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Convention to Confirm Clan Logan's Global Commander in 2025

The Clan Logan Society has officially announced that their 2025 family convention will be held in Edinburgh from April 23 to April 27. This historic gathering aims to unite members from around the world to celebrate their shared heritage and confirm a commander who will represent the family and clan globally.

Clan Logan, a very ancient Scottish clan of Celtic origin, is known for its two distinct branches: the Highland branch and the Lowland branch, which descends from Sir Robert Logan of Restalrig. Despite its rich history, Clan Logan currently does not have a chief recognized by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, making it an armigerous clan.

The upcoming convention is seen as a pivotal step toward furthering the goal of finding a living heir to the title of Chief of Name and Arms of Logan. This move is crucial for the clan to achieve official recognition by the Lord Lyon.



Visitors to Dunfermline Abbey Meet Robert the Bruce in 3D

Visitors to Dunfermline Abbey can now experience a historically significant display as a 3D model of Robert the Bruce is unveiled to the public for the first time. This exhibition, celebrating the 750th anniversary of Robert the Bruce's birth, features the most realistic likeness of the Scottish king to date. The model was developed through a collaboration between the University of Glasgow and Liverpool John Moores University Face Lab, leveraging advanced facial reconstruction techniques.

The model, derived from a cast of Robert the Bruce's skull, was conceptualized by Dr. Martin MacGregor of the University of Glasgow after the discovery of King Richard III's skeleton in 2012. Utilizing a blend of historical research and scientific analysis, the team created two digital versions of the model—one showing mild leprosy and the other without. The display at Dunfermline Abbey features the version without leprosy.

To create the model, a 3D scanner was used to capture the details of the skull cast held at the Hunterian Museum. This allowed for precise muscle formation mapping. The team then applied realistic skin textures over the muscle structure using advanced CHI technology. However, due to bone deterioration, the nose is considered the least accurate feature of the facial depiction.

TAlasdair Campbell, Interpretation Officer at Historic Environment Scotland (HES), expressed delight at hosting the most accurate model of Robert the Bruce's face, emphasizing its significance to Dunfermline Abbey and its visitors. Dr. Martin MacGregor highlighted Robert the Bruce's remarkable achievements and the significance of this new 3D depiction, which brings visitors closer to visualizing Scotland's hero-king.



Blessing the Stones: MacGregor Clan's 200th Anniversary

On July 10, 2024, members of Clan MacGregor, once outlawed for 150 years under James VI, gathered to bless the restored medieval stones marking their ancestors' graves. The ceremony took place at Glenorchy Parish Church in Dalmally, Argyll, with around 140 MacGregors in attendance. These stones, which marked the graves of MacGregor chiefs up to 700 years ago, are the clan's only remaining relics from the medieval period. The event marked the culmination of a 28-year project to restore these vital clan monuments. Clan members worldwide, from the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, contributed over £50,000 of the £81,000 needed for the restoration, with additional support from Historic Environment Scotland and other trusts. The stones had been repurposed for other graves and suffered erosion over time, making their restoration essential for preserving the clan's heritage.

The MacGregor clan faced severe persecution following the Battle of Glen Fruin in 1603, where they were accused of attacking Clan Colquhoun. In response, James VI issued a royal warrant banning the MacGregor name, leading to a 150-year period during which clan members had to renounce their name or face death. This proscription aimed to erase the clan's identity and property, and the stones are now the only physical remnants of their medieval history.

Professor Richard E. McGregor, chairman of the Clan Gregor Society, emphasized the importance of these stones, given the absence of castles or other structural ruins from the clan's history. The stones are crucial monuments to the clan's heritage. He highlighted the clan's turbulent past, including their mercenary activities and conflicts with the Campbells and the government.



During the dedication ceremony, MacGregor clan members reflected on their shared history and the significance of the stones. The Glenorchy Parish Church, the third on the site, contains the graves of the earliest recorded MacGregor chiefs. The Clan Gregor Society, established in 1822, continues to honor and preserve the clan's history and legacy.

Keith MacGregor of Connecticut, a direct descendant of a late 14th-century chief, attended the ceremony. He noted the profound connection felt by many in the clan, remarking that combining family research with DNA results offered a glimpse into their place in the clan's history. The event brought together clan members to honor their ancestors and celebrate their enduring heritage, demonstrating the resilience and unity of Clan MacGregor.



