



The Iconic Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Entrance

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games were started in 1956 by Agnes MacRae Morton and Donald MacDonald and held on MacRae meadows, high on the slopes of the mile-high Grandfather Mountain. Since then, they have become one of the most popular and colorful events in the nation. Because Mr. MacDonald modelled the games after the “Royal Braemar Gathering” in Scotland (which he attended in 1954), the Grandfather Games are often referred to as “America’s Braemar”.

---taken from GMHG website-visit their website for more information.

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NEWSLETTER

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TRAVEL “THRIFTY” WITH SCOTTISH HERITAGE

My wife and I were in Scotland visiting family and friends for several days. While in Edinburgh, we finally toured the wonderful National Trust property near Musselburgh, New Hailes. It was the home of the distinguished Dalrymple family since the 1600s, and was turned over to the Trust by the family before 1999 (*at which time we were living on sabbatical in Edinburgh*), but we never managed to go till last week. It is well worth a visit: a sort of pre-Georgian country house, with everything even and symmetrical, and wonderfully fitted to its environment, overlooking the Firth of Forth. Important law lords once lived in it (*and it had the largest independent library in Scotland*), and was a meeting place for leaders of the Scottish Enlightenment, many

ofwhom – though ‘enlightened’ were still believing Christians – as was Lord Hailes.

Needless to say, our Scottish Heritage USA membership cards got us free entry into the grand property, and would almost pay back what our yearly membership fee costs us! If you go, tell them we sent you!

---Words from our Board President and his wife, Douglas & Caroline Kelly



MEET US at SCOTLAND COUNTY and STONE MOUNTAIN!

We are off again to see the sights at Scotland County Highland Games (Laurinburg, NC) and Stone Mountain Highland Games (GA). If you are attending either of these games, stop in and see our new wares and make sure you join up to get your *Highlander Magazine*, *Scotland in Trust Magazine* and FREE admission to National Trust Properties on your next visit to Scotland! It is well worth the price of membership.

SCOTLAND FROM 142 AD TO MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS

A SHORT HISTORY

Scotland's recorded history began when the Roman Empire decided to expand westward and conquer Caledonia. The Romans built two major fortifications (*Hadrian's Wall across the north and the Antonine Wall in the center of Scotland*) and were still unable to fully conquer this wild land. The Romans eventually tired of maintaining troops and left. Some of the Antonine walls (*about 60km*) still exists and is still a sight to see.

The Vikings were the next to arrive around 800 AD. Migrating from Norway and Denmark, they crossed the treacherous North Sea to trade and settle in Scotland. While Vikings began to settle in the west, the Picts were forging a new kingdom; Alba. Macbeth, perhaps one of the best-known early Scottish kings, ruled as King of Alba from 1040 to his death in battle in 1057. Yes, he is Shakespeare's Macbeth (*a fictitious story*).

In the 12th century the Kingdom of Alba continued to grow and became a feudal society. The Treaty of Falaise, signed by William I, ushered in a period of relative peace in Scotland. During the reigns of Alexander II and then Alexander III, more land was turned over to agriculture, trade with the continent bolstered the economy and monasteries and abbeys grew and flourished around the country.

The death of Alexander III brought unrest to Scotland because there was no heir. England's monarch, Edward I, believed he should be recognized as overlord of Scotland and his troops marched north in a series of bloody sieges. In 1297, Edward's army planned to cross the River Forth at Stirling Bridge; the Scots seized the opportunity to attack at the crossing of the River Forth, the Stirling Bridge, forcing the English army to retreat. It was here one of Scotland's most famous figures, William Wallace, earned his place in the history books forever.

Unrest continued into the 14th century when Robert the Bruce took the throne and was crowned king (1306). Fighting continued until 1314 at the Battle of Bannockburn, where Robert the Bruce and his army defeated Edward II, a major turning point in his rule.

A letter written in Latin, signed by Scottish Barons and Nobles, and sent to Pope John XXII, the Declaration of Arbroath (1320) proclaimed Scotland's status as an independent sovereign state. Though its effect was largely symbolic, the powerful declaration remains an important document in Scottish history – many historians believe it inspired America's founding fathers to write the United States Declaration of Independence.

Mary, newly born at Linlithgow Palace (1523), was just six days old when her father, James V, died and she was crowned Queen of Scots. Her reign was marked by Catholic-Protestant



← Stirling Bridge then and now



conflict and civil unrest in a period known as the 'rough wooing'.

In England, worried about the possibility of a Catholic plot against her, Elizabeth I imprisoned Mary and later, after almost 19 years of captivity, had her executed at Fotheringhay Castle in Northamptonshire in 1567 at the age of 44.

For more information visit the [National Archives of Scotland](#).

---Taken from *SCOTLAND The Official Gateway to Scotland*



Robert-de-Bruce addresses troops before the battle of Bannockburn



Mary, Queen of Scots



Elizabeth I, Queen of England & Scotland

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SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. What is the name of the steam railway that operates out of Aviemore?
2. Name the 1986 medieval murder-mystery film in which Sean Connery starred.
3. Where is the "Timex" factory located?
4. Beneath which hills are King Arthur and his Knights said to rest?
5. Who was Robert Burns' "Clarinda"?
6. Who was the last great auk killed?
7. Where was Captain Kidd born?
8. What is the name of Edinburgh's prison?
9. Whokilled Duncan I?
10. Whoprinted the first Encyclopaedia Britannica?

Bonus: Which King James of Scotland lived the longest?

1. Strathspey Way
2. The Name of the Rose
3. Dundee
4. Eildon Hills
5. Agnes Maclehose
6. St. Kilda
7. Greenock
8. Saughton
9. Macbeth
10. William Smellie

Bonus: James VII

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