



**HENDERSON
BLOOD
SAVES LIVES!**

Hi, Fellow Clan Henderson Cousins:
Members of Clan Henderson have an amazing opportunity! We can help our fellow citizens while pioneering a new approach to blood donation. Here's what's going on.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns, many businesses, colleges, and universities were forced to skip their usual blood drives. In too many cases, the supply of blood is so low that surgeries have to be postponed. Yes, it's a critical situation, but the good news is, we can help!

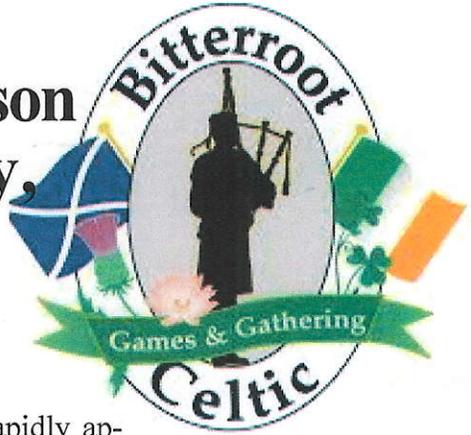
Remember our battle cry, The Hendersons are Here! My family branch of the Clan is doing just that. So far, we've donated 34 pints of blood to the American Red Cross. That means we've saved at least 34 lives, and very likely more.

Now, all Clan Henderson cousins can join us. The American Red Cross is looking for new ways



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**Clan
Henderson
Society,
Inc.,
AGM
Update**



August is rapidly approaching and so is the 2022 AGM!
The event this year will be at the Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering in Hamilton, Montana, August 20-21, 2022.

Hotels with rooms blocked for us are Quality Inn (406-636-6600) and Super 8 (406-961-7415).

Please call the hotels directly for reservations for Clan Henderson. If you haven't yet booked flights, the nearest airport is Missoula (MSO), Montana.

Weekend Agenda: Friday

8 AM * Executive Board Meeting via virtual meeting platform (link will be forwarded at a later date)

5:00-ish – meet & greet at Mark and Sandi's wilderness cabin. BYOB. Appetizers, conversation and shenanigans for all! Address will be forwarded closer to the event.

Saturday

8:00 Mountain Time - AGM This will be the usual business meeting of CHS and ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Meeting to be conducted via virtual platform

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Congratulations

to all of these
Clan Henderson
members
who are
Honored this quarter!

The Order of the Chief (with Distinction)

A medal awarded for recognition of continuous service to the Clan or Society, especially as it pertains to the goals of the Society. Awarded Chief's medal previously. Must be an active member of the Society or active at the time of death (if posthumous).

2022 Awardee

Jeff Henderson, member no. 4371. Awarded for service to the Clan and the Society as a convenor, bodyguard, and inspirational leader while in support of activities and events in the Oceania Region. Awarded the Chief's Medal in 2018

The Order of the Chief

Induction into the Order of the Chief is symbolized by a medal awarded for recognition of service to the Clan or Society, especially as it pertains to the goals of the Society. Ideally, recipients are members of the Society but under special circumstances need not be.

2022 Awardees

James Clay, III member no. 1607. Awarded for 23 years of impressive service as a member of the bodyguard, including Georgia State Leader. His outstanding service continues to the present.

Gene Demler, member no. 4156. Awarded for long-term dedicated enthusiasm and support of

all things Scottish.

Georgia Henderson, member no. 4507. Awarded for service to the Clan and the Society as an unselfish and dedicated convenor and leader while in support of activities and events in the Oceania Region.

Noela Henderson, member no. 4421. Awarded for inspirational leadership and generosity in support of Scottish Arts programs and Australian youth development with a focus on Scottish dance.

Tom Henderson, member no. 4507. Awarded for service to the Clan and the Society as an unselfish and dedicated convenor and leader while in support of activities and events in the Oceania Region.

Jen Marr, member no. 4973. Awarded for service to the Clan and the Society as an enthusiastic and dedicated convenor, partner, and tireless worker while in support of activities and events in the Oceania Region.

Mitzi Perdue, member no. 4539. Awarded for being the inspiration leader in the development of a Blood Donor Program and spiritual leader of a large branch of MacEanruig cousins. Personally responsible for 20 new memberships in a short period of time.

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President's Quarterly Message

Leon Hicks

*Clan Henderson Society
President*

It has been an extremely busy quarter for our Society.

First, I'd like to express my great appreciation to all of those who have been so proactive in making things happen for Clan Henderson – worldwide!

If you have been following events on our Facebook page you have undoubtedly seen the great effort by Georgia Gai Henderson in convening events in Australia! She has posted excellent photos for their activities as well as the participation of our Chief, Alistair Henderson. We are extremely blessed to have such an active contingent in Australia.

Our colleague in Spain, Loiso Beiroa Troiteiro has also posted many interesting articles there. At some point we may look to migrating to other social media outlets, but I encourage all our members to follow all our activities wherever they can.

I'd like to take this opportunity to announce a new appointment, Harry Keifer has accepted the position of Bodyguard Director (formerly Lead Bodyguard). Harry and wife Suzanne Keifer have been great supporters of our Society for many years. Harry has served in many capacities both as an appointed official and as an elected official. He has

been a member of the Bodyguard for as many years as he has been a member of the Society.

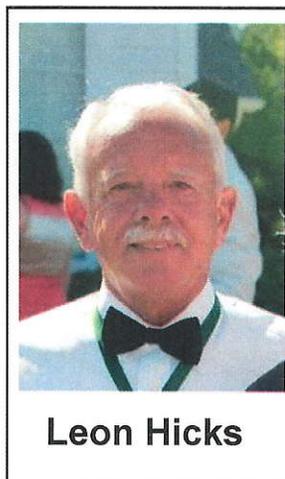
Prior to accepting this position, he was the head of the South East Region Bodyguard. He, along with George Henderson and our High Commissioner Dave Henderson, have been instrumental in the sustaining and re-development of the Bodyguard.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a talented person accept this role.

Unfortunately, along with this announcement comes another: our former Head of the Bodyguard, Jeremy Lussi has decided to resign from this position. Jeremy, and his wife Brittany Lussi, have long served our

community being dedicated members of Clan Henderson. Jeremy recently retired from active duty in the US Army and is looking forward to spending more time with his family. We look forward to seeing them at future Society events and his participation as a member of the Bodyguard.

Kudos to Mitzi Henderson Perdue and VP Members, Mark Henderson, for introducing and developing the Red Cross/Clan Henderson Soci-



Leon Hicks

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Awards to our Clan Henderson members,
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Congratulations

Claude A. Henderson Memorial Awards Fellow Of The Society

The **Claude A. Henderson Fellowship** is in recognition for those individuals who have donated the sum of \$1000 or more, for the purpose of sustaining the goals and values of the Society. The contributor is recognized as a **Claude A. Henderson Fellow**.

2022 Awardees

George Henderson, member no. 5. Awarded for financial contributions in excess of \$1,000 USD in support of the Youth Scholarship Program

Noela Henderson, member no. 4421. Awarded for For financial contributions in excess of \$5,000 AUD in support of Scottish Arts, especially dance, in Australia

J. Steven Henderson, member no. 2568. For financial contributions in excess of \$7,000 USD in support of CHS programs including scholarships, genealogical research, member support, and other donations.



