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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Clanfolk:



Greetings from southern California. I trust this issue of the **BANNER** will find all of you well and happy. Can you believe it's winter already? With the Highland Games season behind us, I hope everyone had a grand time attending the many events across the country. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Annual General Meeting held at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this year, but I am told that all those in attendance had a wonderful time. My initial reports from your Executive Council reveals that the Society is in good health and continuing to grow. Three cheers for *The Clan Buchanan Society in America*.

On the subject of Clan gatherings, Highland Games, and such, I am continually amused and frankly sometimes irritated at the general lack of understanding of the origins and meanings of much of the paraphernalia worn or displayed by well intentioned Scots at these events (Buchanans excepted, of course).

For example, let me discuss for a moment the business of the "Crest Badge". Many of you have no doubt seen advertisements which tell you that if you send in your name (and money) you will be sent a "beautifully illustrated version of your family Crest". Within Scotland's Heraldry, there is no such thing as a "family crest". A crest is an integral part of, and belongs to what is known as a *Heraldic Achievement*, or as it is more commonly known - a Coat of Arms. A Coat of Arms may belong to one person only. In Scotland, Arms are protected by the full force of law by the Court of the Lord Lyon situated in Edinburgh.

The general expression "Clan Crest", for the badges so widely worn by Scots all over the world, is wrong! It is not the "Clan Crest", but the "Chief's Crest". The correct short title is - Clansmans Crest Badge. Clansmen may wear the crest badge in the form of the "strap and buckle", to show that they are the followers of the owner of the crest. This strap and buckle is not representative of a "garter or belt", but rather is a relic of the old days when retainers had a metal plate with their lord's crest engraved on it, and this was strapped around their upper arm or worn on their breast. The owner of the crest wears a "plain circlet" with the motto, or else a scroll under the wreath. The strap and buckle badge is the only legal manner of displaying anyone else's crest.

If you are interested in the subject of Scotland's Heraldry, there are a number of books available. If you are a beginner to such matters I would recommend the light - "Simple Heraldry, Cheerfully Illustrated", by Iain Moncrieffe, of that ilk. For a heavier study try "Scots Heraldry", by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, K.C.V.O., Advocate, FSA Scot. Of note, at the time of his death, Sir Thomas was the Rt. Hon. the Lord Lyon of Arms.

Please stay well, and till we meet in person, I remain,

Yours Aye,

Harold T. "Hal" Townend  
Ceann Cath



## Clan Annual Business Meeting - Grandfather

By Lynn Gibson

The Clan Buchanan Annual General Business meeting was held at Grandfather Mountain, SC on 9 July 1988. Thanks, are extended to Wayne and Terry Gibson for the many hours of work that produced a very successful and enjoyable gathering of Clan Buchanan at Grandfather Mountain.

Our annual business meeting was presided by Wes Gibson, who extended regrets from our President, Hal Townend and 1st VP Steve Buchanan for being unable to be in attendance. The Treasurer's report was given by Karen Wolfe and the Secretary and Membership report

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and Regent Don Yule and Gwen Yule manned the tent for the day greeting many people of which ten were sept members of Clan Buchanan. Two new members were registered for the Clan.

The tent hosts, joined by member Harold Gibson, of Turlock, California, marched in the Parade of the Clans led by the All Ireland Pipe Band of San Francisco, the host band. In addition, the Clan Campbell Pipe Band which is the former St. Andrews Society Pipe Band and the Wallace Guards Pipe Band were present. The Wallace Guards are a resurrection of the California State Military Reserve, a Kilted unit that served in the Civil War.

By days end the weather had improved considerably which led to a fine day of Scottish dancing, heavy games and entertainment by Shanachie and folk singer Gene Runnels.

**Robert Gibson**

### **Stockton's Highland Fling Stockton, CA - 12 June 1988**

Scots and non-Scots gathered in Stockton Sunday, June 12th for the annual Highland Fling and enjoyed a day long show of bagpipers, entertainers and dancers.

The Fling opened with a march of the clans and entertainers, led by the Prince Charles Pipe Band from the Bay Area. The strains of the pipers brought out the goose bumps and a feeling that made you proud to be Scottish came over you.

Throughout the day there were an estimated 7500 in attendance. The "Avenue of Clans", a row of tables and booths (no tents), each operated by a representative of their clan, were in great attendance. An added attraction this year were a number of arts and craft booths. Vendors with delicious Scottish cooking and Watneys

imported beer rounded out the delightful day. Oh, yes, there was also a booth that sold "Scottish Burrito's".

Among performers during the day were singer guitarist Alex Beaton the popular Shanachie quartet of instrumentalists, singers and storytellers; Scottish and American fiddling champion Alasdair Fraser, Scottish National Accordion Champion Yvonne McLeod; comedian and master of ceremonies Peter "Scotty" Strachan, the Scottish country dancers; magicians Dennis and Annette Loomis and the Pearl Puppet Show. Shanachie, based in San Jose, has been selected by the City of Dublin as the official United States representative to next month's international folk-singing festival in the Irish capital. The event marks Dublin's 1,000th year as a city. But it is not as an Irish group that Shanachie appears in Stockton. Its style of storytelling and songs leans heavily on the Scottish and Welsh as well as the Irish sides of the three lands common Celtic traditions.

Manning the Buchanan booth were Bob Gibson, Buck Buchanan, and Don and Arline Gomez. Shortbread and cookbooks were sold very fast which meant monies for the Buchanan treasury.

**Arline Cormack  
Gomez  
Central & So. Pacific  
Regional Commissioner**

### **Great Lakes Region**

#### **The Oberlin Games - June 25, 1988**

104 degrees!!! Not the ideal temperature to hold the games, but when did the weather stop the "troops"?

