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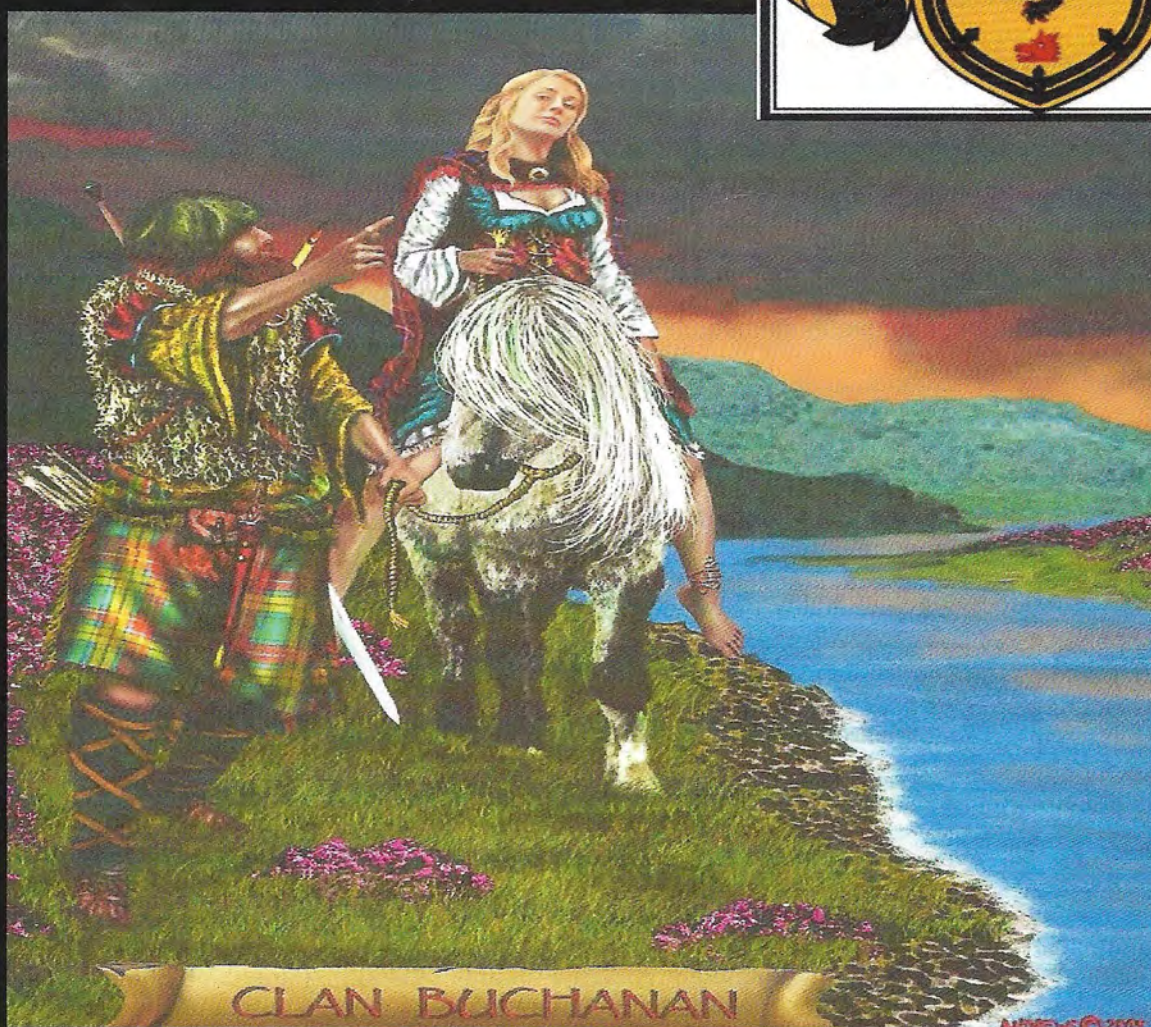
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MESSAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

ERIC BULLARD



Greetings Clansfolk!

While this is not my first time writing in the Banner, it is my first president's letter and I'm a bit nervous about stepping into such well worn and hallowed shoes. As I sit in my office holding the normal demands of the day at bay by shield and by sword long enough to write this out, the wind is whipping the trees outside my window the temperatures have finally justified the January calendar date and she-who-must-be-obeyed is loudly demanding the return of summer from the other room.

What I can report to you is that our Clan Society has moved markedly into modern times over the past year. Not a day goes by that some email doesn't pop up with some bit of Clan business small or large to be dealt with. Pre-internet often those bits of business would be held until someone got on the phone or an impromptu meeting was held at a game in a couple of months, or worst, held over to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be addressed. Thanks to Graeme Watson for fielding most of those and keeping me informed.

Our new executive council is hard at work with Clan Business from making sure membership applications are properly recorded, to making the website more user friendly for new members to incorporating Buchanan's Oceana Chapter (Australia) into the general body. Of course with new faces there comes the inevitable retiring of former council members (at least for now), and I cannot pen this without proper acknowledgement of Kenny Buchanan who has stepped off the executive council and into council-advisory position of Immediate Past president. Kenny, may your days be filled with sunny softball games, an your evenings filled with a fine scotch in one hand and your arm about your lovely wife, Anne.

I would like to announce the venue for 2016's AGM to be the Loch Norman Highland Games (LNG) in Charlotte NC. The LNGs are held the third weekend in April every year and are my personal favorite games. Compared to many games they are not so big and expensive to attend. There is camping, reenactments, plenty of nearby hotels, the Charlotte International Airport, and restaurants. They are the only game I have ever attended where one of the Scottish Highland Coos was brought around to visit the clan tents. Competitions aren't limited to traditional heavy athletics and include battle axe throwing, archery and the haggis and broom toss for the ladies specifically.

We're looking for a West Coast game to volunteer to be AGM host for 2017. Drop me a note.

Get your photos, game reports and articles in early for the next Banner! This is your clan publication!

