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PURPOSE

The purpose of this 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 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.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person who can establish a reasonable presumption of descent, through either the paternal or maternal line, from an ancestor of Scottish origin who bore the surname Buchanan or the surname of a Sept of Buchanan, is eligible for membership in the Clan Buchanan Society in America. Annual dues are: Individual \$10.00, Family \$20.00, Sponsor (5years) \$45.00, or Life Membership \$125.00.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

NOMINATIONS FOR SOCIETY ELECTIONS

It's that time again. No, I am not referring to all those delayed payment Christmas bills coming due, I'm talking about the coming election of the Society's officers.

1991 is an election year for our Society officers. A nominating committee has been formed and needs your input. All offices are open for election and one, the treasurer, must have new nominees because Karen Wolfe is presently serving her third term, the maximum permitted by our Constitution and By-Laws.

Qualification required for candidates are simple, as prescribed in the Constitution and By-laws, Article VIII, Section 9:

"Qualifications of nominees for office shall consist of the following:

"(A) A participating active member in good standing in the Society for at least one year.

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

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

If you know a member who meets these qualifications, you believe he/she would do a good job in one of the positions, and would like him/her to run; please contact that individual and talk to him/her about it. If he/she

agrees to being nominated, please send his/her name, address, and phone number, along with a short résumé of his/her past service to the Society, to one of the nominating committee members listed below. By the way, I can not find anything in the Society's Constitution and By-Laws that prohibits an individual from nominating him/her self, so if you believe yourself to be qualified and would like to give it a shot go for it. NOMINATIONS CLOSE 4/15/91

The members of the nominating committee are:

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OK, that's it. Now it's up to you. You must decide who you want to have an opportunity to govern your Society for the next two years, so start sending in those cards and letters with your nominee's name and information.

Brig o' Doon, Ayr

We'd better get things clear, right at the start. The old Brig o' Doon at Alloway, near Ayr, is not—repeat, *not*—the site of a village named Brigadoon which appears only once every 100 years! Many American, Canadian, and even English visitors to Scotland go to see the Brig o' Doon because they have already seen the musical play, made into a musical film, *Brigadoon*. But Brigadoon exists only in the imagination of the American writers of the script.

The real Brig o' Doon is the ancient stone bridge over the River Doon, and it owes its fame to one of the world's great poets, Robert Burns. Many people consider his best poem is *Tam o' Shanter*, which describes the midnight ride of the happy farmer from the inn at Ayr to the auld kirk at Alloway, where he surprised the Devil himself playing the bagpipes for a dance of witches.

Most of the witches were the traditional withered hags, but there was one young woman among them, and she took Tam's eye. She was wearing a short chemise which showed her figure at its best. In Scots a short chemise is a 'cutty sark', and Tam o' Shanter, carried away by the sight, shouted, 'Weel done, Cutty Sark!' And in an instant all was dark.

Then out flew the hellish legion after Tam, who knew that he could escape in only one way—across running water. Witches cannot cross running water, and the nearest was the River Doon. So his grey mare Meg, knowing well that her master was in dire danger, galloped her best to the Brig o' Doon. The witches, led by Cutty Sark, were closing upon the horse and rider. But Meg was a mettlesome steed. Just as

Cutty Sark caught her by the tail, Meg gave a great leap and crossed the keystone of the bridge.

The tail came off in Cutty Sark's hands, but Tam o' Shanter was safe.

You can walk down the cobbles between the Burns Monument Hotel and the Burns Monument, an imitation Grecian temple, and climb the tall, slender arch until you stand at the very spot where Meg made her vital bound and lost her tail. And you can look up and down the river, and remember one of Robert Burns' most famous songs—

Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon,
How can ye bloom sae fresh and fair?

This is the centre of the Burns Country. You can rest in the Banks o' Doon tea gardens, with a view of the old brig and the Doon running softly over the stones below you. Or you can visit the Burns Monument and see such mementoes of the poet as his wife's wedding ring, and the Bible which he was said to have used when he married Highland Mary by holding hands across running water and swearing to be true. Running water is a valuable commodity in Scotland. It's used for marrying, stopping witches, and making whisky.

Not far from the Brig o' Doon is Kirk Alloway, still a sinister ruin, and the 'auld clay biggin' in which Robert Burns was born on January 25th, 1759. Some 100,000 people visit Burns' Cottage every year. Among them have been Queen Elizabeth, Malenkov, Joe Louis, Dr Wellington Koo, President Eisenhower, the Duke of Windsor, Clark Gable, the Duke of Edinburgh, and Irving Berlin.

The thatched cottage is still much the same as when Robert's father built it, but the original road ran on the other side of the clay biggin and from the present day road you are looking at the back of the house. It's a simple but and ben, with a few Burns relics in it. Across the garden is the Burns Museum with a priceless collection of Burnsiana.



JAMES BUCHANAN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION AT WHEATLAND IN
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

ARTHUR BENECKSON
CLAN CALLIGRAPHER

During 1991, the Foundation will be celebrating the 200th birthday of James Buchanan (born April 23, 1791). Plans are currently underway for festivities to take place during the first weekend of May. On Saturday, May 4, Wheatland will participate in the annual Loyalty Day Parade. On Sunday, May 5, the celebration will continue on the grounds of Wheatland. Activities will include actors and actresses playing the roles of James Buchanan, his niece Harriet Lane, and their famous Victorian friends; band and bagpipe music; hearty food and light refreshments; and the firing of the "old Buck Cannon."

Please do not confuse this celebration with the one being held in Mercersburg, PA, on April 21, 1991. Our Clan has been invited to join in this celebration also. While no special plans are being arranged for the celebration at Wheatland in May, I'm sure anyone who attends either the parade on May 4th or the activities on Sunday, May 5th, will be welcome and will have a marvelous day.



The gravest fish is an oyster
The gravest bird is an owl
The gravest beast is an ass
And the gravest man is a fool.

So runs an old rhyme, which Burns probably had in mind when he wrote, "Ye are sae grave, nae doot ye're wise."

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Walter Scott's Epitaph
for his Gamekeeper

Here lies one who could be
trusted with unknown gold
But never with unmeasured
whiskey.

Let me introduce one of my oldest and dearest friends. Many of you, I'm sure, have met Art and his wife, Pat, at different games or tartan balls.

I prevailed upon that friendship to ask Art if he would serve as the Clan Calligrapher and he readily agreed.

Life members who have recently received their laminated membership cards and life member certificates can thank Art. Unfortunately, there was a year's backlog of life memberships, but Art worked many hours and, finally, the last ones were mailed out. He is also responsible for the printing on the new charter recently presented to the Colorado Front Range Chapter.

Thanks Art. I owe you, buddy!

John S. Watson
Ceann Cath

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FLASH

A recent letter to the Editor from Mr. Donovan H. Bond, editor of THE SCOTTISH-AMERICAN, brought word that THE BANNER won second place honors in the "Service to Readers" category.

A "pat on the back" to everyone who has participated in any way.



Wheatland's Thirteenth Annual Christmas Candlelight Tour featured a new theme in addition to newly created decorations. The theme, "A Fantasy Christmas with James Buchanan's Famous Friends," focused on actors and actresses dressed in costume and playing the roles of such illustrious figures as Queen Victoria, her son the Prince of Wales, Stephen Foster, Empress Eugenie of France, Czar Nicholas I of Russia, and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Each of these famous characters crossed paths with James Buchanan at some point in their life. Buchanan and Queen Victoria became acquainted when Buchanan was Minister to Great Britain, just prior to his election as President. The Prince of Wales made a memorable visit to Washington, DC, during Buchanan's Presidency and was entertained lavishly by both Buchanan and his First Lady, Harriet Lane. Buchanan and Stephen Foster were related through marriage (Buchanan's brother, Edward, was married to Foster's sister, Eliza). When Buchanan was nominated for the Presidency, Foster composed musical tunes, such as "White House Chair," for his campaign. Both Buchanan and his niece, Harriet Lane met Empress Eugenie and her husband Napoleon III at a reception given in their honor at the French Embassy in London. When Buchanan was Andrew Jackson's Minister to Russia, he came to know and respect Czar Nicholas I. Buchanan and Nathaniel Hawthorne, the American author of such novels as The

Scarlet Letter were both President Pierce's appointees to England and enjoyed an agreeable friendship.

As always, for Christmas the mansion residence was decked with boughs of holly, mistletoe and fresh greens. Pilasters, hallways and doorways were trimmed with garlands of natural white pine and laurel.

The Christmas party for the Wheatland Foundation Members was held on Sunday, December 2nd from 5 to 7 P.M. Since Clan Buchanan holds a sponsor membership, I felt it important that, as President of the Clan, I attend representing our membership. In true Scottish fashion, wearing my most formal attire (Prince Charlie, etc.) I knocked at the door. As you can imagine, everyone was a bit taken back by my dress, but soon introduced me around to the many attendees. Some thought that my attire indicated that I was representing someone in James Buchanan's life, as well as the other actors.

