



Prince Charles with Board Member Robert McWilliam

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MEET BOARD MEMBER ROBERT McWILLIAM

Bob has been with Scottish Heritage for over thirty years during which he and his family have met many interesting people and have had numerous adventures in the pursuit of things Scottish! During Bob's early years the fall board meetings were often held in New York City and after the meeting, the board would attend the New York St. Andrew's Burns Dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria. On one of these occasions, the McWilliam's held a family reunion and won the society's annual trophy for the largest clan attendance.

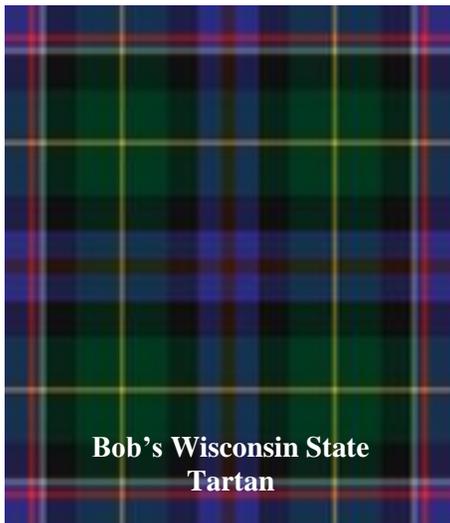
During Bob's early years with Scottish Heritage, he and a family member would run a Scottish Heritage tent at many of the Highland Games. One of the Spring games each year was the McAlester games in Minnesota where needless to say, the weather was highly unpredictable, including a memorable snowstorm that destroyed nearly all of the tents on the field resulting in the games being canceled and the weekend spent cleaning up!

Scottish Heritage used to sponsor tours of Scotland and Bob and his wife Mary were lucky enough to have participated in one where they visited many of the National Trust properties that had received substantial grants from Scottish Heritage.

When Congress recognized April 6th as Tartan Day in March 2009, the Washington DC Tartan Day Committee held a delightful weekend celebration and that evening Bob & Mary were privileged to attend a reception at the British Ambassador's residence where they met the Scottish 1st Minister and the British Ambassador. At the party most of the Americans were in kilts and all of the Scottish delegation were in dark suits!



Robert McWilliam



Bob's Wisconsin State Tartan

A Wisconsin state tartan (*obviously Bob is from Wisconsin*) was designed at Bob's request by Phil Smith which then took Bob two years of attending legislative committee hearings for both houses to pass a resolution to make it the State Tartan and to get the Governor to sign it into law

Over a period of several years Bob and his sons took numerous canoe trips in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota partly shadowing the journal entries of a young Scotch clerk of the Northwest Trading company as he traveled to his inland trading post. Their trips trailed his journal from the shores of Lake Superior and across much of northern Minnesota following his trip on what is now known as the Voyager's Highway. One of Bob's sons is a piper and he piped them across several of the historical portages encountered.

In 1993 Bob was a member of the Clan Donald crew of 13 that rowed and sailed the Aileach-an open decked, 40 foot replica of a Scottish Berlinn (*a short Viking long boat*)

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from Armadale, Skye; down the west coast of Scotland; through the Inner Hebrides, portaging the Aileach across the Kintyre Isthmus to commemorate Magnus Bare Legs, the King of Norway's 1098 portage; and then up the river Clyde to the center of the city of Glasgow, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Forfeiture of the Lordship of the Isles

In 2007, Bob was granted a Coat of Arms by the Lord Lyon for "services rendered to Scotland; and Scottish culture." According to the Lord Lyon Bob is the first McWilliam to have a coat of arms listed in the Lyon's register of Scottish arms.

In 2009 he was invited by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs to speak in the Debating Chambers of the Scottish Parliament on the occasion of the 2009 International Clan Gathering in Edinburgh (*details of this gathering was highlighted in our 2016 June-July Newsletter*).

While visiting Edinburgh with his grandson, they found the cemetery and grave of a paternal grandparent. There was no record of anybody in the family ever having visited the grave. So, it appears that Bob's grandson was the first member of the family in six generations to visit his place of burial. Later on, in the day they visited the site of the Tavern Bob's grandparent owned.

Some years ago, Bob was the Master of Ceremonies at a rededication of our Milwaukee Robert Burns statue which had some repairs done to it as well as being relocated to a better site. Bob's Father-in-law was a great admirer of Burn's poetry, and one night, at the base of that same Burns statue, he proposed and became engaged to Bob's Mother-in-law on April 14 (St Valentine's Day) 1927. It's Bob's firm belief that the two of them would get quite a chuckle seeing the twenty-two immediate members of their daughter's family listening to the speeches and trying to sing some of Burns' songs!

Look for more member's stories in future Newsletters.