Aye - Eric

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MESSAGE

FROM THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

LLOYD GIBSON



October 24th saw the end of an era in CBSI. The Executive Council, by vote of the membership, turned over. The oath of office and pledges were given with "Hands on the Rock". The new Executive Committee consists of.....

Eric Bullard, President....Lloyd Gibson, First Vice President....William Fromm, Second Vice President.... Stacy Harper, Recording Secretary....Graeme Watson, Membership Secretary....Jim Gibson, Treasurer

The actual meeting of the new Executive Committee was held Friday night in the hotel. From about 7:30 to approximately 11:30, old business, new business and some problems were discussed. Many of these topics will be seen in later issues of The Banner. Saturday morning saw us at the Richmond, VA Highland Games working the clan tent offering respite and counsel from the officers. Graeme Watson was extremely busy all week-end writing new memberships and re-newing existing ones.

Honored Clan title was bestowed upon Clan Buchanan and shared with Clan Turnbull. Kelghy Karther, sister of Stacy Harper hosted for CBSI. She did a fantastic job in putting this thing together. I have done it, so I know the problems associated with it. Thanks to the Kartars for all the work. It is very much appreciated. Oh yeah, can't forget the work Chester, the therapy dog, the Karthers golden retriever did at the tent. He was busy all week-end meeting and greeting. To sum up, the tent was a huge success..

Saturday night we were at the hotel for dinner and awards ceremony. Following dinner, which was excellent, the award was given for outstanding performance by a member. Graeme Watson was the honoree to receive the distinction because of his tireless effort in getting the membership records straightened out. This was a total shocking surprise to him. But he truly deserved it. He has worked very hard at his position and now we have a clean system. Congratulations Graeme. Ken Buchanan, out-going president, spoke of his time at the helm, and named a few people he is grateful to for all the assistance. The whole program which Kelghy and her husband put together was outstanding.

The year, 2016 marks 1000 years as a clan for Clan Buchanan. This is a very important historical marker for us. The main celebration is to be held at the games in Statesville, NC later this summer. However, a plan is being formulated which will allow all members to participate. If all Commissioners, Regents and Covenanters will put on an affair in the respective areas then more members could attend. Your affair could be tied to an existing affair or maybe you could 'stand alone and put on something singularly'.

I suggest you could solicit help from local celtic organizations, St. Andrews Society, Caledonian Society, etc. There is not a calendar date for this anniversary, so it could be done anytime in 2016.

You can contact me, William Fromme or Graeme Watson for questions or help. Currently one is being planned for Region 6, Great Lakes. Volunteer help for all Regions will be appreciated. I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Let's all look forward to 2016 being a better year.

MESSAGE

FROM THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIAM FROMM



Hello from Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

As we celebrate 1000 years a clan, I'm honored to be the Second Vice President of Clan Buchanan Society, International.

I'm looking forward to more Facebook conversations and website updates, but really the work begins at the tents and festivals and games. Nothing better than meeting Buchanans face to face and welcoming them into the clan.

I'm open for communication, emails, phone calls whatever it takes to have the Clan Buchanan represented in all states and games. If you don't see us at a local game step up and let's start something.

To the next 1000!

All the Best.

William McMaster Fromm

Great Lakes Region



DNA: THE ORIGINS OF CLAN BUCHANAN AND TRACING YOUR HERITAGE

In this article some of the recent developments within genetic genealogy are documented. These are also applied to the Buchanan line to explain what has been learned regarding Buchanan ancestry to date, and what may be possible in the future.

The Buchanan DNA project at Family Tree DNA has been underway now for ten years under the guidance of Alex Buchanan (abuchana@iinet.net.au). The project has over 150 members and compares the Y chromosomes of Buchanan males to determine the relatedness of these individuals.

A portion of the male Y chromosome is passed intact from fathers to sons without any recombination. As time passes, small random mutations occur in this intact portion across different family lines although they share descent from a common male ancestor. It is by studying the patterns of mutations in the coding of this part of the chromosome, that we can determine how related one particular male is to another.

To date the project has uncovered some interesting information. Within the Buchanan group there are various sub-groups of males. There is in particular one strong grouping of Buchanans who form by far the largest contingent. Within this core group lie those Buchanans who are descended from the chiefly line. There are amongst this group those who have documented pedigrees linking them back to specific chiefs of the line.

Some very important information has come to light through the early testing of Short Tandem Repeat mutations (STRs) on Buchanan Y chromosomes. It would certainly seem, for instance, that the old tale of an origin associated with descent Anselan O'Cathain son of a king of Ulster is an origin myth. Certainly the Buchanan descendants and the MacAuslands (closely related) share no ancestry in common with the O'Kanes of Ulster more recently than a common bronze-age ancestor likely on the European continent. This account may have been concocted during the 11th century when Gaelic reached its zenith in Scotland. There are a number of clan chiefly lines who traditionally have claimed descent from an Irish lineage where this has been shown not to be the case via DNA studies.

The initial results from testing Short Tandem Repeat mutations (STRs) have also shown some level of relatedness with other male lines with shared ancestry from further back in the past, before the creation of surnames. It will no doubt be a surprise to many that our most recent cousins from a shared male ancestor are those of documented chiefly lineage in the MacGregor Clan. Sir Malcolm MacGregor appears as a match for myself at the 111 marker level.

STR testing has been a useful start in that it gives some inference about relatedness and it has shown us something of our origins of which we were not previously aware. STRs however are a limited method of looking at shared ancestry and are prone to instability.

In the field of DNA in the last few years a new means of examining relatedness through the Y chromosome has been discovered, using Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs). The SNP is a random mutation that is irreversible on a specific location within the chromosome. On average, about every 90 years/2-3 generations a new SNP mutation will occur within the Y chromosome. By comparing these mutations to other Y chromosomes, it is possible to tell how closely related individuals are and, very importantly to fit separate individuals together in a sequence where the SNPs can be mapped to form family trees.

