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Nominations for CBSI Officers are Open Now...



I realize that this looks like a repeat of the Spring issue's cover but, this is important and Beth has been gracious to a fault by letting me have my say on this issue's cover.

Now is the time for all members in good standing to come to the aid of their Clan Society. (OK, so it isn't a perfect adaptation of that old typewriter exercise but, I tried.) The Society needs good dedicated members to run for office.

I think you all know the criteria but, to refresh your memory, they are quite simple:

1. A participating active member in good standing in the Society for at least one year. 2. The nominee must be capable of fulfilling the requirements, duties

Mark your calendars now!

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and obligations of the office for which he/she has been nominated. 3. No person shall have his/her name placed in nomination without his/her prior consent.

To repeat; the names of all nominees must be in writing, E-mails are accepted, and received by the Chairperson no later than November 1st, 1004.

Nominations may be sent to any member of the Nominating Committee and they are:

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The Society and I appreciate any and all the help you can give us on this important matter.

Aye yours, Buck

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From our president, John Watson...



We are now in the last quarter of 2004. Did you attend a Scottish game or festival; send in your membership renewal; make your plans to attend the big 35th anniversary bash and Annual General Meeting at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina next July?

Keep in mind rooms are at a premium there so now is not early to make your reservation. See information elsewhere in this publication for all the details you need.

We know it is expensive to attend Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, but it is an experience every Buchanan should have at least once.

Grandfather Mountain is the birthplace of the Clan Buchanan Society (1970).

Names many of you don't know come to mind for us old timers. Names like Lavon Watson, Margretta Eagon, Lou McCaslin, Jack Bailey, Dan Tullos, George S. Buchanan, Fred Buchanan, Talmadge Buchanan...and the list goes on and on.

I know I missed many old timers, but my memory just isn't what it once was.

When I lived in the East, I never missed Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. For me, the 2005 AGM will be a trip into the past. It was here I met Tom Jones, Buck Buchanan, Lou McCaslin, Joe Morris, Karen Wolfe, Mary B. Stroman and a host of other society workers. Will I see you there next year?

Please give some thought to serving in an official capacity. Clan Buchanan always needs people to help out locally and at the administrative level. This is where you get the "biggest bank for your buck."

We would really like to get back to the 2000 member status we enjoyed about six years ago. To do it, we have to sell our society at the tents and tell people why they should belong to our society. "We are family," as Lavon used to say. We want everyone to know we are proud of our heritage.

I know it is early, but you folks in the East should make your plans now to visit Wheatland in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at Christmas time. You can see the article in the last *Buchanan Banner* for information on President James Buchanan's home.

The open house runs about a week in early December. You may find them at <http://www.wheatland.org> on the Internet.

John Aye yours,
John

CLAN BUCHANAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
NEW SALES MERCHANDISE ACCOUNTABILITY PROCEDURES

The Executive Council has established goals to get a reasonable accountability for the merchandise expenditure vs. return. There has been no system to track what merchandise has been sent to conveners vs. what money they return.

To document the merchandise, Quartermaster Glen Morris has developed a computerised invoice system so that he can provide the convener with a statement of the shipped merchandise showing the retail values that the society expects to be returned to the treasury when the merchandise is sold. When he ships requested merchandise to conveners, he is sending the Treasurer a similar invoice so that the profit can be tracked. The Treasurer has received the first of these new "Shipped Items" invoices from Glen Morris.

A spreadsheet has been created for each convener, so that the retail value, and our cost, of merchandise may be tracked. This spreadsheet will compare the merchandise sent to each convener vs the sales money that is returned

to the treasury. As the money is returned for items, the sold items will be credited and removed from the outstanding list. The convener can either return the merchandise (eventually) or the money to clear the account. The Treasurer will try to send out statements to each convener who has outstanding merchandise periodically.

We have developed this plan to bring some type of accountability to this merchandise distribution. If the conveners are unable or unwilling to help make some accountability plan work, and if we are not showing a profit from the activity, we should not be doing merchandise sales at all.

The sample below illustrates how shipped merchandise is recorded by catalog number and how credit is given when sales income is returned. A summary sheet will be provided to the Executive Council periodically so that they may monitor to success of the program.

Jim Gibson, Treasurer

CATALOG NUMBER	DATE SENT	INVOICE NUMBER	QTY	ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST OF MSDE	RETAIL VALUE SENT	FUNDS RETURNED	MSDE OUTSTANDING	DATE SOLD
PSCGL	3/7/04	1013	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
PSCWXL	3/7/04	1013	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
PSCGXL	3/7/04	4043	4	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$26.00		4/1/04
PSCYS	3/7/04	1013	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
PSCYM	3/7/04	1013	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
PSCRXL	3/7/04	1013	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
SSCRXL	3/7/04	1013	1	SWEAT SHIRT	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$28.00	
SSCRXL	3/7/04	4043	4	SWEAT SHIRT	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$28.00		4/1/04
PSLGXL	2/9/04	1014	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
PSLGXL	2/9/04	1014	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
PSLGXL	2/9/04	1014	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
SSCRXL	2/9/04	1014	1	SWEAT SHIRT	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$0.00	\$28.00	
AT	3/7/04	4043	4	AFGHAN	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$35.00		4/1/04
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AT	3/7/04	1013	1	AFGHAN	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	
BB	3/7/04	4043	4	BUCH BOOK	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$12.00		5/16/04
BB	3/7/04	1013	1	BUCH BOOK	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	
BB	3/7/04	1013	1	BUCH BOOK	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	
LP	3/7/04	1013	1	LAPEL PINS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	
LP	3/7/04	1013	1	LAPEL PINS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	
LP	3/7/04	1013	1	LAPEL PINS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	
LP	3/7/04	1013	1	LAPEL PINS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	
BM	3/7/04	4043	4	BOOKMARKS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		5/16/04
BM	3/7/04	4043	4	BOOKMARKS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		5/16/04
BM	3/7/04	4043	4	BOOKMARKS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$3.00		5/16/04
BM	3/7/04	1013	1	BOOKMARKS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	
BM	3/7/04	1013	1	BOOKMARKS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	
BM	3/7/04	1013	1	BOOKMARKS	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$3.00	
FVCGM	4/12/04	1020	1	FLEECE VEST	\$21.00	\$29.00	\$0.00	\$29.00	
PSCRXL	4/12/04	1020	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
PSCYXL	4/12/04	1020	1	POLO SHIRT	\$18.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$26.00	
SB	4/12/04	1020	1	STADIUM BLNKT	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	
TOTALS SAMPLE					\$414.00	\$679.00	\$145.00	\$536.00	

Buck Buchanan's Scottish funnies...

Our Buck Buchanan writes: "Pat and I just returned from a paddlewheel boat cruise up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. We went on a tour of Churchill Downs and discovered that the winner of the 1884 Kentucky Derby was a horse named Buchanan - ridden by I. Murphy. Time was 2.40 1/4. The distance was one and a half miles back then. Now, it's one and a quarter mile!"

A lady from Edinburgh and a lady from Glasgow were discussing (arguing?) about the merits of their respective home towns.

Finally, the lady from Edinburgh said, "In Edinburgh, breeding is everything."

