

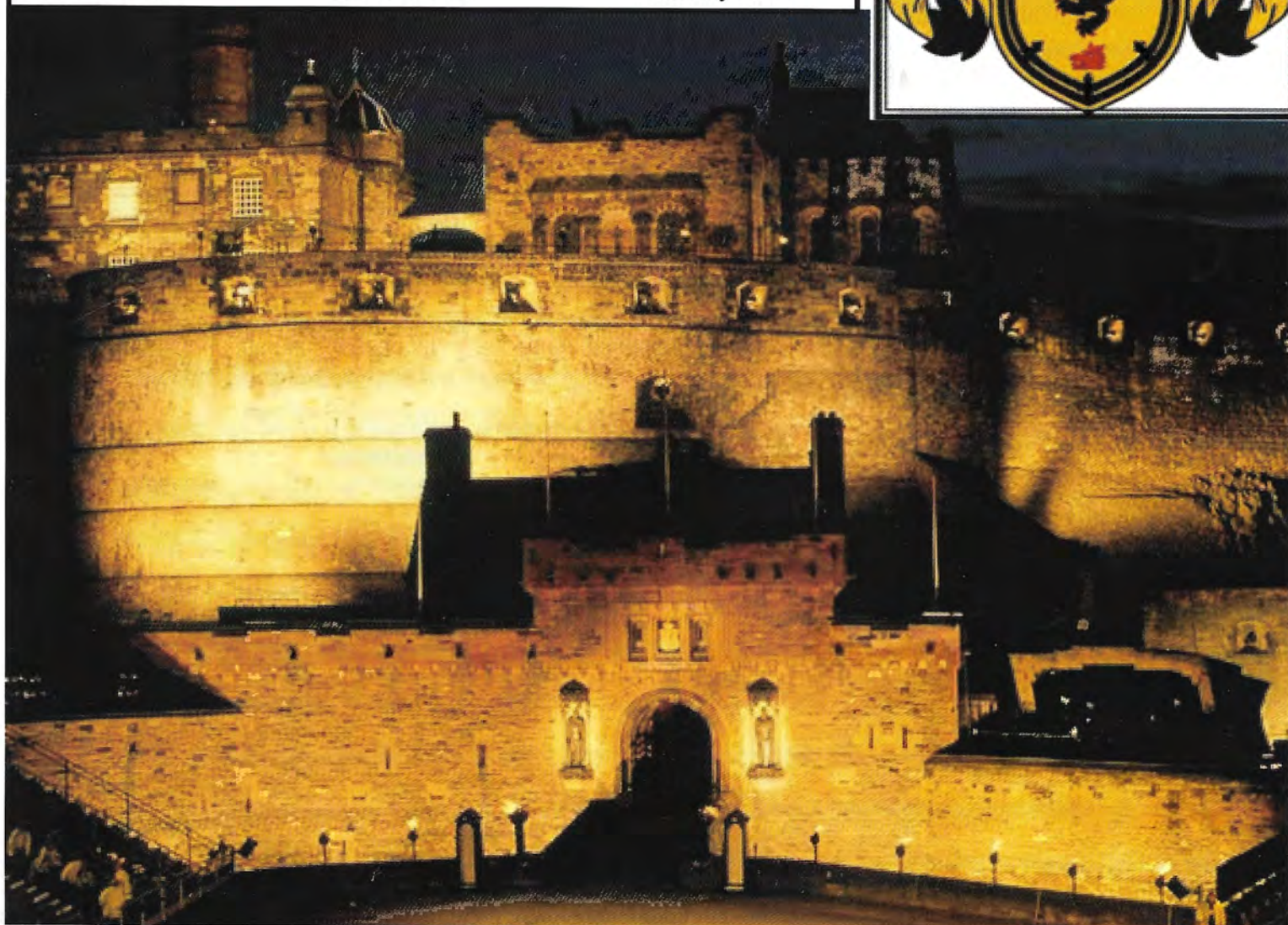
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# MINNESOTA SCOTTISH FAIR AND HIGHLAND GAMES

By Chris Lacher



Unlike last year where he had to almost break out the parkas on the frozen tundra of Minnesota, this year it was a very pleasant year with great weather on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a very active day for many of the Minnesota Buchanan's. Hob Weiss and his grandsons Henry and Jude came down early with myself and my daughters Cora and Julia to help set up the clan tent this year. Also, Hob and his grandsons helped out working the clan tent this year. My brother Philip also came down for the day and helped out with the tent. A very huge thanks goes out to them for covering for a couple of hours while I was playing bagpipes in competition, which my squad took 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



While we could not compete, due to rules, for Best Clan Tent this year because we won last year it was commented by a lot of people who we talked to that we had a great display! We added two new battle flags of tartan material and replaced our cardboard clan display with a more historic looking type of tapestry banners bordered with Buchanan ribbon. My wife, Karen, worked hard on preparing the history while I did the sewing.

Our mascot, Stub's even got a pair of arms so he is half the man he should be! As always he greets people who have to take a double take when they see him, thinking he is real.



Many of the clan members came out in Buchanan colors for the parade of clans and the calling of the clans. It was fun to see younger Buchanans taking part and helping to carry the flags. It makes me very proud to see the next generation wanting to take part and help by carrying on our heritage. Also many of the young ones got to visit the "Brave" Movie Booth and had a great experience. It was very exciting to see clan members participating in many of the events from the heavy games to dancing.



I have to say without the many volunteers we have for the games they would not be possible. A lot of work goes into the one day event which I have found out over this last year along with my help which seems so small a role but vital. It was truly fun to see people come out and come to our tent and allow us to help them find out what clan they are, even if not Buchanan, and get them on the right track. We handed out many applications to prospective new members while only taking one application in.

