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First Convener of the Clan Buchanan Society in America Fred H. Buchanan, left, carries the clan's modern sett in the 'Parade of Tartans' at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans, at Linville, N.C., in 1970, the year recognized as the official formation of the society. Photo courtesy of Lavon Watson, a founding member and early photographer. Other photos in the historical feature by Dick Risk beginning on page 3 were provided by Founding Member Margretta Buchanan Eagon, for eventual placement in the Odom Library, the society's official repository.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The leadership of the Clan Buchanan Society in America is passing into new hands — new to the presidency that is, but not to the activities and inner workings of the society. I am satisfied knowing that Clan Buchanan will continue to be a leader in the Scottish community.

I've been told by some of the clan members closest to me that this is the time to 'blow your horn.' If I do that, you had better be prepared for the sounds of a full orchestra, because leading the clan was never a solo performance.

What have been 'our' accomplishments over the past four years? There are many, but I consider the most important to be:

- Strengthening and refinement of the clan region system.
- Expansion of the genealogists position from one to two.

■ Chartering of two state chapters (California and Colorado).

■ Establishment of a solid Life Member program.

■ Participation on the clan in its first statewide celebration, President James Buchanan's birthday in Pennsylvania.

■ Introduction of the Black Lion Rampant flag by Dale Paras.

■ Increased growth of the society (tripled in seven years).

■ Increased interaction with the Buchanan Society of Scotland.

■ Appointment of a professional editor for *The Buchanan Banner*.

■ Production of a nationally recognized, award-winning newsletter.

■ Establishment of a permanent address, archives, repository and museum for the society.

■ Submission of a petition for a society coat of arms.

■ Introduction of computerized record-keeping.

■ Establishment of the quarterly volunteer award.

■ First major membership venture into Canada.

■ Introduction of budgeting into the clan's financial program.

■ Restructuring of the cemetery and maintenance program at James Buchanan's gravesite under the leadership of Timothy Buchanan.

I'm sure I've missed some important items, but I believe you can see why I leave office with the satisfaction of knowing that some very important actions took place while I was in office. As I indicated earlier, none of this could have happened without the assistance of some very special people. Recognizing that, I tread dangerous ground to mention any. I must give credit to the major contributors who pushed, shoved, badgered and, in general, guided and directed my efforts through the maze of activities named above.

There was Steve Buchanan who served as my guide, advisor and organizer; Dick Risk whose tireless efforts and well-conceived ideas led to many of our clan's newest programs; and Tom Jones who provided his steadying influence as budget and financial leader to a president whose waking moments were spent trying to put the clan on a firm financial footing — which we now are.

I leave office feeling I did the best I could for the society. It has been an honor for me to have served as your president for the past four years and I thank you for the opportunity.



Photo by Dick Risk

JOHN S. WATSON

Yours aye, *John S. Watson, Ceann-Cath*

HISTORY

Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc.

This article was conceived as an attempt to clarify the long-debated issue of who should be given due credit for the founding of the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It quickly developed into an historical overview of the society itself. With newly gained access to a complete set of newsletters and magazines and to most minutes of the Membership and Executive Council meetings (through the mid-1980s), this is an effort to present documented facts so that the readers may decide for themselves who should be given credit. Prior to publication, a draft of this article was sent to more than 20 people, soliciting their input in an effort to double-check facts and to gain perspectives from those who witnessed the development of the society. We thank those who made the effort and responded. Where there were errors or contradictions in previous historical accounts, they have been identified. The result is not intended to be an "official" history of the society, but an objective and thoroughly researched account from the perspective of one journalist-historian.

BY DICK RISK, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER, *THE BUCHANAN BANNER*

The Clan Buchanan Society in America will observe its 25th anniversary officially in July 1995. This marks the convocation in 1970 at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans, near Linville, N.C., when a small number of people who had registered as followers of Clan Buchanan met in a tent and selected a convener and a secretary-treasurer to make plans for next year's games there. Some 30 or so people had registered as Buchanans during the games, but not all of these attended the meeting that would later be considered the birth of the society.

But, that 1970 gathering was really the culmination of efforts that had gone on years prior and which had intensified the previous year. People of Clan Buchanan ancestry had been coming to Grandfather Mountain for several years, but 1969 "was the real inspiration for a Clan Buchanan Society," says Margretta Buchanan Eagon, who with her husband Robert was one of those who had come before. The Buchanan tartan was carried in 1969 for the first time in the Parade of Tartans by four Buchanan men. Lavon Watson, who later would serve as membership secretary, organizer of the first tour to Scotland in 1981, and in other capacities, had supplied the cloth, which was not yet on a standard.

First Appearance of Clan Buchanan

Lavon recalls traveling to the Grandfather Mountain games each summer in the 1960s with her mother, watching the games grow. "When I did not see the Buchanan banner in the parade in 1968, I called Mrs. [Agnes MacRae] Morton [founder of the games] regarding the size needed. I ordered the cloth from the



Tartan parade at Grandfather Mountain, 1969: (L-R) Roland Wilson, Fred H. Buchanan, unidentified, Vernon Devol

Bonnie Brae Imports in Blowing Rock, N.C., and picked it up in 1969 on my way to the games. I asked the man in charge of the banners if he had a pole for the banner. He didn't, but informed me to present the banner to the games. I gave the cloth to the official announcer at Grandfather Mountain, Clyde McLean, and he asked the men of Buchanan to march in the parade carrying the banner." The names of these four men apparently were not recorded for history at the time. A photo recently discovered by Mrs. Eagon shows that Roland Wilson, Fred H. Buchanan and Vernon Devol were three of the four. The other remains unidentified.

According to the register for the 1969 Grandfather Mountain games, the following signed in as members of Clan Buchanan: Miss C. Lavon Watson, Asheville, N.C.; Mrs. V.W. Watson, Mrs. C.W. Watson and Jackie Watson, all of Laurel, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg McMaster and family, Columbia, S.C.; H. Buchanan and Pauline Hoffman, Miami Springs, Fla.; Mrs. Frank C. Dorsey, Durham, N.C.; Mrs. Jane Jones, Trenton, N.J.; Thomas B. Garey, Baltimore, Md.; Carroll M. White, Alexandria, Va.; Robert M. Watt, Metairie, La.; Carolyn Wohlford, Charleston, W.Va.; Harry L. Chaney, Jr., Ruffin, N.C.; Margretta Buchanan Eagon, Athens, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Buchanan and Beth Buchanan, all of Huntington, W.Va.; and Fred B. Buchanan, Ann Cameron Buchanan and Scott Buchanan, all of Milton, W.Va.

Scotland Society is Consulted

Upon returning home inspired by the Buchanan showing at Grandfather Mountain, Mrs. Eagon sent a letter dated Aug. 15, 1969, to John M. Buchanan, then secretary of The Buchanan

Society, headquartered in Glasgow, Scotland, detailing her efforts to establish a branch of The Buchanan Society in the United States. Founded in 1725 as "The Buchanans Charity, kept at Glasgow," The Buchanan Society is today the oldest clan society in Scotland. The secretary's reply, dated Aug. 21, said in part: *"To my knowledge there is no other Buchanan Society in the states, and your efforts to promote one would certainly have my blessing. As you know, the society limits its membership to Buchanans or the three recognised septs — MacAuslans, MacWatties and Risks. If you were to extend the membership by including others, I am afraid that our society could not give you our recognition."*

Next, Mrs. Eagon wrote back to Mrs. Morton to seek her permission, since it was felt this would be a critical step in gaining recognition for a clan organization in the U.S. Grandfather Mountain was recognized as the premier Scottish event in the U.S. In her letter dated Sept. 9, 1969, Margretta wrote: *"I was particularly gratified to find so many Buchanans in attendance this year. Working with Miss [Lavon] Watson from Washington [who by then had moved from Asheville, N.C.], we were able to add the Buchanan tartan to the parade for the first time. This was a thrill for us all.... My next question is whether my efforts to organize a Buchanan society in the states would meet with the pleasure of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games organization. I would like very much to pursue such a course, but as I have obtained a nucleus of names from the attendance at the games, I would like to have your approval before I proceed further."*

Mrs. Morton responded: *"It would be splendid for you to organize a Buchanan society. We wish you the best of luck and feel sure that many of your clansmen will be very interested in joining."*

The question raised by the Scotland society's John M. Buchanan of extending the field of membership to the larger list of surnames that can claim Clan Buchanan affiliation, as listed in the official program of the Braemar Gathering, rather than restrict membership to the four surnames recognized by the Scotland organization, was pursued by Mrs. Eagon until she was successful in getting her wish. (The prestigious Braemar Gathering is considered the forerunner of Scottish Highland games as we know them today, with roots dating back to 1057 when King Malcolm III of Scotland came to the throne.) Mrs. Eagon wrote back to John M. Buchanan on Oct. 29, 1969:

"I have been confronted with two enormous obstacles and I do need your specific advice on how to solve the problems they represent. First: how to trace your ancestry to a clan and specifically how far back can you go to claim kinship. Can a person claim a clan relationship on either side of his or her family, or only on the father's side? If, for example, a woman had a grandmother whose name was Buchanan, though her name had since changed twice, could she consider herself related to the clan? I need some definite guidelines so that I can better answer questions of prospective members. Please keep in mind that we over here are naturally farther removed from the original family lines, but we have very enthusiastic people who are anxious to establish some connection with the Buchanan clan."

"Secondly: with reference to the fact that you recognize only three septs, MacAuslans, MacWatties and Risks. This, of course, is your firm prerogative, but, I find in the official program of the Braemar Gathering, 1969, a listing of clans and their related septs and dependents, a total of 50 names (with variations) which are in some way related to the Clan Buchanan. Included is Watson, from which source my friend [Lavon] undoubtedly claimed kinship to the clan. I feel that it is important for us here to offer some sort of associate membership, a 'clan home' for these people who have been led to believe they

can claim the Buchanan tartan through a relationship of some sort. Will you please give this matter your sympathetic consideration and suggest to me if some associate program can be offered to these people."

With those questions still unresolved, Mrs. Eagon turned her attention to the upcoming games of 1970, writing on May 22 to Mrs. Morton: *"I expect to write to all those who registered at the games last year and tell them that plans are under way. I would like to set up at least a table somewhere on the grounds where we could meet. Are there any rules or regulations about this? How would I go about adding my name to that list of 'Clans and Family Societies' which is published in the program?"*

Mrs. Morton responded: *"I was happy to have your letter and shall certainly cheer your efforts from the sidelines as you go about forming a Clan Buchanan Society of the U.S. (or North America or whatever you decide on)." This parenthetical comment turned out to be a bit of prophesy, as this question, too, later became an issue. "If you can bring a card table, paper and pencils or pen along with you," Mrs. Morton continued, "I am sure there will be no objection to your having a small space near the registration tent.... Your idea of writing the Buchanans who were here last year is a splendid one. The program is at press so we cannot enter your name in it this year...." The Grandfather Mountain games founder offered a suggestion to submit an item to *THE HIGHLANDER* and to *Scotia News*, both nationally circulated magazines of interest to Scots in the U.S.*

On May 30, 1970, Mrs. Eagon wrote the following letter to each person who had registered as a Clan Buchanan member in 1969 at Grandfather Mountain: *"Last year at the Highland games at Grandfather Mountain, N.C., you registered as members of the Buchanan clan. In fact, some of you were kind enough to rally around and carry our banner in the parade. I am certainly hoping you will be there to do it again this year."*

"You will be pleased to learn that permission has been received to establish a Buchanan Society of the United States — from the parent society in Scotland. More information will be available at the games this year. Please look for our registration table. Bring any family information you may have. Or, you may write to me directly at the address given above. Please let us hear from you. We do so want to increase our membership again this year. Hope to see you all soon."

The Society Emerges

One of those who responded to Mrs. Eagon was Fred H. Buchanan, who had registered in 1969, but whom Mrs. Eagon does not recall meeting before the 1970 Grandfather Mountain games. As it turned out, one clan association did not show up in 1970, and the Buchanans were fortunate to be given access to the tent that had been reserved for the absent group, rather than have just a table in the open. As Mrs. Eagon recalls, Fred was at the Buchanan meeting in the tent and was a male with the surname of Buchanan, so she suggested that he be appointed "temporary convener" to take charge of organizing the Buchanan presence for the next year's games (1971). "We used the word 'temporary' until we figured out what to do next," Margretta recalls, "since we didn't have any bylaws or anything that prescribed officers." The word "temporary" was later removed from Fred's title, and he was called "convener." It would not be until the adoption of society bylaws in 1974 that a president would be elected.

Mrs. Eagon's role of secretary-treasurer, which she had been performing on her own initiative, independently and unassisted, was reaffirmed by the group. Even after that 1970 meeting, she recalls, she continued to act independently, but this time on

behalf of the fledgling organization that had evolved over the previous few years, culminating with the meeting in 1970 which would become recognized as the birth date of the society. "I would write to Fred," she recalls, "telling him what I was doing. I don't think he ever wrote me back; he usually phoned. He was quite ill during the last few years of his life, I found out later, which may have prevented him from ever becoming more active than he was."

Those who registered at the games in 1970 as members of Clan Buchanan, taken from the official rolls, were: Byron Hoffman, Miami, Fla.; Isabella Buchanan, Scotland; Harry Buchanan, Greenock, Scotland; Pauline and Wanda Hoffman, Miami, Fla.; Carroll M. White and Lenna M. White, Alexandria, Va.; Eunice M. White, Joplin, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Walt, Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Watson, Laurel, Md.; S.E. Bolt, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Margretta Buchanan Eagon, Athens, Ga.; Mrs. Flora Hastings Beard, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Horace Watson Hastings, Baltimore, Md.; Fred H. Buchanan and Beth, Kathryn, Fred B., Ann and Scott, Huntington, W.Va.; Lavon Watson, Roanoke, Va.; Betty Buchanan and Vernon Devol, South Charleston, W.Va.; Carolyn Wohlford, Charleston, W.Va.; Mr. and Mrs. David G. Bristow and family (4), Philadelphia, Pa.; Diane Whitlock, Charlotte, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Atkinson and family (5), Doraville, Ga.; Horace W. Hastings, II, Kingsville, Md.; Isabelle Hoffman, Miami Springs, Fla.; and Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Knott, Kinston, N.C.

Once again, following the 1970 games, Mrs. Eagon pursued on her own the question of the scope of membership. She had received a sympathetic letter dated Aug. 25 from the Rev. James A.M. Hanna, convener of the Hanna, Hannay, Hannah Clan Society (U.S.A.), who said: "I am sorry of the 'attitude' of the Scottish [Buchanan] Society, permitting only three septs to Clan Buchanan! Dreadful and very narrow, I'd say! First, to clear matters up, if I were you, I'd write the...Lord Lyon King of Arms...and ask his opinion on organising the clan society, over here, and the various septs which could belong. He may give you the 'go ahead' signal, and tell you to do it on your own [rather than as a branch of the Scotland society]. That would be splendid. But do 'clear' it with the Lord Lyon King of Arms. If you do not get satisfaction, then I would go ahead, full-steam, and officially organise your Clan Buchanan in the U.S.A."