Each and every male out there has a long series of these SNPs which they share with other males in the population depending on the level of relatedness. More recently occurring SNPs can be used to track down close relatives and older SNPs can be used to figure out which particular population groups individuals descend from. It should be noted that individual SNPs can be aged and the accuracy of these estimates increase when more people's test results are added to the calculations.

The discovery of the SNP has led to massive potential for tracing ancestry in the male line. Very recently Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technologies have become available which can sequence the Y chromosome and find all of an individual's SNPs. With this new technology for discovering SNPs it is possible to map how all the male lineages in the world fit together, both at the macro level comparing populations and migrations, and at the micro level comparing interrelatedness within a given family.

There are a number of NGS technologies out there and to date a number of Buchanans have undertaken testing using the Family Tree DNA Big Y and a number are currently in the process of testing with Full Genomes Corporations, Elite 2, which examines even more of the male genome. The Big Y test discovers an average of one SNP every 120 years whereas the FGC test uncovers approximately one every 90 years.

The following is a brief synopsis of what we have learned thus far about the Buchanan chiefly line via Next Generation Testing of SNPs.

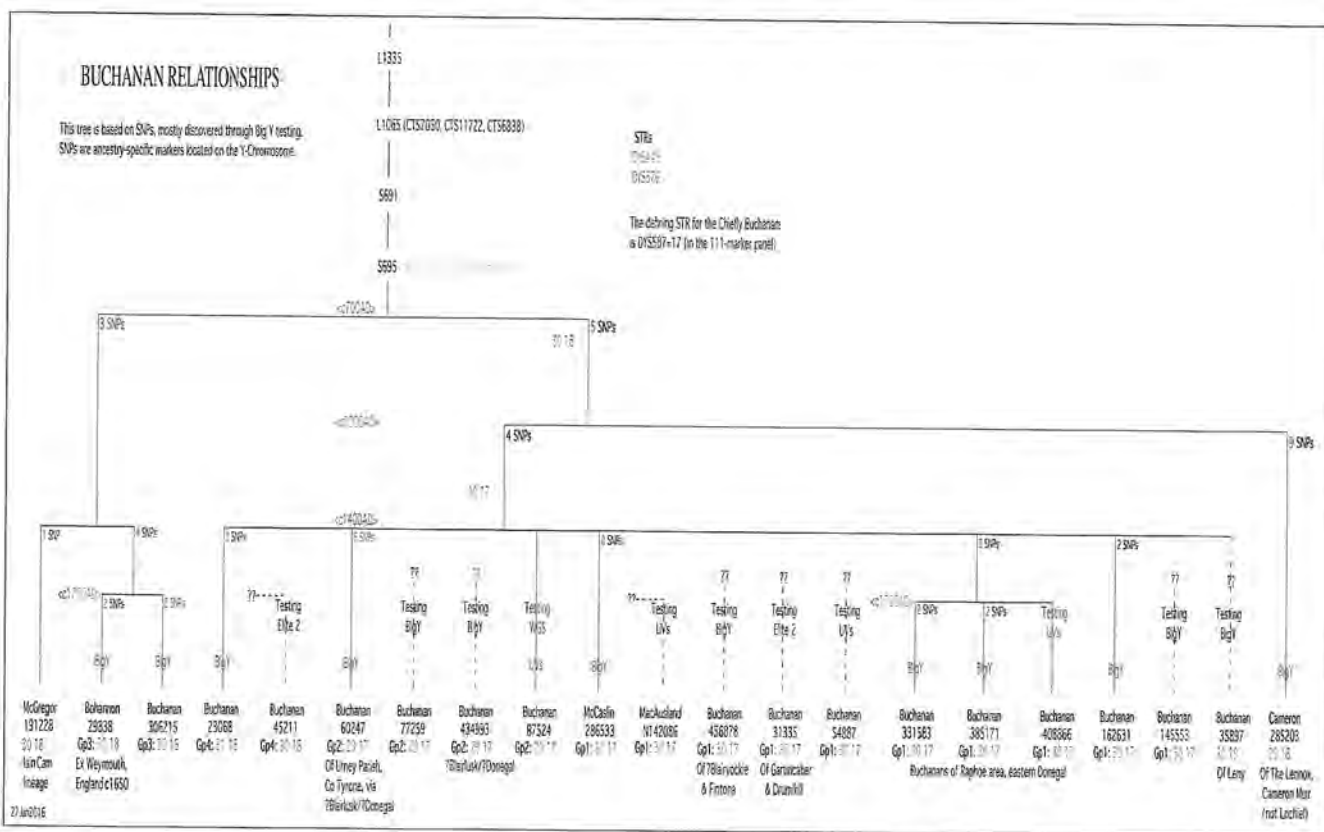
The story of the Buchanan chiefly line begins with the R1b haplogroup. Our ancestors migrated across Europe coming from the Eastern steppes and Siberian planes somewhere between 3,000 to 2,500 years BC. The spread of the particular SNPs associated with these ancestors has coincided with the archaeology of the Bell Beaker people. These ancestors had access to bronze tools and other resources such as the wheel and seem to have usurped positions of power across much of Europe. This occurred during a period of climate change which seemed to unsettle the indigenous population.

Somewhere in the bronze-age, between 2,500 and 2,000 years BC, the direct male ancestor/s of the Buchanans migrated into the British Isles forming a component of the first people who came to the shores after the original hunter gatherers and the first farmers. It is likely that our ancestors spoke a dialect of P Celtic. These people are regarded as the "insular celts".

The particular line associated with the chiefs of the clan has survived only via father to son for thousands of years after the original ancestor came to the British Isles. At some stage in the Roman age in the early centuries AD, something happened where this line came into a position of power and suddenly a great many lineages successfully thrived and grew. This particular grouping includes the chiefly lines of a number of other highland clans – MacGre-gors, MacPhersons, MacLarens, MacRaes and Campbells (others may yet emerge as time goes on) and members from a great many others. The main clan names associated with this grouping are clustered around Loch Lomond and into Perthshire and scattered heavily along the west coast. The SNP associated with this ancient Scottish line is known as L1065 and these males account for some 10-15% of the modern population.