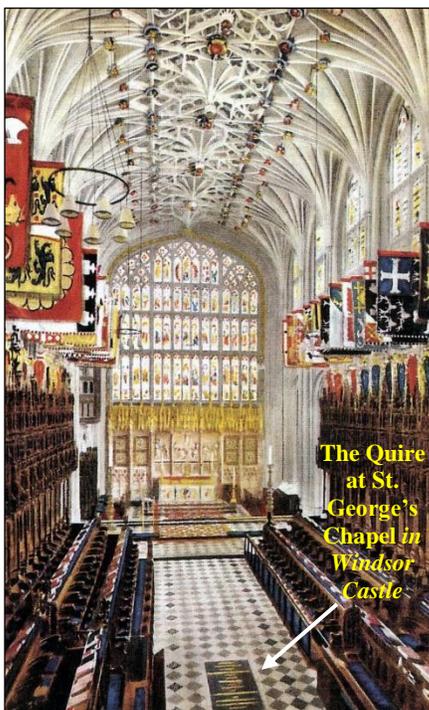
WHERE WAS KING HENRY VII BURIED?

For his tomb, Henry requested "... a convenient altar honourably prepared and appareled with all manner of things requisite and necessary for daily masses there to be said perpetually while the world shall endure". Described in around 1,400 words, the plans included effigies of the king and queen as if sleeping; numerous angels; prophets aloft columns; scriptures and children with baskets of red and white roses scattering them down over the tomb and the pavement beyond. It would have been fabulous, very 'Henry-esque' – if it had been built! Neither the tomb, nor the masses, were completed as Henry had stipulated. Despite his keen control of self-image in life and instructions for his tomb and image in death, poor old Henry remains in a 'temporary' vault under the Quire in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle in the company of his third queen, Jane Seymour, and also the body of Charles I and one of Queen Anne's tragically short-lived children. The chamber is marked simply by a black marble slab placed there almost 300 years later on the orders of William IV, its functional description the only thing alerting us to his presence beneath:

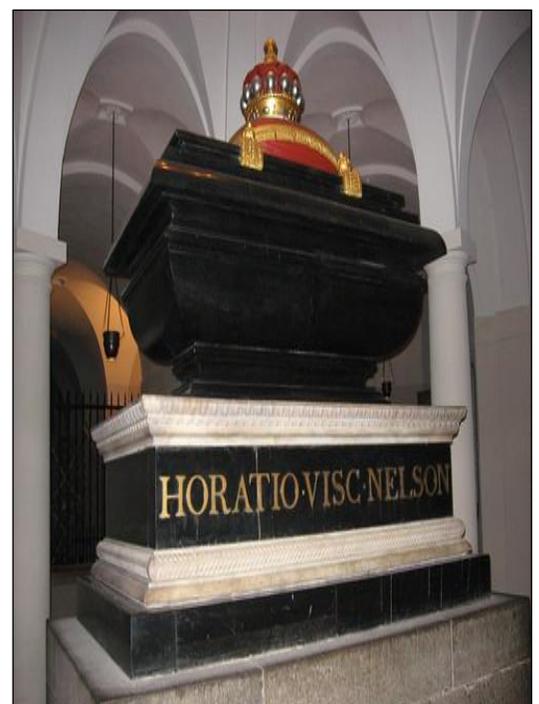
IN A VAULT BENEATH THIS MARBLE
SLAB ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS OF
JANE SEYMOUR QUEEN OF KING HENRY
VIII 1537
KING HENRY VIII 1547
KING CHARLES I 1648
AND
AN INFANT CHILD OF QUEEN ANNE.

THIS MEMORIAL WAS PLACED HERE BY
COMMAND OF KING WILLIAM IV. 1837.

A black marble sarcophagus confiscated from Cardinal Wolsey by Henry was to be used for his burial. However, the sarcophagus remained at Windsor for more than 250 years until the Georgians found a use for it and transported it to the crypt of St Paul's Cathedral, London, where it now holds the coffin of Admiral Horatio Nelson!



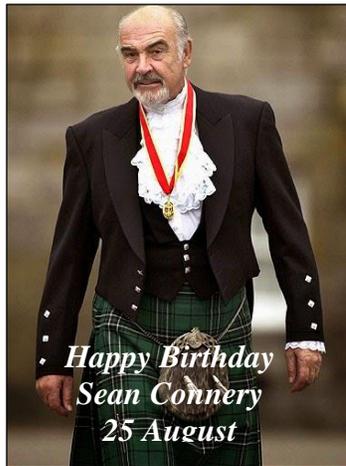
The Quire
at St.
George's
Chapel in
Windsor
Castle



SCOTLAND'S SPOOKIEST PLACES

CAWDOR CASTLE

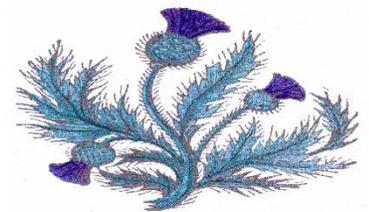
Cawdor's ghost is thought to be the daughter of the Earl of Cawdor. A wayward lass who insulted her father by flattering an enemy chieftain's son. When the Earl discovered their tryst, she fled to the highest tower of the castle as he followed in murderous pursuit. She lowered herself from the window to escape the threats of her father, but he showed no mercy and chopped off her hands, sending her to her death. Visitors have reported seeing the ghost of this handless girl still roaming the castle.