President's Message, *continued from page 3*

ety blood drive activity. This is an extremely important effort for both our communities. Please see the article on this subject written by Mitzi Henderson Perdue.

Regarding the status of our Estate Giving Program: Vince Henderson, VP Legal Affairs, is developing an information sheet on this subject. It will provide the means, and the instructions, for designating Clan Henderson Society in your estate planning effort. This is an extremely important effort for the long-term status of our Society and the fulfillment of our mission. We will plan to have this available by the August Annual General Meeting in Bitterroot, Montana.

Lastly, I had the honor and pleasure to meet with two of Clan Henderson's extraordinarily talented dancers; Audrey Trawick and Brynn Brown and their families. I'm pleased to pass along their great appreciation to Clan Henderson Society for its support in their pursuit of excellence. Brynn mentioned that she will be attending the Ohio School for Celtic Arts in Wellington, Ohio this summer. This school is another benefactor of the Clan Henderson Society charitable giving program.

Well Done Clan Henderson!



Wanna see and read
CHS's Meri Russel's absolutely
great spreadsheet on
Scottish games?
Just email:
russell.charm@gmail.com



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(either TEAMS or ZOOM). Link will be forwarded via email closer to event date.

Nominees for office are: President – Louis Russell. Vice President Members – Suzanne Emerson. VP – Operations – Mark Henderson. Secretary – Sue Hoffman. Treasurer – Carol Martin. Legal Affairs – Vincent Henderson.

Meeting to be conducted via virtual platform (either TEAMS or ZOOM). Link will be forwarded via email closer to event date.

9-5 Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering on the grounds of the Marcus Daly Mansion.

Follow Bitterroot Celtic Games on Facebook and check their website, www.BCGG.org for updated schedule of events. Parking is at Hamilton High School. Shuttle buses to the event run every few minutes.

5:00(ish) pm - Cocktail hour and 6pm CHS dinner at Nap's Grill. Menu details TBD.

7:30 – Ceilidh on the grounds of Games. All are invited and it will be a fun event!

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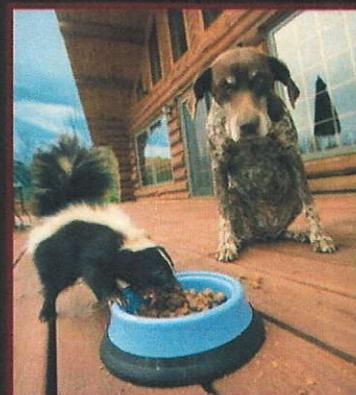


**BITTERROOT CELTIC
GAMES AND GATHERING**

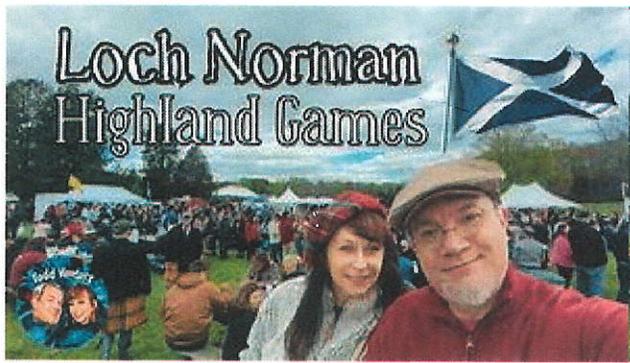


CJ Henderson and John McKendry at the Kern County Scottish Games recently. CJ is a member of the Wicked Tinkers, the band which performed at these games - all to the crowd's delight! (More photos on pages 20 and 21 of this issue.)

**Two of the greatest qualities
to have in life are:**



PATIENCE and WISDOM



Here we are, again!

Suzanne Keifer

Finally! After two years of no games due to Covid, Loch Norman Highland Games were up and running again. It appeared there were fewer clans than in years past; but a very chilly and blustery weekend could not keep attendees away, I think people were just ready to get out and do SOMETHING....

Clan Henderson was well represented- I don't dare try to name everyone. There was a steady stream of visitors to the tent both Saturday and Sunday.

We had a great bodyguard for the Parade of Tartans and our customary Walkabout.

We were also fortunate to have the services of the Loch Norman Pipe Band, not only for our Walkabout but also for the Kilt Christening ceremony (a Henderson tradition at these games) and the Handfasting Ceremony of Robin Henderson (our High Commissioner's daughter) and her (now) husband Michael Durham.

More on the Handfasting from Peggy Sanford: the ceremony was performed by Fred Sanford, Clan Chaplain at the Clan Henderson tent.

The couple were married a week later, the day before Easter. Thanks, Peggy!

The living history encampment is a must-see. Re-enactors from Viking times all the way to WW2 are present to answer your questions and demonstrate what life was like during their times.

I learn something new every single time I visit. This time was how to prep a canon to fire; the soldiers were able to prime, light, fire, and re-load within 20 seconds!! (And if they didn't, they were usually rather brutally punished.)

There are a couple of unique traditions at these



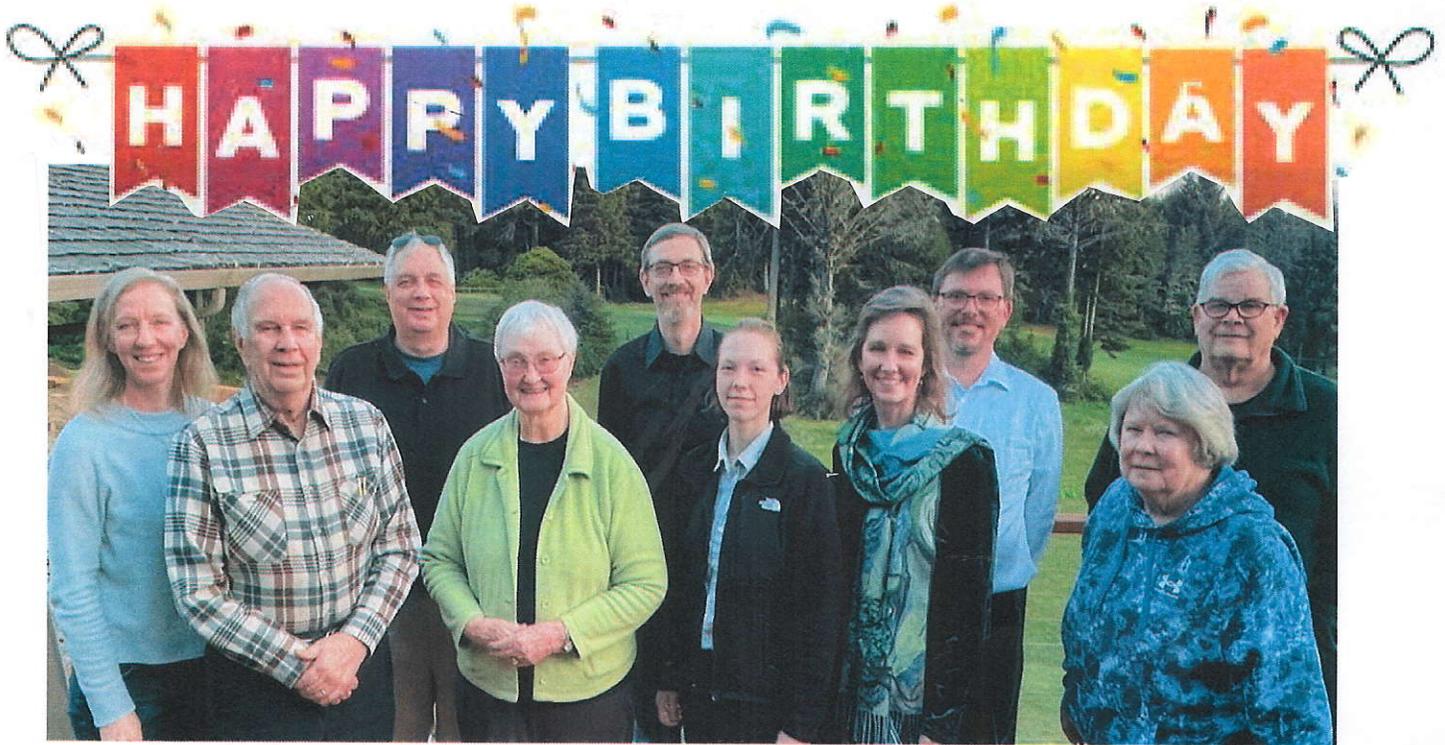
games that you don't see at other ones.