At the end of the day and after tear down it was nice to enjoy a pint with many friends at the Ceilidh. We look forward to next years games! We are looking forward to the next event in Minnesota "Renaissance Festival for the Highland Fling" weekend September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Shakopee. Come on out and say 'Hazar' with us!

# *BEST TENT AT RHODE ISLAND*

*BY DAVID BYRNE*



*We are back from the Rhode Island Scottish Highland Festival where Stephen Doherty (Massachusetts Regent) and I took home the trophy for Best Clan Tent! It was a great day with only a minor sprinkle of rain in the morning. We enjoyed large crowds and a very busy tent for much of the day.*

*One of the highlights was Bruce Buchanan (with his wife Karen) who wore his brand new kilt for the very first time. It's a beauty in the Ancient Buchanan tartan and he could not of looked happier with it. Well done Bruce!*

*We had a chance to meet many new Clan members and renew lots of acquaintances at the first highland games of the 2012 season.*



# **SALADO SCOTTISH GAMES REPORT**

Reported by Bill McQuatters  
North East Texas

As many of you may have heard Don Watt, our North East Texas Regent passed away recently. For the past few months I had been working with Don assisting him in any way he needed with Clan Events. Over the summer we had been planning to convene a tent at the Salado Scottish Games sponsored by the Central Texas Area Museum in Salado, Texas. With Don's passing all was up in the air, but after talking to Don's wife Saralyn she encouraged me to continue with plans to attend. David Byrne, First Vice President CBSI, provided valuable information and direction to help me in this endeavor.



Salado, Texas is a small town just south of Waco and the games were held at the Youth Sports Complex on the plains of Central Texas not far from Ft. Hood. Friday night began with the "Calling of the Clans" held on the grounds of College Hill.



After the "Calling of the Clans" a social was held in the Scots Hall at the museum where traditional Scottish and finger foods were served.

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A RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL  
& CONVENING?  
WILL IT WORK????

Submitted by Chris Lacher  
Minnesota Regent

This last September, Karen, Cora, Julia and I had the pleasure of doing something completely different. We decided to convene at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival in Shakopee, Minnesota. It was for their Highland fling weekend, September 8th and 9th.



I had my doubts about convening at a Renaissance festival because in the past when I have just gone as a spectator, I noticed, in my opinion, some very interesting people. But when approached back in January about convening in September I said yes, mainly because there was going to be other clans there and actual Highland game competitors of whom I knew the organizer having competed with him in the past.

Karen and I went down on Friday to set up the tent. This is something we rarely do because of losing our first tent our first year by setting up the previous day. We anchored it down which was fun, (insert sarcasm here). The location is on the site of an old pit mine for limestone

so it was like drilling through concrete. I tried to sink a couple of flag stands to hold our battle flags but stopped when I got blisters even though I was wearing gloves. I ended up driving a metal fence stake in the ground to hold at least one flag.



Chris and Karen Lacher

Saturday was here and all of us got up at five a.m. to get dressed. I had made two Air-isead's out of antique Buchanan wool for Karen and Cora and a chemise for Karen. Julia decided to wear her princess outfit from last Halloween. I wore my great kilt that I have in the modern muted Buchanan material. Once dressed and had a breakfast sandwich we headed down to the festival to be on site by 7 a.m. for final prep of the tent. It was good to see other clans as well as vendors we knew. One of the vendors was my brother, Philip, who is a wood carver. He was selling many Celtic type creations mainly hand carved quakes.

After our set up was complete and everything staked down in case of wind, I opened the day with playing the pipes and the song "Dawning of the Day". We could see many people lined up to come into the fair at that time so it was good advertisement for our event in the special events area.

Through the weekend, which was from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day, we met many people and helped many find what clan they are. The really exciting portion of the event was meeting many Buchanan's who knew about the highland games in May for Minnesota but didn't always get to go. Hopefully with the 10 some applications that we handed out to people we will get some new members?

I know I took a lot of clan interest cards for people, that the Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans puts out, to fill out for their clan and I have sent them on to their clan's representative for our area. We do this in the name of keeping our Scottish heritage alive. It is a wonderful moment when you ask someone are you a Scott? And they say No? Then we ask how do you know you're not? We pull out the trusty book "*A Tartan for Me?*" and look up some ancestors last name. We usually, about nine out of ten times, find a name and match it to a family, clan or district.



Karen  
Lacher

In the end of our two days of talking and dealing with the wind on Saturday and the heat on Sunday we would do this again. It makes us proud to be Buchanan's and show off our colors as well as being able to talk to other people and get them interested in their heritage. So as they say at the Renaissance events, '*Huzzah!*' Let's do it again, next year.

*NORTH EAST SOUTH DAKOTA  
CELTIC FAIRE AND GAMES  
ABERDEEN , SD  
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2012*

*Reported by Gale Buchanan*

*This is our fifth year hosting North East South Dakota Celtic Faire and Games. We had several thousand people attend our two day program of highland games, dancing, music, dog show, kids corner, celtic food and vendors.*

*The athletes enjoyed the mid 70 degree weather for the games. And yes we have women compete also.*

*I hosted the Clan Buchanan booth. Sixty people stopped by our booth to say 'Hi' and visit with us for a while. It was nice to talk with people from North Dakota., Minneapolis, throughout South Dakota, Korea and Africa.*