The lady from Glasgow replied, "Well, we enjoy that too, but we do other things also."

A boorish man walked into a pub in Glasgow. The bartender says, "Can I help you, sir?"

The man replies, "Do you have any Scotch here?"

The bartender answers, "Sir, in Scotland, we call that by its proper name, whisky, and yes, we do have quite a few brands. Shall I pour you a drink?"

The boorish man replies, "Yeah."

The bartender pours a drink and sets it before the customer, who then just stares at the glass. The bartender asks, "Is there something wrong, sir?"

The man replies, "Would you put some ice in that drink?"

The bartender answers, "Sir, I'm afraid we have no ice."

"Then how about mixing in the same amount of water?" asks the man.

"I'm afraid I can't do that either," replies the bartender.

"Why not?" asks the boor.

The bartender replies, "All our water is frozen."



Francis Buchanan -

Distinguished Buchanan

Claude Buchanan FSA Scot Gartincaber Helensville New Zealand

Francis, Buchanan M.D. author of *Travels in the Mysore, a History of Nepal*, was born at Branziet, in Stirlingshire, February 15th, 1762. He was the third son of Dr. Thomas Buchanan of Spital, who afterwards succeeded as heir of entail to the estate of Leney, in Perthshire, and Elizabeth Hamilton heiress of Bardowie, near Glasgow.

As a younger brother he was, of course, destined to a profession. He chose that of his father; and after the finishing the elementary parts of his classical education with considerable credit, at the Grammar School of Glasgow, he commenced his medical studies at the university, where he remained till he had received his diploma.

Glasgow college has always enjoyed a high reputation for literature and ethics; but, with the exception, perhaps, of the department of anatomy, its fame, as a medical school, has never equalled that of Edinburgh. During the latter part of the eighteenth century especially, the capital enjoyed a reputation for medical science scarcely inferior to that of any medical school in Europe. Its degrees were eagerly desired by students from all parts of Great Britain, and from many parts of the continent, and its diploma was available in almost every part of the world as a powerful letter of recommendation.

Buchanan was anxious to secure for himself the advantage of pursuing his professional studies under the eminent professors, who, at that time, more than sustained the high reputation which Edinburgh college had already acquired. Here he remained till he received his degree in 1783.

He soon after was appointed assistant-surgeon on board a man-of-war, a situation from which he was afterwards obliged to retire on account of ill health. He now spent some years at home, in the country, his health being so bad as to disqualify him

for all active exertion, till 1794, when he received an appointment as surgeon in the East India Company's service, on the Bengal establishment.

The voyage to India completely restored his health, and on his arrival he was sent with Captain Symes on his mission to the court of Ava. In the course of his medical studies, Dr. Buchanan had paid particular attention to botany, and its cognate branches of natural science; and during his present visit to the Birman Empire, he had an opportunity of making some valuable collections of the plants of Pegu, Ava, and the Andaman Islands, which, together with several interesting drawings, he transmitted to the court of directors, by whom they were presented to Sir Joseph Banks.

On his return from Ava, he was stationed at Luckipoor, near the mouth of the Burrampooter, where he remained two years, principally occupied in describing the fishes found in the neighbourhood.

In 1798, he was employed by the board of trade at Calcutta, on the recommendation of Dr. Roxburgh, superintendent of the botanical garden, to visit the district of Chatigang and its neighbourhood, forming the chief part of the ancient kingdom of Tripura. The extensive and well-watered districts of India beyond the Ganges, afforded him a wide and rich field for pursuing his favourite study. The numerous specimens which he collected in this interesting country were also transmitted to Sir Joseph Banks, and added to his collection.

Part of the following year, Dr. Buchanan spent in describing the fishes of the Ganges, of which he afterwards published an account.

In 1800, he was employed by Marquis Wellesley, then governor-general of India, to exam-

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ine the state of the country which the company's forces had lately conquered from Tippoo Sultan, together with the province of Malabar. The results of his inquiries in the Carnatic and Mysore he afterwards, on his return to England, in 1807, published under the patronage of the court of directors. This work, *Travels in the Mysore*, extending to three large quarto volumes, illustrated with maps and drawings, contains much valuable information concerning the agriculture, laws, customs, religious sects, history, &c., of India generally, and particularly of the interior dependencies of Madras.

In criticising the work the Edinburgh reviewers observe, "Those who will take the trouble to peruse Dr. Buchanan's book, will certainly obtain a far more accurate and correct notion of the actual condition and appearance of India, and of its existing arts, usages, and manners, than could be derived from all the other books relating to it in existence."

The reviewer adds still more valuable praise - a praise not always deserved by travellers in countries comparatively little known - when the *Edinburgh Review*, vol xiii. Oct. 1808 was released.

Soon after Dr. Buchanan had finished his survey of the Mysore country, he changed the scene of his labours from the south to the north-east of Hindoostan, being appointed, in 1802, to accompany the embassy to Nepal, conducted by Captain Knox. In the course of this journey, and his subsequent residence in Nepal, he made large additions to his former collections of rare plants; which, with descriptions and numerous drawings, he transmitted to Mr. J. E. Smith. It was during this period also that he collected the greater part of the materials for his *History of Nepal*, which he published in 1818, some years after he had retired from the Company's service.

On his return from Nepal he was appointed surgeon to the governor-general, and he employed such leisure time as he had for the study of natural history, in superintending the menagerie founded by

the Marquis Wellesley, and in describing the animals which it contained.

Of Lord Wellesley Dr. Buchanan always spoke in terms of high admiration and devoted attachment; he considered his government in India as being not less wise and beneficent, than it was eminently successful. Undoubtedly India owes much to this distinguished nobleman; and it would have been happy, both for her native population, and her merchant princes, had her government been always intrusted to men of such practical capacity and unblemished integrity.

In 1805, Dr. Buchanan accompanied his noble patron to England; and, in the following year, was again sent to India by the court of directors, for the purpose of making a statistical survey of the territory under the presidency of Fort William, which comprehends Bengal Proper and several of the adjoining districts. With this laborious undertaking he was occupied for upwards of seven years, after which he returned to Calcutta; and, on the death of Dr. Roxburgh, in 1814, succeeded him as superintendant of the botanical garden, having been appointed successor to that respectable botanist by the Court of Directors so early as 1807. But he was now exhausted with long continued exertion: his services had been liberally rewarded by the East India Company; an independant and honourably acquired fortune relieved him from the necessity of encountering any longer the hardships incident to his former mode of life, among tribes half-civilized, and often somewhat less than half-friendly, and exposed to the malignant influence of Indian climate; and he naturally wished to enjoy the close of a busy life, free from the responsibility and inquietudes of public service, in some peaceful retirement in his native land.

While he was preparing for his voyage home, he was deprived, by the Marquis of Hastings, of all the botanical drawings which had been made under his inspection, during his last stay in India, and which

he intended to have deposited with his other collections in the library of the India house. This circumstance he greatly regretted, as he feared that the drawings would thus be totally lost to the public. "To me," says Dr. Buchanan, in a paper which was published among the *Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh*, "to me, as an individual, they were of no value, as I preserve no collection, and as I have no occasion to convert them into money."