The first is the flag retirement ceremony that is put on by the local SAMS unit. A truly touching service that demonstrates respect and honor for our flag.

The second tradition, at the closing of the games, is the placing of stones of those who have passed onto the memorial Cairn. As there had been no games for a couple of years, there were quite a few stones placed in memory. I placed a stone for Pat Maddox who passed shortly after Rex.

I hope these games continue to grow back to what they were before Covid. There's plenty to see and do during this weekend starting with the Call to the Clans Friday night, musical entertainment, athletic, band and solo competition, highland dancing, vendors, and food! All this and the camaraderie of family and friends.

Maybe next year it could be a tad less windy, though...



Suzanne Henderson Emerson's Mom is celebrating her 80th birthday with her family! She is Pat Hobrecht Henderson and is 3rd from the left on the front row of the above photo with the biggest smile on her face! The family gathered at Salishan Lodge for the birthday celebration!

Ask me about

**Clan
Henderson
Society's**



**Scholarship
Program**

If you shop Amazon, you could be donating to The Clan Henderson Society with every purchase!

For those of you that are unaware, Amazon will donate .05% of your Amazon purchases to The Clan Henderson Society.

The instructions to use this program are as follows:

Go to www.smile.amazon.com

- * Login or create an Amazon account if you don't already have one.
- * At the bottom of the screen you can "Pick Your Charitable Organization."
- * Type in Clan Henderson Society in the box and select search.

Once you have selected your charity Just shop and .05% of your before tax total will be donated.

Remember

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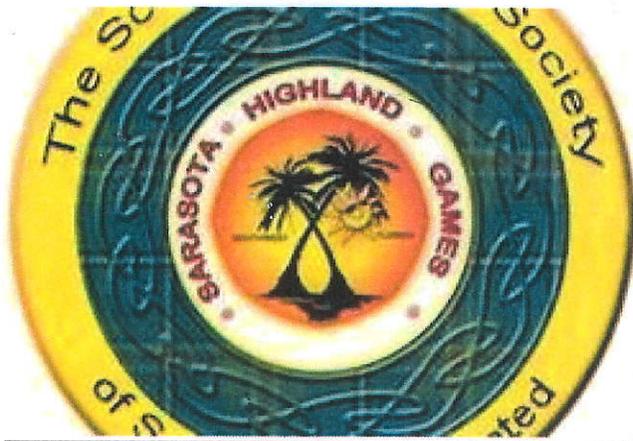
Not all items qualify for a donation to be made but most do.

It's that easy.

Ask your friends and family who already shop Amazon, to now shop Smile.Amazon.com and pick Clan Henderson Society as their charity. Shopping Amazon any other way is just throwing money away. Every penny helps.

Staci Simpson





Clan Henderson official “dispenser” of Hershey Kisses at Sarasota!

Alan Henderson

To our clan...

The 2022 Sarasota Highland Games and Celtic Festival were held on the 5th of February. It remains an example of the “can do” attitude typical of Clan Henderson.

Rain, wind, and overcast skies were the norm throughout the day. However, spirits remained buoyed up by the friendliness, comradery and love of heritage that everyone in attendance displayed.

Our Convenor for these games was me, Alan Henderson of Woodstock, Georgia. I was assisted by my daughter, Karen Henderson Gamez, Maxis Gamez (both of Sarasota), niece Amanda Hancock of Rome, Georgia, and close friend, Peggy Lewis of Tampa, Florida.

There were a greater number of young people, more than in 2020, at these games.

Of course, as in the past, Clan Henderson became the “unofficial dispenser” of Hershey Kisses. Peggy Lewis added Highland coloring books and face painting to our “kid-friendly” attractions. Amanda Hancock, Karen, and Maxis Gamez were indispensable in providing support during display/tent setup, encouraging and greeting attendees

Among the highlights of the day was an interview by Veronica Ferrante. Veronica is pursuing a degree in School Psychology at Nova Southeastern University. She interviewed me as part of a “cultural exploration” assignment focus-

sing on child-rearing approaches in different cultures.

Veronica is a first-generation Cuban/American.

Clan Henderson wishes Veronica all the success that her hard work and determination deserve.

We provided a new and exciting feature this year: multi-generational family tree charts. Our hope is that by doing so, games attendees will explore and develop a deeper appreciation of their heritage.

Any Highland game is an opportunity to renew and create friendships. These 2022 games were no exception (Clan Irwin remains a perennial delight).

Can you imagine the wonderful possibilities and new friends we will find at the 2023 Sarasota Highland Games!

All our best,

Alan





Kern County (CA) Scottish Games 2022



John and Sherrilyn McKendry

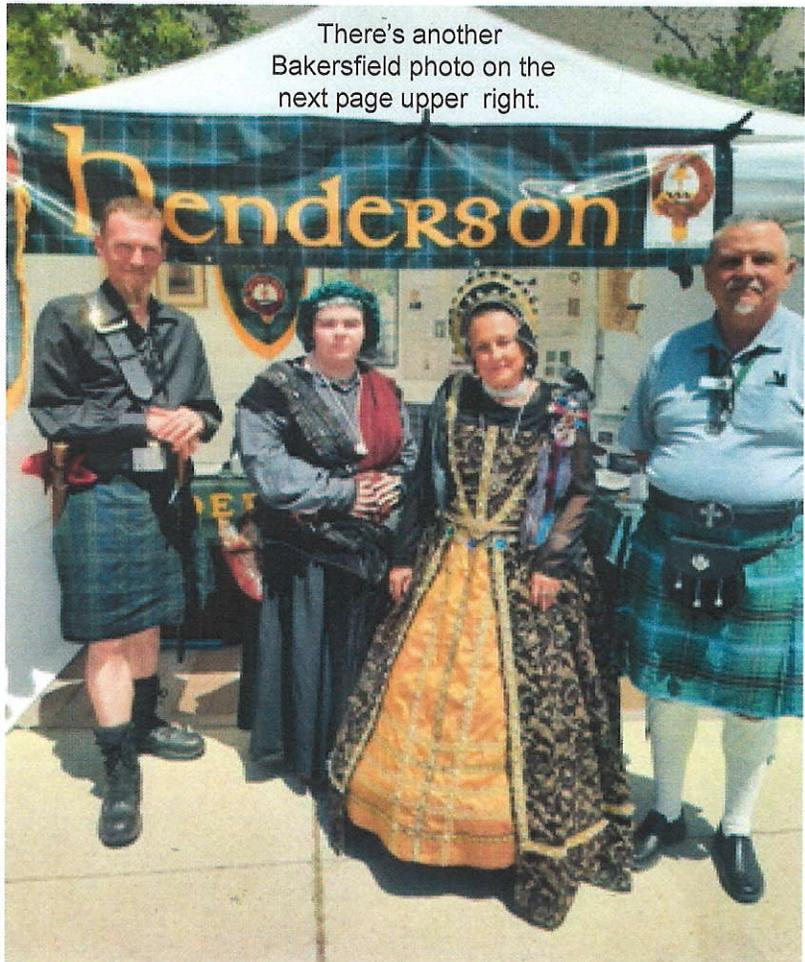
Sherrilyn and I will be retiring from being conveners at the end of this year. We are planning to still do this year's Fresno and Seaside games. It's getting too difficult to host the Clan tent. We have had a great time over the years, but it's just too taxing on our minds and bodies. We will still go to events and visit.