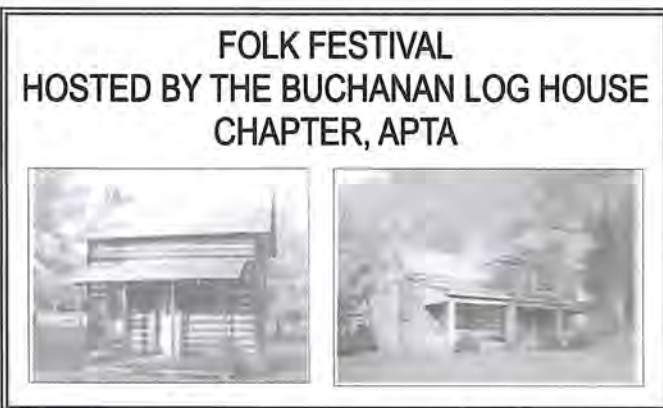
*The pub was open all day and into the evening during the concert. We had a band from the twin cities, "The Wild Colonial Bhoys", an Irish rock band.*



*WILD COLONIAL BHOYS  
IRISH ROCK BAND*

*A good time was had by one and all, and thank you to Chris Lacher our Commissioner for stopping by and being able to stay for a while.*

*See you all at our next Faire,  
September 21 and 22, 2013.*



The Annual Folk Festival hosted by the Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA at the historic Buchanan Log House featured many 19th century interactive activities and demonstrations on the life and times of people who lived in the frontier period. The artisans demonstrated quilting, weaving, spinning, country dancing, dulcimer music, basket weaving, blacksmithing, soap making, wood carving, leather works and much more. Children washed clothes as it was done

back-then; played the same games as the children played back-then.

Featured during the festival were several music groups including the Nashville Old Time String Band, The Grand Old Dulcimer Club and more. The CRIPPLE CREEK CLOGGERS who perform throughout the world were there to entertain visitors.

Several guests in period costume (Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln & others) visit the Folk Festival. Mrs. Lucinda Buchanan, matriarch of the Buchanan Log House and her cousin Emmaline from Natchez accepted visitors in the parlor.

The 19th Alabama Civilian Corps., a reenactment group was there and participated in battle reenactments. Their goal is to educate and inform the general public on the life and times of the Confederate Soldier and to foster a sense of pride in historical heritage.

The 19th Alabama Civilian Corps set up camp at the corner of Hurt Drive & Harper Place for their stay at the Annual Festival. Children and adults alike participated in the chores done in support of the troops — prepare food, wash clothes, sew on buttons of uniforms, learn to camp and many more activities

The Buchanan Log House Chapter, APTA is a proud member of the Association for the preservation of Tennessee Antiquities.

This festival was held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The festival is an annual event at 1920 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville 38214. For information on next year you can email:

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## OUR COMMUNITY OUR HERITAGE OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Submitted by Lloyd Gibson, Arizona Regent

As Arizona Regent for Clan Buchanan, I have had the great opportunity to experience many things I would not be a party to otherwise.

I am also second term President of Rim Country Celts located in Payson, AZ. Rim Country recently lost one of our founding members, Marge Munro. On August 21st we held a wake for Marge, attended by members of Rim Country Celts. We had food, drink and two celtic bands, and her minister Rev. Proudfoot. We sent Marge on her way with a smile. She is missed.

I mention this because it fits into the subject of this article. That is community.

Rim Country Celts produces three to four events per year with music, dancers and food. One of our events was held October 13th at the Payson Presbyterian Church.

Our events feature celtic/gaelic musicians, dancers and authentic foods. We are building a celtic community with the assistance of The Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix, Northern Arizona Celtic Society in Flagstaff, the Tucson Celtic Community as well as The Scottish American Military Society with William Redpath, Southwest Commander of SAMS. We also have several elected community officials on our membership roles, which does not hurt.

Several different clan leaders belong to Rim Country Celts and routinely participate in our events and provide leadership assistance.

The fact that we hold many events as well as participating in five highland events in Ari-

zona helps to promote interest in joining Clan Buchanan and other Clans. What we do is a great way to promote the cause of Clan Buchanan as well as other clans and organizations. If we all focus our energy locally promoting Clan Buchanan Society International can you imagine the results?

I've walked past some clan tents at events and the person working was reading a book or conversing with their tent partner, completely oblivious to traffic walking by. Maybe they just missed an opportunity to sign up a new clan member from the passing crowd.

Learn the history of your clan and some of the other clans as well. I never dismiss anyone if I can answer their questions. I have spent thirty minutes with someone who is asking for information. You might be surprised by what you learn, and you might end up signing a new member. Take the time, so look alive, interested and interesting and have fun.

Another motivator is to hold seminars or lectures in your community. I'm available for lectures on early celtic history. I've done six such lectures in my community. It has really awakened the peoples of celtic/gaelic descent. Many have reported back that they have begun to search for their family histories. And have joined their clans. So it behooves us all to put our best foot forward, so show up at civic events in kilt attire representing Clan Buchanan.

If they can't see you they can't communicate with you. Every member of Clan Buchanan needs to get out and promote the clan., Don't sit by and wait for your Regent or Commissioner, take matters into your own hands and promote.

Once you become involved and the community gets to know you, your life will be more interesting and fun for yourself and your community.

Now, isn't that what life is all about anyway!

## THE BUCK STOVE

By Eric Bullard, 2nd VP CBSI  
Commissioner Mid Atlantic #3

No, this is not an article about the pot-bellied cast iron stove you used in the mountain cabin you rented that time. The Banner has been sorely lacking in fine Scots cooking as of late and I find it high time we resurrect some delicious old recipes.