Following Convener Hanna's suggestion to take the question of surname eligibility to the Lord Lyon, Mrs. Eagon wrote on Aug. 31, 1970: "I have been working for two years to establish something of this order for the Buchanans in the United States, particularly those who regularly attend the Highland Games and Gathering of the Clans held annually at Grandfather Mountain, N.C. This year, in response to my letters to all who attended last year, we had over 30 families who registered with us at Buchanan headquarters at the games. We elected a temporary convener, Mr. F.H. Buchanan of Huntington, W.Va. I was reaffirmed as secretary-treasurer. We are seeking assistance as

to how best to proceed.

"As I am a member of The Buchanan Society of Glasgow, I wrote to Mr. John Buchanan, secretary, and received word that to his knowledge there was no Buchanan society in the states. We said we were welcome to proceed as long as we confined our membership to [Buchanan and] the three accepted septs, MacAuslans, Risks and MacWatties. This seemed very confining as I found 50 names associated with the Buchanan clan listed in the program of the Braemar Gathering, 1969. Further correspondence with others brought out the fact that what we wish to establish is not a branch of The Buchanan Society, but a true Clan Buchanan in the United States, recognizing all legitimate septs. According to Mr. David Buchanan Bristow of the Scottish Historic & Research Society of the Delaware Valley, Inc., this could include some 78 septs as listed in Scots Kith & Kin. Would you kindly give us the benefit of your thoughts on this matter?...This year for the first time the Buchanan banner was carried in the Parade of Tartans at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. This is the 15th year of these games and often as many as 10,000 people attend. We have many enthusiastic Scotsmen in this part of our country. And now I find many members of my own clan who would like to organize officially so that we may be recognized by the officials of the Grandfather Mountain Games."



Margretta Eagon and the Rev. David Hanna

Lord Lyon Approves

On Sept. 8, 1970, Mrs. Eagon received the following reply from Sir James Monteith Grant, Lord Lyon King of Arms: "It would not be possible to create what you term 'a Clan Buchanan' in the United States. All that is possible is to form a society which might be termed 'The Clan Buchanan Society of the United States of America.' It would be open to the society to legislate as to the persons of other names who might be admitted to it, but strictly it should be confined to the names which are recognised as accepted septs, and I think it would be prudent to the American society to be guided in this by the experience of the Scottish

Buchanan Society to which you have referred.

"You might study the observations on the Clan Buchanan septs in Frank Adam's Clans, Septs and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands, 7th edition, pp. 295-7 and 554. [See the Fall 1992 issue of the Banner, page 12, for this reference.] The other work you mention is not referred to here." Adam lists 16 primary septs, many of which contain several surnames and spelling variations, definitely more than the three septs recognized by The Buchanan Society, to which Lord Lyon suggested the American society look for guidance.

A list published in the Spring 1973 newsletter to members, published by Mrs. Eagon, contained a list of 78 septs, including spelling variations, presumably identical to the list referred to above that appeared in Scots Kith & Kin. The first bylaws, dated June 5, 1974, contained a list of 74 surnames. The sept names are, of course, in addition to the surname Buchanan and its variations.

The other issue of how an individual must relate to the name

Buchanan or one of the recognized septs was resolved in favor of any broad connection, as per the original June 5, 1974, draft proposed bylaws: *"Membership in the society is limited to men and women, at least 21 years of age and their children who are direct lineal descendants of the Scotsman or Scotswoman bearing the surname Buchanan, or who can trace his or her ancestry to one of Scottish ancestry of the Buchanan clan or one of its septs. The spouse of such persons shall also be eligible for membership."* The age for individual membership, it should be noted, was amended to age 18 at the July 18, 1974, meeting where the original bylaws were adopted.

Another question arose during this period regarding the reported existence of another society already representing Clan Buchanan at the Grandfather Mountain games. There was a Mrs. Chapman of Christchurch, New Zealand, who was promoting a society there, whose name and address were listed in the program at Grandfather Mountain. In Mrs. Eagon's May 22, 1970, letter to

Mrs. Morton, where she inquired as to how she could have her name listed as a point of contact for Clan Buchanan, she noted: *"I believe few people are going to make the effort to write to New Zealand and, according to Mr. [John M.] Buchanan's letter, this lady has no apparent official station with the parent society."*

The reference to The Buchanan Society as being the "parent society" is a reflection of the early thinking that the organization in the U.S. would become a branch of the Scotland group. Today, both are considered clan societies, independently organized and conducted — and equal.

With Lord Lyon's response in hand, as well as earlier consent from The Buchanan Society, Mrs. Eagon wrote to Mrs. Morton on Feb. 23, 1971, seeking to have the society listed in the program for the upcoming games that summer. Her foresight in seeking approval proved to be accurate, in that Mrs. Morton wrote to Mrs. Eagon: *"I can add Mr. [Fred H.] Buchanan's name and address if that is what I should do. Will you tell me please from whom your approval came? I presume that it was authorized in Scotland, but before we are allowed to publish anything, we have to ask these questions."*

Fred served as convener until his death in 1974, following several illnesses. For the next four years, from 1970 through 1974, he and Mrs. Eagon were the only two officers listed on the letterhead. Margretta kept minutes of meetings and published a newsletter twice a year, beginning with the Fall 1972

issue, for what was called "Clan Buchanan Society in the United States." Following Fred's death in June 1974, Byron C. Gibson of Chester, Pa., was named convener of the society until the first elections the next month under the new bylaws. The society had branched out to other Highland games, and Gibson had been serving as a regional convener for the Pennsylvania-Delaware-New York area. Frank Slater, who later became vice president of the society, was the other regional convener, for the Pittsburgh area.

Dr. Arren C. Buchanan, Jr., first president of the society, credits Lavon Watson with being *"the major recruiter of this entire period...and information source to all new officers and members."*

Controversy

Margretta Buchanan Eagon was, for several years, unquestionably recognized as the founder of the Clan Buchanan Society

in America. The minutes of the Executive Council meeting held on March 12, 1977 in Annapolis, Md., reflect: *"Article VIII of the constitution was the next point before the council. Article VIII was to deal with the founding members of the society. After much discussion on this point the council decided that, as a tribute to Mrs. Margretta Buchanan Eagon, whose inspiration and efforts started the society, Article VIII would list simply Margretta Buchanan Eagon as founder."*

A standard letter, routinely sent to prospective members of the

society who had stopped by the Clan Buchanan tent at various Highland games, signed by Harold Townend, then executive secretary of the society, was appended to the minutes of the annual meeting held July 12, 1980. The letter said in part: *"From the humble efforts of our founder, Mrs. Margretta Buchanan Eagon, at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Gathering (Linnville, N.C.) in 1970, we are now a family of over 300 members."* A brief historical summary of the society, prepared in 1980 by then President George S.G. Buchanan in conjunction with the 10th anniversary observance, said *"The Clan Buchanan Society in America was founded in 1970 by Margretta Buchanan Eagon as a tribute to her father, Theodore Thomas Buchanan, a man very proud of his Scottish ancestry."* The minutes of the annual meeting the following year, July 10, 1981, said: *"Harold [Townend] thanked Margretta for her tireless efforts on behalf of the society. (She has worked as membership secretary and in other positions since the inception*



Margretta Eagon and N. J. MacDonald, pres. of the Grandfather Mt. games, in 1975, flanked by Betty Devol, A.H. Cartledge, Fred B. Buchanan, David Buchanan, Byron Gibson, unknown

of the society to which she gave birth.)" There were numerous other similar references over the years in *The Buchanan Banner* to Mrs. Eagon being the society's founder. She was once introduced in Glasgow at the annual meeting of The Buchanan Society as the founder of the Clan Buchanan Society in America.

The Summer 1983 *Banner* carried an item, titled "An Apology," that read:

"Inadvertently, in the preceding issue of the Banner, in the biographical sketches of candidates for the various offices, Margretta Buchanan Eagon was erroneously listed as 'co-founder' of the Clan Buchanan society. Mrs. Eagon is considered to be the founder of the society, since she began correspondence with Mrs. Agnes McCrae [sic., should be MacRae] Morton of Grandfather Mountain in 1963, and later with John Buchanan, secretary of The Buchanan Society in Scotland. In 1967 and 1968, Mrs. Eagon 'and a few others' attended the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. In 1969, four Buchanan men carried a cloth of Buchanan tartan, provided by Lavon Watson, in the Parade of Tartans for the first time. The society was formally incorporated in September of 1974, and all those who were members at that time are considered to be 'Charter Members.'"

It was, however, the historical summary for the 10th anniversary that erupted into a controversy. A letter addressed to the editor of *The Buchanan Banner*, dated Aug. 8, 1983, and signed by Kathryn Buchanan Hogan, Fred B. Buchanan, Beth Buchanan Kilgore and Betty Buchanan Devol, challenged the recognition being given to Margretta Eagon. All who signed are relatives of the late Fred H. Buchanan, who served as first convener of the society from 1970 to 1974. The letter said in part: "*The recent issues of the Banner have...brought to light a situation that has disturbed our family and others. The fact that Margretta Buchanan Eagon has been acknowledged as 'sole' founder of the society has us stunned. We feel that this is unfair to those who worked hard in the establishment of the society. Their combined efforts have resulted in the society as we know it today.... We firmly believe that the facts in the history should be investigated and the history be rewritten as documented by the facts. We regret that this situation may cause some turmoil within the society, however, we feel that it is crucial that the records be accurate.*"

Kathryn Buchanan Hogan, widow of Fred H. Buchanan, recalled in her letter dated Feb. 1, 1984, to then President George S.G. Buchanan that her family members had attended the Grandfather Mountain games as early as 1967. She cites the 1969 games as the date the society was "organized" by "*Fred H. Buchanan, Lavon Watson, Margretta Eagon, Dave Bristow and (we think) Frank Slater.*" (Actually, Slater's name does not appear on either the 1969 or 1970 register, both of which are shown earlier. Bristow's name first appears in 1970.) According to Mrs. Hogan, the society "*was established and chartered in 1970. This was the first year which the tartan (donated by Lavon Watson in 1969) was placed on a standard and became a 'banner.'* This was also the first year that [the society] had a 'clan tent' which was furnished by the founders and, also, the first year the society actively sought out members for our society."

The Winter 1983 issue of *The Buchanan Banner* carried on page 2 the following letter attributed to "The Executive Counsel" (sic.), under the heading, "*An Apology and a Correction of a Regrettable Oversight:*"

"It has been brought to our attention that during the preparation of the history of the Clan Buchanan Society in America we failed to recognize the contributions of several individuals toward the founding of the Clan Buchanan Society in America. Fred H. and Kathryn Buchanan, Vernon and Betty Devol, Fred B. and Ann Buchanan, Ural W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. John B. [sic., but obviously meaning John Gregg] McMaster, David Buchanan Bristow and Lavon Watson were registered at the registrar tent at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 1969. Meeting informally

this group by consensus agreed that they should form a Clan Buchanan Society and that the first annual meeting should be held in 1970. At the annual meeting in 1970 Fred H. Buchanan was elected the first convener and remained in that position and active in the affairs of the society until his untimely death in June 1974.

"A revised brochure will be issued which will properly recognize the role of all those responsible for the establishment of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc.

"It is requested that anyone with new or additional information, please contact us.

"We deeply regret the unfortunate oversight and apologize to those who may have been embarrassed or offended by this action. We also wish to extend this apology to any and all who were not properly recognized."

The apology notice did not include mention of Mrs. Eagon. Approval of the published notice cannot be found mentioned as an official action taken, in any subsequent minutes of the Executive Council, to which the notice is attributed. The brochure mentioned in the above notice that subsequently was prepared by the society and has been distributed to new members since that time refers to the 1969 games, as did the apology notice, but contains several changes to and inconsistencies with the list that appeared in the apology notice. The brochure, titled "A History," reads in part: "*Among those attending this event, according to a list provided by the registrar of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchanan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buchanan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Devol, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Eagon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Garey, Mr. John McMaster and Ms. Lavon Watson.*" (Fred H. and Fred B., having different middle initials, obviously were not "Sr." and "Jr.," although they were father and son.) The "official" history also says, "*...through the efforts of Mr. David Bristow, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms of Scotland had granted permission to form such an organization in the United States....*" The letter to Lord Lyon, in fact, as excerpted earlier in this article, was written on Aug. 31, 1970, by Mrs. Eagon at the suggestion of the Rev. James A.M. Hanna. David Bristow, as evidenced by the letter itself, had no part in the communication with the Lord Lyon.

The brochure also states in error that Fred H. Buchanan "was subsequently elected president of the society." As reported earlier in this article, his title was convener; upon his death in June 1974, he was succeeded briefly by Byron Gibson, who also held the title of convener. The first president was Arren C. Buchanan, Jr., elected at the annual membership meeting on July 18, 1974, in conjunction with the incorporation of the society and the adoption of its first bylaws. These titles are all reflected in the minutes of that membership meeting. Thus, it is ironic that the revised "official" history of the society, intended to correct an earlier version, is itself contradicted by documentation available.

Another group, called "charter members," emerged in 1971, which was designated as the "charter year," according to a letter prepared Feb. 26, 1984, by Lavon Watson and addressed to then President George S. G. Buchanan. It is unclear to this writer whether there were individuals who joined in 1970, who were neither among the so-called "founding members" nor the "charter members." There were names on the list of people who registered at the Grandfather Mountain games in 1970 as members of Clan Buchanan, which do not appear on either list, but it possible that they did not join the society.

"Charter members" of the society — those who joined in 1971 — are: A.H. Cartledge (considered the first charter member, according to Margretta Eagon), Ms. Catherine B. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon J. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Buchanan Blitch, Mrs. Minnie Watson, Mrs. Daisy Watson Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis E. Myers, Dr. and Mrs. James

Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Hutchins, Jr., Daniel M. McMaster, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Van Eman Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Van Eman Buchanan, Jr., Jesse H. Knott, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Watson, and the Honorable John Buchanan (Scotland).

The Executive Council, at its meeting on July 14, 1985, addressed the issue hoping to end the controversy by appointing a committee comprised of George S. G. Buchanan, Arren C. Buchanan and Lavon Watson "to determine the 'founders'" for recognition during the following year's annual meeting at Grandfather Mountain. (The minutes for 1986 were not available to this writer, so it is unconfirmed what was determined by that committee.) The minutes of the Executive Council meeting held on Sept. 2, 1990, 13 and a half years after the council on March 12, 1977 had declared Margretta Eagon to be the founder, reflect: "Motion was made by Louis McCaslin [who had presided at the 1977 meeting] and seconded by Steve [George S.] Buchanan that, after due consideration and much deliberation and research of the available records, the Executive Council of this society has concluded that there was no single person totally responsible for the founding of Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc." Obviously, the controversy was not resolved by these actions.