Scottish Clan Connect First Year Anniversary Yearbook:

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Delve into the heart of Scottish heritage with the "First Year Anniversary Yearbook" from Bagtown Clan Publishing, an all-encompassing chronicle that spans May 2023 to April 2024. This meticulously curated volume captures the essence of Scottish clan history, featuring engaging articles that celebrate the rich culture and tumultuous feuds of Scotland's storied clans. From the historic feuds between Clan MacGregor and Clan Colquhoun to the tales of the famous Scottish raider, Johnnie Armstrong, each story is steeped in drama and tradition.

Readers will explore sections on notable clan chiefs and their legacies, like Captain David R. Steuart Menzies, and significant events including the Lord Reay inauguration. The yearbook includes detailed accounts of the restoration of historical buildings such as Clan MacKenzie's Fairburn Tower and unfolds myths and legends like that of the Fairy Flag of Clan MacLeod.

This edition also highlights the ongoing efforts to preserve and digitize vital clan documents and artifacts, such as the ambitious "Lyon in Mourning" digitization project, bringing to light new insights into the Jacobite uprisings.

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Clan Rattray vs. Clan Stewart Famous Clan Feud

In 1463, Sir Silvester Rattray, a Scottish ambassador to England, inherited substantial estates around Craighill, Scotland. These estates attracted the attention of their powerful neighbor, Stewart, Earl of Atholl, who sought to expand his holdings. Silvester's son, John Rattray, inherited the estates and had a son and two daughters with his first wife. Tragically, his son died young while serving as a soldier in the Netherlands. His eldest daughter, Grizel, married John Stewart, Earl of Atholl, who then claimed half of the barony through her and encouraged her sister to make a similar claim.

Despite these pressures, John Rattray maintained control of his lands. At 60, he remarried and had two more sons and a daughter. The Earl of Atholl, expecting to inherit the Rattray estates, was

thwarted by these new heirs and devised a plan to seize the lands. In 1516, the Earl sent his men to the Rattray castle under the guise of seeking shelter. Once inside, they attacked during the night, killing all the occupants except for a nurse and the youngest Rattray son, Silvester, who escaped.

The Earl seized the estates and held them for years. When Silvester Rattray came of age in 1534, he claimed his inheritance. Facing the

powerful Athole family, he appealed to the King, who appointed a Commission to adjudicate the case.

Silvester was declared the rightful heir and awarded the Barony of Rattray and Craighill.

The feud between the Rattray and Stewart clans continued for over a century.



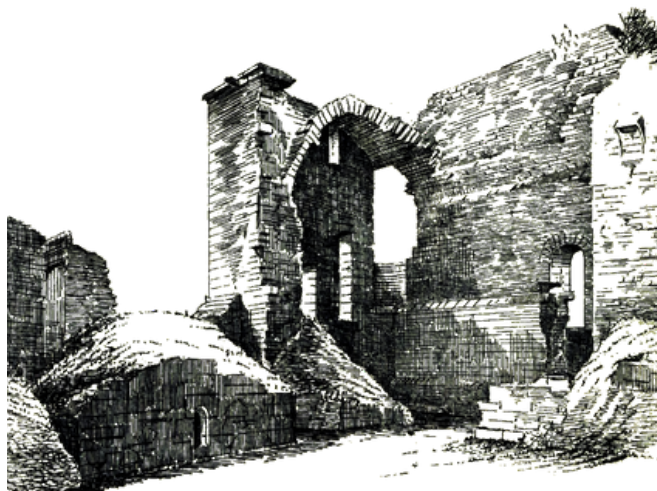
Historic Clan Castles of Scotland



Glengarnock

River Garnock

Glengarnock Castle, built in the 13th century by the powerful Menteith family, was strategically located near the River Garnock. It served as a defensive stronghold and symbol of the family's wealth and power for several generations. The castle changed ownership multiple times through



marriage, inheritance, or conflict, notably enduring damage during the Wars of Scottish Independence when occupied by both Scottish and English forces.

In the 16th century, the castle was sold to the Kennedy family, who renovated it extensively, adding a new entrance, windows, and transforming it into a comfortable residence. The Kennedys resided there for several generations until selling it in the late 17th century. By the 18th and 19th centuries, Glengarnock Castle fell into disrepair and was ultimately abandoned.