### Partan Bree—A Scottish Crab Bisque

My Scots cookbook has this simple recipe that also appears on Wikipedia:

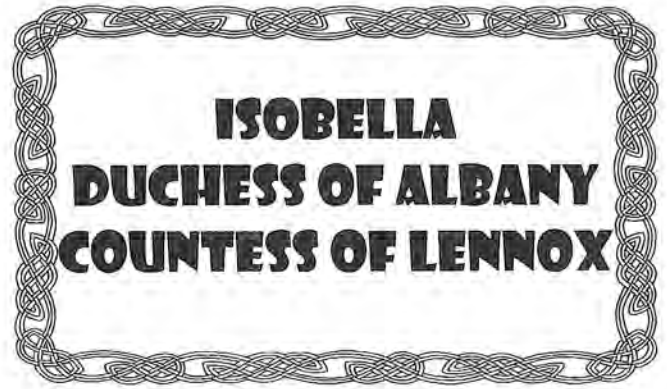
#### Ingredients:

- 1 large boiled crab
  - 3 oz long grain rice
  - 1 pint chicken stock
  - 1 pint milk
  - Quarter pint single cream
  - 1/2 teaspoon anchovy essence
  - Salt and pepper
- Remove all the meat from the crab and set aside the flesh from the large claws.
  - In a pan, boil the rice in the milk until soft but make sure not to over cook.
  - Add the crab meat (except for the claws), and rub the mixture through a sieve into a clean pan. Bring to a boil gradually, stirring in the chicken stock.
  - Remove from the heat and add the anchovy essence, the meat from the claws and salt and pepper to taste.
  - Reheat but do not boil. Stir in the cream and when hot serve immediately.

Sidenote: We cannot have this an ongoing article without dealing with the Haggis in the living room, so to speak. I've had Haggis that was to die for and Haggis that nearly killed me (specifically the canned stuff, *yuck!*).

I want to find a "good" haggis recipe and give the old girl a go. If someone has a recipe they swear by, get in touch with me at:

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Claude Buchanan  
CBSI, Herald At Large

It is a well known fact that Sir Walter Buchanan of that ilk married Isobel Stewart the daughter of Murdoch Duke of Albany and his wife Isobella. Much is known of Murdoch's fall from grace and his violent death at the hands of his nephew James I of Scotland. But little is generally known about Isobella.

Isobella first comes to light in her marriage contract with Murdoch Stewart on 17 February 1391/92. In this contract her sisters, Elizabeth and Margaret, are referred to, and provision was made for their marriages.

Isobella was daughter of Donnchadh (Duncan) Earl of Lennox and his wife Helena daughter of Sir Archibald Campbell. Isobella's father sought to create powerful links with the 1st Duke of Albany Robert Stewart who was the bastard son of King Robert II who ruled Scotland.

In 1392 Duncan agreed to the marriage of Isobella to Robert's son Murdoch Stewart. Murdoch and Isobella had at least five children. Robert - died 1421, Walter - died 1425, Alasdair - died 1425, James Seamus Mor - died 1429, although some sources suggest a later date.

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Disaster struck Isobella's family when her husband, and sons Alasdair and Walter were tried for treason and executed in 1425 by Murdoch's nephew, and cousin to the boys, King James I of Scotland, who was himself murdered in 1437.

Isobella and her daughter (Isobel, wife of Sir Walter Buchanan) survived this purge and Isobella was taken from Doune in Menteith, and carried to Dunbar then afterwards imprisoned in Tantallon Castle. (Tantallon Castle is a mid 14th century fortress situated about 3 miles east of North Berwick in East Lothia. The castle is now a ruin and in the care of Historic Scotland.)



**TANTALLON CASTLE**  
Viewed from the South East

Isobella was released from captivity in 1437 - she recovered her lands and titles. In the next few years, although forced to govern her province from her castle at Inchmurrin Loch Lomond, she issued a large number of charters as Duchess of Albany and Countess of Lennox. Her other titles - that of Fife and Menteith were not used.

Isobella was popular with the people of her province and is described as reserved, lofty in her demeanor, possessing a strong mind and indomitable spirit: No lady of ancient or modern times ever stood in need of such attributes to sustain her under such violent calamities as did Isobella.

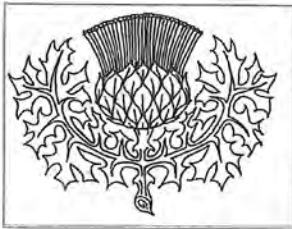
Isobella died in 1458 having outlived her persecutors. It is worthy of note that the rents from the Earldom were paid to the crown after May 1458 Perhaps the final irony. One of her grandsons by James Andrew Stewart 1st Lord of Avondale - born in Antrim Ireland became Lord of Avondale in 1459 - Lord Chancellor of Scotland in the same year. He became one of the leading servants of James III of Scotland and held the office of Chancellor for 25 years - dying in 1488.

Charters of the period issued by Isobella show the seal of the Countess attached - her seal on a charter of 1445-46 as recorded in the Duntreath Charter Chest shows impaled arms.

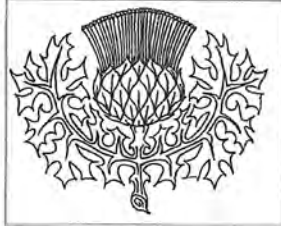
Argent a saltire between four roses Gules impaled with the arms of Albany. Legend: Sigillu Isabella Ducisse Albanie et Comitisse de Levenax.

Isobella lived to see her family's executioner (James I) die a violent death at the hands of his former ally, Walter Stewart, Earl of Atholl who had conspired with James against Isobella's dead husband.

Inchmurrin is the largest of the most Southerly of the Island of Loch Lomond. It was the site of a 7th century Monastery with a chapel dedicated to Saint Murrin - after whom the Island is named.