The core Buchanans who have tested to date are displayed on what is known as the "big tree", a vast graphic that has been put together by amateur genealogists who are interested in seeing how we all relate to one another. Anyone can go and have a look at www.ytree.net. The "Scots Cluster" in particular can be found at this link – <http://www.ytree.net/DisplayTree.php?blockID=9&star=false>.

Rudimentary Buchanan SNP Tree: It is anticipated that some of the lines will coalesce when all results come in, and that the FGC test results will break up the line further with new SNPs.



There has been a lot of debate about whether this “Scots Modal” line represents: The Dalriada who supposedly came from Ireland sometime in the 4th century AD and settled in Argyll, the Britons of Strathclyde, or a Pictish lineage. Given that Wales is the only other recorded location for earlier ancestral signature (SNP L1335) it would appear that the line is a line of ancient Britons, rather than of Irish origin, and is perhaps more likely to be southern “Pict” lineage based on distribution.

Certainly some have pinned their flag on this idea including Jean Manco a scholar of archaeology, linguistics, genetics, and written historic texts. Her works include *Ancestral Journeys* and *Blood of the Celts* (both very illuminated reads with regard to this emerging information). Absolute confirmation of the exact origins within this period will need more testing to resolve the issue or perhaps intact historic DNA with a particular archaeological association.

There has even been suggestion that the line may incorporate the MacAlpin line, Kenneth MacAlpin was king of Alba from 843-858 AD (both Pictland and Dalriada) and was probably also a Pict himself according to Dr. Alex Woolf’s latest look at the evidence (Dr. Woolf is a professor of history at St. Andrews University, and author of “*From Pictland to Alba 789-1070*”). There are MacGregors, MacKinnons, MacRaes, and MacPhees under the umbrella of L1065 the Scots Modal SNP (all supposedly from Siol Alpin). As the Grigorach proclaim in their motto – “S Rioghal mo dhream” (Royal is my race). The next time you hear that call, you might do well to wonder if it applies to the Buchanans.

This is all very interesting but what does it really mean for Buchanan heritage? Well now that we are beginning to test Buchanans for SNPs, we can begin to understand where individuals who have tested fit into the clan. We can begin to model the results to figure out if a particular individual descends from the 10th chief or the 13th chief for instance. As more and more Buchanans test, it will be possible to build up a big family tree of all the core Buchanans who descend from the chiefly line. There are Buchanans out there with a well-documented pedigree and testing these lines gives us a clear map of which SNPs are associated with those particular lines and cadetships.

Have you ever wondered if your Buchanan ancestors were, first of all, descended from the chiefs of Clan Buchanan? Do you ever wonder which particular line you come from – whether you are one of the Buchanans of Lenny, of Carbeth or of Drummakill? Do you want to know who your ancestors are? Would you like to narrow down your search to find the homestead that was left behind in Scotland? This new technology offers the possibility of going way beyond paper trails, and exploring the Buchanan family tree and getting to the point where a few simple tests can identify specific heritages.

To date testing has uncovered what is potentially the presidential line of the USA (ie the Blairlusk line); that the number of individuals bearing the name Bohannon although closely related by STRs are actually more closely related to the chiefly MacGregors than the chiefly Buchanans; and that the MacAuslands do indeed share our core lineage. It may be that members of some of the septs – Gibsons, Watson, Watts, McMillans, Morrisons etc. may be shown to be offshoots of the line but this has not yet been proven. There is one Morrison in the Buchanan project who has an STR signature which fits in with the Buchanans, and there are Harpers who are positive for the L1065 SNP. Currently a pedigreed Buchanan of Drummakill is undergoing FGC testing to give us a benchmark result for reference. Another male who has a pedigreed lineage to the Buchanan of Leny has also recently signed up to the Big Y test. We are awaiting a plethora of results and our knowledge is changing on an almost daily basis.

It would be wonderful to see our proud clan take the lead in this field. It is a powerful thing to understand something of your lineage and your connection to your ancestors. This modern technology offers us a chance to recover a heritage that has become lost to many of us by the shortness of our intergenerational memories. There are many of us out there who bear the name Buchanan, but whose known link to the clan itself runs out a mere hundred to two hundred years ago. How magnificent it would be to see our clansmen re-establish a genuine connection with ancestors in Scotland.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Clan MacPherson museum in Newtonmore. I marveled at the heritage they had collected, and at how involved Cluny MacPherson is with his clan (himself one of my own matches through the Big Y test). I was envious of this heritage they have and of the fact that they are so strongly united under their chief.

It may seem a slim hope but there is a movement within Clan Buchanan to resurrect a chiefly line legitimately through the Court of Lord Lyon (the official heraldry office for Scotland). This would involve either establishing a proven connection via one of the closest cadet lines to the extinguished chiefly line, or electing a candidate of suitable lineage via a family convention or Derbhfine which is a council of armigers of documented lineage. There are undoubtedly many among us who can use this DNA technology to direct their genealogical research to establish a verifiable paper trail to back up what the SNP model shows them regarding their line. It may therefore be possible to identify the closest line to the extinguished chiefly line or to create enough armigers to re-elect a clan chief using DNA to focus research. Surely there are none amongst us who could fail to be inspired by the idea of elevating our clan?

How can you get involved or help? There are a number of ways we can come together and map our line. There will be those among us who are prepared to undertake NGS tests such as the Big Y or FGC Full Genome tests in order to determine all of their SNPs. There will be those who test their STR signatures (this is the old method of testing which can be seen on the results page of the Buchanan project) and this will give them a good idea of where they fit in and which SNPs they are likely to have in their genome. There will be those among us who can begin testing

specific SNPs discovered by others to see where they fit into the line, And finally, between us all we can always muster a few spare \$\$ to put into the general pot so that this money can be used to test strategically and to help map the gnomes of pedigreed Buchanans to form a library of DNA results we can link to known genealogies. If there are any Buchanans out there with clearly documented lineages, it would also be very useful to have contact with these families.