John Gregg McMaster, the South Carolina attorney who had handled the incorporation of the society in 1974 and who was among those listed as having attended the 1969 and 1970 meetings, wrote to President John S. Watson on May 28, 1992, "I can positively guarantee that Mrs. Eagon was an indefatigable worker and moving spirit behind the forming of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, and her ideas as to the correction of the historical information relative to the society and the selection of a site for permanent storage should be given great weight.

"Without Mrs. Eagon there would have been no society as presently constituted," McMaster wrote.

Regarding the controversy, Mrs. Eagon says, "I consider a 'founder' of any organization to be that person who conceives the idea and follows through to lay the foundation on which others may then build. I certainly know that we had early members who could certainly be designated charter members or founding members."

She had written to President Watson on May 22, 1992, "I am not seeking any office, but only the proper recognition of my efforts and the efforts of others in the interesting process of founding a Scottish society. It was an enlightening experience for me and I feel it would be interesting for our members to know what was involved in the formation and recognition of their society."

Recently, in the Winter 1992 issue of *The Buchanan Banner* (p. 12), Mrs. Eagon was cited as honoree for the Order of the Red Seal. President John S. Watson said in his announcement, "Without question, Margretta's desire and initiative sparked the emergence of our great clan society."

Riley A. Bradham, Jr., who became the society's first corresponding secretary in 1974, recently wrote: "Without question Margretta Buchanan Eagon was the founder of the society. She is a woman of profound ability, and she is the force by which the society was founded. While I haven't seen her in several years, I will always consider her strengths were enriching and constructive.

"And in her organizational skills Margretta became a kingmaker. She realized that the way to get those



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things accomplished which she considered important was to spread center stage around some, and there were several of us who responded just as she hoped we would. Lavon Watson, the late Fred Buchanan, Harold Townend, Louis McCaslin, Frank Slater, Roland Wilson and I were all at Margretta's heels performing as she knew best. This dear lady founded and organized the Clan Buchanan Society in America, and I was very happy, at the time, to do what I could to help her in her accomplishment. I have great respect for Margretta."

A past president of the society, Harold Townend, recently reflected: "It is my considered opinion that, when it comes to the formation of organizations such as ours, there are usually several players. Some voice support and show enthusiasm to participate. They offer advice and support 'from the sidelines,' but when it comes time to draft documents, make phone calls, write letters, travel, do research, create forms and bylaws, keep books and records, they remain on the sidelines 'being supportive.' In the minds of these players, however, their role in the formation or founding of the enterprise is 'no less diminished' by this role. In fact, as time passes, the more 'actively involved' these players 'believe they were' in the beginning. I think it has something to do with human nature.

"I have heard it all many times before: Who was at that first gathering at Grandfather Mountain; who had the 'tea towel'; who registered at the games; who was the first convener; who wrote letters; who contacted who; who offered advice; et al. "In this regard, the names of several early members all come to mind. It is difficult for me to believe that the society was established by these people functioning as a group. Of all these players, I have come to believe that more probably one individual had the inspiration, inspired the others, pushed the idea, communicated with the people necessary, and took specific actions to 'get it going.'

"In the absence of concrete evidence to the contrary, and based on my own recollections of who I observed doing what in the early days, I have personally concluded that Margretta Eagon was the individual who took the actions which led to the formation of the society.

"Until proven otherwise, I simply find it too difficult to believe that the others mentioned above actually performed these initial tasks of 'creating' the society. That they contributed in some supportive manner, I have little doubt....The irony here is, if any or all of these other early members truly believe that, by some action on their part, they played 'some role' and thereby in their own way shared in the founding of the society, then they will never be convinced otherwise."

First Elections and Bylaws

The minutes of the 1974 annual meeting, held the morning of July 18 in Boone, N.C., give an account of the first election of officers under the bylaws and as a corporation: Dr. Arren Buchanan of Prince George, Va., president; Frank Slater of Pittsburgh, Pa., vice president, Margretta B. Eagon, secretary and treasurer; and Riley Bradham of Sumter, S.C., corresponding secretary. New officers took the following oath of office:

"With great appreciation of the traditions of culture, brotherhood and pride inherited by us as a legacy from our respected ancestors and manifested by the Buchanan Clan Society, I (name) herewith proudly accept the office of (office name). furthermore, I will exert every effort to inculcate in all men the characteristics of these noble traditions."

The first bylaws were adopted at that 1974 meet-



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ing, following the elections, but not before Margretta asked that, in respect to the society's Canadian members, the organization should be known as and properly named "Clan Buchanan Society in America," rather than "Clan Buchanan Society in the United States," an idea that was adopted with the new bylaws.

Canadian Members

Interestingly, the Canadian members were primarily those who had heard about the society through Scottish publications. "When the first two Canadian members joined our society, it was because there was no society in Canada, or at least none that they knew of," says Mrs. Eagon.

The first Canadian member is believed to have been Myrtle Buchanan (Mrs. William J.) Brown of Medicine Hat, Alberta, according to a letter written July 28, 1971, by Margretta Eagon to Mrs. Donald Watt, also of Medicine Hat. The letter said, "only this spring did I obtain final permission for the society, and I only asked for the United States. However, we have many inquiries from Canada and apparently they have no comparable society. We will welcome you all and become international just as fast as we can."

The minutes of the Executive Council meeting of July 11, 1980, announced the creation of a regional system for the society, with the U.S. and Canada being divided into 11 geographical regions — the first nine of which being for the U.S., with Region #10 being for Eastern Canada and Region #11 being for Western Canada. In a subsequent realignment, the two regions for Canada were eliminated most likely because, until 1992, there were very few Canadian members. Today, there are approximately 40. There is no record of any formal participation by this society in games held in Canada until 1992, when there were clan tents at Fort Erie in Ontario on July 5; Fergus, Ont., Aug 8-9; and the World Scottish Festival in Montréal in latter August. Following the successful recruitment in Canada in 1992, an encouraged President John S. Watson said "we just may be looking at a new region."

Incorporation

A few days prior to the annual meeting, on July 13, 1974, Arren Buchanan and Margretta B. Eagon had signed a Declaration and Petition for Incorporation for the State of South Carolina. This document originally had been prepared with the words "United States," which had been crossed out and replaced with "America." There was a discussion as to why the society was being incorporated in South Carolina. Margretta explained that John Gregg McMaster, an attorney in Columbia, S.C., and a member of the society, had offered to prepare the constitution and file for its incorporation. "With such a generous offer, it

was the general opinion that the constitution should be incorporated in South Carolina," the minutes report.

Actually, an attorney from Atlanta, William F. Buchanan, was working on a constitution and bylaws in August 1973. In a letter to McMaster, dated Jan. 15, 1974, Margretta explained: "Originally, I had the constitutions and bylaws of several other clan societies from which to gather ideas, but unfortunately these were all in Mr. Buchanan's briefcase when it was stolen from his car, and we had to begin again. At any rate, I have word from an 'unimpeachable source' that you are an expert in drawing up such documents, and I wish to give you free hand to make any changes which your experience would deem advisable."

The term of officers was initially one year. The Executive Council, in its meeting of July 11, 1975, proposed that the present slate of officers, installed in 1974, be reelected for another "in that the clan is in a formative period of growth and would enjoy a continuing state of good health with the same administration and leadership." At the membership meeting the following day, the officers were reelected. Since then, the term has been extended to two years, with the ability for an individual to serve up to three terms (six years) in each office.

Members Honored

From time to time, the society has recognized individuals for their work in and contributions. Mrs. Eagon was honored with a life membership on July 11, 1975, as reflected in the minutes of the Executive Council, "in recognition of her long and faithful service to the society." David Bristow who, according to the minutes "contributed greatly to the society in its early days," was accorded the same recognition at the annual meeting of July 9, 1977, as was Minnie Watson, "the society's oldest member and one of the original members of the Society," the minutes quote Margretta in her nomination speech for Mrs. Watson. Pipe Major Sandy Jones and his wife Dorcas, who are not Buchanans,

were given honorary membership in the society "for their continuing interest in the Scottish community at large and their efforts on behalf of the society." Kathryn Buchanan, widow of Fred H. Buchanan, first convener of the society, was made an honorary life member on July 12, 1975, as was John M. Buchanan, the secretary of The Buchanan Society in Glasgow, who had been contacted about the possible founding of a society in America. The premier of Nova Scotia, whose name coincidentally was also John M. Buchanan, was given that honor in 1979.

Joining Other Organizations

Over the years, the society has joined other organizations, although it is not clear whether such memberships have been



First President Arren Buchanan and Frank Slater at Grandfather Mountain in 1974

renewed annually. According to the minutes of the Executive Council on July 13, 1979, the society had joined the Council of Scottish Clans. Membership was also approved for the James Buchanan Foundation for the Preservation of Wheatland (the 15th president's mansion), in Lancaster, Pa. It joined the National Trust for Scotland as a result of a March 12, 1977, meeting of the Executive Council. It also joined Friends of Loch Lomond, an organization located in Stirlingshire, Scotland, to preserve the beauty of the lake and its shores, according to the Executive Council meeting minutes for July 10, 1981.

The Clan Buchanan Society in America was represented at the First International Scottish Gathering and Highland Games in Edinburgh, Scotland, in May 1977, by past President and Mrs. Arren C. Buchanan.

The society was also responsible for the founding of the Robert Burns Society of Annapolis (Md.) Ltd. According to Hal Townend, the founding was "accomplished through the efforts of Lou McCaslin, Sandy Jones, Ben Frank, James McPherson and [Townend], with no small assist from our wives less McPherson, who was not married, but whose lady friend Phyllis Walter helped." On Feb. 18, 1978, the podium at the Annapolis Hilton Hotel was draped with Buchanan tartan for the first time. More than 400 were in attendance. According to Townend, "it was decided that our society would always be remembered as the founding organization by having our tartan on display on the podium at each annual dinner, and a toast to the Clan Buchanan Society in America would always be offered."

Archives and Repository

The issue of finding a permanent repository for "Clan Buchanan records and official documents" was first recorded in the Executive Council meeting minutes of July 13, 1979. "A central point for storing documentation is needed. All records would be under the control of the executive secretary, but physically located in a permanent, safe location. It was concluded that inquiries would be made of the librarians of the University of Georgia and St. John's College in Annapolis, Md., to determine the possibility of obtaining storage space in their facilities," the minutes report. Over the years, there were several references made to permanent storage of important records and to valuable genealogical collections and historical artifacts being donated to the society. However it was not until Oct. 5, 1992, following a search effort and report to the Executive Council by Richard B. Risk, Jr., of Tulsa, Okla., editor and publisher of *The Buchanan Banner*, that a formal agreement was made to house the Clan Buchanan collection. The site is the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, Ga., which was also designated as the society's permanent mailing address. (See Winter 1992 issue, pages 6-8.) Elizabeth P. ("Beth") Gay, a library staff member who is also a member of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, was subsequently appointed as the society's archivist, putting an 'insider' at the Odom Library, which is also home for more than 30 other clan collections.

Black Lion Rampant Flag

The Summer/Fall 1990 issue of *The Buchanan Banner* asked: "Did you know that Clan Buchanan is one of only two three clans that [are] authorized to fly a banner or flag with a black rampant lion on it? It's true. It goes back to the original coat of arms granted to Anselan Okyan by King Malcolm...and [this authorization is] reinforced by the marriage of Sir Walter, thirteenth laird of Buchanan, to Isobel Stewart, daughter of Murdoch Stewart, duke of Albany and governor of Scotland." The report told of an effort by the California Chapter to obtain purchase orders for at least 50 flags looking "exactly like the usual Rampant Lion flag except that the border lines are black, the lion is black with red tongue and claws, and has a tear under its eye (signifying the fact that we have no chief)." The drive met its quota; the order was placed; and this flag flies over the Clan Buchanan tent at games across the U.S.

The claim that it is a clan right was disputed by the Lord Lyon's office in remarks published in the *Banner* Spring 1992 issue (page 21). According to Mrs. C.G.W. Roads, Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records, "the only person who would be entitled to fly a flag showing a yellow background with a black lion rampant and black double tressure thereon would be the chief...so far as Scottish armorial bearing are concerned they must be authorised by the Lord Lyon King of Arms before they may be used."

Coat of Arms

The society first talked about obtaining formal recognition from the Lyon Court by obtaining a coat of arms at its Executive Council meeting on Sept. 17-18, 1977. However, it was not until Dec. 26, 1992, that a formal petition was submitted. (See Spring 1993 issue, page 19.) Milt Buchanan of Pleasant Hill, Calif. (commissioner of Region 11), Terry K. Buchanan of Marietta, Ga., and Dick Risk had served as an *ad hoc* committee, appointed by the president, to research the subject and come up with a proposal. Following several written exchanges with Elizabeth (Mrs. C.G.W.) Roads, MVO, Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records, Terry sketched a proposed coat of arms for consideration of the Lord Lyon and Dick prepared the petition, which was signed by President John S. Watson, and a transmittal letter forwarding the sketch.

Clar Innis Foundation

On July 12, 1985, as reported in the minutes of the Executive Council meeting on that date, "Louis B. McCaslin, as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, reported on the establishment of a new foundation for the Clan Buchanan Society. The name selected is the Clar Innis Foundation. Sam Crutchfield is the incorporator. Louis McCaslin is the agent resident in the state of Maryland. The foundation is of perpetual duration. The purpose is to receive funds for charitable purposes. Contributions are tax deductible to the contributor and the foundation will be able to sponsor games, make awards, give scholarships, etc. The foundation is now in existence but



Margretta Buchanan Eagon, Dr. Robert G. Eagon and Lavon Watson at Tartan Ball, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, 1970

needs final approval from the state of Maryland. It will also be necessary for the Clan Buchanan Society to set up trustees to administer the foundation and define its goals." (Clar Innis is the battle cry of Clan Buchanan, inspired by the name of the island of Clarinch in Loch Lomond in the heart of what once was Buchanan country).

A few months later, the notice in *The Buchanan Banner* soliciting contributions said that the organization had been formed by officers of the Clan Buchanan Society in America. The Clar Innis Foundation, as presently organized, elects its own trustees, mostly former officers of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, and has no accountability to the society, contrary to the statement made announcing the foundation's establishment. The foundation's main accomplishment has been to continue the annual presentation of a silver Revere bowl to the amateur grade II *piobaireachd* (classical bagpipe music) competition winner at Grandfather Mountain, in memory of Minnie Watson, mother of Lavon Watson. The memorial fund was created in 1980, the year following Mrs. Watson's death, and until 1985 was carried on the books of the Clan Buchanan Society in America. These funds were transferred to the Clar Innis Foundation following its establishment. At a meeting on Dec. 5, 1992, the foundation trustees voted to continue the presentation of a new trophy each year.