# Flowers of the Forest



## PHYLLIS WHITE

Submitted by Sandra Mouser



It is with great sadness that I report to you the passing of my mother Phyllis White, one of the truly staunch supporters of Clan Buchanan.

Till her dying day, this past November, at the age of 91, she always talked about marching with the clan in the parade two years ago, when Clan Buchanan was the honored Clan. At her funeral, the clan colors were draped on the altar and at her reception, only Scottish music was played.

Nearly 200 people attended her funeral and reception, and everyone said the Scottish theme was just the perfect way to celebrate her life. She will be missed, and I know she will miss being with the clan at Loon this year and in years to come.

## ANNE RENEHART LESLIE

September 1931 - October 2010

Submitted by Eric Bullard

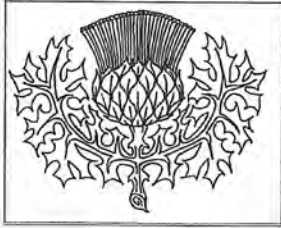
At Grandfather Mountain Highland Games this year, the Buchanan tent was visited by Mr. Leslie. While not a Buchanan himself, he had the good sense to marry one of our bonnie lasses. He laid his beautiful bride to rest in October of 2010, and he stops by the Buchanan Tent every year just to see the colors that she loved so well. He was also kind enough to drop off her tartan skirt to give away to one of our ladies to enjoy as she did.



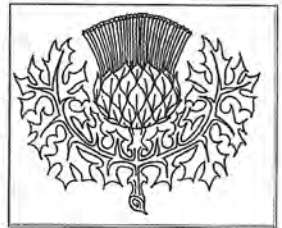
Personally, he handed me her Buchanan Sword kilt pin with "Claror Hinc Honos" inscribed upon it. I've now worn it to three games in her memory.

Is there a better reason for Clan membership than this? The clan tent at various games is a moving location for remembrance of those who have gone on before us, a grand place to find new friends and never yet met cousins. We have so much in common and yet live such varied lives.

I for one lift a dram to our sweet and beautiful flower of the forest, Mrs. Anne Renehart Leslie. The world was a better place for her having been here and she made one member of Clan Leslie a very, very happy man.



# Flowers of the Forest



## Marcellous Blaine Buchanan



“Red” Buchanan  
Oct. 15, 1924  
Dec. 21, 2012

Eulogy given by  
sister, Carma  
Owens

“Red” whose real name is Marcellous Blaine Buchanan, was born October 15, 1924, in Pocatello, Idaho, the second son and second child of nine children born to Delbert and Lynn Buchanan.

In 1941 the family moved to California, and eventually to Watsonville, just prior to WWII.

On January 31, 1942, Red enlisted in the US Marine Corps, and served throughout the South Pacific, as a crew-member on a C-47 air transport. On May 2, 1946, Red was honorably discharged, and he returned to Watsonville.

On May 13, 1948, he married Pauline Budman. He is the father of Michael and David Buchanan and Catherine Buchanan Post.

In 2002 Red suffered a stroke which left him paralyzed and confined to

a wheelchair. A short time later he was moved here to Willow Glen to a care facility. Not long ago Red became ill and was not able to fight off the infection which attacked his body.

He succumbed to that infection on Dec 21, 2012. He is preceded in death by his wife Pauline, his parents and three brothers.

“Red” was interred in Valley Cemetery in Watsonville, CA.

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By Eric Bullard, CBSI 2nd Vice President,  
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Note: See my other recipe on Pg. 10 of this issue.



That's well and good but the following recipe looks like the one to really please the tongue and stop the heart:

SERVES 8

#### INGREDIENTS

4 lb cooked Dungeness or blue crabs, meat removed from bodies and legs and finely chopped, shells broken into large chunks  
6 Tbsp. unsalted butter  
2 large yellow onions (1 thinly sliced; 1 finely chopped)  
1/2 rib celery, thinly sliced  
1/4 small bulb fennel, thinly sliced  
3/4 roughly chopped parsley stems, plus 2 Tbsp finely chopped parsley leaves  
1 tsp whole white peppercorns  
2 bay leaves  
1/2 lemon, thinly sliced crosswise  
2 Tbsp brandy  
1/3 cup long-grain white rice  
1 Tbsp tomato paste  
1 Tbsp lemon zest  
2/3 cup milk  
1/4 cup heavy cream  
1/4 cup cream sherry  
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. paprika  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Crème fraîche, to garnish

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat oven to 400°, place crab shells on a baking sheet and bake until lightly browned about 20 min; let cool. Heat 4 Tbsp butter in an 8-qt saucepan over medium high heat. Add sliced onion, celery, and fennel; cook, stirring until soft about 5 minutes. Add crab shells, parsley stems, peppercorns, bay leaves and sliced lemon; cook for 2 minutes. Add brandy; cook 1 minute. Add 10 cups water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly reduced about 1 hour. Pour through a fine strainer into a bowl; set crab broth aside.

2. Wipe saucepan clean, return to medium-high heat, and add remaining butter. Add chopped onion; cook until soft about 3 minutes. Add rice, tomato paste, and lemon zest; cook until lightly caramelized, about 2 minutes. Add reserved crab broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low; cook until rice is tender, about 18 minutes. Puree soup in a blender and return to saucepan over medium heat; add reserved crab meat, milk, cream, sherry, lemon juice, and paprika, and cook until meat is warmed through, about 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Divide soup among 8 bowls; garnish each bowl with a dollop of crème fraîche and some of the parsley leaves.