It is possible to join the project at <https://www.familyreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Buchanan> although it might make sense to contact the project administrator Alex Buchanan (or myself at ross.sw.buchanan@gmail.com) in order to find out what level of testing should be carried out.

It is also possible to contribute any amount no matter how small to the furtherance of our proud clan at <https://www.familyreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Buchanan> by clicking on the donate button. Please check with Alex in advance as sometimes we will be funding external testing at other sites. The project is administered on a voluntary basis and we have the very kind support of a kinsman who has a very strong ability to manage and understand the complex data generated by testing. We are all working together to map out the Buchanan line, and to give everyone a taste of the heritage that has been lost to them. All monies donated are used to pay for strategic testing to improve knowledge of the Buchanan line.

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Submitted by Lloyd Gibson, 1st VP, CBSI

Clan Buchanan Society International, Inc.

2016 Annual General Meeting

April 16th and April 17th

Loch Norman Highland Games

4431 Neck Road, Huntersville, NC 28078

www.ruralhillscottishfestivals.net

GAME INFORMATION AND ON SITE CAMPING

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	Adults and children 13 and older	\$ 20.43

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Courtyard Marriott - Clan Buchanan Society International - Headquarters Hotel

Courtyard Marriott Charlotte – Lake Norman

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Rooms set aside: 7 - King and Sofa \$ 109.00 per night

8 - Double/Double \$ 109.00 per night

The Bistro Grill adjacent to the front desk is available with a limited menu and drinks.

We will meet there and chat beginning at 5:00 PM. Join the group for an after travel meal.

A meeting room off the lobby is reserved for the Executive Council at 7:30PM.

7 miles / 10 minutes from the Comfort Suites - 9 miles / 15 minutes from the games

Comfort Suites – Alternate Hotel

Comfort Suites Lake Norman – Huntersville

14510 Boulder Park Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078

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7 miles / 10 minutes from the Headquarters hotel - 8 miles / 13 minutes from the games

Saturday Evening Dinner and Annual General Meeting

On Saturday at 8:00 pm in the Comfort Suites Lake Norman - the Alternate Hotel. Savory Moments, a leading caterer in the area, will provide the food and wait staff. A BYOB event - a bartender will be available with limited services. The room can seat 50 persons. We hope to fill it. There will be two menu choices available. Emails and letters to members will contain more information and meal choices. Look for it in your emails or mailbox during early February. Don't miss out on the party!

Contact: Graeme P. Waton, CBSI Membership Secretary and Acting Commissioner Region 3. 128 Oak Haven Dr

UTAH GAMES - PAYSON - 2015

While visiting the games at Payson, Utah I noticed a crowd gathering around a young man. Much interest was being generated by him with the younger guest to the games. I decided to check out what was going on. I found that this young man, Josh had a young Falcon on his arm. He said he was just beginning to get into the hobby of Falconry. When I got home I discovered that the pictures had mysteriously disappeared from my phone. I was disappointed to say the least but decided to look up some information on the art of Falconry. It was sure increasing the interest of the younger set.

Josh's had a Peregrin Falcon named Kira (Japanese translation "Killer") and he told me he had been working with her for about a year. My impression was that Josh was quite a draw to get the younger generation interested and enthused about being at the games.

History:

Evidence suggests that the art of falconry may have begun in Mesopotamia with the earliest accouts dating to approximately 2,000 BC. There are also some raptor representations in the northern Altai, western Mongolia. The falcon was a symbolic bird of ancient Mongol tribes. There is some disagreement about whether such early accounts document the practice of falconry (from the Epic of Gilgamesh and others) or are misinterpreted depictions of humans with birds of prey.

During the Turkic Period of Central Asia (A.D. 7th century) concrete figures of falconer on horseback were described on the rocks in Kyrgyz. Falconry was probably introduced to Europe around AD 400, when the Huns and Alans invaded from the East. Frederick II of Hohonstaufen (1194-1250) is generally acknowledged as the most significant wellspring of traditional falconry knowledge. He is believed to have obtained firsthand knowledge of Arabic falconry during wars in the region (between June 1228-June 1229). He obtained a copy of Moamyn's manual on falconry and had it translated into Latin by Theodore of Antioch,

Frederick II himself made corrections to the translation in 1241 resulting in *De Scientia Venandi per Aves*. King Frederick II is most recognized for his falconry treatise, *De arte venandi cum aibus* (The Art of Hunting with Birds"). Written himself toward the end of his life, it is widely accepted as the first comprehensive book of falconry, but also notable in its contributions to ornithology and zoology. *De arte venandi cum aibus* incorporated a diversity of scholarly traditions from east to west and is one of the earliest and most significant challenges to Aristotle's often flawed explanations of nature.

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FALCONRY: (From Wikipedia the free encyclopedia)

Falconry is the hunting of wild quarry in its natural state and habitat by means of a trained bird of prey. There are two traditional terms used to describe a person involved in falconry: a falconer flies a falcon; an austringer (German origin) flies a hawk (Acipiter and some buteos and similar) or an eagle (Aquila or similar). In modern falconry the red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) and the Harris's hawk are often used so much to mean petty traveling traders, that the terms "falconer" and "falconry" now apply to all use of trained birds of prey to catch game.

FALCONS (Falco)

The genus *Falco* is found worldwide and has occupied a central niche in ancient and modern falconry. Most falcon species used in falconry are specialized predators, most adapted to capturing bird prey such as the peregrin falcon and merlin. A notable exception is the use of desert falcons such as the saker falcon in ancient and modern Middle Eastern and Asian falconry, where hares were and are commonly taken. In North America, the prairie falcon and the gyrfalcon can capture small mammal prey (as well as gamebirds and waterfowl) in falconry but this is rarely practiced. Young falconers often begin practicing the art with American kestrels, the smallest of the falcons in North America; there is debate on whether this practice should continue. Small species, such as kestrels, merlins and hobbys can also be used for recreational bug hawking - that is, hunting large flying insects such as dragonflies and moth.