The Buchanan Banner

This publication is the official "newsletter" of the Clan Buchanan Society in America. The first issue, Volume I, Number 1, was for Summer 1975, edited by Louis B. McCaslin, of Annapolis, Md., who had just been elected president of the society. The first issue of *The Buchanan Banner* was a 16-page, saddle-stitched magazine, typewritten, bearing in the center of its front cover the circular strap and buckle "clan crest badge," with the Gaelic words, *An Ceann Cirean Cinnidh*, meaning literally "the crest of the clan chief" below the badge. Elsewhere, were "clip art" drawings interspersed among the text of thistles, pipers, a crofter's cottage and a statue — things Scottish. The original magazine was also published by McCaslin, at no cost to the society. As membership grew, the society began to bear the cost.

The first newsletter, however, was published as early as the Fall 1972 by Margretta B. Eagon, who was the society's secretary-treasurer and the only officer other than the convener. This newsletter grew from two pages to five by the Spring 1975 issue, with the heading bearing the original name of the group, "Clan Buchanan Society in the United States." The newsletter was published twice a year, in the fall and spring, until the *Banner* replaced it as an intended quarterly publication. However, the magazine was not always published four times a year.

McCaslin was editor for many years, three different times. Others who produced the magazine from 1975 through 1991 included Jean Armour Hunt of Wiscasset, Maine; Lacie Marchant-Dowell (who later reverted back to her maiden name, Lacie Buchanan Marchant) of Arlington, Va.; and Lynn S. Gibson of Virginia Beach, Va., the wife of Second Vice President Wes Gibson, who assisted her. The publisher duties were separated during Mrs. Gibson's tenure, being handled by William F. Gibson of Westlake, Ohio. The publisher at that time was as appointed position within the society, with that individual being responsible for taking the camera-ready pages provided by the editor, having them copied and printed, then affixing the labels and preparing the publication for bulk mailing. All costs were borne by the society.

During these first 16 years, *The Buchanan Banner* was honored at least twice in annual competition sponsored by the

Council of Scottish Clans & Associations, Inc. (COSCA), with results announced at the Grandfather Mountain games. One of these times, 1986, was an honorable mention for quality; in 1991 the magazine won second place honors in the "Service to Readers" category. Clan newsletter competition was instituted by COSCA in about 1985.

As the membership rolls increased, so did the cost of producing the quarterly magazine. In a national organization, such as the Clan Buchanan Society in America had become, the group's publication is the binding force that holds it together. By 1986, for example, the membership number was 640, up from 549 the previous year. By mid-1991, the rolls were slightly over 1,200.

Through 1991, the format had remained essentially the same, except for a period in 1988-1989, when Lynn and Wes Gibson edited the magazine. It was done, still in black and white, through "desktop publishing" in a three-column format, with some scanned photos. Advertisements were introduced for a brief period, then discontinued. Beginning with the Fall 1991 issue, Dick Risk of Tulsa, Okla., took over both the editing and publishing responsibilities in a new arrangement. He became an appointed officer of the society as editor, but established a separate publishing entity (AMROB Publishing Company) which entered into a contract with the society. The publisher would receive a fixed price from the society, then sell advertisements to make up the difference in cost to produce and distribute the magazine. Through this arrangement, the society would be able to budget its cost of providing a magazine to its members, as the publisher bears the difference, including revenue shortfalls.

Coated stock and full-color photographs were introduced for the first time with the Fall 1991 issue, largely through the support of advertisers who have loyally supported the society — Sazerac Company of New Orleans (importers of Buchanan's brands scotch whisky), *Coca-Cola*, Crofter's Cottage of Springfield, Mass. (whose owner, Ed Patingre, also owns Media Graphics, which does the color separations for printing this magazine), Travel Agents International in Tulsa, WATKNOTS of St. Petersburg, Fla., and J. Higgins, Ltd., of Lenexa, Kans. — to name a few. The relationship with these advertisers often goes deeper than just their display in the magazine. The kiltmaker at J. Higgins, for instance, wrote an article on tartans that appeared in the series in the Spring 1992 issue. Travel Agents International has developed a tour to Scotland for this summer that will take in attractions of specific interest to Clan Buchanan. Bill and Barbara Watson, owners of WATKNOTS (and new members of the society), sponsored a "Scottish Trivia Quiz" that offered a sterling silver Buchanan clansman's badge as a prize (crafted in Scotland by Thomas Buchanan).

The major sponsor is Sazerac Company, which has taken the outside back cover every issue since Spring 1991, and has made a long-term commitment to continue. Peter Bordeaux, president of Sazerac, suggested the quarterly volunteer award which has become known as the Order of the Red Seal, in recognition of Buchanan's DeLuxe 12 year old scotch, with the honoree receiving a certificate and a bottle of the product. Sazerac has also provided scotch for the hospitality room at the annual general meeting and to be used as prizes for fund-raising. The members have responded by making Buchanan's DeLuxe the favorite brand of the society, popularizing the phrase, "a wee dram o' the family recipe."

Last summer, *The Buchanan Banner*, in its first year under the new format, was named "Best in Contest," receiving the Herbert MacNeil Award for Best Clan Newsletter in the annual COSCA competition announced at Grandfather Mountain. This is the grand prize. The magazine apparently was also having an impact on membership, as the numbers had grown to 1,751 memberships by the Spring 1993 issue, as of Feb. 1. (The

number of memberships does not include all adult members of the society. Of the 1,751 memberships, 1,011 were family memberships, with two adults in each, making the adult total come to 2,762.) The commitment to advertisers has, so far, resulted in a regular quarterly publication schedule.

Chiefship Vacancy

Interest by the society in the vacant chiefship for Clan Buchanan was first expressed by Margretta Buchanan Eagon in her Aug. 31, 1970, letter to the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland, in which she said, *"The Rev. [James A.M.] Hanna also suggested that you might inform us as to the last chief or chieftain of the clan. I can get no closer than 1762 in my references."* The Lord Lyon, Sir James Monteith Grant, KCVO, WS, responded, *"I regret that I am unable to inform you with certainty as to the name of the last chief, as the historians seem to leave this matter open. I doubt, however, whether the date which you have mentioned is far out."*

The subject didn't receive much attention until it surfaced again at the annual meeting on July 14, 1979, where it was reported by Louis

McCaslin that there was *"a motion in Scotland [within The Buchanan Society] to begin to find a new chief of the clan. The chiefship has been vacant for many years. The last claimant died without issue in 1914. The procedure...is to convene a gathering for the purpose of naming and electing the new chief."* Margretta Eagon was quoted in the minutes as saying, *"we are completely independent of The Buchanan Society of Scotland and our goals and purposes are quite different. In all probability we would remain independent whether a chief was elected or not."* Harold Townend introduced a resolution which was accepted by the membership unanimously *"that the Clan Buchanan Society in America wholeheartedly support the efforts of the Buchanan Society to find a new chief."*

The vacancy question was dormant again until *The Buchanan Banner* carried an article in its Fall 1992 issue, headlined *"Who will become chief? Buchanans have been leaderless three centuries. Is it time to get serious about a successor?"* Ironically, The Buchanan Society in Scotland, through a letter from its secretary, Fiona Buchanan Risk, LL.B., denied current interest in finding a new chief of the clan. *"As you know, the society was established in 1725 by a small group of Glasgow merchants to help the poor of the clan and the young with their education,"* Mrs. Risk wrote. *"Obviously the society was formed without reference to the chief, there being none at that time, and has existed ever since without requiring his resurrection. Without wanting to appear negative, as a charity the society has no interest or business in finding a new chief, although individual*

members may wish to pursue the quest. As far as I know, none of the active, local members has shown an interest," she reported.

Elizabeth A. Roads, MVO, Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records, speaking on behalf of the Lord Lyon King of Arms, told *The Buchanan Banner* that the clan societies would not decide the matter; it would be the *"landed and armigerous people in Scotland or those in right of Scottish arms,"* she stated, acknowledging that there have been a number of inquiries into a possible successor to head the Clan Buchanan. The Winter 1992 issue of the *Banner* carried an article, *"Lyon Court clarifies procedures,"* attributed to Alastair Campbell of Airds, Unicorn Pursuivant of Lyon Court, in which the process of finding a new chief was described. (The *Banner* continues to be interested in the vacant chiefship, having located an individual said to be next in line genealogically to become chief, and will report any developments.)

Formation of Local Chapters

With a new provision in the bylaws for the organization of

local chapters of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, the first petition was submitted and approved in April 1989 for the establishment of a local chapter in the "Northern California" area. From this petition has emerged the California Chapter, which includes all of the state. In 1991, the Colorado Front Range Chapter became the second local organization to be chartered.



Then President George S. G. Buchanan (behind piper); Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., who also has been president, holds second flag from left, at Grandfather Mountain

'The Rock'

A tradition was announced in 1976 at the "first annual fall meeting of the society," held in Annapolis, Md., on Oct. 23. A stone from the isle of Clarinch had been presented to the society by Commander Roland Wilson. "The Rock," as it would be called, was the official symbol of the president and, since its bestowal, had been present at every business meeting of the society, according to the 1976 minutes. Margretta Eagon says that, when Roland Wilson sent it to her, she *"had it cleaved into two halves and a brass plate attached to each piece. One piece is the one being used ceremoniously and I have the other. It can be added to the collection at the [Odom] library or whatever."* "The Rock" has since been used in the administration of the oath of office. The tradition of an annual fall meeting never caught on.

Cairn Stone at MacRae Meadows

Another stone of significance to Clan Buchanan was donated to be placed in the cairn memorial dedicated in 1980 at MacRae Meadows, site of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games near Linville, N.C. Cairn is a Gaelic word meaning a heap of stones, especially referring to a heap of stones raised over a

grave or as a landmark. Presented by Steward Fraser, husband of a Buchanan clan member, the stone was from the hearth of 'Buchanan Manor' of Lomondside, Scotland. Also called 'Place of Buchanan,' this mansion stood for centuries near Drymen as the center of Clan Buchanan activity. It burned in 1852, and part of a standing wall was incorporated into the structure of the golf course club house that was built on the site. The first three panels were completed for the 1980 dedication; the fourth was completed the next year. The Clan Buchanan stone is number 3 in slab 1, and was pointed out on the front cover of the Fall 1991 issue of *The Buchanan Banner*.

Officers

The titles and numbers of elected officers have varied over the years whenever the bylaws were amended. The elected officers comprise the Executive Council, which conducts most of the business of the society. In addition to the officers, the bylaws have provided for a member at large to be elected annually. In addition, trustees were elected to serve three-year terms, until 1980, when a vote of the membership at the Annual General Meeting moved to eliminate the trustees with limited terms, replacing them with all living past presidents of the society, who would retain the positions for life. This action was challenged in 1992 by Dick Risk, editor and publisher of the *Banner*, and George S. ("Steve") Buchanan, first vice president, both on the basis that a change of the bylaws must be made by mailed ballot. While the bylaws prescribing trustees have never been amended officially, the positions of three trustees remain vacant. A bylaws committee, appointed in 1991, has failed to produce a recommendation that has been approved by the Executive Council to be submitted to a vote of the membership.

What may have been forgotten was that past presidents already had been assigned a role on the Executive Council, albeit a non-voting one. Following the Annual General Meeting of July 10, 1976, the Executive Council passed the following: *"The Board of Advisors shall consist of all past presidents of the society, the appointed officers of the society, and such members of the society whose special talents, knowledge or ability warrant appointment to the board. Board members will be able to verbally participate in meetings of the Executive Committee [sic.] but shall not have the right to vote."*

Appointed officers have varied even more in title than elected officers, as the appointments have been left to the discretion of the president. Standing committees are prescribed in the bylaws, with each usually headed by a society officer; at present, there are no active standing committees. As the society became represented at more games throughout the U.S. and, beginning in 1992, Canada, the appointed office of commissioner was established to coordinate activities within a geographical region. Commissioners then appointed state regents within their regions; regents are not considered officers of the society. No attempt has been made here to list standing committees or commissioners. Officers served as follows:

1970-1974: Fred H. Buchanan, Huntington, W.Va., convener (succeeded by Byron C. Gibson for one month following Fred's death in June 1974); Margretta Buchanan Eagon, Athens, Ga., secretary-treasurer.

1974-1976: Arren C. Buchanan, Jr., M.D., Prince George, Va., president; Frank Slater, Pittsburgh, Pa., vice president; Margretta B. Eagon, treasurer-membership secretary; Riley A. Bradham, Jr., Sumter, S.C., corresponding secretary; Byron C. Gibson, Linwood, Pa., and David L. Buchanan, Huntington,

W.Va., conveners at large; Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., Annapolis (later Arnold), Md., editor-publisher.

1976-1979: Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., president; Harold Townend, Riva, Md., vice president; Byron C. Gibson, Brookhaven, Pa., secretary (title later became executive secretary); Margretta B. Eagon, treasurer-membership secretary (was succeeded as treasurer by George S.G. Buchanan because, according to bylaws, that term was limited).

1979-1981: No change in elected officers, initially. George S.G. Buchanan was replaced as treasurer when he moved to San Antonio, Texas, by Robert J.D. Whitefield, Clinton, Md., who had been serving as appointed recording secretary. Members at large (with year indicating end of one-year term): Dr. Frederick S. Buchanan, Salt Lake City, Utah (1980); George S.G. Buchanan (1981). Trustees (and 'class' denoting year term expired): Kathryn B. Buchanan, Huntington, W.Va., and Betty Buchanan Devol, Charleston, W.Va. (1979); C. Lavon Watson, Silver Springs, Md., and Riley A. Bradham, Jr. (1980); Dr. Arren C. Buchanan, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Pipe Major Norval ("Sandy") Jones, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (1981). Appointed: Riley Bradham, Jr., chaplain; Frank Slater, genealogist; Richard C. Hobbs, Indian Head, Md., sergeant at arms; Roland S. Wilson, Washington, D.C., historian-archivist; Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., editor.

1981-1983: Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., president; George S.G. Buchanan, vice president; Margretta B. Eagon, membership secretary; Harold Townend, acting treasurer. At large: Charlotte B. LeGrande, Columbia, S.C. (1982), and Lavon Watson (1983). Trustees: William C. McKinley, Mt. Airy, Md., and Dr. Fred S. Buchanan (1982); Fred B. Buchanan, Huntington, W.Va., and Lawrence J. Hobby, Arlington, Va. (1983); Dr. John K. Youel, Jr., Earlysville, Va., and Charlotte LeGrand (1984).

1983-1985: George S.G. Buchanan, president; Dr. Arren C. Buchanan, vice president; Margretta B. Eagon, executive secretary; Richard C. Hobbs, treasurer; C. Lavon Watson, membership secretary. At large: Harold Townend (1984);

Louis B. McCaslin, Jr. (1985). Trustees: Jean A. Hunt, Newcastle, Maine, and Jack W. Bailey, Madison, Tenn. (1985); F. Talmadge Buchanan, M.D., Bristol, Tenn., and Charles E. Ingram, Birmingham, Ala. (1986); Carleen Capps, Knoxville, Tenn. (later Norcross, Ga.), and Ralph Graves (later replaced by his wife, Beryl), N. Stratford, N.H. (1987). Appointed: Kenneth Youel, chaplain; Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., recording secretary and editor; Wayne Gibson, sergeant at arms; Frank Slater, genealogist; Commander Roland Wilson, archivist-historian; (later) Jean Armour Hunt, editor; William K. Young, Arlington, Va., genealogist.