\*[www.saveur.com](http://www.saveur.com)



Anyone know the Gaelic for "Bon Appétit"?

# MEETING MY WATSON COUSINS IN WINNIPEG

*By Patty McMullen Martinez*

My name is Patty McMullen Martinez and I live in Long Beach, California. One of my great-grandfathers was Sergeant-Major John McKean Watson of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. John was born in England, but both parents were from Kirkcudbright, Scotland. John fought in the Great Rebellion in 1885, where he was wounded, and there is a volunteer monument commemorating two battles of the Rebellion in Winnipeg that was modeled after him. That statue still stands today.



John Watson



John's Statue, Winnipeg

He had six children with Louisa, his first wife, who died quite young. At the age of fifty he

met a young British woman named Sarah, who was more than half his age. Against the objections of his adult children, John and Sarah married in 1893.

My grandmother was their first child, born in August of 1894. They moved to the U.S. and had six more children within a short time. The marriage broke up in about 1904, possibly because Sarah had taken up with another man, with whom she eventually had another ten children!

John moved to Saskatchewan, and died there in 1907 without ever having seen any of his children again. His eldest son retrieved his father's body, and John is buried next to Louisa in Winnipeg.



I think John's story is so sad! His first set of kids "disowned" him for his marriage to Sarah, who's a whole other story in herself. She told so many lies in her lifetime that it took three of us cousins years to find out the truth about her life; she went by several names. I'm certain we have the goods on her, though. One thing I'll tell you about her is that of the three "marriages" she had, John Watson was her only legal marriage. And for back in those days, people would have been shocked if they had known.

I've had family tree information out there on different websites for years and wondered if I'd ever hear from any of Louisa Watson's ancestors, and I finally did about three years ago. David Jenkins, my half second cousin (John Watson was his great-grandfather too) contacted me, we compared notes and have been

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corresponding ever since. His mom was actually my first cousin. He invited my husband Jerry and me to come and visit his family in Winnipeg anytime and we finally did this past August.



Me and 'new found' cousin Dave

Unfortunately, David's mom died about a week before our trip. We only spent a couple of days there, but David rounded up as many of his family members as he could, so I met a first cousin, some second cousins 1x removed, and even some second cousins 2x removed! We went to John and Louisa's graves, and saw John's statue, along with other Winnipeg sites. It was great for me to see where my great-grandparents married and where my grandmother was born.

It was fun trip getting in touch with my Watson roots in Winnipeg. Once I do more research, I want to go back to Scotland to where my ancestors originated on both sides of my family, since I'm Scottish to the bone!



My Winnipeg Cousins

**COLLIGITE  
FRAGMENTA NE PEREANT**

**GATHERING 2014 UPDATE  
COUNCIL OF SCOTTISH CLANS &  
ASSOCIATIONS**

The Caution Flag is Out Again: New Confusion Surrounding 2014. After specific reassurances that Scottish clan events, including a clan village and parade, would be integrated into the spectacular Bannockburn 2014 re-enactment activities, the Scottish newspaper, *The Scotsman* reported that there would in fact be no clan village and no parade associated with Bannockburn re-enactments. Many of you have seen the article. We haven't yet been able to confirm or discredit the report, but it is notable that, according to *The Scotsman* article, both VisitScotland and EventScotland have declined to comment on the story.

At this point, it is certainly fair to say that it would probably be prudent to put plans for traveling to Scotland in 2014 on hold until we gain better clarity about what is and is not going to happen in 2014. Of course we know that Scotland's 2nd Year of Homecoming will offer many fine opportunities for visitors from the Ryder Cup to the Commonwealth Games. Additionally, we do still expect several smaller regional clan and Diaspora based events to materialize - eventually. At present, however, the fate of any sort of unified clan gathering occurring in 2014 is, at best, unclear.

Several Scottish organizations with interest in a second Gathering, including the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, COSCA, The America Scottish Foundation and the Society of Scottish Armigers have been in discussions regarding how best to proceed. While no decisions have been made, one point certainly emerges. The second Gathering as well as the 2nd International Clan Convention are events of tremendous importance to the Scottish Diaspora. The Diaspora, in partnership with clan organizations in Scot-

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**\* \* \* \* FAMILY OF CLAUDE & ROBIN BUCHANAN \* \* \* \***



**Amy Jane age 3, daughter of Mark & Jannette and Beau age 2 son of Iaan and Kelly**



**Oliver age 15, Harrison age 5, Beau age 2  
Sons of Iaan and Kelly Buchanan**



**Amy Jane Buchanan and Beau Buchanan**



**Iaan & Kelly with their three boys taken at Harrison's 5th Birthday**

# THE BATTLE OF BANNOCKBURN

JUNE 24, 1314

[www.clan-cameron.org/battles](http://www.clan-cameron.org/battles)

English King Edward II, along with approximately 20,000 troops, advanced through the Lowlands of Scotland with relative ease. Arriving at Edinburgh on June 17, 1314, the army progressed to Leith, where they stopped for 5 days to collect supplies. The next step for the invading army was a 22 mile forced march to Falkirk. On Saturday, June 23rd they progressed along the old Roman road from Falkirk, advancing on Stirling Castle, which they meant to relieve.

Scottish King Robert the Bruce strategically blocked Edward's path, planting his men in the dense wood of the New Park and set his standard I Borestone there. This meant that he had an impassable scrub on his right, the stream-riddled and boggy Carse on his left, Stirling Castle behind him and the Bannock Burn, which Edward would have to cross, before him.