Sherrilyn & John McKendry



Adam Lackey & John



There's another Bakersfield photo on the next page upper right.

Adam Lackey and the Queen with one of her Ladies in Waiting with John

Henderson's donate blood! Con't from page 1 to meet their needs for blood donation, and I suggested that a new source would be family associations such as ours that could show the world just how caring and community-minded we are.

Want to know where to go to get started? Want to know more about why it's important? Visit the Blood Donor section of the Clan Henderson website at <https://clanhendersonsociety.com> or go here: <https://clanhendersonsociety.ecroninc.com>.



When you donate blood just let us know and you will receive this Blood Donor pin.

ALSO, you've heard of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, right?

Mark Victor Hansen, the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* guy has a great free gift for you when you visit the website. He supports blood donation and he has an eBook for you that normally costs \$24.95. It's free!

Please join us. Let's get 100 blood donations! Help us live up to our Henderson Motto, "Only virtue enobles."

If this intrigues you, let me know! If you'd like to help with this project, also let me know. Mitzi@MitziPerdue.com

BTW: other organizations are watching us!



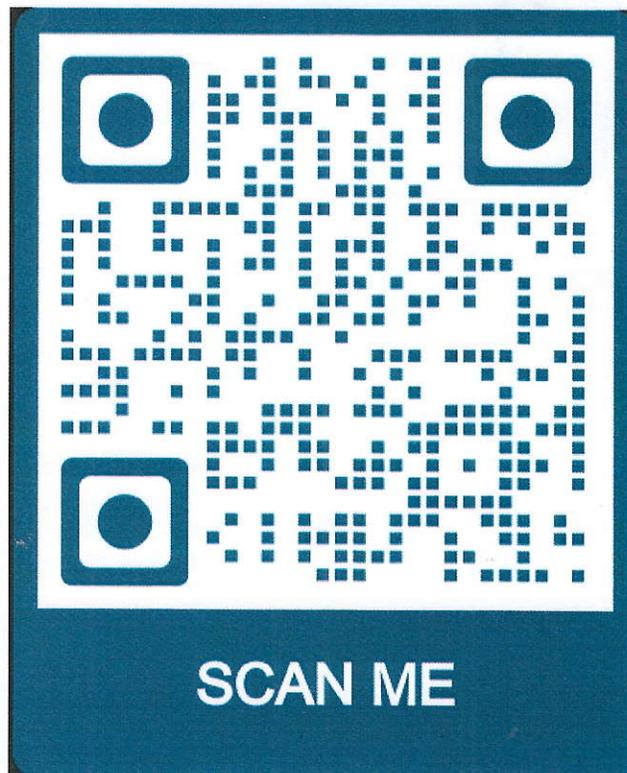
Depending on how successful we are, they might start their own initiatives, based on what we do. Yes, the HENDERSON'S ARE HERE.

Hugs from your cousin,
Mitzi Henderson Perdue
(Mrs. Frank Perdue, yes... that Frank Perdue)



Everyone is having a great time at the Kern County Games!

To go along with the article on the Blood Donor Program. Scan this and it will lead to a link on how to donate Blood.





Mark Henderson, Vice President of Members, reports the new members of the clan for this quarter.

In the Central Region, we welcome Daniel Henderson of Washington, Iowa and Bethyl Lueck of Mamestown, North Dakota.

The Far South Region of CHS is delighted to have Craig Henderson of Bedford, Texas; Holly Gwen Henderson of San Antonio, Texas and Scarlet Krauss of San Antonio, Texas.

Great Lakes Region says "howdy" to Melissa Hudson of Mount Caramel, Illinois! So glad to have you!

The International Clan Henderson has a new member, too. It's Vanessa Itey of Cenon, France! Welcome!

The Mid South Region is happy to welcome Joseph Spradlin of Sumiton, Alabama!

The South East Region new members for this quarter include Christina Henderson of

Summerville, South Carolina; Gabriel Henderson of Durham, North Carolina; James Henderson who lives in Newport, North Carolina; Phillip Alan Henderson of Atlanta, Georgia; Douglas C. Henderson, III of Newport, North Carolina; Jackie

Henry of St. Cloud, Florida; Mary Kay McAnally of Milton, Florida; Gary Parrish of Snow Camp, North Carolina; Brian Passary of Palmetto, Florida and Sara Vanderbilt of Sanford, North Carolina. What a great crowd of new cousins



for us all!

The South Pacific Region is glad to call Dorothy Henderson of Beaumont, California one of their own!

The South West Clan Henderson Region welcomes Monica Feagan of Van Alstyne, Texas; Gary Henderson of Queen Creek, Arizona; Travis Henderson of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Nick Smith of Mesa, Arizona.

New Members! When you get your new kilt or kilted skirt in one of the Henderson tartans, don't forget to have it "christened" at the Henderson Clan tent at the next Highland Games.

Congratulations!

LONGEVITY MEMBER RECOGNITION

*Clan Henderson
Society, Inc.*

PINS! *Congratulations!*
5 YEARS, 15 YEARS AND 25 YEARS



Congratulations!

Mark Henderson, Vice President of Members, has the good news for these Clan Henderson cousins! All of these folks have been awarded longevty pins for CHS!

Five Year pins go this time to: Jimmy Henderson of Frisco, Texas; Todd Henderson of Fort Worth, Texas (both from the Far South Region); Barbara W. Bartoo of the North Pacific Region and Juneau, Alaska; and Warren Henry of Brisband, QLD who is from our Oceania region.

Congratulations to our members who receive **15 year pins** this time! From the Far South Region and Coldspring, Texas, Jason D. Vanderwarf and the Great Lakes Region has Jean Madden from Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Our **25 year members** include from the Mid East Region Janiel S. Henderson of Knoxville, Maryland; and Faye L. Irely from Monongahela, Pennsylvania. From the North Pacific Region comes Steven D. Talbott of Moscow, Idaho who has been a member of the Clan Henderson Society for a quarter of a century! Yahoo.

Everyone will receive their longevty pins in the USPS mail.

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It won't be long until GMHG is here again!

Mary Lane Henderson

The Grandfather Mountain Games are coming up soon. The 2022 games will be held July 7-10 in Linville, NC.

Last year there were between 35,000 and 40,000 people in attendance.

McRae Meadows is a large area surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains and close to Grandfather Mountain.

The Henderson's were well represented on the field having the largest clan in the Parade of Tartans(23).

GMHG Trustee Alastair stated that "as Clan Henderson entered the field there was no mistaking his top vote!"