1985-1987: Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., president; Lawrence H. Buchanan, Clemson, S.C., vice president; Sam Crutchfield, Jr., (new office in 1986, replacing at large member of Executive Council) second vice president; C. Lavon Watson, membership secretary; Karen L. Wolfe, treasurer. At large: John B. Buchanan, II, Caroline Beach, N.C. (1985). Trustees: Charlotte Buchanan LeGrand and Harold Townend (1988). Appointed: Kenneth Youel, chaplain; Jean Hunt, Wiscasset, Maine (1985), and Lacie Marchant-Dowell (later reverting to maiden name, Lacie Buchanan Marchant), editor-publisher; William M. Young, Arlington, Va., genealogist-archivist; Rodney McCaslin, historian (storer); Dick Hobbs, sergeant at arms; Margretta B. Eagon, executive-recording secretary; John W. ("Jack") Bailey, Madison, Tenn., quartermaster; Charles Ingram, clan wizard.

1987-1989: Harold Townend, president; George S. ("Steve") Buchanan, Vacaville, Calif., first vice president; Wesley A. Gibson, Virginia Beach, Va., second vice president; C. Lavon Watson, Roanoke, Va., secretary; Karen L. Wolfe, treasurer. Appointed: Lynn S. Gibson, Virginia Beach, Va. (1988), editor; William F. Gibson, Westlake, Ohio (1988), publisher.

1989-1991: John S. Watson, Newark, Del., president; George S. ("Steve") Buchanan, first vice president; Wesley A. Gibson, second vice president; Ann E. Babyak, Hudson, Ohio, secretary; Karen L. Wolfe, treasurer. Appointed: Sharon Kincaid, Alexandria, Va., corporate secretary; William F. Gibson, publisher; Louis B. McCaslin, Jr., editor; William M. Young, genealogist; Don and Gwenn Yule, Stockton, Calif., quartermaster; Sam S. Crutchfield, Jr., attorney.

1991-1993: John S. Watson, president; George S. ("Steve") Buchanan, first vice president; Wesley A. Gibson, second vice president; Ann E. Babyak (Jean Risk Robinson, Drumore, Pa., was appointed in 1993 to fill unexpired term), secretary; Thomas Lane Jones, CPA, Bryan, Texas, treasurer. Appointed: Sharon Kincaid, corporate secretary; Richard B. ("Dick") Risk, Jr., Tulsa, Okla., editor-publisher; Donal B. Buchanan, Vienna, Va., genealogist (eastern U.S.); Karen Jensen, Tracy, Calif., genealogist (western U.S.); Sam S. Crutchfield, Jr., attorney; Arthur Beneckson, Lutherville, Md., calligrapher; Elizabeth P. ("Beth") Gay, Moultrie, Ga. (appointed in 1993), archivist. ☼



First Convener Fred H. Buchanan and wife Kathryn



Peter Bordeaux, president of Sazerac Company, New Orleans, which imports Buchanan's brands of scotch whisky, displays Clan Buchanan plaque

Sazerac President Honored by Clan

Peter Bordeaux, president of Sazerac Company of New Orleans, was sent a Clan Buchanan plaque by society President John S. Watson in recognition of Sazerac's support. The company imports Buchanan's brand scotch whiskeys, including Red Seal 15 year old, DeLuxe 12 year old, and Black & White.

In the accompanying letter, Watson cited Sazerac's sponsorship of a national award winning magazine, *The Buchanan Banner*, which has also resulted in a major increase in membership. "Without your support and the assistance of your staff, the major organizational strides made by the Clan Buchanan Society in

America could never have taken place. We sincerely hope that the society has been able to provide Sazerac Company with increased visibility and an expanded market for its fine product, Buchanan's DeLuxe. We do know that it has taken its place as the #1 scotch whisky within the clan," Watson wrote.

Editor-publisher Dick Risk and his wife Carroll later visited the New Orleans facility to meet the Sazerac staff and tour the plant. Fred Shows, marketing director, and Chris Hoffman, brand manager, offered the appearances of Miss Buchanan's of Texas (Teresa Fears of Longview) and California (Rachelle Cano of Los Angeles), at Clan Buchanan tents at Highland games within those states. They would be available to autograph posters of themselves (see below). ✨



Miss Buchanan's California



Miss Buchanan's Texas

Hurricane Andrew Left Its Mark Here

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (March 6-7) — Despite the evidence of Hurricane Andrew, the 10th Annual Southeast Florida Scottish Festival and Games was an enjoyable event.

Birthday cake and toasts with Buchanan's DeLuxe (the family recipe) feted Lisa Hoffman, wife of convener Byron. Featured was the Toronto and District Caledonia Pipe Band, North American champions for 1992.

Byron played with the Ft. Lauderdale Highlanders, which won first place in grade 4 pipe band competition for the second year in a row. ✨

— Lisa and Byron Hoffman, Conveners
Miramar, Fla.

Pennsylvania Scots Toast Robert Burns

CHATHAM, Pa. (Jan. 24) — Retired Navy Cmdr. and Mrs. William Gibson hosted a Robert Burns birthday celebration at their country home for 30 guests from the local Scots community. President John S. Watson, Pennsylvania Regent Chester Gibson and his wife Gerry were in attendance.

Festivities included piping in the haggis, a recitation of "Ode to a Haggis," usual toasts, a buffet dinner, travelogue video on Scotland, slide presentation on Burns' country, and a sing-a-long. ✨

— John S. Watson, *Ceann-Cath*

Snowfall Greet Scots-Irish Festival

WILLOW GROVE, Pa. (Feb. 6) — The first annual Scots-Irish Festival was held here at the George Washington Inn Convention Center on a day that started with a traffic-paralyzing snowfall. But, that didn't dampen the spirit of those planning to attend. Within 15 minutes after opening, the hall was filled wall-to-wall. John and Janice Watson, Charles and Pat Hill, and Art and Pat Beneckson convened. Regent Chester Gibson made the arrangements. Bill Reid, promoter, has set next year's festival inside in a hangar at Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

— John S. Watson, *Ceann-Cath*

George S. Buchanan New Prexy

Don McCammon Wins Second Veep Race

George Stevenson ("Steve") Buchanan of Vacaville, Calif., a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel, will serve the Clan Buchanan Society of America as president the next two years, beginning July 10. "Buck," as he is also called, is the son of past President George S.G. Buchanan, San Antonio, Texas, who is also a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel.

He replaces John S. Watson, who has served as president the past four years but opted to retire after two terms, before his six years of eligibility. Steve previously served as first vice president the past six years.

Charles H. Hill, Baltimore, Md., commissioner of the Mid-Atlantic Region, moves into the first vice president slot. He was unopposed.

In the only contested race of the election, Donald L. McCammon, Aurora, Colo., defeated Wolf-Dieter Klose, Scottsdale, Ariz., for second vice president. Wesley A. Gibson, Virginia Beach, Va., leaves that post after serving the maximum six years.

Jean Risk Robinson, Drumore, Pa., who was appointed effective Jan. 1 to fill the unexpired term of Ann E. Babyak,

Hudson, Ohio, was re-elected to a full two-year term. Babyak resigned due to health reasons.

Thomas Lane Jones, Bryan, Texas, a certified public accountant, was re-elected as treasurer.

Judge of elections was Carl R. Delaney, Fairfield, Calif., the California Membership Chair for Clan Elliot.

Buchanans Retreat To Catskill Resort

SO. FALLSBURG, N.Y. (March 5-7) — The Pines 2nd Scottish Weekend in the Highlands, held in New York state's Catskill, proved again to be a smashing and snowy success as a getaway retreat.

Eighteen Clan Buchanan members munched their way to the plush resort to sing, dance, eat and be entertained for two 18-hour days. The best in entertainment from Scotland was on hand to see that everyone enjoyed the snowbound weekend. Johnnie Beattie provided great comic stories, while Alastair McDonald and the Alexander Brothers thrilled everyone with their songs and instrumental routines. More local entertainers completed the festive group.

The Buchanans were active participants in the many seminars and instructional classes held during the weekend, including those in the photo (below, left to right): Cathy and Alex Gibson, Jean R. Hunter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gibson, Ann Hankins, Arthur Beneckson, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanlon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore B. Buchanan, and President and Mrs. John S. Watson.



Adm. Douglas Dow (Royal Navy, Ret.), director of National Trust for Scotland, holds his prize (story on page 24)

John Watson and Ann Hanks, of New York, dazzled all with their unrehearsed version of the Canadian Barn Dance. Watson notes that Buchanans "far outstripped other Scots in whisky tasting, swimming, eating and ice skating."

A Pines 3rd Scottish Weekend is being planned for Oct. 29-31. For additional information, call the Pines Hotel at (800) 367-4637 or (914) 434-6000.

— John S. Watson, *Ceann-Cath*



Clan Buchanan members practice Scottish dancing at Pines 2nd Scottish Weekend, March 5-7, So. Fallsburg, N.Y.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 4-6 **Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Gathering**, Maverick Stadium, Univ. of Texas at Arlington; (817) 654-2293.
- 4-5 **Mod Ontario**, Glengarry County, Ontario
- 5 **McHenry Highland Festival**, Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry, Md.; (301) 334-1948.
- 5 **Modesto Gathering & Games**, Modesto, Calif.
- 5 **Milwaukee Highland Games**, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 10 **McPherson Scottish Sampler**, McPherson, Kan.
- 11-12 **Grand Prairie Highland Games**, Grand Prairie, Alberta
- 16 **The Buchanan Society Annual General Meeting**, 12:30 p.m., Merchants House, 7 West George Street (just off George Square), Glasgow, Scotland; contact Fiona M. Risk, LL.B., 18 Iddesleigh Ave., Milngavie, Glasgow G62 8NT; phone 041 956 1939.
- 19 **San Diego Scottish Highland Games**, San Marcos, Calif.
- 19 **Illinois St. Andrew Society Highland Games**, Oak Brook, Ill.
- 19 **Delco Scottish Games**, Devon, Pa.
- 25-26 **Summerside Highland Gathering**, Summerside, Prince Edward Island
- 26-27 **Big Bear Lake Scottish Festival & Games**, Big Bear, Calif.
- 26 **United Scottish Highland Games**, Coquitlam, British Columbia
- 26 **Tacoma Highland Games**, Graham, Wash.
- 26 **North Alabama Scottish Festival**, Huntsville, Ala.; Jeannie Cataldo, (205) 655-3645.
- ## JULY
- 1 **Zorra Caledonia Highland Games**, Embro, Ontario
- 3 **Cobourg Highland Games**, Cobourg, Ontario
- 3 **Round Hill Highland Games**, Norwalk, Conn.
- 3 **Collingwood Scottish Festival & Tattoo**, Collingwood, Ontario
- 4 **Friendship Festival Highland Games**, Fort Erie, Ontario
- 8-11 **Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering of Scottish Clans**, MacRae Meadow, Linville, N.C.
- 9 **Clan Buchanan Society in America Executive Council Meeting**, 1-5 p.m. (open to all members), Quality Inn Appalachian Conference Center, Boone, N.C. (see next item); seminars on various topics, 9:30-noon.
- 10 **Clan Buchanan Society in America Annual General Meeting**, 7 p.m., Quality Inn Appalachian Conference Center, 344 Blowing Rock Road (U.S. 321 and N.C. 105), Boone, N.C.; (800) 221-2222 or (704) 262-0020 for room reservations (ask for special rate); buffet dinner, \$12; make dinner reservations before July 1; make check payable to Clan Buchanan Society in America; send to John S. Watson, president, 410 Apple Road, Newark, DE 19711; for additional information, contact President Watson at (302) 368-0961 or Vicky Stancil, N.C. regent, at (919) 942-4171.
- 10 **Dunsmuir Scots Fair**, Oakland, Calif.
- 10 **Haliburton Highland Games**, Haliburton, Ontario
- 16-17 **Orillia Scottish Festival**, Orillia, Ontario
- 17 **Calgary Highland Games**, Calgary, Alberta
- 17 **Pikes Peak Region Highland Games**, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 17 **Cambridge Highland Games**, Cambridge, Ontario

- 17 **Portland Highland Games**, Mt. Hood Comm. Coll., Gresham, Ore.
- 24 **Indiana Highland Games**, Zollner Stadium, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- 31 **Glengarry Highland Games**, Maxville, Ontario, Canada
- 31-A1 **Pacific Northwest Highland Games**, King County Fairgrounds, Enumclaw, Wash.

AUGUST

- 1 **Montreal Highland Games**, Montreal, Quebec
- 5-8 **Nova Scotia Gaelic Mod**, St. Ann's, Nova Scotia
- 4-12 **Clan Buchanan Tour of Scotland**, includes visit to lands once inhabited by Clan Buchanan, Loch Lomond cruise, distillery, woolery, castle, haggis feast, Edinburgh Military Tattoo; details inside back cover; (918) 494-2766.
- 7 **St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Highland Games**, Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.
- 7 **Tam o' Shanter Highland Games**, Easton, Mass.
- 7-8 **Monterey Scottish Festival**, Monterey, Calif.
- 7-8 **Rocky Mountain Highland Games**, Denver, Colo.
- 13-15 **Fergus Highland Games**, Fergus, Ontario, Canada
- 14 **Central New York Scottish Games**, Liverpool, N.Y.
- 14 **High Desert Celtic Festival**, Redmond, Ore.
- 14-15 **Columbus Scottish Festival**, Columbus, Ind.
- 21 **Watson Reunion**, descendants of William Watson (1781-1823) of Shippensburg, Chambersburg and Carlisle, Pa., area; tour of family homesteads, cemeteries and churches; sharing of pictures and information; corn soup and barbecue lunch; contact President John S. Watson, (302) 368-0961.
- 21 **Sarnia Highland Games**, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada
- 21 **Maine Highland Games**, Brunswick, Maine
- 21 **Campbell Games & Gathering**, Campbell, Calif.
- 24-26 **Alabama Highland Games**, Montgomery, Ala.
- 28 **Quechee Scottish Festival**, Quechee Polo Field, Quechee, Vt.
- 28 **Long Island Scottish Games**, Old Westbury, N.Y.

SEPTEMBER

- 4-5 **Santa Rosa Games**, Santa Rosa, Calif.
- 10-12 **Long's Peak Scottish Highland Festival**, Estes Park, Colo.
- 10-12 **Days of the Scots**, Hunt, Texas
- 11 **Ligonier Highland Games**, Ligonier, Pa.
- 17-19 **New Hampshire Highland Games**, Lincoln, N.H.
- 18 **Fresno Highland Gathering & Games**, Fresno, Calif.
- 18 **Amherst Scottish Festival & Highland Games**, Amherst, N.Y.
- 18 **Oklahoma Scottish Games & Gathering**, Manion Park, Tulsa, Okla.
- 18 **Charleston Scottish Games & Highland Festival**, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
- 24-26 **Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival**, Bethlehem, Pa.
- 24-26 **Alabama Highland Games**, Montgomery, Ala.; Jeannie Cataldo, (205) 655-3645.
- 26 **Redlands Scottish Festival**, Redlands, Calif.
- 26 **Celtic Day in the Park**, Staatsburg, N.Y.