Among Bruce's army is said to have been a contingent of men from the "youthful" Clan Cameron, perhaps being led by John de Cameron, the supposed VII Chief and Captain of Clan Cameron. It should be noted that this collection of West Highlanders would probably not have been referred to as "Clan Cameron" at this early period. As to the Cameron men's numbers, it is thought that they made approximately four-to-

one, the Scots brought just 500 light cavalry to the field, in comparison to Edward's 2,000 heavy cavalry. Edward also brought 17,000 archers and spear-wielding foot soldiers, in comparison to the "few" archers which the Scots army had recruited from the Ettrick Forest.

As the battle began that June 24th Edward II foolishly advanced his cavalry across the Bannock Burn, taking up a position on the Carse between the Pelstream Burn and the Bannock Burn, falling into Bruce's trap by confining his mobile force into an impossible narrow area. Robert the Bruce's brother Edward, commanding the men of Galloway, Aberdeen and the south-east Highlands, met the English frontal assault. Edward Bruce's schiltrons repulsed the English cavalry, killing their commander. When the English archers opened their massive assault upon the Scottish army's left flank, Bruce immediately brought his cavalry into action, driving the celebrated bowmen from the field. Then, at



Robert the Bruce instructs his troops

this key moment of battle, Bruce brought in his reserve division so explosively that the rapidly retreating English army became unavoidable targets for their own back line of archers.

Edward II decided at this point that he had seen enough, rushing to the relative safety of Stirling Castle. However Sir Phillip Mowbray, governor of the castle, refused to admit him entry.

Consequently, Edward II fled towards Dunbar. Knowing that their king had deserted them left the English army with little fighting spirit. Suddenly, from behind Coxet Hill, there appeared the "small folk", kept in reserve for this purpose. To the battle weary eyes of the English this looked like a wild attack by fresh Scottish troops. The English right flank tried to follow their King, from the field, their center headed for the waters of the Forth, and their left fell back like "human debris" into the Bannock Burn.

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Scottish Humour taken from Electric Scotland web-page...www.electricscotland.com/humour/scotchwitndx.htm

### **A SAD DRINKING BOUT**

The following story of an occurrence at one of the drinking bouts in Scotland, at which the Laird of Garscadden took his last draught, has often been told, but it will bear repetition.

The scene occurred in the wee clachan of Law, where a considerable number of Kilpatrick lairds had congregated for the ostensible purpose of talking over some parish business.

And well they talked and better drank when one of them about the dawn of the morning fixing his eye on Garscadden remarked that he was "looking uncogash."

Upon which the Laird of Kilmardinny coolly replied, "Deil mean him since he has been wi' his Maker these twa hours! I saw him step awa', but I dinna like to disturb guid company!"

### **THE FLY-FISHER AND THE HIGHLAND LASSIE**

An English tourist visited Arran, and being a keen disciple of Isaac Walton, was arranging to have good day's sport. Being told that the horsefly would suit his purpose admirably for bait. He addressed himself to Christy, the Highland servant-maid. "I say, my girl, can you get me some horse-flies?"

Christy looked stupid, and he repeated his question. Finding that she did not yet comprehend him, he exclaimed. "Why, girl, did you never see a horse-fly?"

"Naa, sir," said the girl, "but a wanse saw a coo jump over a preshipice."

## ***JR. WATSON'S COUGH SYRUP***

Submitted by Chester Gibson

1 Empty jar with screw lid; add the following.

1 pint of good shine preferably Johnson's White Lightning) but any local will do. The test here is, will it burn when touched by a match? If not, you need to shop around some more. Pure shine burns with a pretty blue flame.

Add 5 chunks of rock candy.

2 SOFT lemons, squeeze out the juice, chop up the rinds, add both to the mix.

Pinch or two of brown sugar.

2 tsp. honey

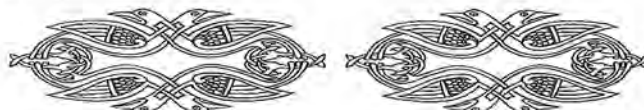
**SCREW LID ON TIGHT!**

Shake up every 3 days until thick and brown.

Allow to age for 6 months. Best to prepare this in April, ready in late Fall.

Dosage: 1 tsp, allow to sliiide down the throat without swallowing (if possible), repeat every so often as needed.

During treatment, probably best not to drive or operate machinery. (Writers suggestion, not Jr.'s)



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land, must take on the primary role of designing and planning the second Gathering and Clan Convention. We must and can accomplish this through our leading Diaspora organizations.

Clearly, though, given the ever shortening timeline remaining before 2014 and the difficulty in making progress, it may well be that a second Gathering will not occur until 2015. It is more important to do it right than to do it in 2014.

Yours aye,  
Susan L. McIntosh, President  
Council of Scottish Clams & Associations



(Continued from page 5) **Salado**.....

Several visitors stopped by and we had a great time talking and listening to stories and generally meeting new friends. We were able to help several find out what clan they belonged to.

One visitor in particular was Col. John Buchanan Richardson IV, Commander, 3rd Cavalry Regiment stationed at Ft. Hood. He was the guest marshal of the event and a Buchanan who is planning to renew his membership. According to one of his subordinates, he has a room at home dedicated to all things Buchanan.

This was a very nice event despite the wind, with lots of excellent pipe and drum bands as well as several groups like Cleghorn, to keep the party going.

Many vendors with great items, lots of food and drink so that no one went hungry or thirsty, entertaining Highland Dancers and of course, Highland Athletes throwing heavy objects all over the place.

Renewing a membership was Russ Davis. I would like to thank Russ and his daughter for staying with me and helping at the tent. Their help was a blessing. I also want to thank David Byrne for all the assistance and direction he has provided, I know I have been bugging him a lot and he has been very patient and helpful to me. I look forward to working even more closely with Clan Buchanan.