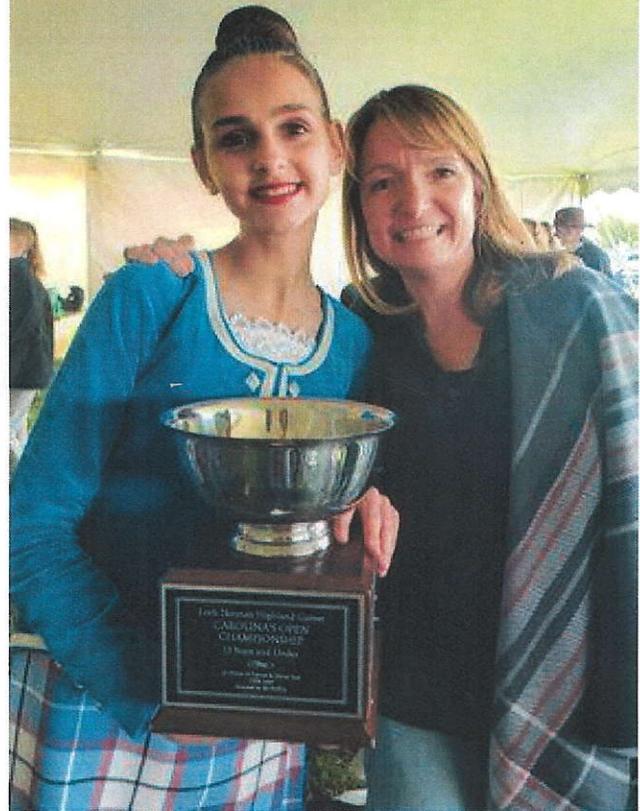
"Clan Henderson's represented the Pride of Scotland!" he said.

We had a Bodyguard installation ceremony and a Ceremony to install our Chaplain for Florida.

We were represented with Youth in the Highland Dance competition and on the Athletic field with John Henderson taking second place in Wrestling.

More ceremonies are planned for this year. The biggest surprise was taking the Clan of Excellence award. at the 2021 games.

Brynn Brown wins at Loch Norman!

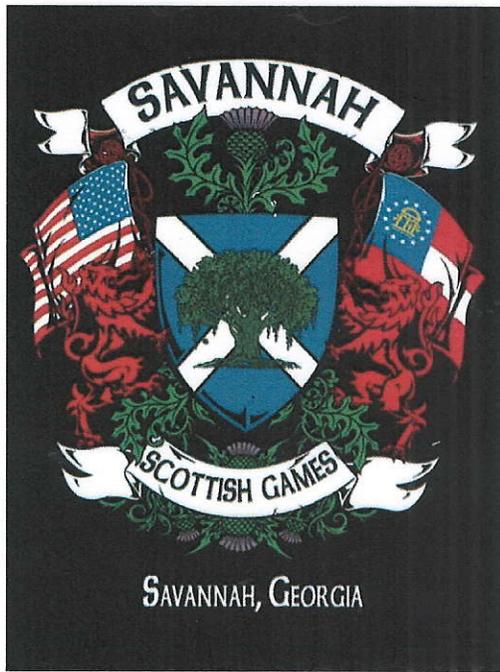


Brynn Brown, shown here with her dance instructor, took runner up place in the overall Scottish Highland Carolina Championship. She was first place in the National Dances.



Come out and join us in another wonderful gathering at Grandfather Mountain July 7-10, 2022!

Mary Lane



Savannah Scottish Games are for sure a “bucket list” Scottish Games! Don't miss it!

Leon Hicks, President, The Clan Henderson Society, Inc.

We very much enjoyed our time in Savannah. It has always been one of our most favorite events. I encourage everyone to put this event on “your bucket list”.

Of course, the town itself has many great attractions that make it worth spending a few days there, but the Highland Games event at the Bethesda Academy is at a very special location.



Leon Hicks, Brynn Brown, Mary Lane Henderson, Ed Hendricks and Ann Hicks.

The organizers of the event are to be congratulated for their excellent planning.

The Clan Henderson tent was a hive of activity.

We had three new members join! Welcome to Regan Hayes of Brooklet, GA; Kelly Holmes of Savannah, GA and Martha Henderson of Bloomingdale, GA.

We were very fortunate to have the South East Regional Commissioner, Mary Lane Henderson; the head of the Georgia Bodyguard, Ed Hendricks and Ann Hicks there to help educate and entertain our visitors.

We were very blessed to have three Clan Henderson sponsored Highland dancers and their families there.

All our dancers are extremely competent and competitive - winning recognition for their talent. These dancers are Audrey Trawick, Brynn Brown, and Brynn Henderson.

It was very gratifying to talk with the parents and to hear their expressions of appreciation to Clan Henderson Society for its many years of support.

To all those who support Clan Henderson Society, I want to express my personal thanks for

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The Melbourne Games and Celtic a lovely event for

Highland Festival

all! Be sure to notice the beautiful standard banner of our Henderson Chief flying!

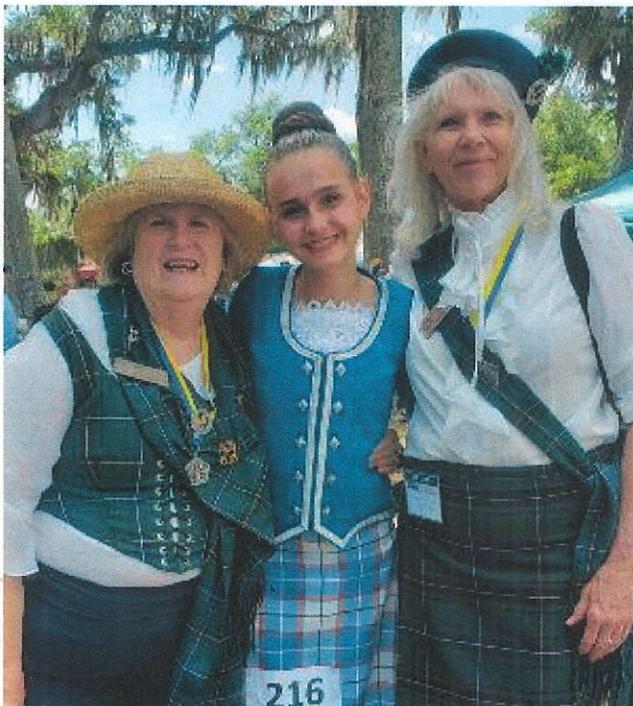


Savannah Scottish Games,

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enabling this tremendous effort to promote our Celtic culture, Scottish heritage and Henderson history.

I also want to thank the Scholarship Committee for their efforts on our behalf.



Ann Hicks, Brynn Brown and Mary Lane Henderson.

Jeff Henderson, Oceania

The event was held on March 20 on a fine autumn day. The Chief, Lady Audrey, Tom and Georgia Henderson made the 2,000 km journey to attend, joining a few local Henderson members.

The event hosted the Victorian State Pipe-band Championship competition with 15 bands competing.

We also had the return of the heavy games for men and women, a medieval village, Highland dancing competitions, martial arts, folk music, children's activities, a petting zoo and some heilan coos.

There were 24 clans hosting stalls, the Robert Burns Club, Scottish Gaelic Society, Scottish Terriers, historic vehicle displays and whiskey tastings.

A very successful event and as the Honoured Clan for the day we all had fun!