We arrived bright and early and set up our tent. Three more times we

were to "set up the tent". The winds were gusting up to 35 miles per hour. Our guests and visitors were helpful in picking us up and putting us back together each time. Helen Maffet also came over and helped with an extra tent stake, when ours broke.

Bill and Betty Gibson worked with us and when their grandchildren arrived with their parents we became quite a clan. Bill and the children represented the Buchanans in the parade. It was also nice to see our treasurer, Karen Wolfe in Ohio again.

We had more visitors that actually signed our register this year. Just too busy trying to keep everything together. Next year we plan to have a different type of tent.

Through the heat and wind, the games were very successful and the attendance was very good.

Until next year, we hope the heat will be far behind us.

**Ann and Joe Babyak, Convenors  
(picture submitted)**



Oberlin Games. (From left to right) Karen Wolfe, Bill Gibson, Helen Maffet, Ann Bobyak, and Joe Babyak.

## Monterey Games 6 August 1988

After an absence of several years the Clan Buchanan was once again a part of the Monterey Peninsula Scottish Society Games held August 6, 1988, at the Fairgrounds in Monterey, California. Northern California Convenor Bob Gibson was in charge of the tent and also participated in the Cabre Walk the previous evening in Carmel, California.

A trophy cabre which permanently hangs in the Red Lion Tavern, in Carmel, is carried through the streets of Carmel by the athletes who will be participating in the Saturday games. The cabre was preceded this year by the Canadian Legion Pipe Band and some 20 clans with their banners and colors followed. Clan Buchanan was represented, in the parade, by Bob Gibson of Stockton, California, and Jerry Armentrout of Modesto, California, wearing the Buchanan tartans.

The day long activities of the Games included piping competitions, dancing, heavy games, sheep dog trials, and a tattoo. The Buchanan tent welcomed some 15 members and guests and two new members signed up on the spot.

Perhaps the most interesting of our guests was Robert Buchanan who is a member of the Queens own Dragoons (of Amazing Grace fame). He is a native of Edinburgh and has been in the Scottish Army for eight years. He is currently assigned on temporary duty at Hunter Leggett Military Reservation in the coast mountains of California. Buchanan, in his military uniform, was a pleasure to talk to and was also helpful in talking to the visitors at the tent.

Robert H. Gibson

## Santa Rosa Scottish Games 2-4 Sept 1988

California coastal fog and cool temperature greeted us on Saturday but it burned off before long, and the heat of the "Summer of '88" returned, and stayed the rest of the weekend. This year, our tent location was closer

to the main entrance, so we had quite a few visitors stop in asking about our Clan Society.

Unfortunately, several familiar faces were missing from our tent this year. Don and Arline Gomez were unable to attend because Arline is recuperating from by-pass surgery. My parents (Past-President, LTC George S. and Jane Buchanan) could not come. President Hal Townend was tied to his desk this weekend due to pressing business matters. They were all sorely missed.

Again this year, the Clan Lassies did us proud in the Haggis Toss competition with our own Kay Lee taking the prize for the best yell. That's two years in row for her. As before, her call was in Gaelic, and I hope I quote her correctly this time. Her call was; "A Mo Stor, Ta Tu Anois!". Translation; "To my treasure, here's at you now!".

We brought in eleven new members, renewed two others, and passed out many more applications to people who did not have their money or checkbooks with them.

Saturday evening we held a small dinner and during the discussion at dinner, it was decided that we would petition the Society to recognize a California Chapter. We feel that we will be a stronger, more viable group if we receive such a charter and therefore will be able to better further the purpose, ideals, and goals of the Clan Buchanan Society.

One further note. 1990 will be the 125th anniversary of the San Francisco Caledonia Club's Annual Scottish Gathering and Games. They plan to make this a gala event including an International Gathering of Scots. Clan Buchanan Society will, of course, participate and we invite all Society members to come join the fun and festivities with us. If you would like to join us, please let us know as soon as possible (i.e.; NOW) so we can start making room reservations and other plans. Let us know even if there is only a slight possibility of your coming. There is a finite number of rooms in the Santa Rosa area, so we need some idea of the number of members to expect.

George S. "Buck" Buchanan

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## U.S. Presidents with Scots blood in their veins

William McKinlay  
Andrew Jackson  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Woodrow Wilson  
James Polk  
Ulysses Grant  
Lyndon Johnson  
Ronald Reagan  
Thomas Jefferson  
James Munroe  
Andrew Hamilton  
James Buchanan  
Andrew Johnson

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## Young Scot wishes for bundle of postals

**KINGSTON** - A Scottish boy wants to be listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for having received the most postcards, and Donna Harvey is helping make his wish come true.

Donna, an eighth grader, said the boy, who is dying of cancer, has said he wants the world record as his goal with the Make a Wish Foundation. The foundation works to fulfill a wish of a dying child.

She is trying to get local residents to help by sending the boy postcards.

Donna said she learned of the wish from Judy Siatkowski of Fremont, who works with her mother, Marie Harvey. Since then, she has been asking her schoolmates at Sanborn Regional Middle School to help with the project.

A postcard to Scotland costs 33 cents to mail.

Postcards to the boy should be addressed to **Little Buddy, P. O. Box 76 Paisley, Rentershire, Scotland, United Kingdom**

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## Southeast Atlantic Region

### Charleston Games Sept 1988

This was the first time Charles and I had been to the Charleston Games and we had a great time.

A nice breeze and cloudy skies maded for a pleasant day. Not many members stopped by, but we did give out 9 membership applications. Let's keep our fingers crossed for some new members.

### Stone Mountain Games

We had a great crowd through the games, the weather was cold at night and cool during the day.