OCTOBER

- 2 **Yuba-Sutter Scottish Highland Games &**

- Festival**, Yuba City, Calif.
- 2 **St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut Scottish Festival**, Goshen, Conn.
- 2-3 **Flora McDonald Highland Games**, Red Springs, N.C.
- 2-3 **Nashville Highland Games**, Nashville, Tenn.; Barbara Buchanan Parsons, (615) 484-5501.
- 2 **Highlands & Islands Scottish Games**, Biloxi, Miss.; Capt. Burr Loomis, (601) 864-5623.
- 8 **Princess Anne Scottish-Irish Festival**, Princess Anne, Md.
- 9 **The Buchanan Society Annual Dinner**, 7 p.m., The Western Club, 32 Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow, Scotland; contact Fiona M. Risk, LL.B., secretary, 18 Iddesleigh Ave., Milngavie, Glasgow G62 8NT; phone 041 956 1939.
- 9 **Anne Arundel Scottish Festival**, Annapolis, Md.
- 16-17 **Stone Mountain Highland Games & Festival**, Stone Mountain, Ga.
- 16-17 **Loch Prado Games**, Chino, Calif.
- 23 **Tucson Celtic Festival**, Tucson, Ariz.
- 30 **Waxhaw Scottish Games**, Waxhaw, N.C.

NOVEMBER

- 6 **Mississippi Highland Games**, Jackson, Miss.; Randall Buchanan, (601) 544-9086.
- 30 **St. Andrew's Day**

The above list of events was compiled from several sources, and every attempt was made to ensure its accuracy. However, readers are encouraged to verify details before planning to attend by contacting their regional commissioner or state regent (see list of Geographical Officials). Members, especially commissioners and regents, should submit items for publication, including details of Clan Buchanan participation.

Annual General Meeting

July 10, 1993
7 p.m.

Quality Inn
Appalachian
Conference
Center
344 Blowing
Rock Road,
Boone, NC

Call John Watson
by July 1
for dinner
reservations
(302) 368-0961

Arline Gomez Awarded Posthumously



Pallbearers, left to right (far side): Vern Snyder, Hal Yule, Joe Richardson; (near side) Milt Paras, Bob Gibson, George S. ("Buck") Buchanan; piper, Don Yule.



Don Gomez holds the streamer to be displayed in memory of his wife.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Arline was selected and this award citation written before her death on Feb. 9. Her obituary is below.

By John S. Watson, *Ceann-Cath*

The summer of '93 recipient of the Order of the Red Seal is Arline Cormack Gomez of Stockton, Calif. Arline joined the Clan Buchanan Society in America in 1984 as one of the few California members at that time. Taking the bull by the horns, Arline requested a list of California members from the president, contacted them and, with her husband Don, held a luncheon at her home, at which time plans were made to organize the society within the state.

With borrowed equipment (tent, flags, etc.), she and Don and three other members

convened at Santa Rosa games. Enough members were recruited to warrant returning the following year.

In 1985, Arline became the commissioner of the newly designated Pacific and Southwest Region. The following year, she and Don acquired a tent for the society. The dinner held during the Santa Rosa games has become an annual event attended by many.

Arline led the region in 1987 in hosting the first Annual General Meeting of the society to be held away from Grandfather Mountain — a very successful event!

In 1989, Arline's region applied for and

received a chapter charter for California, the first in Clan Buchanan history. California again hosted the society's annual meeting in 1990, following the Santa Rosa games.

She resigned her post as commissioner in 1991, but still manages to contribute to the society through her attendance at games and her work at the tent. Arline is known throughout the society for her cookbook, *A Wee Taste of Scotland*, which was sold at many games. A portion of the proceeds was donated to the Clan Buchanan

Society in America. Congratulations, Arline, on a job well done!



GOMEZ

† Flowers of the Forest †

ARLINE E. GOMEZ

Arline E. (Cormack) Gomez, 75, of Stockton, Calif., died Feb. 9, 1993. Born on Oct. 2, 1917, in British Columbia, she had lived in San Joaquin County 60 years. (See article above.)

She was the first appointed commissioner of the Central and South Pacific Region of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, with responsibility for the states of California and Nevada. Under her guidance, the region grew from about five members to more than 200. She was also instrumental in gaining a charter for the California Chapter, the first such status granted by the society.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years Donald B. Gomez, two stepdaughters, two grandchildren and two nephews.

Burial was held on Feb. 12 at Cherokee Memorial Park, Lodi, Calif. Members of the society dressed in Scottish attire participated in the service. Tributes may be expressed to PAWS, the humane society for

retired movie animals, P.O. Box 849, Galt, CA 95632.

The California Chapter will fly a black streamer on the Black Rampant Lion banner in her honor this year.

DR. ROBERT G. EAGON

Dr. Robert Garfield Eagon, 65, of Athens, Ga., husband of founding member and Georgia Regent Margretta Buchanan Eagon, died May 6, 1993. With his wife, he attended the earliest functions of the Clan Buchanan Society in America.

Born in Ohio on Oct. 29, 1927, he received a doctorate from the Ohio State University in 1954, accepting a Fulbright scholarship to do post-doctoral research at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France, and accepted a faculty position in research and teaching in the Dept. of Microbiology at the University of Georgia. Retiring in 1990, he joined Horizon Micro-Environments, a research and development company in Watkinsville, Ga., as vice president for biomedical research, until retiring

again, two years later.

Dr. Eagon was widely published, including articles for the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and he received numerous honors and awards for his research.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, and was active in the Army Reserve, retiring in the grade of colonel. He was a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College, and was frequently recalled to active duty for special projects and schooling.

Tax deductible contributions may be made in Bob's memory to the US TOO Memorial Fund, a prostate cancer support group: US TOO International, Inc., One Heritage Plaza Bldg., 7501 Lemont Rd., Ste. 215, Woodridge, IL 60517; Attn: John DeBoer, treasurer. (See Bob's photo on page 10.)

ELISABETH S. GIBSON

Elisabeth Seelbach Gibson, 73, of Rocky River, Ohio, wife of the former publisher of *The Buchanan Banner*, William Gib-

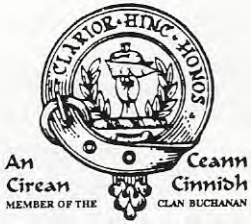
son, died at her home of cancer. She was born in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, the daughter of prominent industrialist Walter Seelbach.

She served as treasurer and a director of Lakewood Printing and Advertising Co. for the past 12 years and was also a trustee of FCF Co., a holding company that was formerly the Forest City Foundry Co. She was a ski instructor at the Boston Mills ski area and pursued the sport in the West and in Europe. She had received a degree in business administration from Ohio University. Memorial service was at Lakewood Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd., Lakewood, Ohio.

TROY A. WATSON

Troy A. Watson of Richmond, Va., brother of founding member and Virginia Regent Lavon Watson, died April 18.

His mother, the late Minnie Watson, is namesake of a memorial piping trophy given annually at Grandfather Mountain.



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Members' Comments Important

New Secretary Delighted to Find Suggestions on Renewal Forms

By Jean Risk Robinson, *Seneschal*

Serving as your secretary has proven to be a challenging activity that brings me into contact with members in a variety of ways. I am delighted to find your comments and suggestions for improvement on the update form as you renew your membership, to hear your voice as you phone with questions and concerns, to see your name as a sponsor on new membership applications and — yes — to find your signature on a check for a gift membership that certainly shows you know the values of membership and are eager to share its rewards.

I hope that all of you will think of membership as an excellent birthday or holiday gift that brings to others the opportunities and benefits that you now enjoy. As we move into the peak of the game and festival season, let's all think of new ways to introduce kith and kin to the joys of Clan Buchanan Society in America membership. Our organization plays an important role in keeping family in touch with its roots and we all must all do our part in "keeping the society on the grow."

Sometimes, despite our efforts to the contrary, a member is overlooked, and they fail to receive their *Banner*, or we fail to send a renewal notice at the appropriate time, or we miss identifying a new member in the quarterly new member list. When we err, we would appreciate hearing from you so we may make appropriate corrections and offer our apologies for the oversight or inconvenience. One of our new members has waited a year to be recognized and we offer our sincere apology to Mr. Sara B. Shymanski of New Orleans, La., and give her a hearty, if belated, welcome to membership. I'm sure there are other oversights, so write to me at the following address (which is also published each issue on page 2 of the *Banner*):

Jean Risk Robinson, Secretary
Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc.
1534 Benton Hollow Road
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Membership stands at 1,653 as of April 1, 1993, which is down from the previous quarter primarily due to holding over non-renewals in an attempt to get every renewal possible. Unfortunately, it was necessary to deactivate 128 mem-

bers who did not renew after our repeated attempts to persuade them to maintain their membership. Four other members who are listed below have moved leaving no forwarding address and were deactivated:

David Bristow, Philadelphia, PA
Robert Buchanan, Lacey, WA
David McCausland, Baltimore, MD
John B. Richardson IV, APO AE 90704
(or Tallahassee, FL)

Six other members were deactivated for various reasons. Commissioners were sent new membership lists in early April which included deactivations and address changes, and were asked to share that information with the state regents. If you have questions about other members in your state, contact your state regent.

On the bright side, 118 members did renew during the first quarter, including 41 members who were delinquent from 1992. Eleven new members were added in January, 6 in February and 21 in March. In the Spring 1993 *Banner*, we erroneously reported new memberships as 23. Total of new members added during the first quarter was 38.

The number of active life members now stands at 151. Almost 20 percent of memberships (323 of 1,653) are now four-year sponsors as more people are taking advantage of the economy of extended memberships.

Another correction from last issue was that we inadvertently switched the number of family and individual memberships. As of April 1, the number of individual memberships is 918 or 56 percent, and the number of family memberships is 735 or 44 percent. Given that there is no difference in the cost of family and individual memberships, you may wish to opt for a family membership. If you have membership concerns, let us hear from you.

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"You're a Buchanan? So am I!"

Readers' Forum:

What's Worn Beneath?

Bob Martin's article (Spring 1993 issue, pp. 12-13) on infra-kilt breeching, and in particular his comments on the measures sometimes adopted by the curious to assuage their interest, prompt me to add to the subject.

In 1953, the 2nd Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was sent into British Guiana (now Guyana) to protect life and property from mayhem, Los Angeles style, that was being planned by the Communist Party. At the time, I was industrial relations advisor to a group of sugar estates, and I became associated with a Lieutenant Colonel Church, the commanding officer of the Argylls. Over a drink or three one evening, I asked him if women's interest in the infra-kilt realities remained as strong as ever. "All the time," he said, almost before I had finished asking my question.

In any social gathering, large or small, he said, given a brief hiatus of introductions, courtesies and chit-chat, any Highland regimental officer, whether uniformed or in mufti, can be absolutely sure that 'the question' will be coming up from one

of the ladies. The telltale signs are unmistakable: an onset of facial tics and fidgeting followed by archness and tinkling girlish laughter. And, finally it comes: "Do tell me — I know it's awful of me to ask, but really everyone is dying to know this. Do you...?" More tinkling laughter. One black woman, however, he said, used the ultimate approach.

While the regiment was in transit by aircraft carrier, Colonel Church and his adjutant flew in advance to Trinidad to study problems of rear base and support logistics. One day, they were standing, uniformed, at a street corner in Port-au-Spain when an old black woman, hands clasped over stomach, imitation cherries bobbing over the edge of a lid-like hat, shambling along, was about to pass the adjutant, who had his back to her. Suddenly, she halted, paused, and then bent and lifted his kilt neck high — a brief inspection — and she dropped it and shuffled on her way again, her face expressionless, obviously satisfied with the answer to the query that had arisen in her mind.

Clearly, 'the question' about the kilt afflicts ladies of all stations in life, instantaneously, in the case of those who have never seen a kilted man before. Should

not Women's Libbers be concerned about this thing in the female psyche, or is it simply too big to overcome?

For organizers of functions, it may be of interest that — and again I quote Colonel Church — small 'trews' for sub-kilt wear are now permitted and considered perhaps advisable at crowded affairs such as dances and cocktail parties where regimental personnel may tend to seat themselves casually on low occasional tables, stools, staircases, and so on.

Perhaps the most succinct opinion of the kilt came from a French general. Early in WW I, a kilted Highland regiment was transferred to a sector of the Western Front under the command of Marshal Joffre, commander in chief of the French Army, and he formally inspected it and greeted its C.O. [commanding officer] before it went forward to the trenches. After the parade, he was asked for his opinion of the kilt, to which the marshal replied: "Pour l'amour, oui; pour la guerre, non."

Very good cartoons by John Cody!
He's first class.

— E.N. Edwards
880 10th Avenue South, #104
South Naples, FL 33940

McCaslins Were First

My grandfather was John Thomas McCaslin, born Dec. 8, 1857. In the *Banner*, I never see anything about the McCaslins but, when I became a member of Clan Buchanan [Society in America], I was told that they were the original owners of the castle and owned a lot of land near Loch Lomond. I am wondering why there is never an article about the McCaslins and the castle, and why the Buchanans have taken over. Any information will be appreciated.

— Catherine W. Garver
199 First Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19804

Editor's note: Mrs. Garver is correct in that MacAuslin (of which McCaslin is a variation) was the original surname, as shown on the "Genealogical Chart of the Clan and House of Buchanan" on pages 26-27 of the Winter 1992 issue of the Banner. It was not until about 1240 A.D. when the 8th chief of the clan, Gilbert de Buchanan, assumed the name from the lands in Stirlingshire, Scotland, that he owned. There was a mansion that served as the center of Clan Buchanan for many centuries. But, it was in 1852, long after the land and the mansion were sold to the Duke of Montrose in 1682, that the mansion burned to the ground and was replaced by Buchanan Castle. The castle was never in the hands of Clan Buchanan, but rather Clan Graham, which is headed by Montrose. (See the Spring 1993 issue, pages 3-4.)

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Possible Chief Heir Says He's Not Interested

The man who may have the genealogy to be next in line to become chief of Clan Buchanan says he is not interested. Sir Charles Alexander James Leith-Buchanan was contacted at his home in Clifton, Va., by *Banner* editor-publisher Dick Risk, following a suggestion by New Zealand member Claude Buchanan (see Spring 1993 issue, page 9).

The vacancy of the chief of the Clan Buchanan was created in the year 1681 with the death of John Buchanan of that ilk, the 22nd laird, ending the direct line of succession from clan founder Anselan Buey O'Kyan. A claim laid in 1878 was not approved by Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Leith-Buchanan was born Sept. 1, 1939, in Scotland, but came to the U.S. several years ago. He is president of United Business Machines, Inc., in the Washington, D.C., suburbs of Lorton, Va., and Rockville, Md.