All were pleased that the Clan was represented and everyone was delighted to see the Buchanan tartan.

Candlelight, wine, cider, tea sandwiches, sweets and violin/cello music put everyone into the spirit of the holidays at James Buchanan's beloved Wheatland.





FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Buchanan

Elizabeth Buchanan, the wife of Terry Buchanan of Atlanta, Georgia, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on December 23, 1990. Elizabeth was only 26 years old.

Terry and Elizabeth had moved to Atlanta from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and joined the Clan in 1989 at Stone Mountain.

Terry plans on staying in his home at 3573 Davis Road, Marietta, Georgia, 30062.

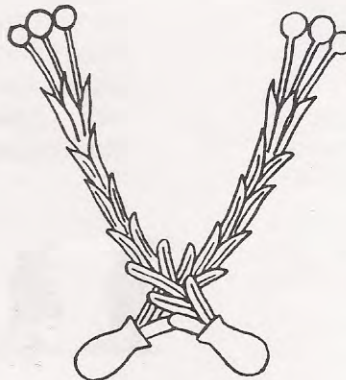
Clan Buchanan extends its deepest sympathy to Terry and Elizabeth's family.

Dr. Graham Bennett

We are saddened to report the passing of Dr. Graham Bennett of Greenville, South Carolina, who died March 3, 1990.

Dr. Bennett was born in Harrisburg, Arkansas, on November 24, 1922. On June 19, 1941, he married Mary Alice Buchanan. At the time of his death, he was a member of the St. Andrews Society of Upper South Carolina, as well as the Clan Buchanan Society of America.

Why should I pipe of sorrow,
Though lonely lanes be ours—
Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow
Could be our loveliest hours.



**President James Buchanan
200th Anniversary Celebration
1791-1991**

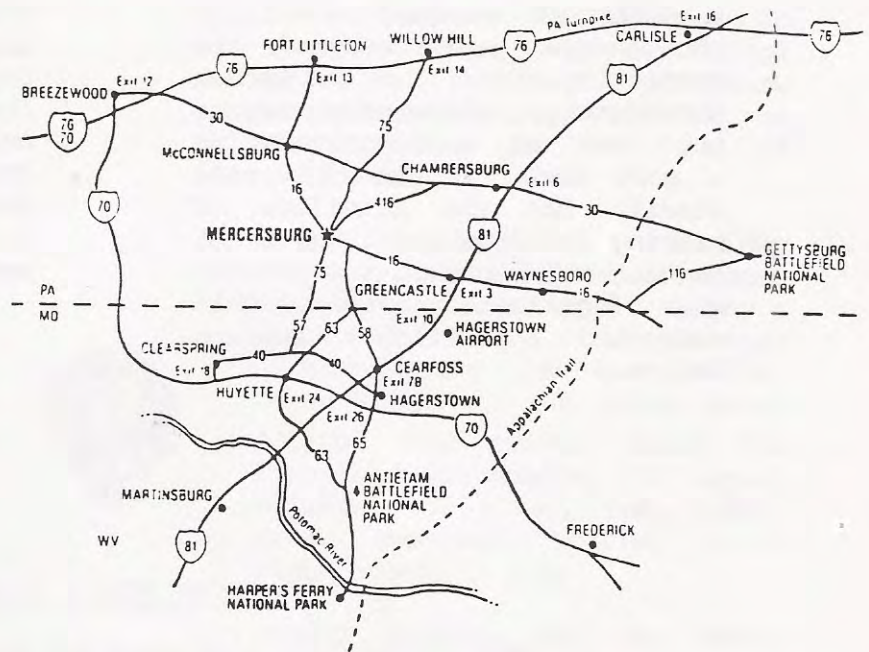
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Borough of Mercersburg will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of James Buchanan, the 15th President of The United States. This celebration will take place at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, April 21 thru April 27, 1991.

The Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc. will be participating in the parade scheduled for April 21, 1991. Everyone is welcomed and remember this is a good opportunity to show off the Clan Buchanan colors. Anyone interested in marching with the Clan or needing further information please contact John McMasters, 561 Sixth St. Pitcairn, PA 15140 or call 412-372-0609. The parade committee has planned a reception for the Clan and would like an estimate of the number attending. Overnight accommodations may be found in and around the Hagerstown/Chambersburg areas. Both towns are within 15 minutes of Mercersburg.

Schedule of Events

April 21 thru 27, 1991

- Sunday — County ministers will commemorate James Buchanan in morning worship services
Theme parade at 3:00 P.M. -featuring Civil War era groups and Buchanan clan with bagpipe band
Reception at 5:00 P.M. for Buchanan clan members
- Monday — Rain date for parade
"An Evening with Charles Stoner" -
Local art and history
Fendrick Library. 7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday — Public Birthday Party for James Buchanan
Post Office cancellation of Cachet and Souvenir Card honoring Buchanan
Center Square, 6:30 P.M.
- Wednesday — Personal Portrayal of James Buchanan
(Insight into Buchanan administration)
Boone Hall. The Mercersburg Academy.
7:00 P.M.
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- Friday — Costume Ball featuring Dancemaster from the Smithsonian Institute - Ford Hall. The Mercersburg Academy. 8:00 P.M.
- Saturday — Rededication of Buchanan monument at Stony Batter -
Bureau of State Parks. DER
Morning ceremonies
Dinner - Concluding ceremonies
Celebrity guests in attendance
The Mercersburg Academy, 6:00 P.M.



PLACES TO STAY:

Castle Green Motor Inn
Greencastle, PA (717)597-3136
Rates: \$30 to \$38

Quality Inn (Exit 2 on I-81)
Greencastle, PA (717)597-8164
Rates: Sgl \$49.00
Dbl \$55.00

CLAN CREST BADGES

In ancient times it was the custom for Chiefs to give their followers a metal plate of their crest to wear as a badge to show their clan allegiance, and it was affixed to their clothing by a strap and buckle. When not in use, this was coiled around the crest and this convention constitutes the present form of the Clan Crest Badge: the strap and buckle with the Chief's motto inscribed thereon, denoting a clansman or clanswoman. Only a Chief or his heir wears his crest and motto without the strap and buckle.

Clan septs and dependents comprise those who were descended from the Chief through the female line and, consequently, bore a different surname; and those who sought and obtained the protection of the Clan and became dependents. Therefore, anyone who has an ancestor bearing a sept name, or the clan name itself, has the privilege of wearing or displaying the Crest Badge, and, indeed, only they may legitimately wear this authentic Scottish Ancient Device.



QUEEN MUM'S BIRTHDAY

The ninetieth birthday of the Queen Mother was celebrated on the 29th of June, 1990.



UPDATE JAMES BUCHANAN GRAVESITE

Clansman Tim Buchanan has gained the support of U.S. Senator John Heinz in his effort to move President Buchanan's gravesite from its present location, Woodward Hill Cemetery, to his former estate home, Wheatland, just north of Lancaster.

Tim has offered the Wheatland Board of Trustees two options. He has proposed they either support a move to Wheatland or provide security at the present site. The least expensive option would, of course, be the move. The Wheatland Foundation is expected to respond in mid October, probably too late to make this Banner.

Senator Heinz has sent a letter supporting Tim's suggestion to Dr. W. Fred Kinsey, Board Chairman, with copies to columnist Pat Buchanan and Creeley Buchanan, a former New Hampshire State Senator. Both, incidentally, are Clan Buchanan members.

Clan Buchanan

LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES
LIGONIER, PENNSYLVANIA
September 8, 1990

Once again we were treated to a beautiful day at Ligonier and attracted thousands of people.

The Buchanans were represented by Convener Harry Fails and his wife Diane, assisted by Sharon McMasters and myself.

Faithful friend and life member, O. Ward Sutton, stopped by our area with his son Alan, and offered to help. Ward also participated in the parade with Harry, Sharon and myself.

Welcome to new member Carole Lombardo from McKeesport, PA.

John McMasters
Regent Western Pennsylvania

On a beautiful Saturday morning, the Clan gathered to perform the Annual Christmas Walk. Sixty plus members stepped off at 10:20 A.M. to the skirling of the pipes and the beat of the drums. Waving proudly to the thousands of onlookers, the Clan weaved its way the ten blocks to the Alexandria Market Square.

Carrying our colors were new members Seth Maher and Charles Hill. Missing from our group this year were the old faithfuls, Lavon Watson, Karen Wolfe, Lou and Mary McCaslin, and Stanley and Donna Watson. Illness and prior commitments take their toll.

The afternoon was devoted to everyone doing their own thing; be it shopping, attending concerts, resting, walking or participating in the tour of old homes.

Around 6:30 P.M. Saturday evening, thirty-five clan members had dinner together at Murphy's Pub and enjoyed the Scottish fiddle-playing of Ann Leslie. From Murphy's, the group moved to the Fish Market where the Pipe Band was holding its annual ceiledh. A tired, but happy, group eventually called it a night around 11 P.M.