Our turn-out this year produced 15 new members and 14 applications to take home.

### Savannah Games

The 12th Annual Scottish Games held at Old Fort Jackson in Savannah, GA attracted hundreds of athletes, musicians, dancers, and thousands of spectators.

Throughout the cloudless warm day athletic events were held. Muscular men in kilts threw 60 lb. weights, tossed bags filled with hay, along with caber, hammer, and shot put events.

There were also games for the children: sack races, three legged races, and tug of wars.

Tents around the athletic field sold curios, and clothing. Scottish food was also featured including: meat pies, pastries and turn-overs.

Eight Scottish bands entertained the crowd most of the afternoon with a giant finale. An Atlanta Band won the over-all competition.

It was a wonderful day, 12 members stopped by our tent and we had sales totaling \$204.

**Editor's Note: Great job Joyce and Charles!**

**Joyce M. Pidgeon**  
Commissioner, Southeast Atlantic Region

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## North Atlantic Region

### Ligonier Highland Games Oct 1988

On a beautiful sun shiney day, Clan Buchanan was represented at the Ligonier Highland Games, Ligonier, PA.

We were very busy with memberships, merchandise sales, answering questions, and giving out applications.

Harry Fails, who assisted me at the tent has agreed to be the Convener at Ligonier.

The parade had Karen Wolfe carrying the Buchanan Banner. Two new members, Norris and Joyce Buchanan, grandson Doug, 14 month old grandson Ryan McMasters and myself, also marched.

I'd like to welcome the new members **Norris and Joyce Buchanan, Andrew and Donna Watson, and Jane Aslaksen** to our organization.

My thanks to Harry Fails, my wife Elaine, and daughters Linda and Sharon for making this a successful day.

**John K. (Jack) McMasters**  
Regent Western Pennsylvania



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## New England Region

### Round Hill Scottish Games Norwalk, CT - 4 July 1988

Once again the day dawned hot and sunny as Valerie and I set up the Clan Buchanan tent in the shade of some maple trees.

We had 5 single individuals and 6 families sign our Buchanan guest log.

About 10,000 people attended the games this year. There were six clan tents compared to three last year.

We signed two new members to our ranks, both from Connecticut.

**Robert Kostuck**  
Conn. and VT Regent

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## Central Southwest Region

### Houston Highland Games April 30, 1988

The Houston Highland Games and Gathering of Clans opened on a bright, surprisingly cool Saturday, April 30, 1988, on the grounds of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church and School. Of the 20 plus clans/Scottish Organization tents, Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc. had a choice location overlooking the Massed Pipe Bands/Opening Ceremonies and adult game area. This choice spot was due greatly to the very early arrival of Life members Thomas Lane Jones and Kay with a very convincing Claymore!! Co-convenors George/Jane Buchanan (Regent for Texas-Past President) and Dr. Arren/Mona Buchanan, Commissioner-Central Southwestern Region, greeted all visitors and friends throughout the day. One new membership completed, four took applications to be completed with spouses, and ten more were handed out to interested descendants to be taken home to family. Tom and Kay Jones were most helpful all day and the Claymore did it's best.

Of the six participating Pipe Bands, the host band St. Thomas Episcopal Pipes and Drums was greatly enhanced by their world famous Band Director, Mike Cusack, a Buchanan of Houston, winner of three gold medals in piping in Scotland (Skye 1983, Oban 1984, Inverness 1987).

Childrens Games as well as the Adult Competition was well attended while top competition flourished in all age groups of Highland Dancing. After the Massed Bands played for the Opening Ceremonies at noon, competition in Solo Piping and Drumming both Grade 3 and 4 Level Band Competition attracted a great deal of attention, followed by Tenor Drummers, Piping Quartet and Drum Corps awards.

Awards presentations were featured before Closing Ceremonies at 5:30 p.m. The Houston Highland Games Association Ceilidh was held at the Holiday Inn, Greenway Plaza that evening, presenting all the winners of Piping/Drumming and Dancing events.

**Arren C. Buchanan, M.D.**  
Commissioner, Central Southwestern Region

### **Caelum Moor Highland Games - 4-5 June 1988**

A Gathering of the Clans in the Highlands of Arlington - The 2nd Annual Caelum Moor Highland Games

**UNBELIEVABLE!** Only one word to describe these newest Highland Games. From our 7:30 a.m. arrival to the rain soaked grounds on Saturday to the closing of the Games on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, **UNBELIEVABLE** was to describe the weekend of June 4th and 5th in Arlington, Texas.

Arren and George arrived to find the area that was used for parking had been blocked off because of mud, so they had to slog their way, carrying chairs, banners, and miscel-

laneous boxes of supplies to our assigned tent. The Texas "gumbo" clung to their shoes like glue, but they managed to reach the tent, only to find that the table and chairs which had been ordered were nowhere to be seen.

Although the tent area was somewhat muddy, they were able to partially set up by opening time of 9:00 a.m. Tom and Kay Jones from College Station arrived by 10:30 a.m. Tom brought the Buchanan Banner and a claymore he had made; a truly fine work. The ordered table and chairs finally appeared - along with the sun and a nice breeze, and we were in business. Bob Kinniburgh, Regent for Oklahoma and his family arrived. Bob brought several basket-hilt broadswords which attracted much attention and Bob demonstrated the proper manual of arms for the broadsword to young and old alike. His demonstrations attracted quite a crowd and many showed considerable interest in the Society.

As the day progressed, the sun and breeze dried the area considerably and Clan Buchanan was fourth in line for the Parade of Tartans. Tom Jones and Bob Kinniburgh in the lead displaying the tartan banner and the clan crest followed by Arren and George each with a broadsword, received considerable applause and attention - and a special comment from Alex Beaton, Master of Ceremonies as we entered the field.