The Hendersons were there!

About the Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival a wonderful tradition

Jeff Henderson, Oceania

This year's event is the first to be held as the Melbourne Highland Games, as it was previously known as the Ringwood Highland Games.

The Ringwood Highland Games originated after the then mayor of the city of Ringwood visited the Braemar Games in Scotland and envisaged a similar event for Ringwood. She inaugurated the first Ringwood Highland Games held on April 4th 1967. She also founded the Ringwood Caledonian Society. The Ringwood Highland Games were held annually at several locations, the most recent event in 2019. The 2020/21 events were cancelled due to Covid, however several on-line virtual events were held instead.

As the Ringwood games was the only event held within the city of Melbourne, it seemed appropriate to appeal to a wider demographic, so the organising committee decided to change the event name and expand to include more Celtic attractions. This proved to be a wise decision as the recent event was an outstanding success. The committee is hosting another event in June 2022, The Williamstown Highland Celtic Gathering.

The Hendersons will be there!

<https://melbournehighlandgames.org.au/>

WILLIAMSTOWN
HIGHLAND CELTIC GATHERING



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 WILLIAMSTOWN

Saturday, 18 June 2022 from 10am to 3pm

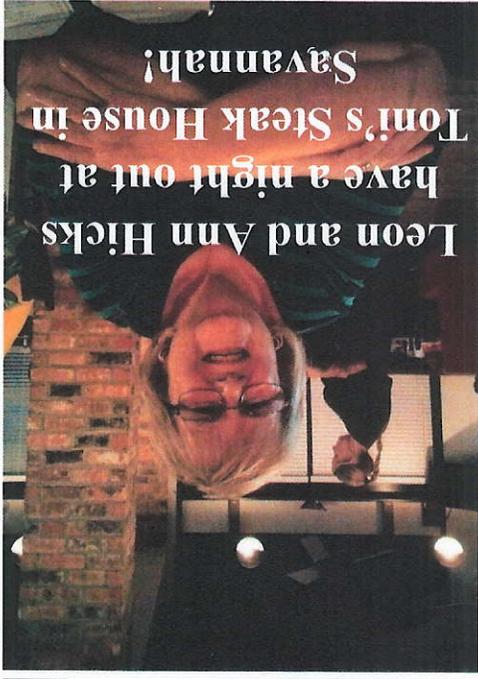
The event is supported by Hobson Bay City Council through its Make it Happen Grants Program

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Make it Happen
HOBSON BAY CITY COUNCIL



Councilor Elizabeth Penny
 Mayor of Ringwood



Here's Ann, patiently awaiting her dinner!

Dorothy Henderson gets to meet Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Dorothy Henderson

I have a cousin Alan, who had moved his mother to his home after his father's death. Among her possessions was a book by Alan Alexander and my grand father. It was about my grandfather's service in the Navy in the Civil War.

I made a mistake and mentioned it one time when we were talking genealogy and I said something, to which he replied, but that's not what it says in the book' What book? He clammed up at once because he had lost the secret that no else was aware of.

I realized that I would never find the book, because it was his property, so I gave up.

A week later, when we were leaving on the plane, Alan appeared and placed the book in my hands. He gave me the book. I promised to protect it.

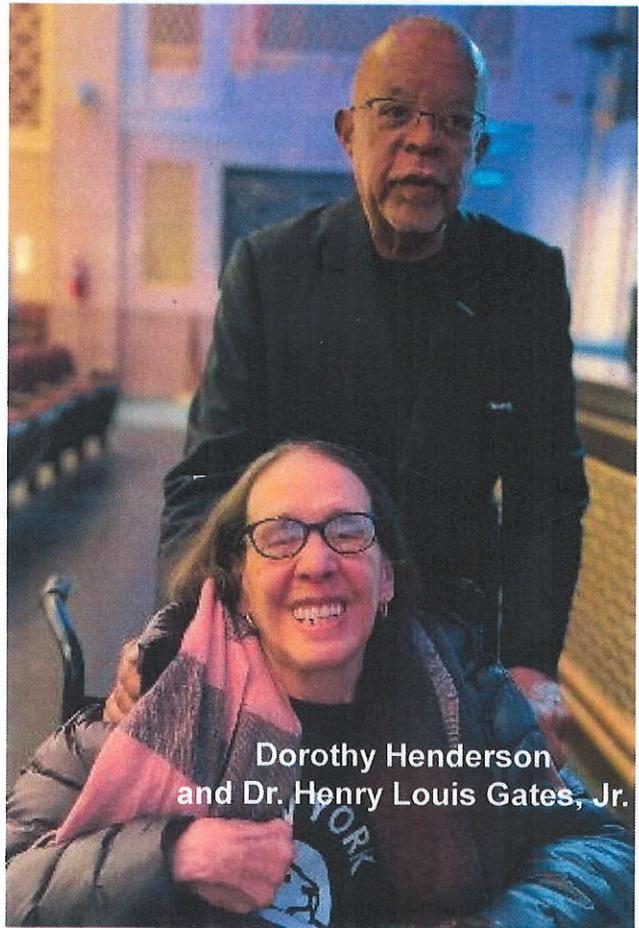
I intended to send copies to Judge Sotomayor, who grew up in my neighborhood and to professor Gates, who had just started his new series of tv programs.

When I wrote to them to ask about addresses, I found out that people who are famous do not receive books from unknowns. They destroy them automatically because sometimes the senders appear later and claim that their idea has been used.

I did not have extra copies for destruction, so none went out.

I asked Jolene, my sister's niece who was a student at Harvard, if she knew how to get in touch with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and she said that he was so busy all the time that the only way one could get to talk to him was to stop him in the middle of the street.

The next time I heard of Professor Gates was when he announced that he had tracked his family back to another family in West Virginia, which turned out to be the family of one of the people my sister played bridge with, Sue Taliaferro. Nothing came



Dorothy Henderson
and Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

of that because no one went to the reunion that year.

The next time Professor Gates came up was when the new minister of my church, Willow Grove, and her husband were going to Scotland on a trip. Her husband, who was from West Virginia, remarked that he had grown up with Professor Gates.

My nephew and his wife, with whom I live, saw an ad for speakers in the next town, including Professor Gates. They bought me a ticket as a Christmas gift and tickets for themselves too.

The speakers were at an old movie theater, and it was packed. That's the story of how I came to hear Professor Gates.

After his talk was over, many people left. We were on line but we had to wait because getting the wheelchair up the stairs was too difficult, so when the line was over, he came down for me and a young man who was also in a wheel chair.

We had our picture taken, and got a book. At last I asked him if he would accept a copy of my grandfather's book. I had brought both books.

The second book was about my growing up in The Bronx, and he took both.

CLAN HENDERSON SPONSORING DANCERS DOWNUNDER

Jeff Henderson, Oceania

At the recent Melbourne Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Noela Henderson (#4421) generously sponsored the Victorian Scottish Dancers and the Glenbrae Celtic Dancers, in total \$3,000. She also sponsored the dancers at our last event in 2019 for \$2,000.

This year, each dance group received \$500 in general sponsorship as well as ten \$100 encouragement awards to individual dancers. Checks were provided to the dance club officials who will then reimburse the dancers on presentation of a receipt for the purchase of new equipment to assist in their dance activities.

The dance competition judges determined who the recipients would be throughout the day and Chief Alistair, Lady Audrey and Noela made the presentations at the end of the day.