Sunday morning saw the early risers having breakfast in the hotel, with the "late to bed bunch" having an 11 A.M. brunch.

So passes another year at the Old Alexandria Christmas Walk. Let's aim for 100 marchers next year. Begin by making plans now to reserve the first Saturday in December for the Christmas Walk!

J.S.W.

REGION 3

ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK '90

Opening the festivities for Clan Buchanan members was the Friday evening Holiday Inn Courtyard Concert performed by a pipe band consisting of members from several St. Andrews Pipe Bands, and the Virginia Beach (Buchanan-clad) Khedive Highlanders. A hospitality room sponsored by the Khedive Highlanders was open and enjoyed by all early weekend attendees.



ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
CHRISTMAS WALK "90"

MID ATLANTIC COMMISSIONER LACIE BUCHANAN MARCHANT
FLANKED BY SETH MAHER AND CHARLES HILL



THE KHEDIVE HIGHLANDERS FROM VIRGINIA BEACH



STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES
 STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA
 October 21, 1990

The 18th Annual Stone Mountain Games were held at lovely Stone Mountain Park just outside of Atlanta, Georgia, on the 18th through the 21st of October, 1990.

Thursday evening the now famous Tattoo was held at the Park pavillion. The host band was the John Mohr Mackintosh Pipes and Drums. Other bands of note included the Army Ground Forces Band, the Atlanta Pipe Band, the Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Band and the 78th Frazer Highlanders, among others.

Our Sponsors' Reception on Friday evening was especially nice this year. Many Society members attended this formal affair which was held at the Sheraton Century Center Hotel.

The Games on Saturday and Sunday welcomed 38 member families and 21 guests. Each year more and more members return to visit with their Clan family. President and Mrs. John S. Watson came from Delaware and Secretary Ann Babyak and husband Joe came from Ohio for the first time. Joe and Helen Morris, S.E. Commissioner, came from Florida. All of the above out-of-staters brought their state flags with the result that we were a very impressive group in the Parade of Tartans on Sunday. The Mungalls brought their flag from Louisiana and we had a Georgia flag, the U.S. flag, the Rampant Lion, and a total

of 18 marchers (including two wee ones up front).

Our special guests also included Vicki Krajcovic and members of her Watson family who joined the parade. Vicki was Miss St. Louis in the 1989 Miss America contest and a lovely member of the Clan Buchanan Society.

We welcomed Jack Bailey and his wonderful shortbread back after an absence, but missed Charles Ingram who was ill.

We are already looking forward to next year and another Clan reunion at Stone Mountain.

Margretta Buchanan Eagon
 Georgia Regent

PENSACOLA HIGHLAND GAMES
 PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
 November 17, 1990

The Second Annual Pensacola Highland Games, sponsored by McGuire's Irish Pub and Brewery, was a spectacular part of a Scottish Heritage Week, sponsored by the local St. Andrews Society. The week began on Sunday, November 11, with a Kirkin O' The Tartan at the First Presbyterian Church. On Thursday, a formal Tartan Dinner was held in the Blue Angel Atrium of the National Museum of Naval Aviation, a beautiful setting aboard the Naval Air Station. William McGuire Martin, Pensacola Mayor Vince Wibbs and the Reverend Doctor Victor Wilson (First Presbyterian) were presented honorary memberships in the St. Andrews Society.

Proclamations of Scottish Heritage Week were read. On Friday night a Sponsors' Reception, with only the best of food and drink, was held at McGuire's Pub.

Heavy winds on Friday night and Saturday morning blew down all the tents; however, everyone of the 31 clans and societies represented were happy at their tables as the weather was a breezy, sunny 75 degrees. Alex Beaton, other singers, the bands, dancers, pipers, athletes and dogs provided a wonderful show. The Clan area was visited by many and five renewals and new members Beverly and Phil McMahn of Destin, Florida, were received.

The Holifield and Powis families helped Helen and me at the table. The week ended with a Grand Ceilidh at McGuire's, featuring Alex Beaton, Scottish and Irish singers and dancers, pipers, etc. This was possibly the best ceilidh I have attended.

BUCHANANS - Mark this event on your calendar as plans are being made for the 1991 Pensacola Highland Games.

Joseph C. Morris
Commissioner
Southeast Atlantic Region

SCOTTISH HERITAGE DAY
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

We had a fantastic time at the Scottish Heritage Day in Jackson. It was a beautiful day and the turnout was great! I thought I'd be manning the tent by myself for the whole day, but Tom Jones, Regent of Texas, and his wife came by to spell me. They were in town visiting family. Many thanks to the Jones family! Tom also brought along a display of claymores and skene dhus that attracted a lot of attention. In fact, it attracted so much attention that our tent won Honorable Mention in an Outstanding Clan Tent Contest sponsored by the Clan Wallace Society.

This month, new Regents were appointed in two states: In Kentucky, Robert and Judith Buchanan of Louisville have agreed to handle Clan business in the Bluegrass State. In Mississippi, Burr Loomis of Long Beach has offered to give me some relief in the Magnolia State. We are still looking for someone to become Regent for Tennessee. There are a lot of things happening in the Volunteer State, but no one has volunteered to help. If you are interested, please contact me.

Randall P. Buchanan
Regional Commissioner
Middle S.E. Atlantic Region



"Me son Angus has disgraced the clan. I caught 'im wearin' panty hose to keep warm!"

GULF COAST BURNS SUPPER
AND TARTAN BALL
January 26, 1991

The Scottish Society of the Gulf Coast held their Seventh Annual Robert Burns Birthday Supper, and first Tartan Ball, on January 26th in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Hamish Mowat of Jackson, MS, was again the Toastmaster, and gave a delightfully expressive rendition of Burns' poem "To the Haggis." Valerie Zrinsky, first cousin four times removed to the poet, spoke to the Immortal Memory, drawing heavily on the unpublished correspondence between Robert Burns and his American immigrant brothers. Your correspondent introduced the head table as they were piped in, and offered the Toast to the Haggis.

Dance music for the Tartan Ball was provided by the Port City Jazz Band, whose jazz rendition of Loch Lomond drew a standing ovation. A comedy break in the middle of the Ball was provided by the "Bonnie Knees" contest for kilted men. Legs on view varied from knobby-kneed spindleshanks to roman legionnaire. Yours truly tied for first place in the contest, which was decided by the applause of the ladies.

If you're going to be in South Mississippi on Robert Burns' next birthday (January 25, 1992), bring your best kilt and contact me for tickets.

Captain P. Burr Loomis
Mississippi Regent

NEW CHAPTER FORMED

Colorado has just received its charter as the second chapter formed under the Buchanan Clan. It will be known as the Colorado Front Range Chapter.

Colorado has seen perhaps the greatest percentage of clan growth of any of our states -- 500%. The Denver, Pikes Peak, Estes Park games reaped great gains in 1990 under the direction of Regents Donna and Don McCammon.

After months of planning, the request to form a Chapter was finally presented to the Executive Board for approval and in January the charter was officially signed and presented to the Colorado Regent.

The 28th Annual St. Andrews' Ball was celebrated on November 17th, 1990, in Denver.

December 1, 1990, saw the first ever Denver-based Buchanan Ceiledh. 20 local Buchanans attended. We had demonstration country dancing, followed by our participation and instruction. Larry McCammon played the bagpipes to the pleasure of all.

The future of Clan Buchanan in this area is as high as the Rockies!

Don McCammon
Colorado Regent

Temporary Officers for Colorado Chapter are:

President: James E. Gibbs
Sec-Treas: Dudley McCubbin



CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

HAWAII

The Clan Buchanan Society of America, California Chapter, has found an interesting way of supporting itself and benefits everyone who wants the chapter to be self-supporting.

Commissioner Dick Clack reports that, even though Hawaii couldn't make the Santa Rosa Games, they held their own regional meeting as pictured below:

We are selling Clan Name Badges. They are blue on white (St. Andrews blue). They are 1.5" x 3", have the clan crest on the right hand side followed by "Clan Buchanan" and at the bottom, centered, is the family member's name. We are selling them to clan members for \$12.50, which includes delivery charges. We need to order a minimum quantity of 12, but have found no problem in meeting the minimum order.



L to R: Adele Jacobson, Sally Fletcher, Dr. Earl Murchison, Dick Clack, Yoshiko Clack & Douglas Gibb, "91" Regent. Pipe Master Larry Coleman is not pictured, as he was preparing the Honolulu Police Pipes & Drums to play.

We feel these badges are a great ice-breaker for those who are a little too shy to speak to someone they do not know. In addition, the badge identifies you and the family to which you belong, even if you aren't in a kilt. As treasurer of the California Chapter, I would like to extend an offer to any member of the Buchanan Clan who would like to have one of these badges. Please contact Milt Paras, 304 Mercury Way, Pleasant Hill, CA, 94523-2185.