On his arrival in England in 1815, he presented to the court of Directors, his collection of plants and minerals, some papers on the geography of Ava, several genealogical tables, nine hundred Indian coins, gold and silver, a collection of Indian drugs, his notes on Natural History, a few drawings, and about twenty curious Hindoo MSS. He then proceeded to Scotland, where he hoped to enjoy the fruits of his toil in quiet. On his arrival, he found his elder brother, Colonel Hamilton, involved in pecuniary difficulties, from which he could only be partially relieved by the sale of such parts of the family estates as had not been entailed. Dr. Buchanan, who was himself next heir, Colonel Hamilton having no children, agreed to pay his brother's debts, which amounted altogether to upwards of £15,000. His brother soon after died abroad, whither he had gone in the hope of recovering his health, and Dr. Buchanan, succeeding him in his estates, adopted his mother's family name of Hamilton.

He now fixed his residence at Leney, where he amused himself with adding to the natural beauties of one of the loveliest spots in Perthshire, such improvements as a cultivated taste and an ample fortune enabled him to supply. In this sweet retirement he still found pleasure in prosecuting the studies and scientific pursuits which had engrossed the busier part of his life. His garden occupied much of his attention; he introduced into his grounds many curious plants, shrubs, and flowers; he contributed largely to the scientific journals of the day, particu-

larly the *Edinburgh Philosophical Journal*, the *Edinburgh Journal of Science*, the transactions of the Linnaean Society of London, the Memoirs of the Hibernian Natural History Society, and the Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Also in the Transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society are several papers taken from his statistical survey of the provinces under the Presidency of Fort William, deposited in the Library of the East India Company: these papers, at the instance of Dr. Buchanan were liberally communicated to the Society, accompanied with explanations by Henry Thomas Colebrooke, Esq., one of the Directors.

In 1819, he published his *History of the Kingdom of Nepal*, already mentioned, and in the same year a *Genealogy of the Hindoo Gods*, which he had drawn up some years before with the assistance of an intelligent Brahman. In 1822 appeared his *Account of the Fishes of the Ganges*, with plates.

Dr. Buchanan was connected with several distinguished literary and scientific societies. He was a member of the Asiatic Society of Calcutta - a fellow of the Royal Society, the Linnaean Society, and Society of Antiquaries of London - an ordinary member of the Society of Scottish Antiquaries - a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh - member of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, etc., etc.

In 1826, he was appointed a deputy lieutenant for Perthshire, and took a warm interest in the politics of the day. His own principles were Tory, and he was not a little apt to be violent and overbearing in discussion with men of the opposite party. But although hasty in his temper and violent in his politics, Dr. Buchanan was of a generous and liberal disposition: he was extremely charitable to the poor, warm in his personal attachments, and just and honourable in his public capacity of magistrate.

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Flowers of the Forest

Dear Friends,

Saturday night, February 28, 2004, at 11:05 PM, the Lord wrapped his arms around mother and took her home.

She had been in so much pain since she broke her hip that her body was not strong enough to fight the cancer that ravaged her body and the surgery to repair her hip.

Happily, her suffering and pain are over and we rejoice in the knowledge that she is with the Lord.

There will be a service celebrating the life of **Kathryn Black Buchanan Hogan** at the Madison Avenue Christian Church, 722 12th Street West, Huntington, WV at 11:00 AM Wednesday, September 1, 2004. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Fred



We wish you well, Tom Jones!

The Clan Buchanan Society, International's many-times treasurer, Tom Jones of Bryan, Texas has had a recurrence of cancer.

CBSI President, John Watson, writes, "It's back...but they believe they caught it early enough."

If you would like to send a card or contact the Jones' please write 900 Esther Blvd., Bryan, TX 77802.

Frances Buchanan, Continued from page 8

He married late in life, and fondness for the society of his children, joined with studious habits, left him little leisure or inclination for mixing in the gayeties of the fashionable world. He lived, however, on terms of good understanding and easy intercourse with his neighbours. His own high attainments and extensive information eminently qualified him for enjoying the conversation and appearing to advantage in the society of men of liberal education, and to such his house was always open. His intimate acquaintance with oriental manners, geography, and history, made his conversation interesting and instructive; his unobtrusive manners, his sober habits, his unostentatious and unaffected hospitality made him an agreeable companion and a good neighbour; while the warmth and steadiness of his attachments rendered his friendship valuable.

The following high estimate of his character we find in Dr. Robertson's statistical account of the

Parish of Callander, so early as the year 1793.

"The most learned person who is known to have belonged to this parish is Dr. Francis Buchanan, at present in the East Indies. In classical and medical knowledge he has few equals, and he is well acquainted with the whole system of nature."

Dr. Buchanan carried on an extensive correspondence with men of eminence in the literary and scientific world; he repeatedly received the public thanks of the Court of Directors, and of the Governor-General in council, for his useful collections and his information on Indian affairs; and when his former patron Marquis Wellesley went as Lord Lieutenant to Ireland he was solicited to accompany him in an official capacity...an offer which his declining health and love of domestic quiet induce him to decline.

Dr. Buchanan died, June 15th, 1829, in the 67th year of his age.

A very interesting letter from our Claude...

Hi Beth,

I have recently been in touch with Andrew (Andy) Buchanan who lives in Christchurch New Zealand.

Andy is descended from the Leny cadet line of the Clan, and has published a book about one of his forebears also Andrew.

Andrew Buchanan of Chingford.

The book details the life of Andrew and gives considerable information about his descendants. Please publish the article, if you can, in the next Banner.

Andrew Buchanan was born in Jamaica in 1807. With the emancipation of the slaves in the West Indies George Buchanan his father left the Islands with his family and returned to Britain. In 1816 they settled in Sherborne in Dorset where Andrew was educated.

After leaving school he studied medicine and surgery in Paris. He joined the army as a surgeon during the Polish uprising in 1830. In 1833 he was made a public vaccinator, vaccinating more than 1000 people each year, and for the next 25 years carried on a successful and large medical practice.

He was one of the governors of St. George's Hospital. In 1835 he married Emma Harkness daughter of Dr. John Harkness. They made their home at Stepney in London and a small farm at Chingford in Essex.

Andrew took a keen interest in Colonial matters and was a frequent speaker at the Colonial Institute. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a Fellow of the Colonial Institute, and a Fellow of the Royal College of

Surgeons.

Andrew travelled to New Zealand on the Dinapore in 1857 with Emma and their eight children Amongst the passengers were British Army officers, Humphrey Jones and Alexander Clerk who married Emma Buchanan (b 2 July 1835) and Edith Buchanan (b. 17 November 1838) respectively. Bishop Selwyn of Auckland officiated at the double wedding. on 1 December 1857

Andrew eventually settled in Dunedin in a new home which they called Chingford. He purchased a sheep station in 1860 consisting of 30,000 ha. (75,000 acres) near Ranfurly in the Maniapoto Valley, of Central Otago.

Andrew was nominated to a seat on the Legislative Council (Upper House) by Governor George Brown and was appointed to it in 1862 During Andrews 12 years in the council he was active in improving the conditions of people in mental hos[p]itals and in many other aspects of life in the community.