Letters of thanks to Noela and the clan were received from both dance groups on behalf of 20 very grateful dancers.



Top right: Lady Audrey in the Henderson tartan and Chief Alastair to her left.

Bottom right: Noela Henderson presenting checks to the Highland Dancers at the Melbourne Highland Games.



“The Hendersons are here!”

Kris D. Jones, CHS Convener

“Clan Henderson was well represented at the Phoenix Highland Games over the weekend of March 4th, 5th & 6th.

Several pages of guest logs were filled out and we signed up three new members!

Friday night (after the tent was set up in 20 mph winds) we enjoyed a wonderful Tattoo with pipe bands from around the region.

C l a n Henderson was fortunate to have “box seats” as it were, because there was nothing between us and the band shell below us on

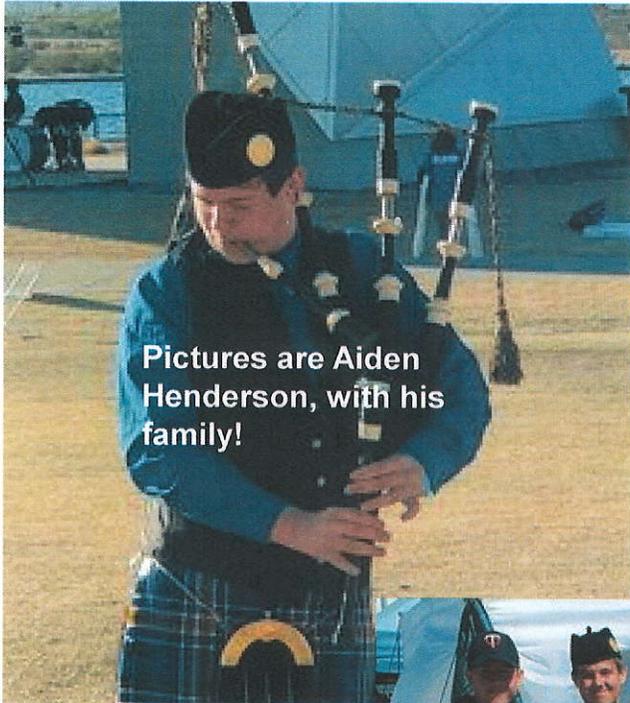


a gently sloping slope with a small lake behind.

What a wonderful weekend full of friendship and fellowship!”

“Of special note was a family company of traveling Hendersons from Arizona, California, and North Dakota – all gathered to show support for their favorite piper in the competition, one Aiden Henderson.

Some of you may remember Aiden Henderson as the young man who won a Clan Henderson Scholarship for piping in 2020.”



Pictures are Aiden Henderson, with his family!



The 57th Phoenix Annual Scottish games at Gilbert National Park

Christian Henderson, CA CHS Bodyguard

The Hendersons were there!

Our Journey started months ago searching for games for our son, Aiden Henderson, to compete in. We were pleased to find the Phoenix Games were happening and we used this opportunity to introduce Scottish Highland games to my brother's family and my Dads 1st cousin. Doing some research, we learned there was no convener or state bodyguard so I offered to represent as Bodyguard and, thankfully, Kris D. Jones stepped up to be the Convener. He had help from Judy Henderson White on Sunday. Most of us traveled great distances to attend the games.

Kris had a wonderful setup for his Clan tent with the best views of the main stage where we watched CJ Henderson of the Wicked Tinkers play his drums.

Kris also had the pleasure of signing up my cousin Bethyl Henderson Lueck (86 years young) for her first gifted membership.

Kris competed in the 50 and over athletics and my son Aiden competed in individual piping. Aiden is a Clan Henderson Scholarship Award winner and we are thankful to our wonderful Clan Henderson Society!

For my family, it was a mini-reunion as we have not seen Bethyl Henderson in nearly 20 years. We enjoyed sharing stories with other Hendersons of my grandfather's pro boxing career and our family's famous movie producer and screenwriter, Barry Morrow, who received an Oscar for writing *Rain Man*. We hope to have Barry back to the Ventura, California Highland games this year.

My Brother, David, surprised us all with his whole family showing up in new Henderson Kilts. We brought a total of 9 Hendersons to the games and we look forward to making the Phoenix Games an annual event for us.



Aiden in competition



Aiden with his parents at the Phoenix, Arizona Highland Games.





Scottish Games

Fun in the sun at Panama City Beach!

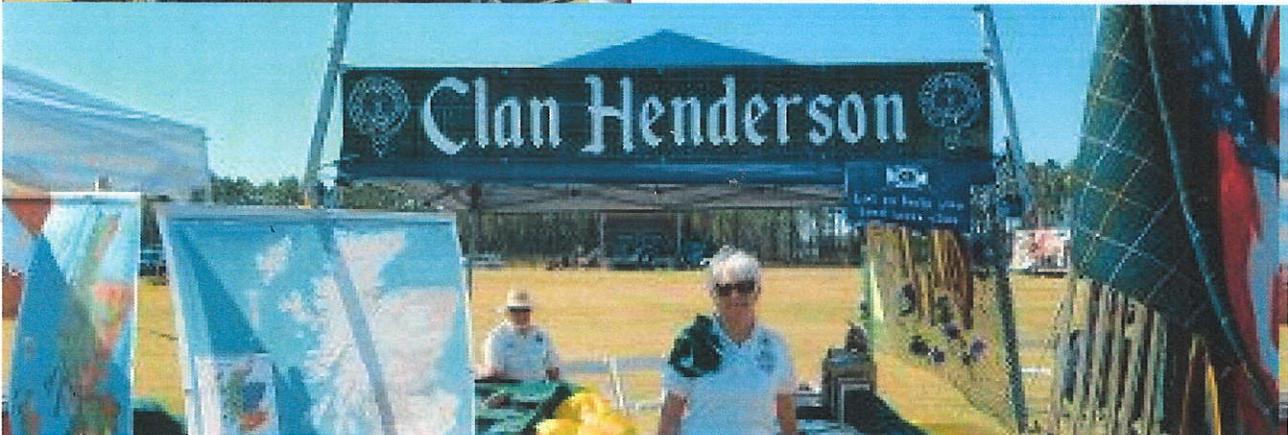
Phil Embry, Convener



We had our first Games in Panama City Beach since 2020 and it was a smashing success! We were blessed to have our friends from Atlanta, Harry and Suzanne Keifer and my brother Steve Embry join us in convening the Henderson Clan tent on March 5, 2022. The number of Clans was down from 2020 (pre-covid) as we had 15 convenings this year but expect to recover and have +20 in 2023. The sun was out and warm temps in the 70s graced the field and a steady and sometimes gusty wind kept all conveners on their toes.

The crowds were excellent with over 5,000 in attendance (my guess) along with athletes, two Pipe Bands, Dancers, a military color guard from Arnold High School, a Highland Coo, and Falconer. Celtic music was provided by 3 different bands and musicians throughout the day. We also had a Whiskey Tasting, food, beer, and merchandise vendors, and a Bonnie Knee contest. Yours truly, placed among the finalists, but failed to win the first prize...

My brother, Steve provided two wonderful maps of Scotland depicting where Clans were located based on Clan Castles and another with Clan homesites based on early census data. These gave our visitors a wonderful picture of how many clans Scotland boasts and where they originated. Our tent was constantly busy with many visitors and with 9 signing our guest book.