Today, the ruins of Glengarnock Castle stand as a testament to its rich historical past. Though not widely known, it remains a hidden gem for those interested in Scotland's history and architecture. Its picturesque location near the River Garnock also makes it a popular destination for walkers and nature enthusiasts. Whether you're a history enthusiast or seeking a tranquil escape, Glengarnock Castle is a worthwhile visit.

Clan Irving's Jock o' Milk

John Irving, affectionately known throughout Dumfriesshire as "Jock o' Milk," was born into a world dominated by the relentless political turbulence of the Scottish Borders. The Irvings, strategically positioned along these volatile frontiers, were historically tasked with defending Scotland's honor against English raids. Their fortresses and towers served as silent sentinels over the restless landscape, symbols of the power and fearsome reputation that the Irving family upheld.

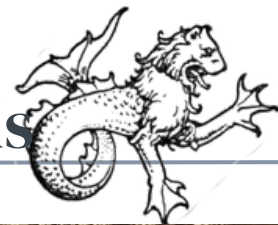
Raised under the stern gaze of his forefathers, Jock was indoctrinated from a young age with tales of valor and vigilance. His training in horsemanship, swordsmanship, and leadership was rigorous, laying the foundation for the legendary figure he would become.

As Jock matured, his reputation burgeoned beyond the confines of his family's estates. Known for his daring raids into English territory, Jock o' Milk became a symbol of Scottish defiance. His most infamous exploit was a cleverly orchestrated theft during a



period of nominal peace, where he redirected blame to other well-known raiders of Annandale, bolstering his fame as a cunning and elusive leader.

Despite his notoriety as a raider, Jock was equally revered for his roles within his community. He was a protector of his people, often seen leading his kin both in defense of their lands and in communal gatherings where his leadership helped to mediate disputes and forge local policies. His commitment to his clan's well-being solidified his status not only as a warrior but also as a pillar of local governance.



Scottish Clan Myths and Legends

The Prophecy of the Deaf Caberfae

the prophecy of the Deaf Caberfae, which foretold the downfall of the Mackenzie clan, also known as the Earls of Seaforth. The prophecy, made by a seer of the clan, predicted that a chief who was deaf and dumb would herald the clan's decline, coinciding with the sale of their lands in Kintail and the extinction of their male line.

The Mackenzie clan's origins are disputed, but they were a formidable force in Scottish history. The prophecy seemed fulfilled in the life of Francis Humberston Mackenzie, born in 1754. Despite losing his hearing and speech at twelve due to scarlet fever, Francis, known as the Deaf Caberfae, became a prominent leader. He served as a representative for Ross-shire in Parliament, Governor of Barbados, and Lieutenant-General in the British Army.

Francis's leadership was marked by financial troubles and personal tragedies. His extravagant lifestyle and mismanagement led to the sale of Mackenzie estates, including Kintail, causing distress among the clan.



Additionally, Francis endured the loss of all four of his sons, which marked the extinction of the male line of the Seaforth Mackenzies, as prophesied. His last son, Frederick William, died in 1814, leaving Francis heartbroken.

This prophecy reflects the intertwining of fate, legend, and reality, capturing the enduring spirit of the Mackenzies. The tale of Francis Humberston Mackenzie remains a timeless narrative of strength, loss, and the fragile nature of legacy in the Highlands.

The Battle of Mamsha 1429

Famous Clan Battle

The Battle of Mamsha, fought in 1429, was a significant conflict between the Fraser and Macdonald clans in Scotland. The Macdonalds, led by Alexander, Lord of the Isles, had besieged and burned the town of Inverness. When the



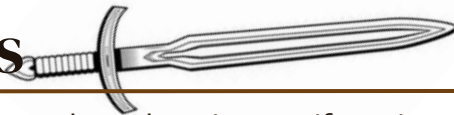
Macdonalds attempted to traverse Fraser territory, Lord Fraser, the Fraser clan chief, forced them to take a longer route, prompting the Macdonalds to retaliate.

In retaliation, the Macdonalds left a force near Inverness to attack the Frasers while their main body moved on to Lochaber. This force was bolstered by reinforcements from the west and laid siege to Lord Fraser's castle. However, the Frasers, being numerically superior, managed to repel the siege.