Region 1 (New England) will mark the 1,000th anniversary of our Clan in Scotland at the New Hampshire Highland Games Sept 16-18, 2016 in Lincoln, New Hampshire.

There will be special catered dinner Saturday night Sept. 17th with piping and other scottish musicians. Pricing for the dinner is estimated to be around \$50.00 per person There will also be a special Buchanan Clan Parade at the festival.

If you are interested in attending the dinner or want more information about the celebration please contact Region 1 Commissioner, David Byrne at: ctbuchanan@gmail.com

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**James B. Erb, Regent
CBSI - New York**

James was born on December 18, 1953 and passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2015.

James was a resident of East Meadow New York


Funeral Service: Saturday October 3, 2015 at 8:00 pm. Charles J O'Sea Funeral Homes, Inc.

Wantagh NY. Visitation was held Saturday October 3, 2015, 2-5 pm and 7-9 pm at Charles J O'Shea


Funeral Homes Inc. Cremation: LI Cremation Co., Inc. West Babylon, NY

His service to Clan Buchanan Society, International will be greatly missed.

In Loving Memory of
Robert W. Cormack




Born
to Life
August
30th
1934



Born into
Eternal Life
November
22th
2015

*Lo I am with you always.
Even to the end of the age.
Amen.*



Robert W. Cormack passed away at age 81 on November 22, 2015. His internment was with full military honors and bagpiper at the Bronswood Cemetary, Oak Brook, IL. He loved attending the Highland Games and was the Regent for the Buchanan Clan for about 15 years in the State of Illinois.

Bob was well known polygraphist in his own business in Illinois from 1964 up to one month before his death and helped write the polygraph bylaws for the State. Also with his son he owned Personnel Systems Corporation, Oak Brook, IL, wich supplies pre-employment surveys to U.S. companies.

He was a long standing member of the Kiltie Drum and Bugle Corp which was adopted by the Clan Buchanan Society. The Kilties wear the Buchanan Clan tartan kilts at all of their shows. Bob served in the Army 504th MP's for 4 years from 1954-1957 and participated as a 504th MP alumni member at their yearly meetings. He was also a long time member of the Downers Grove, IL American Legion. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Beverly, his son Thomas, daughter Cynthia Lucafo and sister Susan Dayton.



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



Dr. Robert Lee Buchanan

Born: Zeigler Illinois, October 21, 1921

Passed: January 7, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas

Our beloved Patriarch Staff Sergeant Robert Lee Buchanan, died with dignity, on January 7, 2016. The military burial service were held at 1:00 pm at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. His introduction to military service began at age 17 in the United States of America National Guard for the State of Illinois. He fought from the Battle of the Bulge to Normandy. Served as an interpreter, sharp shooter, machine gunner, clerk/typist, entertainer, and cook. He was pleased to share stories of his abilities to put to great use for the Allies the equipment and culinary supplies from captured German forces.

He was also part of the great logistics effort to supply fuel and ordinance for Patton's push into Normandy. He was wounded in Belgium. Recognitions include: Purple Heart; European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal (with four bronze battle stars); American Campaign Medal; Good Conduct Medal; World War II Army of Occupation Medal; World War II Victory Medal; Royal Yugoslav Commemorative War Cross; Member of the Royal British Legion Scotland.

He was a life-time member of the Scottish American Military Society and innumerable other veterans and Scottish heritage organizations. For the past 45 years he made it his mission to play the bagpipes for every fallen serviceman or woman, law enforcement personnel, or first responders to ensure they would have a proper piping at their final ceremony.

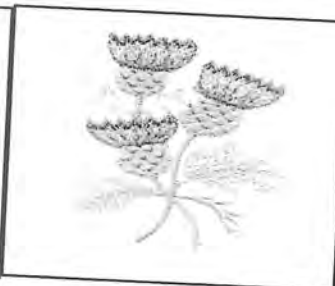
The number of Veteran parades he piped for are countless. He was grateful to participate in Honor Flight Mission 11 on June 4, 2013. His early years following the war were spent in practice as a physician in Texas. He also practiced medicine in Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Arizona, and Florida. He spent 10 years working as a medical technician in the Veterans Administration organization. He retired in 1982.

He is preceded in death by his parents Vincent Leroy Buchanan and Gladys Lillian Church Buchanan, brother Theodore Clarence Buchanan, and son Brian Keith Buchanan. Relatives living to honor and cherish his memory include siblings William Henry Buchanan, Carolyn Buchanan Mirelli and Dorothy Ann Buchanan Plano. Children include Susan Lee Buchanan Cook, Steven Leroy Buchanan, Sandra Victoria Buchanan, Leigh Andre Buchanan, Sherri Buchanan, John Douglas Buchanan and Vincent Oliver Buchanan. His legacy is survived by numerous grandchildren, nieces nephews, innumerable friends and colleagues in the piping community as well as countless friends.

In lieu of flowers we request contributions be made to veteran services organizations, animal rescue organizations, or the admirable charity of your choice.



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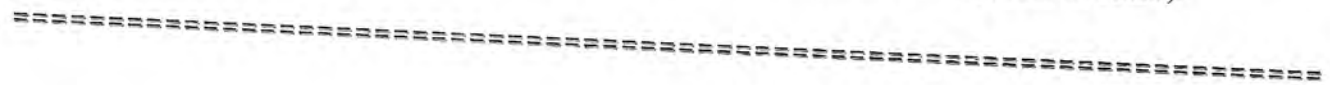


Gerald Lansing Hotaling, Jr.
Born: December 15, 1950, Auburn, New York
Passed: December 5, 2016, Charlotte, NC

Jerry Hotaling of Charlotte NC, 64, passed away at CMC-Mercy Saturday morning, December 5, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Reba Walter and daughter Marianne Scinski and her husband Theo Scinski, of Charlotte NC. Jerry was born on December 15, 1950 in Auburn, New York, and later attended Syracuse University. After college, Jerry moved to Manhattan where he spent six years working for the New York City hospitals as an EMT. In the city, he gained a true appreciation for exploring different types of food and became a avid fan of the New York Mets.