With the improvement in the weather, the attendance increased, reaching an estimated 8,000 by 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Bob Kinniburgh's broadsword demonstrations and Tom Jones Claymore continued to attract people to our tent..

Sunday was bright and beautiful. Arren carried the Buchanan tartan to the Kirkin o' the Tartan ceremony. Even more people came by our tent, which, by the way, was in an excellent location, attracted again by Bob Kinniburgh's demonstrations and Tom Jones Claymore. By noon, we had completely run out of application forms and were having to take name

and addresses with the promise to mail them within a week!

This is only the second year for these games and from what we observed they will shortly be in the same class as Grandfather Mountain, Santa Rosa and Stone Mountain Games. The site is easy to reach and in its own way, spectacular with huge stones set in various configurations. We estimate that there must have been nearly 20,000 people attending over the two day period and we look forward to even better games in the years to come. Nine paid applications were accepted and nineteen applications of interest/pending were handed out.

**Arren C. Buchanan & George G. Buchanan**

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## **International Clan Gathering - Inverness Scotland, May 6-14, 1989**

For more information contact: Scottish International Gathering Trust, 25 Dublin Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3PB, Telephone 031: 557 4059.

Also, the agents who organized the Clan Buchanan Tour in conjunction with this gathering in 1981 are interested in planning one in 1989. If interested, please contact: Tours and Travel Promotions, 25 Brunstane Drive, Edinburgh, EH15 2NF, Telephone: 031 669 5344.

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## **Chevrolet Celtic Classic Festival**

In 1989 think about coming to Bethlehem, PA for a weekend of sport, music, and a celebration of Celtic heritage at the second Chevrolet Celtic Classic in October. Amid the brilliant fall foliage of the Poconos and the Lehigh Valley, the festival featured top athletes in Highland heavy events, cycling, and "7's" international rugby -- all in invitational competition. Traditional and contemporary Scotch, Irish, and Welsh

music was performed by roving street musicians, choirs, and dancers. Many of the finest Piobaireachd bagpipers and pipebands in North America tested their skill for cash and prizes totaling \$10,000 --- the largest piping purse in the United States.

Celtic crafts, clothing, magicians, mimes, dancers, traditional food, drink, an ox roast, as well as other entertainment for ear, eye, and palate were found in the 18th century streets of historic Bethlehem. Those seeking their clans Saturday and Sunday afternoons found them on the Moravian College south campus. There was a Saturday evening concert with Tommy Macom and the weekend festival closed with a grand finale Sunday evening concert with Night Noise.

Admission to the Celtic Classic is free except for special concert events on Moravian College campus. For information call Celtic Classic, Inc. at (215) 868-9599 or write to:

The Celtic Classic, Room 314  
Hotel Bethlehem, Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18016

## TATTOO

By Buck Buchanan

Most, if not all, Scots have heard of a "Tattoo" or "Military Tattoo". Some have had the pleasure of attending one. Some more fortunate people have been to the famous Edinburgh Tattoo. But, how many know the origin of the word or the ceremony. An Article in a USAF publication, the Airman, (January 1986) gives this version.

"The tattoo is believed to have started in the 1600's with the British Army of King William III. On duty in the Netherlands, his soldiers were housed in hamlets and villages bordering the battlefields. At day's end, the troops usually relaxed at local inns.

When closing time approached, drummers marched through the streets to remind innkeepers to stop selling beer, saying, "Doe den tap toe," which meant "turn off the taps".

But the young soldiers learned only the last two words - tap toe. And like servicemen through the ages who have combined words to create their own specialized vocabulary, "tattoo" soon became their accepted term for "tap toe". As the custom evolved, other musicians joined the drummers. Eventually, entire bands played for the garrison.

## A WEE BIT of R & R Research and Reading

A recent "Heritage Book News" announcement featured a book published by one of our Clan members - **Jim Buchanan**.

**The Buchanans of Ohio** - Buchanans are primarily descended from the Clan Buchanan in Scotland, although there are a minority who came from Germany. (These German Buchanans may have changed their name from "Buckhannon", a spelling common in some German immigrant groups, especially in Pennsylvania.) Illiteracy on the part of both the census taker and the named person seems to have been the primary cause of spelling differences. After James Buchanan was elected President, the spelling became more standardized.

A variety of documents were used in this compilation, including federal censuses through 1860, tax and probate records, and family and county histories. To qualify for inclusion in this new work, an individual with surname Buchanan had to be born in or before the 19th century (any state or country) and had to have resided in Ohio at some time. The data is arranged alphabetically. All family members are listed separately within the text; when relationships are known, they are given. Since men are primarily referred to in early sources (unless a woman was single or the head of a household), most of the data on married women are included in their husband's entry, with only a brief entry under the woman's given name. 1987, 178 pp., 5.5x8.5, paper, \$11.50.  
Order from: **Heritage Books Inc., 3602 Maureen Lane, Suite 108, Bowie, MD 20715.**

## Letter

By Jeanne L. Watts

Upon reading a request from Mr. William Buchanan for information on Buchanan of Auchmar, I remembered reading a bit on him in an old book I have on Sir Walter Scott. I looked it up and am sending you a copy of that particular page, although reading the entire book would make one appreciate it more.

I personally am needing information on the WATT, WATTS or WATSON. Our branch lived around Buncombe County, North Carolina in 1800s. Any help there would be greatly appreciated.

The book referenced by Mrs. WATTS is "The Poetical Works of Sir Walter Scott with a Sketch of his Life", by J. W. Lake. Published by J. Crissy and J. Grigg, Stereotyped by J. C. & J. Maxwell, Jr., 1831.