The retreating Macdonalds were pursued by the Frasers, resulting in several skirmishes. The decisive confrontation occurred on the moor of Caiplich, a few miles west of Inverness, where the Macdonalds made their stand. Despite their valiant efforts, the Macdonalds were ultimately defeated and routed by the Frasers and their allies.

This victory at the Battle of Mamsha was crucial for the Fraser clan, cementing their power in the region. It served as a stark warning to other clans, including the Macdonalds, against encroaching on Fraser territory in Inverness-shire. The battle's memory endured, making the Macdonalds reluctant to challenge the Frasers again in the future.

Scottish Clan Artifacts



Clan Ross Duelling Pistol

A remarkable artifact from the history of Clan Ross is a polished walnut duelling pistol with brass barrel and mounts. This exquisite piece features a brass side plate with flag decoration and a steel side plate with a firing mechanism. The butt is enclosed in a brass cap, decorated with an embossed human head, adding a touch of elegance and uniqueness. The top of the barrel is engraved with "LONDON," and additional stamps include IW, g, a head, and another mark. The steel side plate is engraved with "WATERS & GILL."

This duelling pistol is one of a pair, with its twin tragically stolen from the original owner, Crawford Ross, during a visit to Glasgow. Crawford Ross was a tacksman at Cadboll for over 30 years—a tacksman being a leaseholder who sublet land to smaller tenant farmers. Crawford's life and legacy are preserved

through various artifacts in our collection, including a snuff box, military dress sword, six silver spoons, and four claret bottles, all part of the Dr. Rankine Bequest, which were acquired via the Youngs of Cadboll.

Crawford Ross passed away on December 12, 1862, at the age of 75, leaving behind a rich heritage for Clan Ross and its descendants. The duelling pistol and other personal items provide a glimpse into the life and times of this esteemed figure.



Highland Games and Festivals

August 2024

The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games

August 2
Greenmead Historical Village 20501 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI
United States

Glengarry Highland Games

August 2
34 Fair St., Maxville, Ontario
Canada

Dornoch Highland Gathering

August 2
Meadows Park Dornoch
Scotland

Spokane Scottish Highland Games

August 3
404 N. Havana St., Spokane, WA
United States

Aberlour Strathspey Highland Games

August 3
Alice Littler Memorial Park Aberlour
Scotland

Aboyne Highland Games

August 3
Aboyne Green Aboyne
Scotland

Inverkeithing Highland Games

August 3
Ballast Bank Playing Fields Inverkeithing
Scotland

Mey Highland Games

August 3
John O'Groats Caithness
Scotland

Newtonmore Highland Games

August 3
Newtonmore
Scotland

Colorado Scottish Festival

August 3
6359 Airport Road, Sedalia, CO
United States

Montreal Highland Games

August 4
6875 Boulevard LaSalle, Verdun, Quebec
Canada

Bridge Of Allan Highland Games

August 4
7 Airthrey Ave., Bridge of Allan, Stirling
Scotland

Isle Of Skye Highland Games

August 7
6 Bayfield Rd., Portree
Scotland

Killin Highland Games

August 7
Breadalbane Park Killin
Scotland

Ballater Highland Games

August 8
Monaltrie Park Ballater Ballater
Scotland

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games

August 9
530 Belsyde Ave E, Fergus, Ontario
Canada

Goderich Celtic Roots Festival

August 9
168 West St., Goderich, Ontario
Canada

Assynt Highland Games

August 9
1 Culaig Gardens, Lochinver
Scotland

Sparta Celtic Festival

August 9
152 N. State Street, Sparta, MI
United States

Albany Scottish Festival and Highland Games

August 10
900 Price Rd SE, Albany, OR
United States

Aberfeldy Show & Games

August 10
Wades Park Aberfeldy
Scotland

North Berwick Highland Games

August 10
Recreation Park North Berwick
Scotland

Strathpeffer Highland Gathering

August 10
Castle Leod Strathpeffer
Scotland

Perth Highland Games

August 11
South Inch Perth
Scotland

Tain Highland Gathering

August 11
Glennmorangie Ground A9, Tain
Scotland

Maine Highland Games & Scottish Festival

August 17
Thomas Point Beach Rd, Brunswick, ME
United States

Bitterroot Celtic Games & Gathering

August 17
Daly Mansion 251 Eastside Hwy., Hamilton, MT
United States

National Capital Highland Games

August 17
4837 Albion Road South, Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Helmsdale Highland Games