Andrew returned to England in 1873. He never returned to New Zealand and died at Sherbourne England in 1877.

This brief article is taken from the book - "Andrew Buchanan of Chigford 1807 - 1877" published for private circulation in 1995 by Aldrew Hamilton Buchanan and Neal Harkness Buchanan. Copies are available for a small fee from Andrew Buchanan 74 Hackthorne Rd. Christchurch 2, New Zealand.

—Claude Buchanan FSAScot
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Helensville New Zealand

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THE BUCHANAN FAMILY

Serving the United States Navy for Three Generations

Tina Buchanan's father, brother and nephew...



Edwin H.(Buck)
1944



Dennis
1972



Christopher
2003

Tina Buchanan, 10609 Rollingwood Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22407, writes: My brother's oldest son has just graduated Navy boot camp and is now going through training for his specialty.

He is the third generation of Buchanan's to serve in the Navy. Here they are - my dad, my brother and my nephew!

Congratulations to our Shelagh Colledge!

The Clan Buchanan Society, International's Recording Secretary, Shelagh Colledge has a new phone number, new address, and a new job in a new city and new state!

Shelagh writes that she is now teaching seventh grade United States History at the Crane Middle School in Yuma, Arizona. She says the district gave her credit for all of her years of full-time teaching and all of her course credits. Our Shelagh has two master's degrees and administration credentials, so is already on the "career ladder program" in her school district. She was offered several job opportunities in Yuma and chose the middle school after visiting all of the school locations.

Please make a note of Shelagh's new contact information:

Shelagh A. Colledge, 1600 W. 12th Street, #2412, Yuma, AZ 85634. Phone numbers are home 928-782-2611 and mobile 928-581-1388. Her email remains <ceadfailte@aol.com>

Brand new Buchanan's...Buchanan's at Games... and even Buchanan Books to enjoy...



Walt Harper's brand new sweet granddaughter! A beautiful new baby Buchanan!



Britton and Joanne Buchanan, CBSI members, were blessed with the birth of their first grandson, Jacob Andrew Buchanan, born 5 May 2004. Jacob's parents are Andrew Charles and Beth Ann Buchanan of Tampa, Florida. Jacob has two older sisters, Paige Marie and Shelby Ann Buchanan.



Cousin Red Buchanan sent along this phot of "a Buchanan family" at the Pleasanton, California Highland Games. (Don't you love the Buchanan tartan suspenders!)

Dr. W. Watson Buchanan presents Buchanan books to Odom Library

W. Watson Buchanan, MD (Glasg), FRCP (Glasg, Edin and Canada), FACP, FACR (Hon), FRCP (Ireland) (Hon) Emeritus Professor of Medicine, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3Z5 Canada...has written two booklets concerning Clan Buchanan. Dr. Buchanan presented a copy of both to The Clan Buchanan Society, International's collection at The Odom Library in Moultrie.

The first is *History of Clan Buchanan and its Septs: A Millennial Update* and the second is *Place Names in Loch Lomond and the Lennox with special reference to the Ancient Lands of Clan Buchanan*.

You may order your own copies from MacAilein Consultants, 22 Jerome Park Drive, Dundas, Ont. L9H 6H2 Canada.

The very interesting story of a Buchanan family...

Pat Allan <pat.allan@xtra.co.nz>

It's a strange sensation, to stand in a building where a century and a half or so ago your ancestors served food and drink to and provided beds for drovers to stand where your ancestors, in their childhood, ran up and down the stairs, played in the yard, swam or fished in the loch to stand in the very room where the incident that contributed to the family breaking up and heading off to foreign lands - the fatal shooting of their father - occurred.

Let me tell you about my forbears - what we know of where they came from and what we know of what became of them after the family breakup.

It's a story of a boy soldier, of a policeman who worked in some really tough areas, of a young man who joined the militia, and sailed - with his young children and pregnant wife - across the sea to sort out "the natives", who were getting extremely restless, of a man who tried his hand at goldmining in two countries, who eventually became a prosperous farmer. It has adventure, tragedy, a hint of romance even, a bit of humour here and there and a touch of mystery.

Every good story, I'm told, is the better for a dash of sex - but the best I can do on that score, I'm afraid, is to record that my great-grandparents had 12 children! The earliest date in our family tree is 1789, the date great-great-grandad James (a.k.a. John apparently), Buchanan was baptised at Kilmartin, Argyll. Scotland. He married Sarah McTaggart, daughter of Donald McTaggart and Agnes Graham, of Ardrisshaig South. The date isn't known, but they were living at Ford, in Argyll, Scotland, in 1841, almost certainly running a hostelry called The Drovers Inn.

They had seven children, the first born in 1828, the last in 1841. It is known that James' parents were Neil Buchanan and Jean McAlpine. Jean was from Kilmartin, about 14 miles from Ford - but that is all that's known of them.

*Mystery No 1: Where did Neil come from? One version is that he came "from an island off the coast." Another is that he was descended from a Buchanan who migrated to Argyll in the reign of James III (1451-1488) and that "his (the migratory one's) posterity were termed the MacAndeoirs or sons of the sojourner or pilgrim." One family researcher has managed to dig up part of a

family tree that lists great-great-grandad James as "James Dewar (baptised Dear)." Dewar and Dear, it seems, both mean "stranger" and the name is said to have been applied to the descendants of our mysterious migratory character right up to the 1840s.

*Touch of humour: According to my father he was once told that the McTaggarts were all big men, well over six feet, and - wait for it - some had two rows of teeth!

In the 1840s James and Sarah, presumably, did whatever innkeepers of the time did - and reared their brood - until Sarah died. No date is recorded for her death and the only reference to it so far found is that "Aunt Anna (Sarah's sister) went to look after the young family."

Next drama was the death of James. The family tree records that he was sitting on a low stool holding a bowl of broth between his knees for a younger member of the family. Someone in the room was

examining a firearm, which accidentally discharged. The bullet went through the bowl, and James' leg, inflicting a wound that was to prove fatal. Again no date is given for this incident but it seems that it probably triggered the breakup of the family.

James and Sarah's son, Neil, who was my great-grandfather, showed signs of the wanderlust that was to take him far from his native Argyll and Scotland at an early age. Prior to his 16th birthday he joined the 92nd Regiment, Gordon Highlanders, and served with that regiment for the next five years in Ireland during the Smith-O'Brian "troubles."

After his discharge he went to America. There's no record of why, or of what he did there.

*Mystery No 2: Again according to my father Neil at some time served as an armed escort taking convicts "transported" from England to wherever they were being transported to, Australia presumably, but there's no reference to this in any of the family trees.

After his return to Scotland from the USA Neil joined the police force in Glasgow. He served there for two years, following this up with three years as a policeman in Liverpool.