Scottish Heritage Week will be observed in Hawaii the first week in April with games on the first Saturday. Commissioner Dick Clack assures us that all visitors to the Islands will receive a warm welcome. Our First Vice President made the trip and vouches for having had a great time.



"Aye, weel—Ah thocht the puir thing wiz droonin, ye see..."



NEWS AND NOTES

Word has been received from Mary Bruce and Alison Brown, authors of Drymen and Buchanan in Old Photographs, that a new publication in the series now available from Stirling District Libraries. It, too, is compiled by Mary and Alison and is called Strathendrick in Old Photographs (64). It appears to feature farms and villages in the region.

Orders may be sent to:

Stirling District Libraries
Borrowmeadow Road
Springkerse Industrial Estate
Stirling, Scotland
FK7 7TN

or

Drymen Community Library
The Square
Drymen, Scotland
G630BL

Cost is 3.95 pounds

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Clansmen who belong to the All State Motor Club receive a magazine called "Discovery". Be sure to read the article on page 44, View From the Green by Heather Farr, noted woman golfer. They have a custom of closing each day's golfing with a playing of the pipes.

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ANY WATSON CLANSMAN WITH ROOTS IN THE CARLISLE, SHIPPENSBURG, CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, AREAS PLEASE CONTACT THE CLAN PRESIDENT. WE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP EACH OTHER RE ANCESTRY.

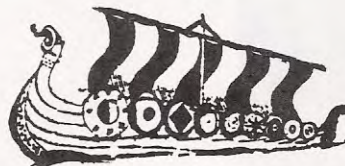
MORE NEWS & NOTES:

R. L. Stevenson, New Mexico Regent, informs us that the 4th Annual Rio Grande Celtic Festival and Highland Games will be held at the Menaul School grounds in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Saturday, May 11, 1991. It will feature all the traditional activities and showcase the "Men of Worth" and the City of Winnipeg Pipe Band. The local Shrine Pipe Band recently organized has chosen the Buchanan tartan for its kilt. No mention was made as to which Buchanan tartan was chosen.

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RESIGNATION

Mrs. Arline Cormack Gomez, the Central/S. Pacific Regional Commissioner has submitted her resignation effective January, 1991. Her leadership will be sorely missed. Arline was the Region's first and only Commissioner and, under her administration, it grew from five or six individuals to a position of claiming 12% of the total clan membership (125). This region was the first and only region to host the Society's Annual General Meeting away from Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina; once in 1987 and again in 1990. This region also was the first to form a Clan Chapter in Clan Buchanan history. All these things occurred in the seven years of Arline's tenure. The Clan owes a great deal to Arline and Don for their efforts in lifting the Buchanan standard.



OLD BANNER ISSUES WANTED

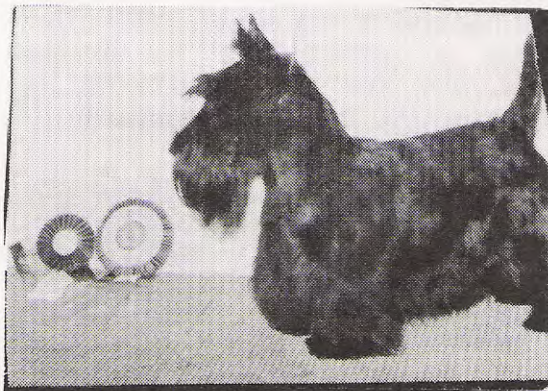
Commissioner Randall Buchanan is seeking back issues of the Banner. The McCain Library in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, would like a complete, or near complete, set for its archival repository and genealogical section. They will bind the issues and make them available to the public.

For some of you older members this might be an excellent way to preserve those old copies for which you no longer have space. If you can help, please contact Randall at P.O. Box 601, Foxworth, MS, 39483.

LETTERS FROM THE CLAN

Mary Jane (Watson) Jueckstock of Michigan sends us a picture of Charlie, her American and Canadian Champion Scotty. He is currently being shown as a "Champion Special" at various dog shows.

Those of you who are thinking of going to the "dogs", look for Charlie and Mary Jane at the shows. I'm sure they would appreciate your sniffing them out and saying "hello".



BLACK RAMPANT LION BANNER UPDATE

Dale Paras reports that she has received firm orders for 44 Black Rampant Lion banners. That's only 6 short of the minimum order needed. Some states have ordered more than one banner and several individuals have ordered one for their own personal use. How about the rest of the regions, states, or conveners? Dale will contact the manufacturer as soon as she gets the minimum number of firm orders. If those of you who have not yet placed an order will please do so soon, then you and those who have already committed, might be able to fly this unique banner at this year's games. Because we don't know how long we can hold the manufacturer to this price and we believe (hope) that we will have confirmed requests for the minimum order (50) by the time you read this, Dale has agreed to wait two weeks after she receives this issue of The Banner before she places the order. Remember, fifty (50) is the magic number and this is a one time offer that may not be repeated again.

This may be your last chance to order this unique banner for your tent, home, or office so act now.

The banners cost \$40.00 plus postage, and may be ordered through:

Mrs. Dale Paras
304 Mercury Way
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523



GETTING TENSE OVER TENTS

The Banner has had numerous requests for information on which tents make the most practical convening shelters.

Let me start by citing three important factors. First, how and how often will the tent be used? Secondly, cost is an important factor. If the tent is being purchased primarily for private use, then it might be wise to get what you like and can afford. If, on the other hand, the tent is going to be used strictly for games, then the cost must be weighed against its use and available clan funds. The Clan does own a few dining fly tents which follow the games, but for the most part, individual members use their own convening tents.

The third consideration in choosing a game tent is size. Most games only allot a 10'x10' space per clan. Many rent the space and the tent as a package deal along with a few chairs and an occasional folding table. If you show up with a 20'x20' tent and only have a 10'x10' space, you will have a definite problem.

Unfortunately, the Clan can only afford multiple spaces at the major games such as Grandfather Mountain and Santa Rosa. Most games will not rent a clan double spaces due to control and space problems.

In summation, let me say that, in my experience, the dining fly is the least expensive and simplest cover to carry and use. The choice of most people

buying for the clan and themselves is the telescoping or unfolding tent that has a strong frame and, consequently, is affected less by wind. The tent you choose should be rainproof, as well as serving as an area of shade.

Keep in mind the convening tent is the Buchanan home at each game. It is important that there be room for chairs and space to eat, visit, and store small items. Buchanans do not need a special invitation to "sit a spell."

Visit your nearest camping center for an up-close look at what's available in today's market. Bargains can often be found in the "For Sale" section of the newspapers. Good Luck!

J.S.W.



"Ye'll no find much wildlife around here, laddie--
except maybe at Hogmanay!"



PART III CLAN BUCHANAN: ITS HISTORY

We left the history in the Fall issue after relating the story of John Buchanan, "The King of Kippen" and his relationship with King James V of Scotland. John was not a Laird of Buchanan. Rather he was the Chieftain of a Cadet Branch of the Clan, and was known as the Laird of Arnpryor. Before we digress into this cadet branch, let's continue with our examination of the main stem.

Patrick, the 16th Laird, you will recall, led the Buchanan clansmen into battle against the English army of Henry VIII at Flodden Field on September 9, 1513. Patrick lost his life in this battle as did the King of Scots, James IV. It has been said that every house in Scotland suffered the loss of a warrior in this battle. It should be noted that the famed lament, "The Flowers of the Forest," was written as a tribute to those who gave their lives at Flodden on this sad day. This tune, when played on the pipes, wrenches the heartstrings and the song is a masterpiece of sorrow. It was written in the mid-eighteenth century by Miss Jane Elliot, daughter of Sir Gilbert Elliot of Minto, Lord Chief Justice Clerk of Scotland.

The sons of Patrick were George and Walter, their mother being the daughter of the Earl of Argyll and the granddaughter of the Earl of Huntley. The elder son, George, became the 17th Laird of Buchanan and was known as George Buchanan of that Ilk. He was made Sheriff Principal of Dumbartonshire in 1561. He occupied this position during the reign of Mary Queen of Scots. The Buchanan Clansmen took part in the Battle of Langside in 1568 as a component of the Royal Army under Hamilton and Argyll. This confrontation of Mary's forces with her half brothers, the Regent James, Earl of Moray, ended in the defeat of the Royal Army and Mary Queen of Scots, riding away to her fate across Solway Firth in Elizabeth's England.

Walter, the younger son of Patrick, obtained title to the lands of Spittal and Easter-Calter which, by charter dated December 14, 1519, he conveyed to his son, also named Walter. In carrying out this action, Walter the Elder became the founder of the Cadet branch of the Clan known as the Buchanans of Spittal.

George Buchanan of that Ilk was first married to Margret Edmonstone, daughter of the Laird of Dunteath. This union produced a son, John, who became the 18th Laird of Buchanan. George's second wife was Janet, daughter of Cunninghame of Craigans. She bore a son named William who was to become the founder of the now extinct branch of the Clan, The Buchanans of Auchmar.