After traveling around, Jerry finally settled down in Charlotte, NC where he worked for C.S.I. Plasma for 30 years. He spent his time learning about his Celtic heritage, and loved the Renaissance Era. You could often find him on a Saturday afternoon playing poker with his friends, and on a Sunday afternoon cheering on his new home team, the Carolina Panthers.

A celebration of Jerry's life was held for family and friends on Saturday December 19, 2015 at 6:00pm at The Workman's Friend. His ashes will be spread at a later date in the Spring of 2016 at Grandfather Mountain.. In lieu of flowers and because Jerry was a true New Yorker at heart the family is asking for memorial donations to be made to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum: www.911memorial.org (click on donate).



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Pictures submitted by Lloyd Gibson 1st VP, CBSI

THE PIPERS' CLOSE¹



FEATURED PIPER: Craig R. Matias, CPA, CGMA of Simi Valley, California

Craig Mathias of Clan Buchanan has been palying the highland bagpipes since 1999. He and his wife convene at the Ventura California Seaside Highand Games; and have been convening two games a year in California for over ten years now. About 30,000 people attend the Seaside games over the two day.

Mr. Mathias has been piping for 25 yerars....taking lessons from a Grade 1 pipe major. He performs as a soloist throughout the year at community events through Southern California including Memorial Day observances, funerals, dedications and flag raisings. He has closed every evening of the Simi Community Christmas Celebration since its

inception 10 years ago. The Simi Community Christmas is a free, inter-faith fourday family event featuring nativity displays from around the world and 28 Christmas music concerts performed by local outstanding singers, choirs and musicians.

During the nights of Simi Community Christmas, several pipe tunes will close each event including Amazing Grace, Going Home, and an assortment of traditional Christmas songs. Craig will also play solo parts with the Gold Coast Pipe Band during their Saturday night performances at Simi Community Christmas (www.goldcoastpipeband.com)

His favorite tunes are: Highland Cathedral, Rowan Tree, Loch Lomond (good for Buchan-ans), Skye Boat Song, Suo Gan, The Water is Wide, and Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.

Good to hear from you Craig! Are there other pipers out there? Please contact me at: mccammond@montana.com and we can feature you and your talents/efforts in an upcoming issue of *The Banner*. Slainte Mhor! Donna McCammon

¹ Close - An alley or alleyway, narrow lane, path or passageway often only for pedestrians, which usually runs between, behind, or within buildings in the older parts of towns and cities. (Wikipedia)

Oatcakes for centuries have been the traditional Scottish "Biscuit." They are made almost entirely from oats, the only cereal to flourish in Northern Scotland in bygone days.

Traditionally each community had its own mill to grind oats from local crops and supply oatmeal for every household. These oats formed the Highlanders staple diet of porridge and oatcakes. Oatcakes were served with every meal, a tradition that continues today. They are the perfect accompaniment to butter, marmalade, soup, meat and fish dishes, cheese, honey, and preserves.

Watson family recipe from Margaret Cockburn (nee Watson) of Fraserburgh, Scotland.

2 cups Whole Wheat flour
4 cups Old Fashioned Oats
2 teaspoons Baking Powder
2 tablespoons Sugar
1 teaspoon Salt
1 cup Shortening
1 cup Milk

Mix all ingredience together till well blended. Divide dough in half.
Roll first half till about a 1/8 to a 1/4 of an inch thick then use biscuit cutter.
Lay biscuits on un-greased cookie sheet. Do same with second half.
Cook for 15 to 16 minuetts in a 400-degree oven.
Makes about 40 biscuits Enjoy!



Photo taken at "Da Neost", 14 Dennyduff Road, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland in 1969.

Adults: Gavin Cockburn, Roselyn "Lyn" Marie Watson (nee Wray),
Margaret Ann Barclay Cockburn (nee Watson),

Violet Watt (nee Cockburn), William "Bill" Watt

Children: Bonnie Lynn Watson, Graeme Timothy Watson

Photo by: Graeme Paul Watson - Nephew of Margaret and 1st Cousin of Violet

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BANNER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Submitted by Mardy & Karen Jensen

It has been suggested that we put out the invitation to our members to contribute articles to the Banner on a regular basis. Would you like to submit articles from time to time to help with the content of the magazine? Donna McCammon has been sending in articles on "Piping" which is her passion. They are a welcome resource and is a source of interest to many members. Do you have a passion or a talent that you would like to share with all of us? It is always a concern for us whether we have enough material to fill the pages and whether it is of interest to others. Many of you are very knowledgeable in the history of the clan, or of weaponry used in our past history, or of many other aspects of who we are and where we come from.

Please note the article on Page six of this issue about the DNA project being conducted on behalf of the Buchanans. It is a highly interesting and noteworthy topic in today's world. We are all looking to find our "roots". We all want a place to belong and become a part of a group that we can be proud to call ourselves members.

We need to know the outstanding accomplishments of our members, marriages, new babies and the advancements made by the youth of our group and we know there are many. Also the talents of many who are contributing to the Clan each and every year.

Are you aware that we have a Clan Genealogist, Patty Hopkinson? She is accredited in her field and is waiting to hear from you. Do you have.....

- General questions about how to start gathering your genealogy?
- Do you have a genealogy brick wall you are trying to tear down?
- Need to learn how to prepare family group sheets?
- Learn how to build pedigree charts?
- Learn how to create GEDCOM files for sharing?
- How you can present your family information so that searches through the archives can be as efficient as possible?
- How to share your genealogy with CBSI and its genealogist?

CBSI genealogy archives have thousands of files. We may have something on your line. Your responses and questions can be published in the *Buchanan Banner* to widen your search for answers.