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Coming Events

Many thanks to Neil Ray and The Highlander Magazine for permission to reprint this "Coming Events" Calendar

OCTOBER

THROUGH 3 OCT

Loch Hartwell Highland Games & Scottish Festival

Hartwell, GA
706-376-6761

1-2 OCT

Tallahassee Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festival

Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL
(850) 894-6270

1-3 OCT

Flora Macdonald Highland Games

Flora Macdonald Campus
Red Springs, NC
(910) 843-5000
www.capefearscots.com

Tennessee Highland Games*

Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, TN
(615) 848-9193
www.hotsc.com

2 OCT

Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair

Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, VA
(703) 212-7064

Connecticut Scottish Festival

Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen, CT
(860) 651-9048

Loch Lomond Highland Games & Celtic Gathering

Ben Lomond, CA
(831) 457-6716

3 OCT

NJ Scottish Heritage Festival

PNC Arts Center
Holmdel, NJ
(732) 442-9200

8-9 OCT

Radford Highlanders Festival

Radford University & downtown, Radford, VA
(540) 831-5324

www.radford.edu/festival

St. Louis Scottish Games

Forest Park
St. Louis, MO
(314) 821-1286
www.stlouis-scottishgames.com

8-10 OCT

Seaside Highland Games

Seaside Park, Ventura, CA
(818) 886-4968

8-16 OCT

Celtic Colours International Festival

Celtic fiddling, piping, singing, dancing and storytelling.

Throughout Cape Breton, Nova Scotia
(877) 285-2321

9 OCT

Anne Arundel Scottish Festival and Highland Games

Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds
Annapolis, MD
(410) 849-2849

10 OCT

Scotland Highland Festival

Waldo Homestead, Scotland, CT
(860) 464-1339

16 OCT

Scottish Border Games & Gathering

Fort Smith Park, Fort Smith, AR
(479) 785-0448

16-17 OCT

Stone Mountain Highland Games

Stone Mountain Park Meadow
Stone Mountain, GA
(770) 521-0228
www.smhg.org

23-24 OCT

Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival

Richmond Raceway Complex
Richmond, VA
(804) 569-3200

30 OCT

Tallahassee Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Festival

Sunny Hill Farm
Tallahassee, FL
(850) 894-6270

30 OCT

Waxhaw Scottish Highland Games & Gathering Of The Clans

Cane Creek Park
Waxhaw, NC
(704) 843-3288

NOVEMBER

5-7 NOV

Foothills Highland Games

Blue Ridge Community College,
Hendersonville, NC
(828) 693-8526
www.foothillshg.org

6 NOV

Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games**

Rillito Park Raceway
Tucson, AZ
(520) 743-9291

12-14 NOV

Highland Games of Louisiana**

Museum Grounds
Jackson, LA
(225) 929-5563

13 NOV

Ocala Scottish Games

Ocala Regional Sportsplex
Ocala, FL
(352) 327-2873

13-14 NOV

Scottish Highland Games & Celtic Music

Festival on MS Gulf Coast
Gulfport, MS
(228) 832-8715

19-21 NOV

Highland Games of Louisiana

Museum Grounds
Jackson, LA
(225) 929-5563

20 NOV

Border Celtic Festival & Highland Games**

Ysleta Entrepreneur Center
El Paso, TX
(915) 591-0055

Dunedin Celtic Festival

Highlander Park
Dunedin, FL
(727) 733-3197

21 NOV

Kirkin' o' the Tartans

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Duluth, MN
Evensong (including Kirkin') at 5 p.m.;
High Tea and entertainment to follow
Reservations (218) 724-1675

DECEMBER

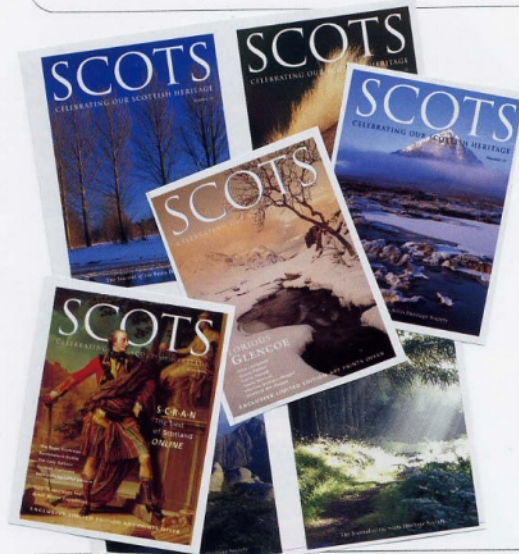
5 DEC

Scottish Christmas Walk

Alexandria, VA
(703) 549-0111

Scottish census of 1881 shows Buchanans

Claude Buchanan, FSA Scot, of Helensville, New Zealand writes that he ran across some interesting Buchanan facts. He says the 1881 Scottish census shows there were 14,920 occurrences of the name Buchanan with the greatest occurrences as follows: Renfrewshire - 2213; Glasgow - 1889; Fife - 192; Perthshire - 97; Edinburgh 387 and Midlothian - 408.



Scots Heritage Magazine has an offer for Clan Buchanan members

Susan Cromarty, editor of *Scots Heritage Magazine*, says that the Clan Buchanan Society, International would earn \$1.00 for each CBSI member who takes a subscription. If you wish to see a copy, there is a free trial offer at <<http://www.scotsheritage.net>>

Happy Halloween



Do you have stories and news for *The Buchanan Banner*?

Please send news about Clan Buchanan members and their families and Scottish events, interesting things, and "family" things to your editor. Send photos too! (addresses on page 2)

AGM 2004 Was Plaid to the Bone

The Buchanan's of Texas were proud and honored to host the 2004 Clan Buchanan Society International's AGM at the 6th annual San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Clan Buchanan was the festival's first honored clan.

The festival is always held on the first full weekend in April. Thirty-five clans attended the gathering of the clans this year. The slogan of this years San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic festival was "Plaid to the Bone" and it was in full force. Everywhere you looked you saw plaid, or smelled meat pies, shortbread, haggis, ale, and of course, your pint or two.

Overlying all of the sights, smells, and sounds of the happy voices, you could hear the pipes playing, as the various pipes bands marched across the grounds. Truly a "Plaid to the Bone" weekend.

Most prominently displayed through out the fields, was the sight of the Buchanan plaid swinging proudly in the breeze. I am glad to say our plaid was well represented across the festival grounds. People of all ages and nationalities gathered to learn if they too had some Scottish roots. If they didn't find Scottish roots, they just asked to be adopted for the festival.

The Clan Buchanan Tent was even visited by a family from the Shetland Islands in San Antonio for their holiday. So they came to see a bit of "home" in Texas. Carl Peterson, the Scottish singer, dropped by the tent for a wee dram of Buchanan's best and to visit with his friends there. Clan members attending the AGM spent Saturday welcoming visitors to the clan tent. Food, drink, hospitality, Texas style, was the order of the day at our clan tent. It was one busy place. We welcomed 10 new members and renewed some memberships, a very good day. But what else could we expect with such great and jovial greeters as we had on hand that day: our President, John Watson, Vice Presidents, George "Buck" Buchanan his wife Pat, and J. J. Gibson, and his wife, Mid-Atlantic Commis-

sioner Phyllis Gibson, Secretary, Shelagh Colledge, (our official kilt inspector), Texas Commissioner, Ellis "Buck" Buchanan, and his



Tabitha Duran and CBSI President, John Watson.

wife, Regent for South Texas Lea Buchanan.