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John Buchanan, the 18th Laird was married to the daughter of the Earl of Morton who had been one of the Regents of Scotland during the minority of James VI. It has been said that their relationship was so clear that a special dispensation was required before they were allowed to marry. John's successor was his son, George, 19th Laird of Buchanan. George was married to Mary Graham, daughter of the Earl of Montith and was knighted by James VI. Sir George's children were one son and two daughters. The 20th Laird was this son who was named John. The lands of Buchanan were chartered to him in 1581 by James VI. This charter indicates that he had been knighted as he is referred to as Sir John Buchanan of that Ilk. Sir John married Anabella Erskine, daughter of Lord Cambuckenneth. Anabella bore a son and daughter. The daughter married Campbell of Rahein and the son became the 21st Laird. Sir John was very generous with the universities of Scotland in that he gave the sums of 6000 pounds each to the University of Edinburg and the University of St. Andrews to support scholarships in theology and philosophy. As indicated above, he was succeeded by his son, Sir George Buchanan of that Ilk as 21st Laird. Sir George was married to Elizabeth Preston. He was Colonel of the Stirlingshire Regiment. In 1651, while engaging Cromwell's forces under Lambert at Inverkiething, he was taken prisoner by the Roundheads. He died while in prison in 1657. He left three daughters and one son who became the 22nd and last Laird of Buchanan of the main stem. John Buchanan of that Ilk, 22nd Laird of Buchanan, married twice but had no male issue. His first wife was Mary Erskine, daughter of Lord Henry Cardross, who gave birth to a daughter, Elizabeth, who married James Stewart. By his second wife, Jean Pringle, daughter of Andrew Pringle, a minister, he had a daughter who married Henry Buchanan of Leny. With his death in 1682, the principal line became extinct.

Sir John Buchanan, grandfather of the 22nd Laird, is said to have been an extravagant individual and had involved his estate in such an immense debt that his grandson found it necessary to make compromises with the estate's creditors. As a result of these compromises, a substantial portion of the estate passed into the hands of his brother-in-law, Lord David Cardross. In addition, after the death of his first wife, Lady Mary Erskine, John Buchanan of Arnpryor gained great influence over him and was entrusted with the management of his affairs. It is said that Arnpryor prevailed upon the Laird to agree to a match between his daughter and Arnpryor's son. This marriage would certainly have taken place had not the young lady refused her consent. In a fit of resentment and madness, John proceeded to disinherit the daughter by making a making a special

dispensation of his estate in favor of Arnpryor. However, he kept the conveyance in his own possession. In due course he met and married Jean Pringle and, upon the marriage, he destroyed the conveyance to Arnpryor. This action gave rise to a feud between the two branches of the family which continued for many years.

In another attempt to solve his estate problem, John made a bargain with Major George Grant, Governor of Dunbarton Castle, that, if the Major would marry his daughter and change his name to Buchanan, he would convey his estate to him. The Major was quite agreeable to this arrangement but, when he made his proposal to the young lady, he was indignantly rejected. Being unable to dispose of his estate by arranging a satisfactory marriage, John started to sell all of his property; however, at about this time, his creditors decided that they should foreclose upon his property for non-payment of debts. They proceeded against the property and the whole estate passed out of his hands, thus this property which produced over thirty thousand pounds rent per year (in that time a pound was worth about nine times what it is today) passed away from the family after remaining there for six hundred and sixty-four years and in an uninterrupted succession of twenty-two Lairds.

(To be continued in next issue)



GENEALOGICAL CORNER

I am collecting data on the Buchanan families of Mississippi prior to the Civil War. So far, the earliest found have been (1) James Buccan, who was an inhabitant of the Natchez District in 1810; (2) L. George Buchanan, who witnessed a will in Adams County in 1817; and (3) Three men listed in the 1820 state census, John and Peter Buchanan of Claiborne County, and Duncan Buchanan of Covington County. Anyone who has information on these, or any other families in pre-Civil War Mississippi, is encouraged to contact: Randall Buchanan, P.O. Box 601, Foxworth, MS 39483.

Words Pour Out

The country parson got a phone call from the railway station saying that a parcel had arrived and was being held for collection.

Said he, "That's right, Willie, it's some books I ordered from Edinburgh."

"Aye, weel," replied the station clerk, "Ye'd better hurry up. They're leakin'."

Staggering Devotion

Three times Jeanie had brought Willie to the Manse hoping they'd be made man and wife, but on each occasion the minister refused because of the prospective bridegroom's intoxication.

"What do you mean bringing him to me in such a state?" asked the minister.

"Please, Reverend," sobbed Jeanie, "He'll no' come when he's sober."

ROOTING AROUND IN YOUR PAST

by

Donal Buchanan
Clan Genealogist (East)



Your grandmother always maintained that you could join the DAR because her great-grandfather was at Valley Forge. Your mother remembers coming over from the Old Country with her parents and her first glimpse of the Statue of Liberty. Great Uncle Darby was with Mosby's men. Great-Great-Great-Great-Great Aunt Martha was almost hanged as a witch at Salem.

All these family traditions could be true. And all show that your ancestors were a vital part of American history. The study of the past of your family--its inter-relationships with other families and with historical events is a fascinating and intellectually rewarding occupation. But be warned! What starts as an interest can become an obsession. In my own case, it resulted in my becoming a professional genealogist, if only to justify the books and equipment I purchased (computer, disks, microfilm/microfiche reader-printer, etc.) as well as the trips to the old country necessary to pin down a stray fact here and there.

But, "Where do I start?" you ask. That's easy. Start with yourself. Write down your own vital statistics (date and place of birth, baptism, where you live and what you do). Do the same for your siblings (brothers or sisters). Now do it again for your mother and father, then your grandparents and then their parents and grandparents and

then their parents and grandparents just as far back as you can go. When you are stumped, ask your siblings or your parents or a cousin or the oldest person in the family. Ask everybody you can think of that might have some knowledge (sometimes family friends can have information that even family members would be surprised to hear). Usually, in every family, there is one person who is 'up' on the family connections. In my own family it was Cousin Elsie. How I wish she was alive today to help me! At the drop of a relative noun she would tell you your relationship to almost anybody. "Why, you are a second cousin twice removed to him, didn't you know that?" Then she would explain in great detail. What a waste that she never wrote it all down. And what a waste that I never really listened until too late....

Look for family bibles. They are a great help. Not many families have them now, but in the old days that is where the births, deaths and marriages were recorded. Was your mother thinking about throwing out her old love letters? Ask for them. After all, if she doesn't mind the trash man reading them, she shouldn't mind if you do too. Bundles of old letters can be treasure troves of genealogical information.

If your family has always gone to the same church, check the church records. They may be revealing.

Has your family always lived in the same area? Then by all means you must consult the local library, especially the main county library. They often have excellent genealogical

collections pertinent to local residents. You may find that someone has already written about your family! I can remember my own surprise when I picked up a book on one of the families kindred to my own and found my grandmother's name and lineage given therein.

Information can be found in the files of your county courthouse (for a fee--usually about \$5; if they don't have the info, they might give you a lead to where you can find it, or they may give you the name of a local genealogist who can help you).

The Mormon Church, for its own very good religious reasons, maintains an extensive family history collection. Several of the Mormon churches around the country have family history centers of their own which should be consulted. The Mormon International Genealogical Index (IGI) is on microfiche and computer and contains at present about 140 million names. Many other fascinating and useful records can be obtained through their good offices. Every genealogist owes the Mormon Church a great debt of gratitude for the work they have done to preserve and make available genealogical records.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) maintain a huge library in Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. It is a gold-mine of facts. There is a small fee (\$5) for non-members to use the library, but it is well worth it. Don't ignore the other societies either: The Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, Daughters of Founders

and Patriots, and Daughters of the Pilgrims. There is even an organization of Royal Bastards (made up of people descended from illegitimate children of British royalty). You may find that, in order to join one of these organizations, someone has provided a lineage that effectively does your work for you.

Don't forget the Library of Congress. They have an enormous genealogical collection. They won't let you borrow, of course, but you may copy the material you need.

The Census records on the 4th floor of the Archives in Washington, DC, are available on microfilm from 1910 back to 1790. The earliest only list heads of household, but from 1850 on they list the name, age and birth state of every person in the household--and they also often give the birth states of the parents of the household. Be aware, however, that the census takers were human and often made errors ('Martin' might be recorded as 'Mastin,' and 'Mary Emma' may only be recorded by her nickname, 'Polly').

The Archives is the place to look, also, for a record of your Civil War ancestor. It will be a long search, however, unless you have some idea of the unit with which he served and the years of his service.