The Act of Proscription 1746

From *Wikipedia*, the free encyclopedia

Article suggested by Vice President Members, **Mark Henderson**

The Act of Proscription was an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, which came into effect in Scotland on 1 August 1746. It was part of a series of efforts to assimilate the Scottish Highlands, ending their ability to revolt, and the first of the "King's laws" that sought to crush the Clan system in the aftermath of the Jacobite rising of 1745. These laws were finally repealed on 1 July 1782.

British forces under the Duke of Cumberland had been brutal in putting down any hint of Jacobite resistance among Highlanders, and the Act can be seen as Parliament asserting the supremacy of the Civil Courts over unconstitutional military coercion.[citation needed]

Penalties

It was mainly a restatement of the earlier Disarming Act, but with more severe punishments which this time were rigorously enforced. Punishments started with fines, with jail until payment and possible forced conscription for late payment. Repeat offenders were "liable to be transported to any of his Majesty's plantations beyond the seas, there to remain for the space of seven years", effectively indentured servitude.

The penalties for wearing "highland clothing" as stated in the Dress Act 1746 were "imprisonment, without bail, during the space of six months, and no longer; and being convicted for a second offence before a court of judicary or at the circuits, shall be liable to be transported..." No lesser penalties were allowed for.

Geographical Coverage

The elements of the act relating to the proscription of arms applied to the Highlands of Scotland, i.e. the counties of Dunbarton, on the north side of the water of Leven, Stirling on the north side of the river of Forth, Perth, Kincardine, Aberdeen, Inverness, Nairn, Cromarty, Argyll, Forfar, Banff, Sutherland, Caithness, Elgin and Ross.

The Dress Act applied to the whole of Scotland.

Comment

Dr. Samuel Johnson commented that "the last law by which the Highlanders are deprived of their arms, has operated with efficacy beyond expectations ... the arms were collected with such rigour, that every house was despoiled of its defence". They were also, of course, despoiled of the ability to hunt which, their cattle having been seized, meant starvation for many.

Sections of the Act

A new section, which became known as the Dress Act, banned wearing of "the Highland Dress". Provision was also included to protect those involved in putting down the rebellion from lawsuits. Measures to prevent children from being "educated in disaffected or rebellious principles" included a requirement for school prayers for the King and Royal family.

The most severe penalties, at a minimum six

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The Act of Proscription,

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months' incarceration and transportation to a penal colony for a second offence, made these the most severe portion of this act.

Following Act

The Act of Proscription was followed by the Heritable Jurisdictions (Scotland) Act 1746 which removed the feudal authority the Clan Chieftains had enjoyed. Scottish heritable sheriffdoms reverted to the Crown, and other heritable jurisdictions, including regalities, came under the power of the courts.



The Kirkin' o' th' Tartan has echoes of The Act of Proscription...

During the Blitz beginning in September 1940, the island nation of Peter Marshall's birth, Scotland, stood alone against the Nazi juggernaut.

In April 1941 as president of the St. Andrews Society, he offered New York Avenue as a venue to raise funds for British War Relief.

The Kirkin' of the Tartan, begun by Dr. Peter Marshall seventy years ago, is still held annually at Washington National Cathedral.

From Beth: If you attend a Kirkin' o' the Tartan, be aware that in the days of The Act of Proscription you could have been severely punished by the British for simply wearing your tartan.

When you stomp your flagpole on the floor as hard as you can and loudly and proudly announce, "The Henderson's are here!" You could have been severely punished for that act as well.

I get goosebumps and my heart fills during this magnificent ceremony always. I'll bet you will feel differently knowing about The Act of Proscription and what it meant to our ancestors while they were living it.

Just the playing of the pipes was forbidden as that was considered "an act of war."

Back to the script. In January 1947, Dr. Marshall was elected the fifty-seventh Chaplain of the United States Senate. His pithy prayers that opened the daily sessions of the Senate soon drew not only senatorial but media attention.

He was called the "conscience of the Senate."

Two years later, Peter's valiant heart gave out. He died on the morning of January 25, 1949, his prophetic voice stilled at the age of only 46. But not silenced.

God was still in the business of "making all things work together for good."

And he did so through Peter's wife, Catherine Marshall, who gathered some of his prayers for publication and chronicled his life in her best-selling biography *A Man Called Peter*.

The story of staying dry in Scotland!

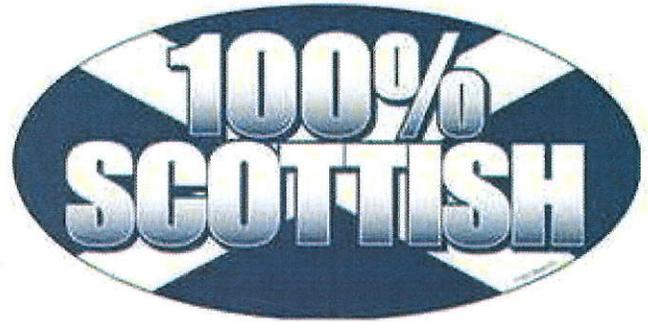
People like to keep dry in rainstorms. But, up until the 1800s, anything from palm fronds to oil soaked fabric was used to keep you dry.

In the 18th century, Scottish fishermen, for instance, wore capes made from linseed oil covered fabric, called "sailcloth," to protect themselves from rain.

Unfortunately, the capes became brittle and yellowed over time and lost their rain shedding powers.

In 1824, a young chemist educated at the University of Glasgow, Charles Macintosh, took on the challenge to develop a more effective rain-shedding fabric than the oilskin capes.

Macintosh used naphtha, a solvent made from



tar to liquidize rubber.

He then put a thin layer of the rubber compound between two pieces of cotton fabric. He described his new tarpaulin fabric as an "India Rubber cloth."

The new idea for a raincoat became very popular in Scotland. It was, and still is, called the "Mackintosh" or "Mac" for short, after its inventor.

Over the years, writers describing the jacket added the "k" to the Macintosh name and it stuck.

By 1840, after improvements to the rubberizing process, the "Mac" made its way to England. This new and effective "raincoat" would soon become a world-wide Scottish export.

Because Scottish fishermen learned that the yellowing of their old linseed oil capes made it easier to see each other in rainstorms and fog, they ordered their highly valued and unique "Macs" in yellow.

The Mackintosh/raincoat is still made in Glasgow using the same high quality processing techniques used since the 1840s.

Nowadays, the special cotton fabric used is produced exclusively in Japan.



Gussied up Hendersons!

Eamon Henderson and son



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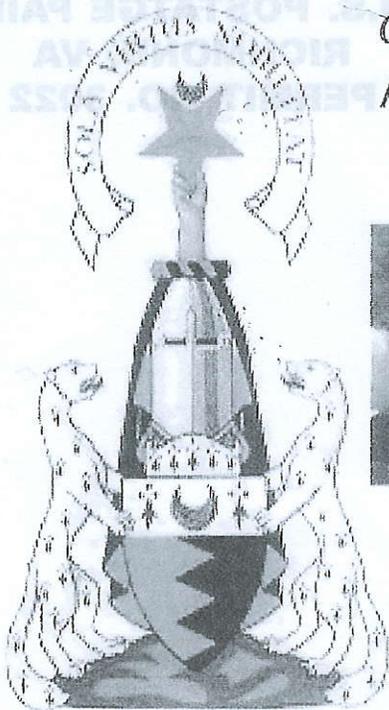
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"Take a look yourself and maybe you'll get more ideas."

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