmon died on Independence Day in 1858 at his home 3 miles south of Lancaster on the Dallas-Ellis county line. He died at the age of 89.

James is buried at Edgewood cemetery in Lancaster, Texas. When settlers first began coming to this area of Texas they needed a place to lay their dead to rest. The great Indian Chief Nokomis who occupied the area said, “Bury your dead by the edge of the wood.” It hence forth became know as Edgewood cemetery and is split through the old and new side by Nokomis road.

In my attempt to learn a wee bit of Scots Gaelic, I found this web site. It is excellent with great interactive programs to help you learn by doing.

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