The quote referenced was p. 189 - "The author requests permission yet farther to verify the subject of his poem, by an extract from the genealogical work of Buchanan of Suchmar, upon Scottish surnames.

"This John Buchanan of Auchmar and Arnpryor was afterwards termed king of Kippen, upon the following account: King James V, a very sociable, debonair prince, residing at Stirling, in Buchanan of Arnpryor's time, carriers were very frequently passing along the common road, being near Arnpryor's house, with necessaries for . . . always thereafter being termed king of kippen while he lived." - **BUCHANAN'S Essay upon the family of Buchanan.** Edin. 1775, 8 vol p. 74.



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# Clan Mail



## Buchanan Society Gathering 1990

By Hal Townend  
President

An opportunity has presented itself for this Society to hold a gala gathering in conjunction with the Santa Rosa, California, Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans in 1990. The following is an extraction from a letter received from the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

". . . . In 1865 a small band of expatriate Scotsmen banded together and organized a Scottish Gathering and Games in San Francisco. Out of these games was born the Caledonian Club of San Francisco which was incorporated in 1871. These games have now become the oldest continuous (and now) largest in the USA - perhaps the world. The year 1990 will see our 125th Jubilee.

We intend to commence our celebrations in January of that year and continue through to "Scottish Heritage Week" in August. One of the major events of the year will be a well organized INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS. Even although we have not yet published our program, approximately 600 hotel rooms have already been booked in the Santa Rosa area.

Scottish Heritage Week will commence with a Gala Ball in San Francisco on August 25th. On Sunday August 26 there will be a Kirkin' o' the Tartans service held in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral. The 125th annual Gathering and Games will be held in Santa Rosa commencing

ing August 31 through September 2 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). . .

1990 is also the year OUR Society will mark its 20th anniversary! Sure seems like we ought to take advantage of this extravaganza, and hold OUR Annual General Meeting AND some special activities just for US, in the Santa Rosa/San Francisco area that year.

To this end I have asked our 1st Vice President, Steve (Buck) Buchanan to chair a fact finding/organizing committee. To the right you will find a "preliminary questionnaire" slip which I hope you will complete and forward to Buck at your earliest convenience. The information that you provide will give us an indication of the size, type, and location of the Clan Buchanan Society headquarters for this unique event. There is no obligation on your part at this time, but we do need an expression of interest. In the next issue of the BANNER we will let you know the extent of the response and provide a preview of the plans being made.

With two years to orchestrate this event we will be able to plan a quality and festive occasion, which will give all of us plenty of time to prepare for and to look forward to!

Please let us hear from you, and thanks.

YES \_\_\_ I (we) support the idea of a Clan Buchanan Society gathering to be held in conjunction with the Santa Rosa INTERNATIONAL event in 1990.

Allowing that I (we) can attend, there would be \_\_\_ adults, and \_\_\_ children (please give age/s/ at time of games) \_\_\_ in our party, and we would require (indicate type of room/s/, double, single, king, suite) \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) would need lodging for \_\_\_ nights.

I (we) would attend the games "Tattoo" on the Friday: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

I (we) would attend the games on Saturday and Sunday: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

I (we) would attend the Society's Annual General Meeting and dinner on Saturday evening: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO:  
LTC George S. Buchanan  
330 Vine Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688



## A Taste of Scotland



### Petticoat Tails

This recipe is from a West Highland baker who used it for 30 years in Victorian Days.

1 lb. Fine White Flour  
6 oz. Best Butter  
4 oz. Powdered Sugar  
2 oz. Unsalted Lard

Put all ingredients into a bowl and rub between palms of hands until the mixture is fine like breadcrumbs.

Gather in a heap and bind in a lump by pressing with the left hand down on the right until the mixture is right. No moisture should be added. Divide into 4.

Roll out each peice on a floured board, keeping in the round. Pierce with a sharp fork all over and crimp the edges with finger and thumb. Now take a small cutter and cut out the center and put it on a baking sheet. Cut the piece left, into twelve "tails" and arrange on the baking sheet around the circle. This is the true petticoat tail arrangement.

Repeat with the other pieces. Bake in a pre-heated oven of moderate temperature until golden brown.

**Authors Note:** I find this easier to handle if less flour is used to begin with and more added when forming the dough, if needed. Dough must be firm and cut sharp and clean.

# Clan Service Directory

The Clan Service Directory is a new service section of the Buchanan Banner. The Clan Service Directory will provide our readers with the ability to list notes to your spouse and friends (Birthdays, Births, and etc.), items for sale or trade, Genealogy Search, and etc.

**Rates:** First 20 words \$10.00 (Minimum), Words over 20, \$.30 a word. No charge for name and address/phone number.

Genealogical ads (Searching for Scottish ancestors): First 20 words \$4.00 (Minimum). Each additional words \$.10.

**Terms:** Payment with order. A phone number and street address must accompany each ad even though they do not appear in the ad. Send all orders to:

**Buchanan Banner  
Clan Service Directory  
601 Queensgrove Crescent  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452**

Ads must be received at least six weeks before our scheduled distribution dates of the first of each January, April, July, and October.

Prices quoted from advertisers outside the United States are subject to U. S. Customs regulations.