Don't ignore the genealogical societies. Almost every county in the country has a Genealogical Society which meets on a regular basis and puts out a useful publication. The National Genealogical Society is located on 17th Street North in

Arlington, VA, and has a very good library as well as its own publications. The New England Historical and Genealogical Society in Boston is justly famous for its publications and its long history of fine genealogical research.

If you get stuck, remember that there are professionals like myself who like nothing better than to work on challenging genealogical problems. My own name and address can be found in this very publication, but many other fine professionals can be found listed in genealogical publications such as Genealogical Helper, available from your local library.

And remember, you are an ancestor too! Start now to keep good family records and make sure that they are kept in a safe place and that your children and other relatives are aware of them. Thus, even if you don't do any genealogical work yourself, your children--or your grandchildren--will have something to work with and a means to unearth their priceless heritage.



GREYFRIARS BOBBY

The dogged devotion of the Skye Terrior known as Greyfriars Bobby, made him the most famous dog in Scotland. He's been the subject of two books and a Walt Disney movie. A monument to this loyal pooch now stands in Scotland's capitol city, Edinburgh.

Bobby's case is documented in the official records of the City of Edinburgh and the story begins in the mid 19th century when John Grey, an itinerant shepherd, found Bobby wandering the streets of Edinburgh. John

and Bobby became inseparable. But in 1858, John died and Bobby was a stray again.

Then two days after John died, Bobby turned up at the restaurant to which his master had taken him every lunchtime. The restaurant owner gave Bobby a cake, but the dog ran off.

The same thing happened over the next couple of days. Eventually, the restaurant owner followed the dog -- and to his amazement, found him standing guard over John's grave.

Word soon spread throughout the city that Bobby spent his days in a vigil beside his master's grave in Greyfriars Cemetery, and people began leaving food for the dog. It seems that Bobby captured the hearts of everyone, for no matter what the weather -- rain, snow or hail -- Bobby stayed beside the grave for 14 long years, until he died in 1872.

Shortly before he died, a monument was erected in his honor, the monument was funded by a wealthy English woman who had heard of Bobby's exploits.

The monument is a fountain of red granite that provides drinking water for dogs and passersby. On top of the granite is a bronze life-size model of Bobby and underneath is an inscription that reads:

"In tribute to the affectionate fidelity of Greyfriars Bobby. In 1858, this faithful dog followed the remains of his master to Greyfriars Cemetery and lingered near the spot until his death."





PART III
THE SEPTS OF CLAN BUCHANAN
(continued from Summer/Fall 1990 Issue)

In this issue we will examine the sept names of Lenny, MacAslan, MacMaurice, MacWattie, and Spittel.

The Sept of Lenny includes the following surnames:

Lennie	MacWattie	Watters
MacAldonich	MacQuattie	Waters
MacMaldonichs	Watt	Watson
MacRob	Wason	

These members of the Lenny Sept are descended from the most ancient cadet branch of the Buchanan Clan. According to Buchanan of Auchmar, John de Buchanan married Janet de Lenny in the latter part of the 14th century. John, who married the heiress of Lenny, died before his father ever actually inherited the Buchanan estate. He had three sons; the eldest, Sir Alexander who killed the Duke of Clarence at the Battle of Baugl, and was subsequently killed at the Battle of Vernoil in 1424, never having been married. The second was Sir Walter, who succeeded to the estate of Buchanan and the third, John who, after his father's death, succeeded to the estate of Lenny. It was at this point that the Cadet family Buchanan of Lenny was formed.

The MacWatties are descended from Walter who was a son of John, Laird of Lenny. This Walter was called Wattie of Callintuy, this being the name of the place of his residence. His son John, following a common custom among Highlanders changed his surname into a patronimical one which was derived from his father's proper name. That is: John Macwattie, Wattie being the diminutive of Walter. This John MacWattie had nine sons who all had sons; consequently, in a short space of time, the name and its derivatives became quite numerous.

The Septs of MacWattie consist of the following surnames:

MacQuattie	Waters	Watters
MacWattie	Watson	Walter
Wason	Watt	Walters

The ancestor of these names was Walter Buchanan, who was the son of John Buchanan, Laird of Lenny. This Walter was called by the short form of the name; i.e., Wattie or Watty. His son John migrated into the Lennox district and settled in the parish of Luss and, according to the custom of the early 16th century, changed his surname to a patronimical one, derived from his father's proper name; thus, "John MacWattie" or, as

it would be termed in the Highland Border Country Gaelic, "Mac Bhaididh." John raised nine sons, all of whom raised large families. This resulted in the name becoming quite numerous.

As time progressed, the variations were derived, Watt being the diminutive for Wattie. Some resumed the proper name of Walter and from this derived the name Walters and its variations. Watson, of course, is the anglicized form of the name meaning "Son of Walter." This is probably the most prolific Sept in the Clan.

The Sept of MacMaurice includes the surnames of:

Morrice, Morris, Morreis, Morrison

According to Buchanan of Auchmar, these names are derived from an illegitimate son of Maurice, Laird of Buchanan, during the reign of Robert I or from Maurice, who was the illegitimate son of Walter, Laird of Buchanan, during the reign of James III. Descendants of the latter are found in the area between Stirling and Culross.

The MacAldonichs derived that surname from a Lenny family name of Muldonich, that being an ancient Highland christian name. There is no record of the exact point in time this name came off the family of Lenny. The reason that it is a rare name today is because many of the members of this family reassumed the name of Buchanan.

The ancestors of the MacRobs was one of the Lenny family called Robert, his progeny obtained their surname by using the contraction "Rob." This was quite a prolific family and took up residence in the parishes of Calender and Kilmadock.

The Sept of MacAslan includes the following surnames:

Cousland	Macauselan	Macauslane
Macaslan	Macauslan	Maccasland
Macaslin	Macausland	M'Auselan

These names are synonymous with the name Buchanan which is of territorial derivation. The early chiefs were known as MacAuselan, MacAslan, etc. an allusion to their descent from the Irish Prince Anselan Buey O'Kyan who was granted settlement in Lennox by Malcolm II. The seventh Laird of Buchanan, Gilbert, was the first to assume the surname of Buchanan. The MacAuselan first actually recorded was Malcolm, Steward to the Maldouen, Third Earl of Lennox during the reign of David II. This Malcolm is believed to have been The Baron MacAuselan from whom the bearers of this patronym are descended.



The Sept Spittel is made up of a small number of names:

Spittle Spittal Spittel

This has a very interesting story as a part of the origin. Buchanan of Auchmar tells us that the ancestor of the name was the son of Sir Maurice Buchanan of that ilk, who was the Laird during the reign of Alexander III (circa 1239-1286). His reason for assuming the surname "Spittel" was because he was admitted to the order of Knighthood called "Knights Templar" or "cruch backs." This order was instituted in the eleventh century for the purpose of defending the Temple and Cross of Jerusalem. This order of Knights wore a portraiture of the cross between their shoulders on their upper garments. This resulted in their being called cruch-backs, or cross backs, and from the temple which they were sworn to defend came the term "Templars." This order owned large tracts of land throughout Christendom which was used for the purpose of hospitality and entertainment for the pilgrims who were making their way to the Holy Land. From this practice came the term hospitallers, and their lands were called Spittels. With time, the order came to be known as the Knights of St. John; later, Knights of Rhodes and, finally, Knights of Malta.



Scotland, throughout its modern history, has been two peoples living separate lives in separate cultures, mutually hostile or apathetic, mutually incomprehensible. There are Highlanders and there are Lowlanders.



Neither race is pure. But the Highlander, the Gael, is very Gaelic. He is a member of the Celtic language group which has been pushed to the outermost Western fringes of Europe--the Welsh, the Irish, the Manxmen, the Cornish, the Bretons, and the old Scots.

The Lowlander is a totally different mixture. Lowlands Scots [Lallans] is a form of the English language, a member of the Germanic family. The Lowlander and the Highlander have practically nothing in common except being close neighbors, and, until modern times, not all that neighborly! The Lowlander had more in common with the English just across the border than he had with the strange barbarians away up north.

When the Lowland Scots were settling in towns and thinking of cities, the Highlanders still clung to an old society, crofting a bit, fishing a bit, fighting a lot and giving loyalty to a clan chief.

....In the intervals of feuding, they preserved a society in which the family was supreme, and they made poetry and music.

....The Gaels also sing. There is no way to stop the Gaels from singing. Their music is cast in the pentatonic scale, which can be exhilarating but is oftener melancholy. It suits the proud melancholy history of the Highlanders.

Excerpted from The Scots by Clifford Hanley

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: I am a McWhirter. Is that the same as MacWhirter? Does Whirter mean harper in Gaelic? Exactly what is a sept? I was refused membership in the Buchanan Society of Scotland because I was a sept.

Gloria McWhirter Weber

Answer: "Mc", "Mac", "M'", etc. all mean "son of" and are taken from the Gaelic "Mich". Some think that "Mac" is Scottish and "Mc" is Irish. Whirter does come from the Gaelic "Cruit" or "Clarsac", which is the name of the Scottish harp. Mac Chruiter was anglicized to MacWhirter, so one could say McWhirter means "son of the harper."