The clan tent was a happening place to be as you can tell by the collage of pictures that follows. Tabitha Duran, Granddaughter of Commissioner Ellis and Regent Lea Buchanan assisted President John Watson in greeting the visitors. Nancy and Duane Gibson of Michigan, Chester M. Gibson of Pa., Col. John Weir, Fair Oaks, Tx, and many members from across the great state of Texas, all came to visit and help out in the clan tent. During the opening parade CBSI President John Watson, led a proud group of Clan Buchanan Members past the viewing stand and introduced the clan to San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Association, president, Nancy Dirkes. The clan was well represented for the

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Plaid to the Bone, *continued from page 16*
opening ceremony.

Saturday evening we all met at the El Chaperal Restaurant for the AGM dinner. The officers were piped into the dinner by Clan member, Dan Caukins. Dan was proudly playing his Buchanan plaid pipes. Later in the evening he accompanied the Scottish Dancing of Christine Venages. The collage of pictures from the AGM dinner says it all. Good food, great conversation, meeting new Buchanan Cousins from around the country. Good fun was the order of the night. Seated at the head table was CBSI president John Watson, 1st Vice President George "Buck" Buchanan and his Wife Pat, 2nd Vice President J.J. Gibson and his wife Mid Atlantic Commissioner Phyllis Gibson, and Secretary Shelagh Colledge.

We had 41 Clan members and friends attending the AGM dinner. Special guests were San Antonio Scottish Society President David Sutherland and his Wife Grace, Dr. Robb and Pam Redman, pastor of the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. Dr. Robb gave the blessing that night.

On Sunday, 1st Vice President George "Buck" Buchanan carried the Clan Banner in the Kirkin' parade to the altar for the blessing of the Tartans. (See the picture with this article). Sunday was a brisk Scottish day, weather wise, with a wee bit of wind and rain. Good Highland weather, we're told by our visitors from the Shetland Islands. But, I must admit a bit distasteful for the warmth loving Scots of South Texas.

The eventful games came to an early end on Sunday afternoon, with the report of fast moving storms accompanied by high winds and electrical rain storm. The group was able to get all of the displays undercover before the storm broke and we discovered a bit of water doesn't melt the hardy Scots or stop the fun they have together.

Dan Caukins and Terry, David and Grace Sutherland, Chester Gibson (former Commissioner for Pennsylvania) and Stephen McIntyre.



*Above: Ellis and Lea Buchanan.
Right: Wende Buchanan Jones.
Below: Carl Peterson,
signing in at CBSI tent.
Buck and Pat Buchanan.*



Tartan Day Ceremony held at the Alamo during the Clan Buchanan 2004 AGM

Each year, on the Friday, before the San Antonio Highland Games and Celtic Festival, the clans gather at the Alamo, for a Tartan Day Ceremony. This Ceremony is held in honor of the brave men that fell at the Alamo. The Alamo is the seat of Texas independence and liberty. On a cold, frosty morning, March 6, 1846, 186 brave men died to give Texas freedom from Mexico. These brave men held out against an army of over 4000 soldiers for 13 days, before falling. Piper John MacGregor died playing the pipes on the walls of the mission. Over one hundred of those men had Scottish surnames. 4 were from Scotland. Most Americans have heard the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo".

All have heard of Davy Crockett, James Bowie, Sam Houston, and Stephen F. Austin, William Travis, but few have heard the other names, Buchanan, Scott, Bonham, Burns, Campbell, Elliott, McGregor, and Wilson to name but a few. These are the men we honor with the Tartan Ceremony's roll call of the clans. Each clan representative came forward, as their clan name was called, they laid their floral tribute by the door of the Alamo. A representative of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT), guardians of the Alamo, was there to receive the flowers. . All members of the DRT are descendant from one of the men that fell at the Alamo.

Lea Buchanan, CBSI regent for Southern Texas, was chairman for the Tartan Day Committee and the Master of Ceremonies at the Alamo Ceremony again this year. CBSI President John Watson laid CBSI's bouquet in honor of James Buchanan. James died at the Alamo, at the age of 23, leaving behind a young pregnant wife, Mary, and a two-year old son, William. His second son, James Houston, was born two months after his death at the Alamo. Anne Ware Burney, a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT), and Educational Director for the Alamo, was on hand to receive the floral tributes to fallen defenders of the Alamo.

Carl Peterson sang a few songs from his album, a musical salute to the Alamo Called, *Scotland Remembers the Alamo*. Bagpipe music was provided by our two pipe bands: the San Antonio Pipes and Drums, and the Black Bexar Pipe Band. It was a ceremony of tradition, heritage, history, and honor. It was a very moving experience for all that came to see it and for those that took part. Scottish dances were performed by Annette and Christine Venegas. Ellis Buchanan, CBSI Commissioner for Texas, gave the address to honor the defenders of the Alamo.

James Buchanan's great grandson, Col. (Dr.) Arran Buchanan was one of the founding fathers of Clan Buchanan Society International at Grandfather Mountain in 1970's. He also served as President of the Society during the 1970s.

It is a great honor to present the Tartans at the "cradle of Texas Liberty". This year it was especially so. Having our CBSI President, John Watson, present our clan's floral tribute was a very moving experience for all Clan Buchanan member present.



Lea Buchanan with floral tributes at The Alamo.

He then emigrated, with his wife and son, to New South Wales where he served in the police for five years. He also tried his hand at gold digging there - "with variable success," according to the family tree. More of him later.

What Alexander, the oldest of the children, got up to early on we don't know. Somehow he made it to Australia where he linked up with brother Neil. More of him later too.

According to one history Jane (born 1829), the oldest girl, "married a sea captain and went to the USA."

Nancy married someone called McCormick and went to Australia. Some of their family came to New Zealand and went to live at Picton, a picturesque town at the top of the South Island. Donald is said to have "gone to sea." He also appears to have been married, to a woman listed simply as "Mary."

Agnes married John McLean and went to live in Glasgow. Their daughter Mary, some years after the death of her husband, Daniel McFarlane, emigrated to New Zealand with her family in 1909.

Catherine, the "baby" of the family, worked for a Mr Govan of Southpark, Hillhead, Glasgow, for three years before heading off to New Zealand. Definitely more of her later - she provides that touch of romance, and figures in another tragedy!

Great-grandad Neil married Ann Elizabeth (Hannah) Burke, of Warrington, Lancashire, in St Nicholas Church, Liverpool, and they had one child, James, born in 1854, when they sailed for NSW. James died there in 1861. Five children, one of whom died aged one year, were born in NSW.

* More humour: One of my cousins, visiting Sydney, decided to visit the police station at "The Rocks," the original Sydney town, to see if she could find out anything about great-grandad Neil. The cop on duty got out an ancient-looking tome, searched through it and said: "Ah yes, here we are!"

If Doreen was expecting a record of some heroic act performed in the line of duty she was sadly disillusioned. A terse entry recorded that great-grandad had been fined after reporting late for duty!

Across the Tasman Sea in New Zealand in the early 1860s the indigenous Maori (they are not strictly indigenous, although they are widely referred to as such, but they certainly beat us "pakeha" here by a number of centuries) were getting extremely uncomfortable about what they saw as "landgrabbing" by the Europeans and fighting broke out.