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*Sample Article Headings:*

**ARTICLES FOR SALE/TRADE**

**WANT TO BUY**

**BOOKS**

**HIGHLAND PRODUCTS**

## WANT TO BUY

**Help!** I have 3 sons to outfit for the tartan. Need to obtain Dirks, Sporrans, Skean Dhus without spending a fortune. Seeking good used equipment at a reasonable price. **Contact: Reuben Cannon, 34 Wilmington Drive., Petaluma, CA 94952.**

## ARTICLES FOR SALE

**Buchanan Kilt**, men's, like new, 36-38 W, 26 L, - \$50.00.

**Tweed Day Jacket**, lovat green, like new, 42 L - \$50.00.

**Shoe Buckles**, evening, new - \$20.00.

**Balmoral**, diced lovat green, like new - \$15.00.

**Evening Hose**, white wool, new - \$20.00.

**Montrose Buckle**, new - \$15.00.

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21 Augusta Caledonian Society, Burns Supper, Landmark Hotel, Augusta, GA 30907; (404) 860-4790

24 Burns Supper, Palm Beach, FL; call Ed Stewart (407) 478-4611

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1 5th Annual Founders Day Scottish Festival and Games, Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, GA 30445; call June Bryant, (912) 583-2241, ext. 258.

8-9 Ozark Highland Games, Vice-President for Development Arkansas College, Batesville, AR 72501, or (501) 793-9813

15-16 Dunedin Highland Games P.O. Box 507, Dunedin, FL 33528

29 Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland, P.O. Box 209, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

29 Houston Games, P.O. Box 66, Bell Aire, TX 77401; Mrs. Daniel L. Smith, 8314 Langdon, Houston, TX 77086; (713) 772-6956

## MAY 1989



6-14 Fourth Scottish International Gathering, Inverness, Scotland; information from Mrs. Jean Slessor, Director, Inverness, Loch Ness and Naim Tourist Board, 23 Church Street, Inverness IV1.

12-14 Kentucky Scottish Weekend, General Butler State Resort Park, Carrolton; contact P.O. Box 58615, Louisville, KY 40258

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2. "This is to let you know that Mrs. Jones has not had any clothes for a year and has been visited by her minister regularly."

3. "I cannot get sick pay. I have six children. Can you tell me why?"

4. "Please find out for certain if my husband is dead. The man I am now living with can't eat or do anything until he finds out."

5. "I am very annoyed to find that you have branded my son as **illiterate**. This is a lie., I was married to his father a week before he was born."

6. "I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my three children, one of which was a mistake as you can see."

7. "My husband got his project cut off two weeks ago and I haven't had any relief since then."

8. "You changed my little boy to a girl. Will this make any difference?"

9. "In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

10. "I have got to have my money as quick as I can get it. I have been in bed with the doctor for two weeks and he doesn't do me any good."



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## Help - Within the Regions

I would like to **thank** everyone for all the positive phone calls and letters. All Commissioners will soon receive a letter outlining your responsibilities, for your comments.

As you can see we need a few good clan-persons to help fill our vacant positions. Also, I need all to assist me with phone numbers and corrections to any errors I have made - Sorry.

**Wes Gibson**



# Editor's Corner

By Lynn S. Gibson

This is my favorite time of the year as Editor of our **BANNER**. There is mail and news a'plenty - each day I return home from work and trot to



the mailbox.

I want to thank everyone for helping out with sending new and updated information to us. But, if the changes are for names or addresses please remember to send a copy to Lavon Watson, our Secretary, for her membership records. Lavon is also experiencing some difficulty with membership applications not being filled out correctly or completely at the games. The more information we can get at the time of initial membership, the more complete our records will be. Thanks in advance, for your assistance with this "on-going" endeavor to keep our records updated and accurate!

Please, read this issue of the **BANNER** closely, there are a few new columns, "A Little Bit of R&R - Research and Reading", "Helpful Hints for Genealogists" and "The Lighter Side - Humor". We would sincerely appreciate feedback or your thoughts and we always welcome submissions of material and ideas for articles.

Wes and I make our sincere apologies for the extended delay in the publication of the **BANNER** - Sorry.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. *Take care until we meet again.*

Yours in Clanship,

## ADVERTISING



Hopefully, you have noticed a dramatic change in our **Buchanan Banner** this issue! The changes will continue - until it's the best clan newsletter published in America.

To offset our publication cost we have decided to offer advertisements in the Banner - the cost is right.

Rates (per issue) are as follows:

Full Page	35.00
Half Page	20.00
Quarter Page	10.00
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601 Queensgrove Crescent  
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## Annual Business Meeting (Continued from page 1)

was given by Lavon Watson. Lavon indicated we currently have 831 memberships and 1,304 members in the Society. She continued by saying "We started out crawling and now we're standing upright. **Forward Buchanans!**".

New Business began with discussion concerning the location for the 1989 business meeting. A motion was made and seconded to conduct the meeting at Grandfather Mountain for 1989 and promote the Commissioners/Regents to **BID** for the 1990 *Annual Business* meeting location.

Further business included nominations and election of the following clan members to Honorary Life Membership:

**John (Jack) Bailey  
David Moorehead  
Lavon Watson**

*Congratulations* are extended to the recipients and **Thanks** for the many years of service to your clan.

The Executive council recommended and the membership made motion and voted that all past presidents (now and future) will be made Honorary Life Members and become the incumbent president's advisory board.

Announcements included President Hal Townend's appointment of Don and Gwenn Yule as our new Clan Quartermasters. Congratulations are extended and we hope the clanship will bear with us during this adjustment. A special Scottish toast was given to our past Quartermaster John (Jack) Bailey for his untiring service to the Clan Buchanan.

Following the conclusion of the business meeting, entertainment was provided by Pipe Major Duke Allen of our own Buchanan Pipes and Drums. Also, harpist Angus MacGregor provided sing-a-long tunes enjoyed by one and all. **Thanks!**

An old Scottish proverb reminds us that "*Fools look to tomorrow while wise men use today*".

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## Helpful Hints for Genealogists

Your name - and almost every other name ever recorded on earth - will likely be on file one day at the Mormon Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

So, if you want to search for your roots but can't afford to visit Scotland, the Family History Library has all the names and documents you could want, neatly filed and indexed in its incredible collection.