Professor Cosmo Innes uses the term "sept" as a noun indicating the members of a branch of a family as distinct from the main stem. In other words, the main stem family is Buchanan with all other family names being branches off the main stem and known as septs.

The Buchanan Society of Scotland restricts its membership to the names of Buchanan, McAuslan, McWattie and Risk. They only accept the three septs recorded in a historical account of the Clan by the late William Buchanan of Auchmar.

The Editor

THE SCOT'S COOKBOOK

HIGHLAND CROWDIE

2 Quarts of Sour Milk (Clabber)
4 Tablespoons Sweet Cream
Salt and Pepper

Heat the sour milk very slowly until it separates. Do not allow it to come anywhere near the boiling point. Strain off the whey by placing the milk in a muslin bag and squeezing the whey from the curd. Remove when the curd is "dry" and place in a bowl. Mix the curd with the sweet cream. Salt and pepper to taste. It is better if allowed to stand for a day or two.

(Ed. note - I'm sure you all recognize this as Cottage Cheese.)

COLCANNON

2 Medium Cabbages
3 Large Carrots
2 Large Turnips
10 Medium Potatoes
4 Tablespoons Butter

Parboil the cabbages and chop them finely. Boil the carrots, turnips and potatoes. Mash them all together. Melt the butter in a large stew pan, put in all the vegetables and let them simmer for twenty minutes on a low heat. Season with salt and black pepper; serve it piping hot.

COMING EVENTS

April	6	Hawaiian Highland Games	Fort DeRussy, HI
	20	Dunedin Games, Highlander Pk.	Dunedin, FL
	20	13th Annual Queen's Birthday Ball, Boumi Temple Highlanders	Baltimore, MD
	20-21	Sacramento Valley Scottish Games	Sacramento, CA
	21	James Buchanan's 200th Birthday Celebration - Parade	Mercersburg, PA
	26-28	Ozark Scottish Festival	Arkansas College
	27	N. Alabama Scottish Festival	Huntsville, ALA
	27	Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland	Prince Frederick, Maryland
	27-28	Atlanta Celtic Festival	Oglethorpe Univ., Georgia
May	4-5	Savannah Games	Savannah, GA
	4	California Central Scottish Gathering	San Luis Obispo, California
	4	Macalester College Fair	St. Paul, MN
	11	Marin County Highland Gathering	Corte Madera, California
	11-12	Kentucky Scottish Weekend Gen. Butler State Park	Louisville, KY
	18	Colonial Gathering	Fair Hill, MD
	18-19	Gatlinburg Festival	Gatlinburg, TN
	25-26	United Scottish Society Games	Costa Mesa, CA
	25-26	Alma Highland Festival	Alma, MI
June	1	McHenry Scottish Games	Garrett Co., MD
	7-9	Texas Scottish Festival	Arlington, TX
July	12-14	Grandfather Mountain Games (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR CLAN BUCHANAN)	Linville, N.C.

SCOTTISH FOLKLORE

In this issue we will examine something of our Scottish fairies. The Scottish fairies bear little resemblance to the kindly fairy-folk of Ireland. By way of explanation: the Irish fairy-folk, the leprechaun and the "leavnin sidhe," for instance are all Gaels - the kindest and the most hospitable race in the world. But the Scottish fairies are Picts, the original inhabitants of Caledonia. It could be expected then, that they would be mischievous or devilish, being a product of such a barbaric and bloodthirsty race. The Romans said of them, "To robbery, murder and outrage, they give the lying name of government, and where they make a desert, they call it peace." (I think we still have some of those types of leaders in the Middle East. I wonder if that is where the Picts came from?)

From such an ungracious race, then, come our Scottish fairies.

Not all of them are bad, of course. On the contrary, some of them are quite good-natured, and quite prepared to be helpful. But their offers of help should be politely refused or, if accepted, accepted with great caution.

In those limited areas where the Vikings are predominate, the fairies are sometimes known as Trolls. (Remember the Troll that lived under the bridge?) In the Gaelic, they are spoken of as "Daoine Sithe," which translates roughly to "Men of Peace."

In some parts of Scotland they are often called "Guid Nichbouris," or "Good Neighbours." In all probability, these friendly and rather flattering names were first given to them in a propitiatory sense. After all, one should not be rude to them when they possess such powers as they undoubtedly do. The fairies can do almost anything and it is felt that one would do well to curry their favor. It is believed that they are sometimes responsible for destroying crops and livestock; and even running away with a man's wife, right in his face! It is said that there is not a handsome lad in all the country who is safe from the attentions of the fairy women. They are said to use guile and cunning to lure their victims from their homes, wives and sweethearts and the "Queen of Fairies" is said to be the most cunning of all.

In the Hebrides and Shetland Islands, the fairies will often go to great lengths to secure a human mate. They will swim from island to island looking for the right lad or lassie. When they do this, they usually change themselves into seals. They will watch the shore carefully and sing an enchanting song and will, in some way, entice their victim to the water's edge. Then they will send an object, floating in to the water's edge, which will attract the attention of the intended victim. As the victim steps into the water to claim the object, they will be pulled under the waves and will know nothing more until they awaken in fairyland.



FOLKLORE (continued)

It is generally believed that there are usually no fruits from a human-fairy union; however, it is a well known fact that the members of Clan MacCodrum, are descended from a seal.

Mermaids are very well known in Scotland. The northern shores seem to be their favorite haunt. Sometimes they may be seen sitting on a rock or relaxing on the beach, combing their long, luxuriant hair. Known in the Gaelic as the "Maighdean Chuain" she is also fond of taking a handsome lad as a lover, and will frequently heap all sorts of precious jewels, gold and silver upon him. But the real danger is that she will lure him beneath the waves where he will be kept a prisoner, bound by long slender chains of gold. There is always danger in the love of a mermaid, for no matter how kindly or beautiful she may be, the affair will always end in disaster. That is why sensible fishermen, whenever they haul up a mermaid in their nets, will always let her go.

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THE SCOTS

The Scots you see are a very rare breed;
Laddies from Hell, some have said.
But truly, they're men who would
fight to the end
And go where the bagpipes lead!

by Jim Gibb
Birmingham, Alabama
10-90



WEARING OF THE TARTAN

It was found in statutes and canons of the Scottish church in the 1200's that kilt colors weren't allowed to be in red or green striped garments, and were not to be worn above the calf. The clergy had its own sett (pattern). This is a plain blue, black and white, "breacan nan cleireach" (checker of the clergy).

Tartans for daily wear were definite district types. Bright dyes were used, but the hunting tartans were in subdued browns. The original hunting setts were thought to have been in red, but were changed as the bright colors betrayed the hunter.

The attachment of the Highlander to his attire was so intense that anyone wearing a tartan, even one who "adopted" it, felt they were under special protection of that clan.

The tartan worn by the Highlander was the "breacan" of finer quality worn as a dress tartan. The "cath dath" (war color) was of a thick, coarse material worn by men in military servitude.

Before the "Act of Abolition" of the Highland dress and tartan was repealed, many of the old setts were lost. Because of the banishment, tartans as known to the old Highlander is becoming a lost art. Men made their own kilts and brogues (shoes). Women spun and dyed the wool, but most of it was woven by the weaver. Vegetable dyes were used to obtain the colors.

The tartan is not used only by the Highlander, but for over two and a half centuries by the Lowland Scot also as the emblem of his nationality. Any attempt to disparage or abolish the tartan alerts the ire and offends the sentiment of Highlander and Lowlander alike. In 1881 the War office wanted to eliminate the tartans worn by the Scottish regiments and substitute one uniform tartan for all Highland battalions. The many and strong opinions from the Highlanders and Lowlanders against the change caused the War office to discard their scheme so contrary to the Scottish character and instinct.

1. A Chieftainess, wife of a Chief of a Clan, or a Colonel's lady drapes the tartan over the left shoulder and fastens it with a brooch at the shoulder.
2. A clanswoman or wife of one, drapes it over the right shoulder.
3. A lady married out of her clan and wishing to show her own family tartan, wears it over the right shoulder and ties it at the waist in a large bow.
4. Unless her child or children, or one of the children, takes their mother's name, her children have no right to wear their mother's tartan as they are not members of their mother's clan.
5. Those not entitled to wear a Clan, Family or District Tartan have no right to wear any Royal Tartan and particularly not

the so-called "Royal Stuart Tartan", which is the tartan of the Royal House and accorded to the Pipers of the Sovereign's Royal Regiments.

6. Those of Scottish descent with no Clan, Family or District Tartan wear one of the following:

- a. the now so-called "Hunting Stewart", which was originally a general Scottish hunting tartan and named "Stewart" about 1888.
 - b. Caledonia Tartan
 - c. Jacobite Tartan - for those with ancestors of Jacobite proclivities.
 - d. Black Watch or "Government" Tartan in its exact regimental form, or one of the modified forms for those of Hanoverian or Whig ancestral proclivities.
7. There are a number of District Tartans which are worn or wearable by persons belonging to, or descended from ancestors belonging to, these Districts. These Districts, however, only cover certain small areas of Scotland.