Contact Patty Hopkinson by e-mail at cbsigenealogist@gmail.com

COMING EVENTS - FEB 2016

UNITED STATES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	WHERE
Feb 5-7	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Moore's Creek Ntl. Battlefield, Currie NC	www.nps.gov/mocr	North Carolina
Feb 5-6	4th Ann. Celtic Family Jamboree	Sertoma Youth Ranch, 85 Mywers Rd., Brookville FL	www.celticheritageproductions.com/events.htm	Florida
Feb 8-12	Celtic Arts Foundation Winter School Highland Pipes & Drum	Conference Center, 13395 Lagoon Dr., NW Seabrook, WA	www.celticarts.org	Washington
Feb 12-14	24th Ann. Greater Philadelphia Scottish and Irish Music Festival & fair	Valley Forge Convention Ctr. Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia PA	www.eohebrides.com	Pennsylvania
Feb 13-14	Queen Mary Scots Festival	On the Queen Mary Long Beach, CA	www.queenmary.com	California
Feb 13-17	Celtic Arts Foundation Winter School - Small Pipes & Fiddle	Conference Center 133*8 Lagoon Dr. NW Seabrook, WA	www.celticarts.org	Washington
Feb 14 ?	A Scottish Ramble	Landmark Center, St. Paul, MN	www.scottishramble.org	Minnesota
Feb 17 CBSI Tent	NE Florida Scottish Games & Festival	Clay County Fairgrounds Green Cove Springs, FL	www.neflgames.com	Florida
Feb TBA	Celtic Winter Blast	Highland Brewing Company Asheville, NC	www.celticheritageproductionseum.com/events.htm	North Carolina

COMING EVENTS IN CANADA - 2016

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	WHERE
Feb 20	Valentines Tea Dance-Vancouver Island Scottish Country Dance Society	550 Obed Ave, Victoria, BC	www.viscdis.ca	British Columbia
Feb 20	53 rd Tartan Ball - RSCDS Toronto	Fairmount Royal York, Toronto, BC	www.dancescottish.ca	Ontario
Feb 26	Ceildh Dance	8886 Hudson Street, Vancouver, BC	www.vancouverceildh.org	British Columbia

COMING EVENTS - FEB 2016

AUSTRALIA

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	WHERE
Feb 3-24	Scottish Diaspora tapestry (A touring display)	Albury, NSW	www.scottishdiasporatapestry.org	New South Wales Australia
Feb 7	Robert Burns Supper	Roberts Burns Club of Melbourne, VIC	Ina Graham 61 (03)8361 0308	Victoria Australia
Feb 7	6 th Canterbury Scottish Cultural Festival	Riccarton Bush, Kahu Road, Riccarton, NZ	resafr@paradise.net.nz	South Island, New Zealand
Feb 12-14	Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo	Etihad Stadium Melbourne, VIC	www.edinburghattoo.com.au	Victoria Australia
Feb 13	Bendigo Scots Day Out	Rosalind Park, Bendigo, VIC	Chris Earl scotsdayout@gmail.com or www.scotsdayout.com	North Island New Zealand
Feb 13	23 rd Ann. Paeroa Highland Games & Tattoo	Paeroa Domain, Paeroa NZ	www.paeroahighlandgames.co.nz	North Island, New Zealand
Feb 18-21	Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo	Westpac Stadium Wellington, NZ	www.fesival.co.nz	North Island New Zealand
Feb 20ECC,	Howick Tattoo	Lloyd Eismore Park, Pakuranga Auckland, NZ	sharonstewart@xtra.co.nz	North Island New Zealand

COMING EVENTS UNITED KINGDOM - 2016

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT	WHERE
Jan 18-20	Scotland's Trade Fair Spring	SEC-C, Glasgow, Scotland	www.scotlandtradefairs.co.uk/spring	Scotland, UK
Jan 23	Annual Burns Supper	Caledonian Society of Bermuda	http://www.caledoniansocietyofbermuda.com/events.html	Bermuda, Atlantic Ocean
Feb 26-28	3 rd International Bagpipe Conference	National Piping Centre	www.internationalbagpipeorganisation.com	Scotland, UK

Events in Europe during January and February 2016

None Scheduled

Events in South America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia in January and February 2016

None Scheduled

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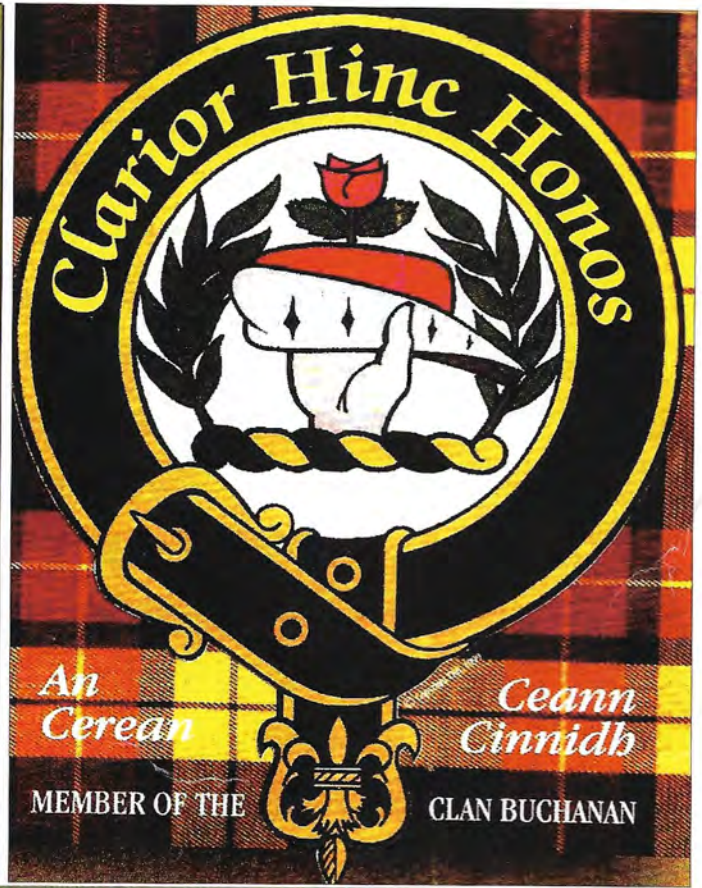
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