FOR THE HISTORY BUFF

Follow along with a Scottish doctor as he completes his rounds in 1943 with this gem produced by the Highlands & Islands Medical Services:
<https://youtu.be/evb55cmg7B4>

Take a Highland Journey in this 1957 "Travelogue" produced by British Transport Films – in Technicolor!
<https://youtu.be/3o5-3xtFsHQ>



Flowers of the Forest:

Ann Long
Bonifay, FL
October 2019

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SCOTTISH HERITAGE?



Scottish Heritage Members sponsor:

- ❖ *The First Scottish Gaelic Lectureship in the country at UNC Chapel Hill - funded by Scottish Heritage USA 2017-18 & 2018-19 and 2019-20*
- ❖ *Highland Dance and Piping Scholarships*
- ❖ *Grants to the National Trust for Scotland for maintaining properties in Scotland*
- ❖ *Grants to The National Trust Foundation in Boston for their work in the States and in Scotland*
- ❖ *Grants to non-profits in the States who promote Scottish Culture*
- ❖ *And many more*

WE ARE ALSO A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE GMHG CULTURAL VILLAGE!

If you are planning a trip to Scotland, the following benefits are granted to all members of Scottish Heritage USA

- Reciprocal membership to the National Trust for Scotland Foundation, USA
- Reciprocal membership in The National Trust for Historic Preservation (27 sites in the US)
- Free Admission to all (over 70) National Trust for Scotland properties
- Annual subscription (six issues per year) to "Scotland" magazine
- Annual subscription to the National Trust's magazine published three times per year
- INVITATION to members only reception following the Grandfather Mt Highland Games AND if you join AT GMHG, the reception is FREE
- Discounts on all Scottish Heritage tartan merchandise plus, our Newsletter

Memberships range from \$25 to \$500 and are well worth the price!

Call us at (910) 295.4448, email us at: shusa457@gmail.com, or visit our website www.scottishheritageusa.org and join now!

RECIPE CORNER

Scottish Flapjacks are not pancakes – They're Flapjacks

Ingredients:

- 6oz unsalted butter
- 4oz Soft Light Brown Sugar
- 4oz Flour *
- 5oz Hamlyns of Scotland Porridge Oats
- 1 tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
- ¼- ½ cup chopped raisins, walnuts, pecans as desired

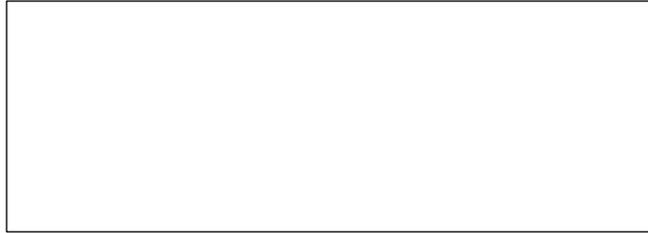
* Whole meal flour best to use or Beremeal Method

Pre-heat oven to 350F
Melt the butter and sugar in a large non-stick pot, stirring until almost dissolved
Remove from heat and stir in all remaining ingredients mixing well together
Line a 7 x 11 in baking pan with parchment paper with paper up the sides.
Press the mixture firmly evenly into the pan.
Place in the middle rack of the oven and bake for about 20 minutes. Can bake longer for a crunchier flapjack but be careful not to burn.
Remove pan and let it cool for about 15 mins before lifting the contents onto a cutting board
Cut into squares with a pizza cutter and let flapjacks cool to room temperature before storing into airtight container.
For a large hungry family double the recipe and use a larger baking pan.



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SCOTTISH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

1. What is the earliest known occupation of Scotland by man?
2. When is St. Andrew's Day?
3. In which abbey is James III buried?
4. What was the name of the ship in which Bonnie Prince Charlie sailed from France to Scotland?
5. When was the Stone of Destiny stolen from Westminster?
6. Where is the National Trust's Tenement House?
7. Who was stabbed to death by Robert the Bruce? (*Hint-if you read last month's newsletter, the answer is there.*)
8. Which Scottish inventor founded the journal Science?
9. What is 'the great chieftain o' the puddin' race'?
10. What is the only church designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh?

Bonus: Which Scottish golfer won the British Open with a set of clubs which he made himself?

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

Cynthia Cree	Jim & Cathy Gellatly
George & Stephanie Morris	Mary Kay & David Talbot
Stephen & Mollie Watts	Grant & Rebecca Weatherstone

BRONZE AGE CHIEFTAIN'S REMAINS FOUND IN LECHLADE SKATE PARK! (UK)

Archaeologists have unearthed the skeletons of 2 men, one of whom is possibly a Chieftain. This "Beaker Man" was buried in a seated position alongside four cowhide "rugs," an eight-inch copper dagger and a wrist guard made of rare green stone. Cremated remains from the late Bronze Age, bones dating to the Iron Age and Anglo-Saxon skeletons have all been unearthed in the so-called Lechlade complex endowing the site with one of the longest burial histories in Britain!



BONUS: William Auchterlone

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