If you have any questions or problems, you may write:

The Court of the Lord Lyon
H.M. New Register House
Edinburgh, EH1 3YT, Scotland
(The Court of the Lord Lyon is an office of heraldic jurisdiction and, as such, is the final authority regarding heraldic matters in Scotland.)



BUCHANAN - BUCHAN CONNECTION?

I'm sure most of you have seen the name Buchan somewhere, sometime in your association with Scotland and your Scottish ancestry. Have you ever wondered if there was any connection between them and us, considering the closeness of the spelling of the two names?

I have done a little (very little, if you must know the truth) research on this subject, prompted by a Mr. David Buchan in Scotland; more about him later. I can find no relationship or connection between the two families other than some of us have read the books by John Buchan, have some Buchan stoneware, or have some cloth or clothing from Ingles Buchan (Textiles) Ltd. and they may have tasted some Buchanan's Scotch.

We all should know that the Buchanan lands in Scotland are next to Loch Lomond, just northeast of Glasgow on the western side of Scotland. The Buchan territory is located in Aberdeenshire, over in the northeastern part of the country.

The Buchan's were a Sept of Clan Cumming, and that's how they are still listed in Scots Kith & Kin, until some twenty or so years ago. At that time, the aforementioned David Buchan was approached by other Buchan's with the idea of being recognized as separate Clan by themselves since the Cumming's had all but died off and were not a viable Clan name anymore. He did petition the Lord Lyon to recognize the family Buchan as a separate Clan with him, David, as its chief. This was granted.

Recently, David wrote me requesting our assistance in helping the Buchan's recruit members for his Clan Society and get more firmly established here in the U.S. I have informed him that we, like most if not all, Scottish society's in the U.S. always try to assist people trying to discover what Clan they belong to by directing them to that Clan's tent, if they are attending that particular gathering, or giving them the name and address of their Clan's representative if the Clan is not present. In the latter case, I usually refer to the directory issue of The Highlander magazine for that information. I also told him that I would bring this matter to the attention of our membership.

So there's your answer to the the Buchanan - Buchan connection. There is none. If someone with the name of Buchan does come asking where they belong, you can give them these two addresses. You might suggest that they do write to their chief as I know he would like to hear from them personally. Ask them also to mention that they received this information from the Clan Buchanan Society, I know David will appreciate it. Here are the names and addresses.

Clan Buchan Chief:
Mr. David Buchan
Clan Buchan Association
Auchmacoy Estate Office
Ellon
Aberdeenshire AB4 9RB,
Scotland

Clan Buchan Representative in the U.S.:
Mrs. Nancy L. Buchan
5334 Lakeside Dr.
Greendale, WI 53129



THE OUTLAWING OF THE TARTAN AND THE REPEAL

THE FOLLOWING IS THE DREADFUL AND HORRIBLE DETESTABLE OATH WHICH SCOTSMEN WERE FORCED TO ACCEPT AFTER COLLODEN (Copy of the text presented to Gene Grant by Robert MacIntosh of Cupar, Fife, Scotland).

I SWEAR, AS I SHALL ANSWER TO GOD ON THE GREAT DAY OF JUDGEMENT, I HAVE NOT, AND SHALL NOT HAVE IN MY POSSESSION, ANY GUN, SWORD OR ARMS WHATSOEVER, AND NEVER USE ANY TARTAN, PLAID OR ANY PART OF THE HIGHLAND GARB AND, IF I DO SO, MAY I BE ACCURSED IN MY UNDERTAKINGS, FAMILY AND PROPERTY, MAY I NEVER SEE MY WIFE, NOR CHILDREN NOR FATHER, MOTHER OR RELATIONS: MAY I BE KILLED IN BATTLE AS A FUGITIVE COWARD AND LIE WITHOUT CHRISTIAN BURIAL IN A FOREIGN LAND, FAR FROM THE GRAVES OF MY FOREFATHERS AND KINDRED: MAY ALL OF THIS COME UPON ME IF I BREAK THIS OATH.

THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THE GAELIC PROCLAMATION INTIMATING THE REPEAL IN 1782 OF THE ACT OF PARLIAMENT PASSED IN 1746 PROHIBITING THE WEARING OF HIGHLAND DRESS.

Listen Men,

THIS IS BRINGING BEFORE ALL THE SONS OF GAEL THAT THE KING AND PARLIAMENT OF BRITAIN HAVE FOREVER ABOLISHED THE ACT AGAINST THE HIGHLAND DRESS THAT CAME DOWN TO THE CLANS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD TO THE YEAR OF 1746. THIS MUST BRING JOY TO EVERY HIGHLAND HEART. YOU ARE NO LONGER BOUND DOWN TO THE UNMANLY DRESS OF THE LOWLANDER. THIS IS DECLARING EVERY MAN, YOUNG OR OLD, COMMONS OR GENTILE, THAT THEY MAY, AFTER THIS, PUT ON AND WEAR THE TREWS, THE LITTLE KILT, THE DOUBLET AND HOSE, ALONG WITH THE TARTAN KILT, WITHOUT FEAR OF THE LAW OF THE LAND OR THE JEALOUSY OF ENEMIES.

Thanks to Gene Grant of Clan Grant for the above information.



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**CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

IMPORTANT

Fill out for Secretary

Dues Paid: _____ (\$ _____)
DATE

Cash: (_____) Check: (_____)

Card: (_____) Crest: (_____)

Expires: _____

Mr. _____
Mrs. _____
Ms. _____
Miss _____

(Last Name) (First) (Middle or Maiden)

My address is: _____

Street City State Zip Code

_____ do hereby
apply for membership in the Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc., by virtue of my family name, (BUCHANAN), or
_____, which is one of the recognized Septs of
BUCHANAN; or is connected to BUCHANAN through my _____
whose name, place and date of birth are as follows: _____

My place and date of birth are: _____

My occupation is: (optional) _____

I am applying for: LIFE - \$125.00 (_____), SPONSOR - \$45.00 (5 yrs.) (_____)
FAMILY - \$20.00 (_____), INDIVIDUAL - \$10.00 (_____)

Note: Family & Individual dues are for one year; all renewals are \$10.00.

The complete names of my spouse and/or my children between 12 and 18 years of age to be included in the membership
are: Spouse _____
(First) (Middle or Maiden)

Children: _____

This application is taken at _____
(indicate the Highland Gathering or event at which application was taken)

and is to be returned to the officer listed below with my check for my dues made payable to:
THE CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY IN AMERICA, INC.

ANN BABYAK, SECY.
7482 Valerie Lane
Hudson, Ohio 44236

I understand this application is subject to the review and approval of the membership committee.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of "Convener" or other person giving the application:

Additional Questions on Back

The names that shall be recognized as Septs for membership in this Society shall be:

Bohanon	McCaslin	MacInally	Morrice
Coleman	Macauselan	MacIndeor	Morris
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Donlevy	MacCammond	MacMaster	Rusk
Dove	MacCasland	MacMasters	Ruskie
Dow	MacChruiter	MacMaurice	Ruskin
Gibb	MacColman	MacMorris	Spittal
Gibbs	MacColma	MacMurchie	Spittel
Gibby	MacColwan	MacMurphy	Spittle
Gibbon	MacCormac	MacNeur	Walter
Gibson	MacCormack	MacNuir	Walters
Gilbert	MacCommon	MacNuyer	Wason
Gilbertson	MacCoubrey	MacQuat	Wasson
Harper	MacCubbie	MacQuattie	Waters
Harperson	MacCubbin	MacQuattier	Watson
Kincaid	MacCubin	MacQuattiey	Watt
Leavy	MacCubing	MacQuinten	Watters
Lennie	MacDonleavy	MacWattie	Weir
Lenny	MacGeorge	MacWhirter	Yuill
Macaldonich	MacGibbon	MacWhorter	Yuille
Macalman	MacGilbert	Masters	Yool
Macandeor	MacGreusich	Masterson	Yule
Macaslan	MacGubbin	MaWhitty	Zuill

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How did you learn of the existence of the Clan Buchanan Society in America? _____

List any Scottish organization of which you are a member: _____

I can () cannot () provide genealogical information to the archives. I can offer service to the Society as Convener at games () committee work () special projects () piping () drumming () craftwork ()

other _____

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I am not a descendant of a member of the Clan Buchanan, but I am of Scottish ancestry by virtue of: _____

_____ and do hereby make application for affiliate membership in the Clan Buchanan Society, in America, Inc.

Mr., Mrs., Ms. _____
(Last) (First) (Middle or Maiden)

Address _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of "Convener" giving application _____

Gathering or Event where given _____