The library is in the center of Salt Lake City, across the street from the Mormon Tabernacle. Maintained by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for religious reasons, anyone is free to use it, and there's no charge.

The size of the library is overwhelming. It's fast approaching 2 billion names - almost a third of everyone who has ever lived on earth since the beginning of written records in the 1500s. They're stored on nearly 1.5 million rolls of microfilm, each roll 100 feet long and carrying 2000 pages of wills, church records, birth certificates, tax rolls, marriage records, immigration forms, land deeds, census cards, passenger lists, death certificates, military service records and court documents. It doesn't matter whether the people were born on a Kansas farm, in the Warsaw ghetto or in Sri Lanka, American Indian or Polynesian, Buddhist, Jew or Presbyterian. More than 150 countries and all the world's races are on file, and about 1000 more rolls of microfilm are added to the hoard every week.

The Library contains nearly 190,000 titles in its book collection. Additionally, it has a vast collection of local histories, and family genealogies that people have researched and published for their relatives.

The Mormons have been collecting ancestral records since 1894, because they believe that if ancestors are baptized posthumously, a family can be together for eternity. If you go

back far enough, almost everyone on earth is related, so the Mormons cast a very wide net. Since the invention of microfilm in 1938, the Mormons have had teams roaming the world, filming records in churches, temples and city halls from Argentina to Zimbabwe. Right now, there are more than 150 camera crews filming records around the world. To preserve the privacy of living people, the church doesn't copy records more recent than 1910.

### How You Can Get Started

Searching for your roots will be easier if you do your homework first.

- Start by drawing up a family chart, beginning with yourself and your parents and any other ancestors you know.
- Interview your parents, grandparents and other relatives to extend your chart as far back as you can.
- Collect information from birth certificates, marriage licenses, military records, diplomas, old letters, etc.
- Fill in your chart as far back as you can.

Now you're ready to consult old records. To locate the nearest Family History Center, look in the phone book for Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. If there is no church near you, write: Genealogical Department, Dept. P, 35 N. West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150 or call (801) 531-2331.

(The above article was extracted from Parade Magazine, June 19, 1988, by John S. Tompkins)

### Health Notes:

If you are taking prescribed drugs, there may be food interaction that can cause the drugs to work faster or

slower, or to become totally ineffective.

- People taking certain drugs for severe depression or high blood pressure should not eat aged cheese. Chianti wine, pickled herring, yogurt, chicken liver, bananas, avocados, sour cream, and any foods prepared with meat tenderizers.
- People on anticoagulants (blood thinners) should avoid large amounts of leafy vegetables and liver. The vitamin K in those foods promotes blood clotting.
- People taking thyroid medication should avoid brussel sprouts, turnips, cabbage, soybeans, and kale.
- People on certain antibiotics should not be eating dairy products.

**Check with your doctor or pharmacist for any foods and beverages that should be avoided because of the medication you are taking.**

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### Folk Lore

Everyone grows up knowing it is unlucky to spill salt on the table, but not everyone knows the origin of the superstition. The belief is said to be linked to the Last Supper when Judas supposedly spilled salt on the holy table. If you look closely at Leonardo Da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, you can see the spilled salt.

You know, of course, you can ward off the spell by throwing a pinch of the spilled salt over your left shoulder, right into the devil's eye.

In Germany, it is believed that if a young woman sets the table and forgets the salt shaker, she has lost her virginity.

By some, salt is believed to be a destroyer of evil forces. It is those believers who go out at night with a few grains of salt in their hands . . . and mace in their pocket.

## MID-ATLANTIC REGION

### Colonial Games - Fair Hill, Maryland - 21 May 1988

After a week of torrential rainstorms, May 21st defied the predictions of the weathermen and soothsayers by becoming warm and sunny rather than cloudy with intermittent rainstorms. The weather reports, however, kept the crowd down, as well as the clan tents, but I assure you the first tent set and in operation was the Buchanan.

Clan members in attendance were Louis McCaslin, who marched with the St. Andrews Society; Edgar Martindale, who renewed; Bill McKinley, Jr. and sons, from Mt. Airy, Marland; and Jon Von Brieson, who came over from New Jersey. Numerous applications were given to folks not prepared to join at the moment, most of whom I would say are soon to be clansmen.

Mr. Charles Abbey is our new clansman. He is from Texas, now residing in Virginia. I understand he works for NASA. I am sure we will see him at Alexandria.

Edgar Martindale is preparing to carry the Buchanan colors as he prepares to enter the athletic events at future gatherings. It will sure be nice to see our Tartan participating.

For the first time ever the clans were introduced during the games. No banners were allowed, but at least it is a start.

Janice and I closed shop at 5:00 p.m. and, with all things considered, had a very nice day. Next stop is Steppingstone Museum on June 5th. A small but novel gathering in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

John and Janice Watson

### Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioners

#### Kirkin of the Tartan

By John Watson

On June 5th, I represented the Clan at a "Kirkin" at Concord Liberty Presbryterian Church in Concordville, PA. The service was sponsored by the Scottish Historical Society of which I am a member.



Twenty five tartans were represented. After the service a mad dash ensued to get me to the Steppingstone Highland Day to help Janice, Gene & Terry MacCausland at the clan tent.

### Steppingstone Museum Games - Havre de Grace, MD - 5 June 1988

On a beautiful, windy day Steppingstone Museum put on its 2nd Scottish Highland Games Day. What a beautiful place for a games day! Open fields, trees, a view of the Susquehanna River, wild birds and animals - what more could you ask?