A Captain Steele went to NSW seeking volunteers to join the 4th Waikato Regiment, New Zealand Militia, to fight in what are now called the Land Wars.

Neil, Alexander and a friend of theirs, Frederick Thomas, a Welshman and a baker by trade, all volunteered. Neil, the heavily pregnant Hannah and their four children sailed from Sydney in the sailing ship *Novelty* in 1864. A few days after their arrival at Auckland my grandfather, Neil, was born. Not long after that the entire family boarded a paddle steamer and headed up the Waikato

River to Kirikiriroa (now called Hamilton after a naval officer, Captain J.F.C. Hamilton, who was killed in the wars) where the Maori had built a fortified pa. When they arrived they found that the Maori had fled and, as far as I know, great-grandad never got to fire a shot in anger.

My grandad Neil is reputed to have been the first white child brought into the Waikato. One of the "carrots" used to attract volunteers into the militia had been the offer of land - for private soldiers a town section of one acre and a country allotment of 50 acres. Apparently the soldiers weren't very pleased with, in particular, the country property, much of which was poor quality peat swamp. Some sold, others simply walked away. Both Neil and Alex eventually got rid of theirs, Alex giving his town section to his (Protestant) church and Neil selling his to the Catholics - who eventually bought what had been Alex's from the Protestants.

The two sections are now occupied by a Catholic cathedral, presbytery, nunnery and a girls college. The Catholics are building upmarket townhouses on part of it and flogging them off to anyone with the wherewithal to pay for them. Enough to make Neil and Alex turn in their graves!

There's no record of what happened to their country sections. In 1865 Catherine arrived from Glasgow. Her brothers and their friend Fred Thomas all went to meet her. Whether it was love at first sight or not we don't know - but she and Fred subsequently married. Sadly she died of typhoid in 1888, leaving her husband and a family of six children.

Alex married Margaret Alicia Noonan at Picton in 1872 and the last mention of him is that he died in 1881, presumably at Picton. Great-grandad Neil didn't hang around Hamilton for very long. He is said to have gone to the goldfields on the West Coast of New Zealand's South Island but he soon returned to Hamilton.

When gold was discovered at Thames, on the Coromandel Peninsula about 60 or so miles from Hamilton, Neil headed off with his family, working and prospecting there for 10 years. Apparently quite a few of those of his former militia comrades in arms who were still on the land granted to them either sold up or walked off to join the gold rush.

Neil and Hannah had one child in Hamilton and two at Thames. No birthplace is given for babe No 11.

After his sojourn on the goldfields Neil went to Wellington (now New Zealand's capital) and later took up land at Rongotea, where he apparently prospered and where child No 12 was born.

The Cyclopaedia of New Zealand, published in 1908, has a photo of him, very much the gentleman farmer, in bowler hat, watch chain and the lot, plus a short biography. It says he and Hannah had 13 children (although only 12 are listed in the most comprehensive family tree) and that, in 1908, they had 38 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. There isn't much in the family history from then on that even begins to compare with great-grandad Neil's

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Games! Games! Games!

Clan Buchanan at the Glasgow Highland Games...

Donna Alton writes, "The Buchanan's were once again represented in numbers at the Glasgow Highland Games.

Buchanan's from Florida to New York came together to support their clan and to renew and make new friendships.

Eleven members represented Clan Buchanan Society, International in the Parade of Tartans and Christopher Buchanan of Florida presented our banner at the kirkin' on Sunday.

It was an excellent game for CBSI, and we hope to return next year."

Photo right:

The Clan Buchanan Society, International tent at Glasgow, Kentucky 2004. Here's the Clan Montgomery Convener, our Donna Alton of Knoxville, Tennessee and longtime clanswoman, June Dove McCleary.



CBSI participates in the 2004 Heritage Pilgrimage to The Alamo

During the week long Fiesta Party held yearly on the San Antonio River Walk, an Alamo Heritage Pilgrimage takes place. All of the organizations active in San Antonio take part in this event. It is a pilgrimage to honor the fallen men of the Alamo.

A processional winds through the downtown area of San Antonio to The Alamo.

Each participating organization carries a floral tribute to be laid at the door of The Alamo.

This year, Ellis and Lea Buchanan represented the Scottish Society of San Antonio in the processional. Ellis is CBSI Commissioner for Texas and Lea is the Regent for the southern part of Texas.

Gatlinburg Festival & Games fun event for CBSI

Donna R. Alton, Convener and CBSI Regent for Tennessee, writes: "Mother Nature smiled on the 23rd Gatlinburg Festival and Games on May 14-16, 2004. A few clouds passed at times but they did not dampen the spirits of hundreds of visitors and clansmen.

The CBSI tent maintained a steady flow of members, new and old, all gathering for photos. CBSI was represented in the Parade of Tartans on Sunday.

Janice Morrow from Roswell, Georgia became a member of CBSI at Gatlinburg! She has promised to assist at our CBSI tent at the Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration near Murfreesboro, Tennessee this October.

Among the many visitors was our editor of *The Buchanan Banner*, Beth Gay, who brought us some much needed copies of the magazine. Jimmy Harper, longtime member and convener was missed this year because of family illness. We hope to see him soon.

Lake Buchanan

The oldest, largest, and northernmost of the Highland Lakes is known as "Big Buc" to the locals and fishermen who frequent its waters. The 31 mile length, 5.5 mile width, and 124 miles of shoreline, give Lake Buchanan plenty of room for all types of recreational activity.

"Don't want to leave and can't wait to come back."

That's what we hear the most around here. You'll have to experience it for yourself, but we warn you, it's addictive. Each season is spectacular and as you walk through these pages we hope you get the feeling of springtime, summer, fall and winter as we know it here and appreciate every season for the beauty given to us all.

Buchanan and Inks Lake are still relatively untouched by the hustle and bustle of society. The focus here is about the environment, nature and wildlife. You will not find commercialized high-rise buildings, condominiums, or overcrowded waterways. You will find small mom and pop, family-oriented businesses where you are greeted by the owner with a smile and a handshake that truly means welcome. You'll find our philosophy to be true... *"It's a big area, but a very small community."*

We're about simple fun! Playing so hard during the day that you can't wait to fall asleep, but you still don't want to miss sitting around the campfire at night watching for shooting stars and telling tales. Shhh! Be quiet and you're likely to hear the hoot of the owls and calls from the wildlife around you. For those with more energy, our great restaurants and clubs will entertain you late into the night with live music, dancing or bragging rights for the pool table.

Leave the city and fast-pace behind you as you travel these hills known for their pristine beauty of granite, limestone, cactus and wildflowers and experience what has come to be known as one of the best kept secrets in the state of Texas. Oh, and don't forget your camera!

The Chamber is sponsored by membership and generous donations from our community and guests. You'll find most of our members and businesses listed on the inside of this brochure, but if we can be of further assistance to you, please let us know. You can also find us on the web at www.highlandlakes.com/chamber. We look forward to your visit here and welcome you to stay a while.



Mike Thimes "rearmed" at Woodland, California Highland Games

Cindy Buchanan Thimes' husband, Mike, was disarmed at the Woodland, California Highland Games three years ago because of, er...er...a personal problem with his ex-wife.