LEITH-BUCHANAN

He is the only son of the late John Wellesley Macdonald Leith-Buchanan, the eldest son of James Macdonald Buchanan Leith-Buchanan, third son of the 4th baronet. He inherited the title from his great-uncle, Sir George Hector Macdonald Leith-

Buchanan, 6th baronet, whose U.S.-born widow, Lady Barbara, 90, lives in a home with a spectacular view of Loch Lomond, in Dunbartonshire, Scotland.

"It would take someone of a different character" to become chief of Clan Buchanan, says Charles, who never uses his title, "sir," and is proud of his U.S. citizenship. There is a three-year Scotland residence requirement, he notes, and he has no interest in moving back, although his business interests often take him there to visit. He says he has never checked out his possible claim to the chiefship, and that has created a "distaste about me" with some relatives.

Another possible heir, Rear Admiral Charles A. Buchanan (U.S. Navy, Ret.), 89, was also contacted by the editor-publisher at his home in Potomac, Md. The World War II veteran of landings in both the Mediterranean and the Pacific says he is a sixth-generation American and has "no credentials to be chief of the clan." His name was reported to the *Banner* by Hannah Stirling, president of Friends of Loch Lomond, Dunbartonshire, Scotland. The admiral is a member of that group. ☼

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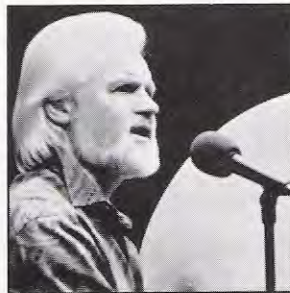
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Folk singer Ronnie Browne keeping heavy touring, recording schedule

Internationally famous Scottish folk singer Ronnie Browne, who with his late partner Roy Williamson formed The Corries, is back on the road and recording as a solo performer. In an exclusive interview with *The Buchanan Banner*, Browne said he hopes to appear at some Scottish Highland games in America possibly as early as next year.

He was in the U.S. in late April, for an appearance on behalf of promoter Bill Reid, of East of the Hebrides in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., then on to Vancouver, British Columbia.

In the Spring 1993 issue of the *Banner* (page 23), the song "Flower of Scotland" introduced by the Corries has become the backbone of the Scottish independence movement. Written by partner Roy Williamson, the song is sung by the masses, first at just Nationalist events, but now increasingly at public sporting events and on other occasions to kindle the spirit of home rule. Even Princess Anne was seen on television at a Scottish rugby match, singing the song described as 'the unofficial Scottish national anthem.'



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"Flower of Scotland" uses the spirit of Bannockburn as the foundation for a new Scotland: "...And we can still rise now and be the nation again that stood against them, proud Edward's army, and sent them homeward, tae think again."

They met in college in the 60s and, with Bill Smith, formed the Corrie Folk Trio. Smith left in 1966, and Williamson and Browne continued until Williamson died of a brain tumor at age 54, after 31 years of singing together. Browne said that it "wasn't appropriate" to tour when there were two of them, referring to Williamson's illness. "Now, my wife is my 'roadie' and she's here with me," he told the *Banner*.

In the last issue, the words to "Flower of Scotland" were incorrectly attributed to a Margaret Ross, who Browne did not know. This had been published previously in the Spring 1978 issue of the *Banner*, with the erroneous attribution, and we regretably picked it up without checking its accuracy. The lyrics are attributed to Roy Williamson and copyrighted by The Corries (Music) Ltd. ✪

Lord Lyon Approves Coat of Arms

Clan Buchanan Society in America to Get Armorial Bearings

The Lord Lyon King of Arms, Her Majesty's New Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland, has approved the petition from the Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc., to be granted its own coat of arms. (See Summer 1992 issue, p. 15) In a letter dated May 13, 1993, to Dick Risk, editor-publisher of *The Buchanan Banner*, Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, KCVO, stated:

"I have now taken up consideration of the Petition of 25th December 1992 by John Stephen Watson for Armorial bearings for and on behalf of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, Incorporated. I have considered carefully [Dick Risk's] letter of 25th December setting forth the wishes of the Society.

"I foresee no difficulty about assigning to the Society the Shield that you requested which would be blazoned, or described in Heraldic terminology, as follows:

Or, a lion rampant Sable, armed and langued Gules, in the dexter chief point an inescutcheon charged with three pallets Argent, on a chief Azure three mullets Argent, and in the sinister chief point a maple leaf Gules, all within a double tressure flory and counter-flory.

"As a Crest is desired a helmet will be placed above the Shield. This will not be in the form of a Gentleman's/Knight's/Baronet's helmet but a form of helmet appropriate to a corporate body (viz: a sallet)....

"With regard to the Crest, I cannot assign to the Society the Crest of the Chief. I do appreciate that in 1917 the Crest of the Chief was effectively assigned to The Buchanan Society [in Glasgow, Scotland] but that is not something we can, or would, do today. I suggest therefore that we omit the branches of laurel from the Crest and place the dexter hand holding up a ducal cap, etc., all within a circle of chains Sable. If it was desired to retain the allusion to the black tressure we might have had the Crest within an annulet flory at the four cardinal points Sable.

"With regard to the Motto, once again I cannot assign to the Society the Motto of the Chief. It is probably desirable that in some sense the Motto of the Society should answer the Motto of the Chief. I rather wonder if 'HONOR VIRTUTEM CORONAT' (Honour Crowns Virtues) might not be a suitable Motto for the Society.

"I look forward to receiving your thoughts on these suggestions."

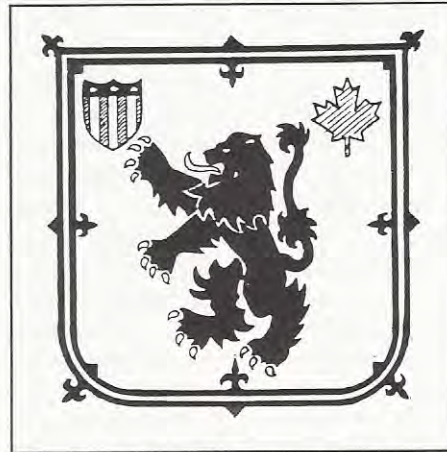
The procedure is to submit a petition to the Lord Lyon. In turn, he has complete discretion to propose a coat of arms that he considers suitable. The petitioner may submit sketches and offer suggestions, but the Lord Lyon exercises complete authority in the design. The petitioner, then, may accept or reject the proposal before any fee is paid. Once the arms are

issued, they are the property of the armiger (bearer), and the Crown will defend against illegal infringement, at its sole expense. According to an information leaflet on Scottish crest badges issued by The Court of the Lord Lyon, "The Arms and Crest are protected for their owner by the Laws of Arms in Scotland, and illegal infringement of his sole rights can bring prosecution, a fine and confiscation of the property marked with the rightful owner's Arms and/or Crest."

While the Banner does not claim to possess any heraldic expertise, here is an explanation of some of the terms in the description written by the Lord Lyon:

Or— The metal gold, symbolizing generosity and elevation of mind.

Lion— The symbol of dauntless courage.



Sketch of Clan Buchanan Society in America's shield for a coat of arms

Sable— Black, symbolizing constancy or grief.

Armed— Refers to the tinctures of claws or talons, and sometimes beaks, tusks or horns.

Langued— Refers to the tongue, when of a different tincture to the body.

Gules— Red, representing the warrior, brave and strong but generous and just; the martyr's colour.

Dexter— Pertaining to the right hand, or "on the right of" (on the left as you view it).

Azure— Blue, symbolizing truth and loyalty.

Mullet— A star of five points; represents in the bearer divine quality from above; mark of the third son.

Argent— The metal silver, symbolizing peace and sincerity.

Sinister— Pertaining to the left hand, or "on the left side of" (on the right as you view it).

The society had requested the gold shield of the clan chief, with the Black

Rampant Lion, adding on the bearer's right the U.S. federal shield (escutcheon) of three white stripes on a red background and three stars on a blue field, and on the left the red maple leaf symbolizing Canada. (Silver is reproduced as white in monocolour reproductions.) This represents the major countries of North America, as a geographical reference to this organization. By contrast, The Buchanan Society uses a book and purse to denote its educational and charitable aspects.

The flory and counter-flory, also on the Clan Buchanan chief's arms, are the *fleur de lis* symbols pointing outward and inward from the tressures surrounding the shield. The *fleur de lis* is the golden lily and floral badge of France. It is also the mark of the sixth son.

The accompanying sketch of the shield is part of the drawing submitted to the Lord Lyon. It is not necessarily the way the final version will look, nor does it include the sallet (helmet) as a crest or the dexter hand holding the ducal cap (worn by a duke) in a circle of black chains and the proposed motto.

The motto of the chief is 'CLARIOR HINC HONOS' (Brighter Hence the Honour). The motto of the society proposed by the Lord Lyon, 'HONOR VIRTUTEM CORONAT' (Honour Crowns Virtues), is intended to answer.

The society's next step is to accept the proposal, pay the fee, and wait for a copy of the final version. (The original painting is kept at The Court of the Lord Lyon, in *Lyon Register*, along with other originals granted over several centuries.) The Executive Council agreed last year to this petition and earmarked money for the fee, the exact amount of which is to be determined, with the currency exchange rate considered.

Once issued, members of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc., will be able to display the full coat of arms on society letterhead, not just the crest badge (which does not include the shield). There will also be no requirement to display with the crest badge the words, "An Ceann Cirean Cinnidh," which means literally, "the crest of the clan chief." A crest badge contains only the crest encircled by a strap with which the badge is attached to the wearer's tunic, and upon the strap is written the motto of the chief.

Others have suggested in the past that the society petition for its own coat of arms. But, it was as a result of an inadvertent unauthorized use of The Buchanan Society's armorial bearings by a new editor of the *Banner* that prompted this action. As a result, Dick Risk (the guilty party) had several communications previously with Elizabeth Roads, MVO, Carrick Pursuivant, Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records, prior to the actual petition being submitted. Risk had the help of Commissioner Milt Paras and artist Terry Buchanan in putting together the package on behalf of President John S. Watson. ☼

POTPOURRRRI!

Odom Library will be Expanded

The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library in Moultrie, Ga., which serves as repository, archives, museum and permanent address for the Clan Buchanan Society in America, will be doubled in size to accommodate the rapidly growing collection and the number of researchers who use the facility.

Just three years after opening its doors, the Odom Library received the go-ahead vote from its own board of trustees as well as the trustees for the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library. The Odom Library, is privately endowed, but co-located with the county library. Plans include construction of doors between the existing library and the adjacent Odom Auditorium, making one large room. The announcement was made by Melody Stinson Jenkins, library director.

New State Regents Appointed

Barbara Buchanan Parsons of Crossville has replaced Billie Bratton of Gatlinburg as regent for Tennessee, according to Randall Buchanan, commissioner of Region 5. "We would like to thank Billie for her excellent service," says Randall, "and a hearty Scottish welcome to Barbara." Bratton held the post for two years.

Wolf-Dieter Klose, commissioner for Region 10, announces the appointment of his brother, Peter W. Klose of Köln, as regent for Germany. The Southwestern Region, which includes the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming, has also included society members living in the United Kingdom and Germany. (You'll have to ask someone else why.)

New Mexico Regent Ralph Stevenson has recruited Dr. James ("Buck" — what else?) Buchanan to assist him as convener for the northern part of the state.

New Trust Director is a Buchanan Clansman

The new director of the National Trust for Scotland is retired Royal Navy Admiral Douglas Dow. President John S. Watson and past President Lou McCaslin attended a luncheon on May 8 at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa., honoring the director and were last seen trying to recruit him into the society. Dow is a surname of Clan Buchanan. The admiral is also eligible to wear the Davidson tartan. (See photo on page 15.)

The National Trust for Scotland is a charity supported by a membership of nearly a quarter of a million people who share a love for all that is best in Scotland. Founded in 1931 by a handful of prominent Scots who were concerned about the continuing destruction of the country's heritage of beautiful countryside, fine buildings and superb gardens. Today, the trust is an influential body with more than 100 properties in its care, varying from castles to acres of countryside. Membership dues begin at £22 annually. For more information, write to the trust at its headquarters, 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DU, Scotland; phone 031-226 5922.

Be Sure to Provide Forwarding Address

Members who move should be sure to submit an address change notice to the *seneschal* so that the mailing list for the *Banner* and any other mailings can be updated. In the first quarter alone, the society has lost track of six members,

including early member David Bristow and attorney Sam Crutchfield. If the system works, a member who moves and leaves a forwarding address with the local postmaster will have the *Banner* forwarded, and the society will receive an address change notice for up to one year after the move. But, that doesn't always work, apparently. You can eliminate the uncertainty of the system working by sending a notice to the *seneschal*, whose address is listed on page 1 and page 2, as well as avoid a delay in receiving the quarterly magazine.

Membership Secretary Doing 'Super Work'

To get a better handle on how the society's membership records are being managed, President John S. Watson recently spent time with Jean Risk Robinson, who he had appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ann Babyak, who resigned due to health reasons effective Jan. 1. Jean and husband Boyd have developed a reporting system that taps the ever-growing membership data base and provides separate listings for the president, treasurer, *Banner* editor-publisher, commissioners and regents. In addition, each member due for renewal receives an individual letter and renewal form, along with a request for an update on specific information from the member. "I can only say they do super work," reports Watson.

The Robinsons prefer to use their own computer equipment, which is more powerful and faster than the system owned by the society, but they ensure that the society's equipment is kept updated for the time when the job passes to someone else. The Robinsons, who spent countless hours when first taking over, now have this volunteer job down to a manageable level of some 20 to 30 hours per week. Jean has been elected to a full two-year term as *seneschal* beginning in July.

For all of us affected by the work of this industrious and generous pair — and that is each and every member of this society — the *Banner* suggests you drop them a note just to let them know that the job is not thankless. Their address is: 1534 Benton Hollow Road, Drumore, PA 17518.

We'll Always Take, But Not Always Return Calls

We're sorry, but the volunteer editor of the *Banner* hasn't budgeted funds to return long distance phone calls from members who have something to report or suggest. It's a ratio of about 2,700 to 1. Your calls are encouraged, and we always enjoy hearing from members. If we are not available to take your call, please feel free to call again. But, don't be surprised if we don't call you back. Thanks for understanding.

Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Filing Still Pending

As far as we have heard, the petition to the Internal Revenue Service for the Clan Buchanan Society in America, Inc., to be recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization has not yet been filed. Tom Jones, society treasurer, has reported doing some work on the petition in the last several months, but no word that it has been filed with the IRS. When approved, the IRS will issue a Letter of Determination which may allow personal donations to the society as well as expenses incurred on its behalf to be deducted from the individual's income tax return. (We don't mean to be giving tax advice — ask your professional advisor.)

Bylaws Revision Proposal Still Not Ready

The need for bylaws revision has been evident for more than two years, but no proposal has been readied for submission to a vote of the membership. In anticipation that the bylaws would be amended, the society has not elected trustees (three are prescribed) or a member at large of the Executive Committee for several years. However, the bylaws revision effort it seems has not kept pace with the desire for change. Once again, this is expected to be a subject to be addressed by the Executive Council at its scheduled meeting on July 9 at Boone, N.C., in conjunction with the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. A proposed revision, according to the bylaws, must first be approved by the Executive Council then submitted by written ballot to a vote of the membership.