Janice and I set up our tent on Saturday expecting to just move in Sunday and set up shop. Wrong! The wind took down our tent and we were forced to leave it down and bat-tan down the hatches, which to most of you means "put stones on all materials and tie down everything else."

Gene and Terry MacCausland came from Baltimore to help Janice and me sell and talk clans and sell we did! two shirts, one hat, one cook-

book and three memberships! Our new members are Irene Morrison Baldwin of Havre de Grace, Jim Wasson and Allan Dowe of BelAir; all of Maryland.

York Kilty and John Nichols pipe bands performed next to us as did a Scottish Country Dance group, so we had it made all day. We are already looking forward to next year at Steppingstone.

On to Tidewater Games!

John and Janice Watson  
Mid-Atlantic Regional Commissioners

### Honored Clan at Tidewater Scottish Festival - 25 June 1988

It was beautiful day at Norfolk, VA's Botanical Gardens for the Tidewater Scottish Festival.

The Buchanans were the honored clan and at a ceilidh on Friday evening, preceeding the games, Vice President, Wes Gibson was presented with a medallion of the games. A proud moment for all Buchanans present.

The "Buchanan Pipes and Drums" were present to help out at our tent. Richard Buchanan, Wes Gibson, Nig Albertson, Rue Prince, and Ernie Turnbull were present to enjoy the day. A special THANKS to Richard and Nig for entertaining with their wonderful pipe music. An absolute must for a clan tent at a Scottish Game! Additionally, John and Janice Watson were on hand, along with Stan and Donna Watson.

During the opening ceremonies the Mayor of Norfolk, VA presented the Mace of Norfolk (which is hundreds of years old and came from Norfolk, England) to Wes Gibson, whereupon, Wes opened the games with a booming "Let the Games begin!". A truly exciting event for Buchanans.

Five (5) new members were signed during the day: Ms. Beverly J. Buchanan of Rougmont, NC; Mr. C. Clifton Buchanan of Norfolk, VA; Mr. Elmer W. Buchanan of Norfolk, VA; and Mr. & Mrs. William R. Watson and their two children of Virginia Beach, VA.



Wes Gibson receives Norfolk Mace at the Tidewater Scottish Festival.

**Richard Buchanan, Southern Virginia Regent.**

### Williamsburg Games 24 Sept. 1988

The day was cloudy for the eleventh annual Williamsburg Scottish Festival, but the rain held off until late that evening.

The honored guest for the festival was LCOL Malcolm Wallace of that ILK, Chief of the Clan Wallace.

Donna and Stanley Watson convened the Buchanan tent with the help of Lacie Buchanan Marchant from Arlington, VA and Janice and John Watson, the Mid-Atlantic Commissioner from Newark, DE. We had many visitors to which we gave membership applications and we welcomed five (5) new members to the clan; Mrs. Ferroll Craig from Newport News, VA; Mrs Charlotte Ryan from Newport News, VA; Deborah Ann Buchanan from Hampton, VA; Jean Titus from Trenton, NJ; Mrs. Shirley Morrison Strange from Newport News, VA.

Our team for the haggis toss this year was Donna Watson, Janice Watson and Sharon Kincaid. They gave it their best, with Sharon's whoop and Donna's forty-three foot toss, but came up a wee bit short of a win.

**Donna and Stanley Watson**

## Annual Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk 2-3 Dec. 1988

By Wes Gibson

The Hospitality room opened at noon Friday to welcome Buchanans for the Alexandria Christmas Walk. The first massed band, led by the Buchanan Pipes and Drums, began at 8 p.m. Friday evening and concluded with "Buttered Rum" provided by the Olde Towne Holiday Inn. The event attracted over 200 people in the small court yard.

Saturday was a beautiful fall day for the 18th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk. Over 40,000 people lined the streets of Alexandria to watch the parade. The Buchanan Pipes and Drums attracted other pipers and drummers to join us for the parade and massed a total of 12 pipers and 8 drummers. The Buchanans proudly stepping off, carrying our BANNER, followed by our own Pipes and Drums - it surely was a sight to be seen! The day was just beginning with the annual Massed Band in the Alexandria Square - following events included great fellowship, piping through the streets, and of course, shopping for the lassies.

Saturday evening produced another massed band in the court yard - followed by dinner at the Fish Market. Dinner with the piano player, Ron Trotta, is always an entertaining evening. We had over 110 people in attendance. Thanks, to Pipe Majors Duke Allen and Jim Perry for their fine piping for the evening. *Additionally, I would like to thank Margaret O'Leary and my lassie Lynn for guiding this poor soul back to the hotel. . .!*

Some of our guests included: Bill and Peg Turner, Tewksbury, Mass.; Brent and Claudine Price, MD; Stanley and Donna Watson, Windsor, VA; John and Mary Hay, Jenkintown, PA.; the Simmons, Snowflake, CT.; John and Jane Kennedy, Glen Burnie, MD.; Bill and Eleanor Buchanan, Malaca, NJ; Lacie Marchant; Donald and Ann Buchanan, Vienna, VA; Doug and Kim Quimby

- Maxine Nicholas - Debi and Max Wyatt, Centreville, VA; Lavon Watson; John and Janice Watson, Newark, DE; Mr. & Mrs. William Buchanan, West Paterson, NJ; and all of our friends that followed us up from the Tidewater area - **Thanks** - It was a great time - plan to join us next year!!

## Central and South Pacific Region

**Modesto, California Games  
4 June 1988**

Although the skies were cloudy and the winds blustery, it did not stop 24 clans and five Scottish societies from pitching their tents on Saturday, June 4, 1988, at the Modesto California games sponsored by the St. Andrews Society of Modesto.

Clan Buchanan represented by Commissioner Arline Gomez and Don Gomez Convenor, Bob Gibson