Three years and a marriage later, Cindy and Mike attended the Woodland Games again...and as of Saturday, April 25, 2004, Mike could once again wear his Scottish weapons.

Stephene Buchanan writes that after the rearming, she took Mike to see her friend, "Mary Queen of Scots" who, in turn, was so moved by the hardship Mike has endured, that she had him take a knee and Stephene says he was "squired" by Her Majesty.

Contact <stephene@ksmktg.com>.

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colourful career.

The Maori are quiet now - they are doing far better fighting in the courts for the return of land allegedly wrongfully confiscated, or for monetary compensation, than they ever did trying to defend it in the Land Wars!

We have a few noted sportspeople - Rugby footballer Colin Meads is pretty well an icon in Rugby circles. There's a New Zealand women's hockey representative, a couple of well above average rifle shots. A Maori member of the family (grandson of Fred and Catherine Thomas, one of whose daughters married a Maori) joined the renowned Maori Battalion at the age of 16 and fought with it during World War II. Shades of his great-grandad there perhaps.

One of Neil and Hannah's great-granddaughters married a young lawyer, David Beattie, who later became Sir David Beattie and served a term as Governor-General of New Zealand.

Two of Fred and Catherine Thomas's daughters served as missionaries in Africa.

*Coincidence: When one of my daughters was training to be a schoolteacher she was seconded to a country school for two weeks - travelling there and back daily in her little car and taking another trainee, a part Maori girl with her. They started talking about what they were going to do at Christmas and found that they were both going to a family reunion - at the same place - on the same day and, you guessed it, same family. She was Fred and Catherine Thomas's great-great-granddaughter!

The Thomases had organised a reunion and the Buchanans, because of their connection via Catherine, were invited.

Well, as I started to relate at the beginning , there I was in Argyll all set to check out the ancestral home. A place called "The Ford" at Kilmartin, one family tree said. It was called "The Drovers Inn" and it was "at the head of Loch Awe" the other claimed and I saw it.

The deceased Buchanans were probably interred in Killenmier Churchyard nearby. I did have a photograph of the old place to identify it from, however.

Well, it wasn't at Kilmartin - and it wasn't called the Drovers Inn, or The Ford. It was at Ford, which IS at the head of Loch Awe. And it is now called "The Crown House," apparently changed to that many years ago because of confusion between it and another Drovers Inn in the district. It was the oldest building in the village I was told - and it appeared capable of lasting for a few more centuries yet. So stoutly is it built that it looks as though a Scud missile would simply bounce off!

My wife and I sat and talked with the owners, Ralph and Lucy Clough, in the kitchen where great-great-grandad suffered his fatal wound all those years ago. Structurally the old place was the same as when the Buchanans lived in it, even to the stables out the back, Ralph told us. About the only thing he and Lucy knew about its history was the poet Keats was said to have stayed there once - and was highly uncomplimentary about the standard of cleanliness! They were intrigued to read and hear what I knew of its past. They were not running it as a Bed and

Breakfast establishment as the family history had suggested but were simply using it as a family home. We had a good old talk, a good look around, took some photos, bought some postcards at the village store and left.

Killenmier Churchyard? No one had ever heard of it and I had almost given up when I spotted an elderly chap, kilted and wearing full Highland dress, outside the Ford Post Office. He knew. Apparently its name had been changed long since too. He told me the new name and gave me directions. I found it no trouble. The ruins of a church, graves marked by lumps of stone - and not a name on any of them. There were some names on plaques on the walls of the tumbledown church - but no Buchanans. Maybe they didn't put enough in the plate on Sundays! It was on the edge of one of those pine plantations that now cover large areas of Scotland. Pine seedlings were growing among the headstones. Eventually, I imagine, they will swallow the whole lot up completely.

We spent an interesting two days in Ford/Kilmartin. Everyone we spoke to seemed intensely interested in us and our story and it soon became obvious that our "fame" had spread fairly widely via the tiny village's highly efficient grapevine. We were soon convinced that the only remaining links to the family, apart from the Crown House, were six feet under the heather and anonymous headstones in the graveyard by the tumbledown church. Most of the residents these days, we were told, were forestry workers, a highly mobile lot who were continually coming and going.

I felt frustrated, in a sense. Once there had been Buchanans tearing around all over the place. Now there were only dead ones. But there was a feeling of intense satisfaction also - I had found my roots! How I wished I could have spent longer there. That was in 1980. Just recently (early 2004) after the family talked me into going "on the net" I casually felt "crown house ford argyll" into the computer and then told it to go and have a look. Bingo! Seems that Ralph and Lucy Clough have flossied the old place up a treat and are now running it as self-catering accommodation. They are also trying to sell it - offers over 200,000 pounds. I counted my pennies but came up quite a bit short! If you are interested tell your computer to track down "crown house ford argyll for sale" and, if it is still on the web, have a browse. ends It's a strange sensation, to stand in a building where a century and a half or so ago your ancestors served food and drink to and provided beds for drovers to stand where your ancestors, in their childhood, ran up and down the stairs, played in the yard, swam or fished in the loch to stand in the very room where the incident that contributed to the family breaking up and heading off to foreign lands - the fatal shooting of their father - occurred.

Note: Pat says that it looks as if the Cloughs have either sold The Crown House or taken it off the market as "Crown House Ford Argyll for Sale" doesn't bring up anything anymore. "Crown House Ford Argyll" does bring up the "to let" ads with pix of the house.

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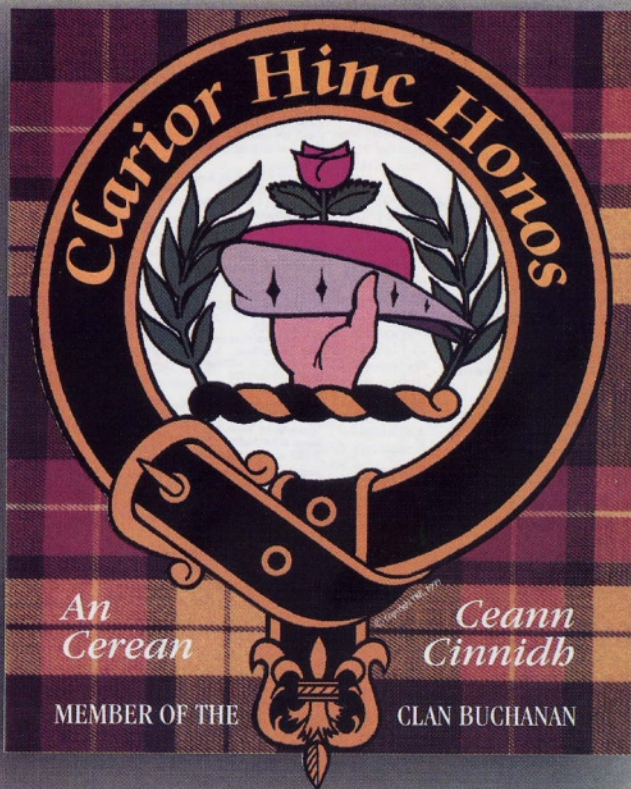
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