August 17
Cooper Park Helmsdale,
Scotland

Stirling Highland Games

August 17
Stirling Sports Village,
Scotland

Crieff Highland Gathering

August 18
Market Park King Street, Crieff,
Scotland

Argyllshire Gathering

August 22
Mossfield Stadium Oban,
Scotland

Glenisla Highland Games

August 23
Glenisla Glenisla
Scotland

Hunter Valley Highland Games
August 24
Saltire Estate 113 Wilderness Road, Lovedale, NSW
Australia

Glenurquhart Highland Games
August 24
Blairbeg Park Drumnadrochit Inverness
Scotland

Lonach Highland Gathering & Games
August 24
Bellabeg
Scotland

Strathardle Highland Gathering
August 24
The Bannerfield Kirkmichael
Scotland

Bute Highland Games
August 24
The Stadium High Street, Rothesay, Isle of Bute
Scotland

Wisconsin Highland Games
August 30
Waukesha Expo Center
United States

VIRGINIA SCOTTISH GAMES
August 31
Great Meadow 5089 Old Tavern Rd, The Plains, VA
United States

Canmore Highland Games
August 31
Centennial Park 6th Street, Canmore, Alberta
Canada

Scottish Highland Gathering and Games
August 31
Alameda county Fairgrounds 4501 Pleasanton Ave., Pleasanton, CA
United States

Birnam Highland Games
August 31
Games Park Little Dunkeld Games Park, Little Dunkeld
Scotland

September 2024

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival
September 6
Estes Park Event Complex 1209 Manford Ave., Estes Park, CO
United States

Columbus Scottish Festival
September 7
Bartholomew County Fairgrounds 750 W 200 S., Columbus, IN
United States

Middle Tennessee Highland Games
September 7
Sanders Ferry Park 513 Sanders Ferry Rd, Hendersonville, TN
United States

Festival Celtique de Québec
September 7
Quebec city, Quebec
Canada

Braemar Highland Gathering
September 7
Braemar, Aberdeenshire
Scotland

The Kalamazoo Scottish Festival
September 7
Kindleberger Park 122 N Riverview Dr., Parchment, MI
United States

Blairgowrie & Rattray Highland Games
September 7
Bogles Field Essendy Road, Blairgowrie, Perthshire
Scotland

Flathead Celtic Festival
September 13
Centennial Farm 563 McMannamy Draw, Kalispell, MT
United States

Scotfest Oklahoma
September 13
Broken Arrow Event Complex 21101 E 101st St., Broken Arrow, OK
United States

Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games
September 14
Niagara County Fairgrounds 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport, NY
United States

Ligonier Highland Games
September 14
Idlewild Park Route 30, Ligonier, PA
United States

Pitlochry Highland Games
September 14
Recreation Ground Ferry Road, Pitlochry
Scotland

Bowhill Highland Games
September 15
Wallsgreen Park Station Rd, Cardenden
Scotland

Mittelland Highland Games
September 27
Neuendorf,
Germany

Mittelland Highland Games
September 27
Neuendorf,
Germany

North Georgia Highland Games
September 28
201 West Savannah Street, Clayton, GA
United States

Prescott Highland Games & Celtic Faire
September 28
3101 Watson Lake Park Rd., Prescott, AZ
United States

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Featured Clan Crest



CCREST: A falcon rising under a Sun

MOTTO: Sub Sole Nihil

TRANSLATION: Under the sun, nothing

The history of Clan Monteith dates back to the twelfth century in the heart of Scotland, specifically in Perthshire. The name "Monteith" has Gaelic roots, with early figures like Malcolm de Maneteath appearing in records as early as 1237. The clan expanded in the seventeenth century, with members like William and Patrick Mynteith playing significant roles in Glasgow's urban trade. Prominent families within the clan, such as the Kerse and Duchally families, significantly influenced various domains. The clan's legacy extends globally, with figures like Sir Ruthven Monteath making notable contributions in India, reflecting their enduring impact and adaptability.

About Us

Our Scottish clan newsletter is a publication dedicated to exploring the rich history and culture of the Scottish clans. As a community of proud Scots, we are passionate about preserving and sharing our heritage with the world. We are committed to celebrating the unique character and identity of each Scottish clan, highlighting their achievements, and exploring their place in Scottish history. Whether you are a member of a clan, a descendant, or simply a lover of Scottish culture, our newsletter has something for you



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