Clan Buchanan Centre Idea Still Alive

The idea of establishing a 'Clan Buchanan Centre' near Loch Lomond in old Buchanan country of Stirling has received some interest by several people and groups in Scotland. (See Spring 1993 issue of the *Banner*, pages 3-4.) Alison Brown, Drymen librarian, has made several contacts, as has Hannah Stirling, president of Friends of Loch Lomond.

Dick and Carroll Risk, who will be leading the tour of Scotland in August, plan to arrive early and stay a few days afterward to allow time to meet with people who might be able to assist in the development of such a facility. The Scottish Tourist Board has provided two publications, *Financial Assistance for Tourism Development Projects* and *Visitor Attractions: A Development Guide*. Dick, who is editor and publisher of the *Banner*, has written to the Duke of Montrose, who heads Clan Graham and owns much of the lands that were lost three centuries ago by the chief of Clan Buchanan, about the time the last chief died, leaving no heir. The Montrose family built Buchanan Castle near Drymen and close to the site of Place of Buchanan, which had stood for centuries as center of Clan Buchanan culture until fire destroyed it in mid-19th century. The castle today is in ruins and, because it has been without a roof for decades, is overgrown with vegetation. Many estimate that the cost of restoring the castle would be prohibitive.

As an alternative, the regional park service plans to build a new visitor center on the 'bonnie banks' of Loch Lomond — we've heard two different locations, Balmaha and Balloch. Either would be suitable as a location for a Clan Buchanan Centre possibly to share the building. This sharing arrangement has been done in another location recently for another clan. If the concept proves to be feasible, Risk will submit a proposal to the Executive Council for formal consideration. It is envisioned by Risk that a separate foundation would be established, but within the framework of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, to raise funds and manage the facility.

As expected, word was received from Fiona Risk, on behalf of The Buchanan Society in Glasgow that the directors of that organization felt the idea of a clan 'centre' was not "an appropriate venture for the society, as a charity, to be involved in." None of the directors expressed an interest on a personal basis either, she said in a letter to Dick Risk.

Anselan O'Kyan No King, But 'Petty Prince'

Donal B. Buchanan, clan genealogist, notes with regard to the "Genealogical Chart of the Clan and House of Buchanan," compiled by Milton Rubincam in 1932, that appeared on pages 26-27 of the Winter 1992 issue of the *Banner* that the founder of

Clan Buchanan was not a king. "I don't know how well it was done or how reliable the material is," says Don. "It is obviously based on the work of Buchanan of Auchmar with possibly a bit of Strathendrick and A.W. Patrick Buchanan's *Buchanan Book* thrown in.

"The first glaring error that strikes me is the reference to Anselan O'Kyan as 'King of Southern Ulster.' He was no means a king. He was a petty prince of the O'Cathan family. He was a younger son and didn't have a mule to kick in Northern Ireland (his older brother got the land and cash).

"He was probably only about 15 or 16 and quite fair, known as Anselan Buidh ("The Fair") when he was picked as one of 1,000 pretty boys chosen to play coquettes to the Danes. After the 'dirty deed' was done [slaughtering of the Danes], he fled for his life with a small company of men (perhaps fellow 'coquettes?') to Scotland, landing on the coast of Argyle and taking service under the Earl of Lennox for Malcolm II against the Danes. he must have been a good warrior despite his young age, for he was rewarded with land and his descendants for several generations appear to have served with Earl of Lennox as seneschal."

New 'Are You a Buchanan?' Sign Debuts

Clan Calligrapher Arthur Beneckson has made a new sept sign which made its debut at the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival in April and will grace the Clan Buchanan recruiting tent at Grandfather Mountain in July. The sign has its own stand and is fully waterproof and protected by plexiglass.

New Drymen and Buchanan Photo Book Published

Alison Brown, community librarian in Drymen, Scotland, reports that a new publication, *Drymen and Buchanan: A Further Selection of Old Photographs*, by Mary Bruce, is available for mail order for \$6.60 (U.S.). The original publication, *Drymen and Buchanan in Old Photographs*, has been out of print for several years and has just been reprinted. It is available for \$5.10 along with its sister publication, *Strathendrick in Old Photographs*, for \$3.60. Prices include postage and packaging.

Payment should be in International Money Orders (available from post offices). If payment is made by cash or cheque, an additional \$4.50 should be sent to cover bank charges. Orders should be sent to: Stirling District Council, Library Headquarters, Borrowmeadow Road, Stirling FK7 7TN Scotland.

The books, which are saddle stitched and in soft cover, make wonderful gifts for people interested in their Scottish heritage. The locales of these publications are the heart of 'Buchanan Country.'

Cartoon Was Too Esoteric for Some Readers

John V. Cody, a society member and professional cartoonist, who lives in Lynnfield, Mass., did a wonderful series to accompany Bob Martin's article in the Spring 1993 *Banner* on what is worn beneath kilt (pages 12-13). But, for those who didn't understand his reference to a "Fighting Lady from Hell" (including the editor), we asked John to explain. *Ladies from Hell* (The Century Company, New York, 1918) is the title of a book by R. Douglas Pinkerton, a member of the London Scottish in World War I, and refers to the label the Germans gave to the fighting Scots. "As a matter of fact," says John, "I have the book." The latest of John's humor, which is "dredged up out of the stygian depths of my so-called mind," is his guide on ways to wear one's balmoral.

HUMOR



How to Wear Your Balmoral To Reflect Your Personality

(Or, How You'd Like it to Be)

Professional cartoonist John V. Cody of Lynnfield, Mass., a member of the Clan Buchanan Society in America, says "ever since I started wearing my balmoral, I constantly find myself checking mirrors to see if I have the 'correct' jaunty angle. Do I look as if I just came off a raid on the French Coast, right under the eyes of the Nazis?? This led me to investigate the various ways to wear your balmoral [using himself as a model] and also convey a certain mood, a sense of panaché; whatever. Here we go:

1. "If you can cock one eyebrow higher than the other and lower the lid over one eye, purse your lips and pull the balmoral down on one side; you've got it, the David Niven look — dashing, daring!
2. "The no-nonsense straight-forward kind of guy. It's either that or the guy is freezing and the debonair look can go hang!
3. "The day is over, time to push the balmoral onto the back of the head, maybe have a pint at the local pub. Happy-go-lucky type wears it this way all of the time.
4. "Take your balmoral in hand, on your head, and swing it around to the side, taking care that the ribbon doesn't cover the eye. Kinda sets you apart; people think that you belong to some kind of special clan; it is rather sportive."

MacDonald, leaving home for a few days, said, "Noo, Maggie, dinna forget to mak' wee Alec tak' off his glasses when he's not lookin' through them."

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Angus woke early and found that his wife had passed away during the night. "Maggie! Maggie!" he cried to the servant.

"Aye, sir?" she called back.

"Maggie, ye need boil only one egg the morn!"

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A friend was condoling with a Scotsman on the loss of his wife. "Eh, Sandy," he said, "'tis a sair loss ye hae had!"

"Mon, 'tis that," answered Sandy. "And tae think! 'Twas a week ago that the doctor ordered a box of pills for her, and she hadna time tae take but half of them!"

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"Now, McTavish," said the doctor, "it's like this: You've got a hard choice; you must either stop drinking whisky or lose your eyesight."

"Ay, weel, doctor," said McTavish, "I'm an old man noo, and' I'm thinkin' I ha'e seen about everything worth seein'."

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MacPherson bought only one spur. He figured that if one side of the horse went, the other was sure to follow.

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A Scotsman came upon an automobile overturned at a railway crossing. Beside it lay a man badly hurt.

"Get a doctor," he moaned.

"Did the train hit you?" asked the Scotsman.

"Yes, yes! Get a doctor!"

"Has the claim agent been here yet?"

"No, no! Please get a doctor!"

"Move over," said the Scot, "till I lie down beside you."

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A hunter was returning home from the field with nothing in his bag, when suddenly he spied a flock of ducks swimming in a little pond. An old Scots farmer was watching them.

"How much do you want to let me

take a pot shot at those ducks?" asked the hunter.

"Half a dollar," was the reply. The hunter let fly with both barrels, killing fourteen ducks.

"Well," said the hunter, smiling, as he paid the farmer, "I guess I got the best of that bargain."

"Ah, I dinna ken," replied the Scotsman. "They're not my ducks — and it's not my pond."

In Edinburgh they tell the story of the two burglars who smashed a jeweler's window and were arrested when they came back for the brick.

"Are ye the mon who rescued our little Angus from drowning?" cried the frantic mother. "If ye are, where's his bonnet?"

"Jock!" cried his father, "if you sow your wild oats, sow them in the back yard where they'll do some good."

"Did you hear about Sandy's tragedy? He had to give up golf."

"Poor man. Why?"
"He lost his ball."

"I hear that Anna got married to old MacDonald. How does he treat her?"
"Seldom."

Perhaps the meanest present ever sent was the one Campbell of Glasgow sent to his friend in Edinburgh. It was a homing pigeon.

A Scottish lady invited a gentleman to dinner on a particular day and he accepted with the reservation, "If I am spared."

"Weel, weel," replied she, "if ye're deid I'll no' expect ye."

Sandy joined a golf club and was told by the professional that if his name was on his golf balls and they were lost, they would be returned to him when found.

"Good," said the Scot. "Put my name on this ball."

The pro did so.

"Would you also put M.D. after it?" said the new member. "I'm a doctor."

The pro obeyed.

"There's just one more thing," went on the Scot. "Can ye squeeze 'Hours 10 to 3' on it as well?"

A Scottish minister was walking through a street in a village one misty evening when he fell into a deep hole. There was no ladder by which he could make his escape and he began to shout for help. A passing laborer heard his cries and, looking down, asked who he was. The minister told him, whereupon the laborer remarked: "Weel, weel, ye needna kick up sic' a noise. You'll no be needed afore Sawbath, an' this is only Wednesday nicht."

"Stand behind your lover, false woman," thundered the Scotsman, "I'm going to shoot you both."

A new pulpit having been erected, the minister and the verger tested the acoustics.

"Stand you well to the back and see how this sounds," said the minister, repeating a text.

"Fine, meenister, fine!"

"Now you go up into the pulpit and say anything you like."

The verger went up. "I havena' had a rise o' pay for three years. Hoo does that soond, meenister?"

"Jack," said Captain Angus to his cook, "here's a wee ticket for tonight's conjuring show at the beacon. Noo, when he comes to that part where he takes a spoonful o' flour and one egg, and makes 20 omelettes, watch very closely, laddie."

MacGregor and MacPherson decided to become teetotalers, but MacGregor thought it would be best if they had one bottle of whisky to put in the cupboard in case of illness.

After three days MacPherson could bear it no longer and said: "MacGregor, Ah'm not verra weel."

"Too late, MacPherson, Ah was verra sick m'sel all day yesterday."

A party of tourists were enjoying the wonders of the grand canyon. A native passing by was asked by the driver of the car:

"I say, neighbor, can you tell us what caused this terrible gorge?"

"Well, they say a Scotsman once owned a ranch near here, and one day he lost a golf ball down a gopher hole."

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Arrive Glasgow Airport. After checking into the hotel, there will be a city tour of Glasgow and a visit to the *Clan Buchanan*, a fine British Rail steam locomotive, N° 72000. Dinner in hotel. OVERNIGHT: Buchanan Hotel, Glasgow. (D)

Day 2, Friday, Aug. 6

Today, sail on Loch Lomond, starting with a visit to the island Inchcailloch. In 1921, the Buchanan parish was formed by the union of Inchcailloch and the lands of Buchanan. Next visit the island Clarinch, now a bird sanctuary, which was the inspiration for the Clan Buchanan war cry, "*Clar Innis*." This island is owned by The Buchanan Society. We arrive in the village of Buchanan for lunch. In the afternoon, visit the chapel at Buchanan, which was dedicated prior to 1474 to Our Lady or the Virgin Mary by a Buchanan laird. We return to Glasgow. This evening there will be a cocktail reception, with special guests invited. OVERNIGHT: Buchanan Hotel, Glasgow. (B,D)

Day 3, Saturday, Aug. 7

Motorcoach to Drymen, located near Loch

Lomond, where the local historical society will give a slide orientation of "Buchanan Country." En route to Drymen, visit Dumgoyne Hill, which may be observed from Strathblane on the road from Glasgow. Next, stop at Duncryne Hill for all who want to climb it for a spectacular view of Loch Lomond (see cover of the Winter 1991 issue, *The Buchanan Banner*). Our next stop is in Killearn for the monument to George Buchanan, the historian and tutor to Mary Queen of Scots and her son James VI. We then view the River Endrick, which flows from the lands of Lennox in the Campsie Fells, through Strathendrick and Buchanan parish. Before entering Drymen, visit the Buchanan Castle ruins, built in 1857 by the Duke of Montrose, head of Clan Graham. Nazi Rudolph Hess was kept here briefly in 1941. This land was once site of the "Place of Buchanan," the clan gathering place for many centuries, until financial problems forced the sale. See also Milton of Buchanan and Buchanan Smithy. OVERNIGHT: Buchanan Highland Hotel, Drymen. (B,D)

Day 4, Sunday, Aug. 8

Motorcoach through breathtaking loch country, through Oban, a holiday resort on the Firth of Lorne, stopping at Glencoe, site of the massacre in 1692 of the House of Donald by the Campbells. Continue through the Highlands to Blair Atholl. OVERNIGHT: Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl. (B,D)

Day 5, Monday, Aug. 9

This morning, visit the Dalwhinnie distillery in the Grampian Highlands, which is licensed to James Buchanan & Company, makers of famous Black & White, Buchanan's Red Seal and Buchanan's DeLuxe scotch whiskeys. Visit Blair Castle in the afternoon. OVERNIGHT: Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl. (B,D)

Day 6, Tuesday, Aug. 10

Visit Pitlochry this morning, en route to Edinburgh, set amid beautiful Highland scenery with forest and hill walks. Before arriving in Edinburgh, visit Peter Macdonald, "the handloom tartan weaver." Upon arrival in Edinburgh, there will be an afternoon sight-seeing tour. This evening, there will be a traditional Scottish banquet, complete with haggis, followed by the Military Tattoo, well after dark. OVERNIGHT: Mount Royal Hotel, Edinburgh. (B,D)

Day 7, Wednesday, Aug. 11

The full day is at your leisure to see Edinburgh, the "Prince of Cities." Many attractions are within walking distance of the hotel, and there is plenty of public transportation. (Transportation and admission fees are on you.) You might want to consider a tour of Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace. For those interested in genealogy, there's the Clan Tartan Centre, where you can trace your Scottish ancestors on the archive computer, and several libraries with genealogy works, including National Library and Central Li-

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Day 8, Thursday, Aug. 12

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