## CLAN COUNTRY



This obelisk of local white Millstone Grit is 103 ft high and 19 ft square at the base.

It is owned by the Buchanan Society and was erected in 1788 to the memory of the Historian and Scholar George Buchanan (1506-1582) who was the tutor to King James VI of Scotland, who also became James I of the United Kingdom and authorized the translation of the Bible into English

The obelisk dominates the house where he was born, the village of Killearn and all of the the Strathendrick - Buchanan Country/

A view of the village of Buchanan, on the Drymen to Balmaha Road (B837) on the East side of Loch Lomond, showing the Smithy and the school. In 1759 the Kirk Session Records show that the village was the home of 503 people in 105 families, the population of the whole Parish being 1117. For seven centuries this village was the centre of Clan activities where the Chiefs and Clansmen foregathered.



The Church at Buchanan was dedicated, prior to 1474, to Our Lady of the Virgin Mary by a Buchanan Laird and then, till the Reformation, it was the Chapel of St. Mary of Buchanan.

The present church was built on the site of the original in 1764.



The Place of Buchanan stood until 1850, when it was burnt down. It stood about a mile South East of the Village of Buchanan, which is situated close to the Eastern shore of Loch Lomond in Western Shropshire.

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This history of the Clan Buchanan was taken from The Clan Buchanan website where many more interesting things can be found.

<http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/html/history.html>



## A Short History of the Clan Buchanan

It is said that, after seven centuries of raiding, the Danes under Swein the Fork Beard took control of most of England and Ireland in 1013 - 1014. His son, Canute, (944 - 1035) was to become King of England. Swein ordered celebrations to be held in Limerick, Western Ireland (now Eire) and instructions were given for one thousand beautiful daughters of the Irish nobility to be present. In their stead the same numbers of Irish youths were dispatched, disguised in women's habits with long Irish skeans (daggers) below their cloaks.



George Buchanan

A massacre of the Danes followed. One of the leaders of these youths was Anselan Buey OKyan or Ochan (pronounced Okane), son of the King of Ulster, (roughly modern Northern Ireland). In 1016, as a result of this exploit, he fled Ireland and emigrated to Argyll in Western Scotland.

Once in Scotland he assisted King Malcolm II of Scotland (1005 – 1034) in several battles and was rewarded with lands in the Lennox on the eastern shores of Loch Lomond. Originally known as the MacAusland, the clan took on the place name Buchquhanane in the mid 13th century. The Name BUCHANAN is probably derived from the Gaelic, Buchquhanane, meaning "low ground belonging to the Canon".

In 1314 the Clan supported King Robert the Bruce at Bannockburn in Scotland's War of Independence against England. A Charter of 1353 exists which refers to "carucate of land called Buchquhaane". Help was given to the French King after his defeat at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415 and it is still claimed that Sir Alexander Buchanan killed the English Duke of Clarence at the Battle of Baugé in 1421. It is because of this act that the Buchanan crest shows a right hand and arm holding aloft a Ducal cap.

The Chief of the Buchanan Clan, and many Clansmen, died at the Battle of Flodden in 1513, when King James IV was killed. George Buchanan, the famous Latin scholar, humanist, reformer, and tutor to Mary Queen of Scots was born near Killearn in 1506. The Clan took part in the Battle of Pinkie in 1547 and the Battle of Langside in 1568. James Buchanan was the 15th President of the United States.

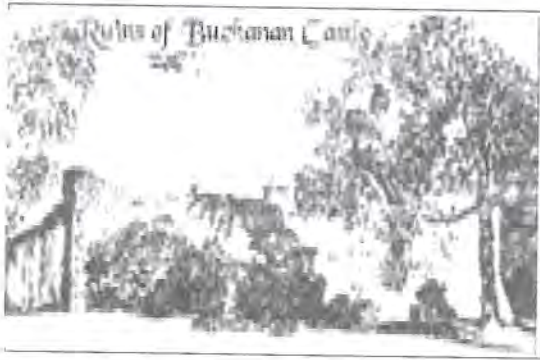
The succession from Anselan was uninterrupted to John Buchanan, the 22nd Laird who died in 1681. Along with his death the Title "of that ilk" expired and since then the Chiefship has been dormant.

Ten years after the Jacobite Rebellion in 1715 the Buchanan Society was formed and it remains the oldest such society in Scotland. In the United States the Clan Buchanan Society International was formed at Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina in 1970.



President James Buchanan

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Buchanan Castle Golf Club contains part of the ancient remains of the Place of Buchanan.

Close by are the ruins of Buchanan Castle, which was built in 1857 by the Duke of Montrose and is thus unconnected to the Buchanan Clan.

The Isle of Clarinch in Loch Lomand is owned by The Buchanan Society and currently leased to Scottish Natural Heritage.

It is in the Lowlands of Scotland but the largest portion of the Parish of Buchanan, which includes Ben Lomond (3192ft., 973m) in in the Highlands.



<http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/html/history.html>

## FIVE PEARLS OF SCOTTISH WISDOM

- Money cannot buy happiness but somehow, it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes Benz than it is on a bicycle.
- Forgive your enemy but remember the bastard's name.
- Help a man when he is in trouble and he will remember you when he is in trouble again.
- Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
- Alcohol does not solve any problem, but then neither does milk.

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Not only were the English totally defeated in pitched battle, but Bruce grabbed valuable hostages and Edward II's mighty train of equipment, all £200,000 of it, was left to the Scots. Although it would be an additional fourteen years until the war with England was officially over, there was no doubt that Robert the Bruce and his men had won its most decisive battle.



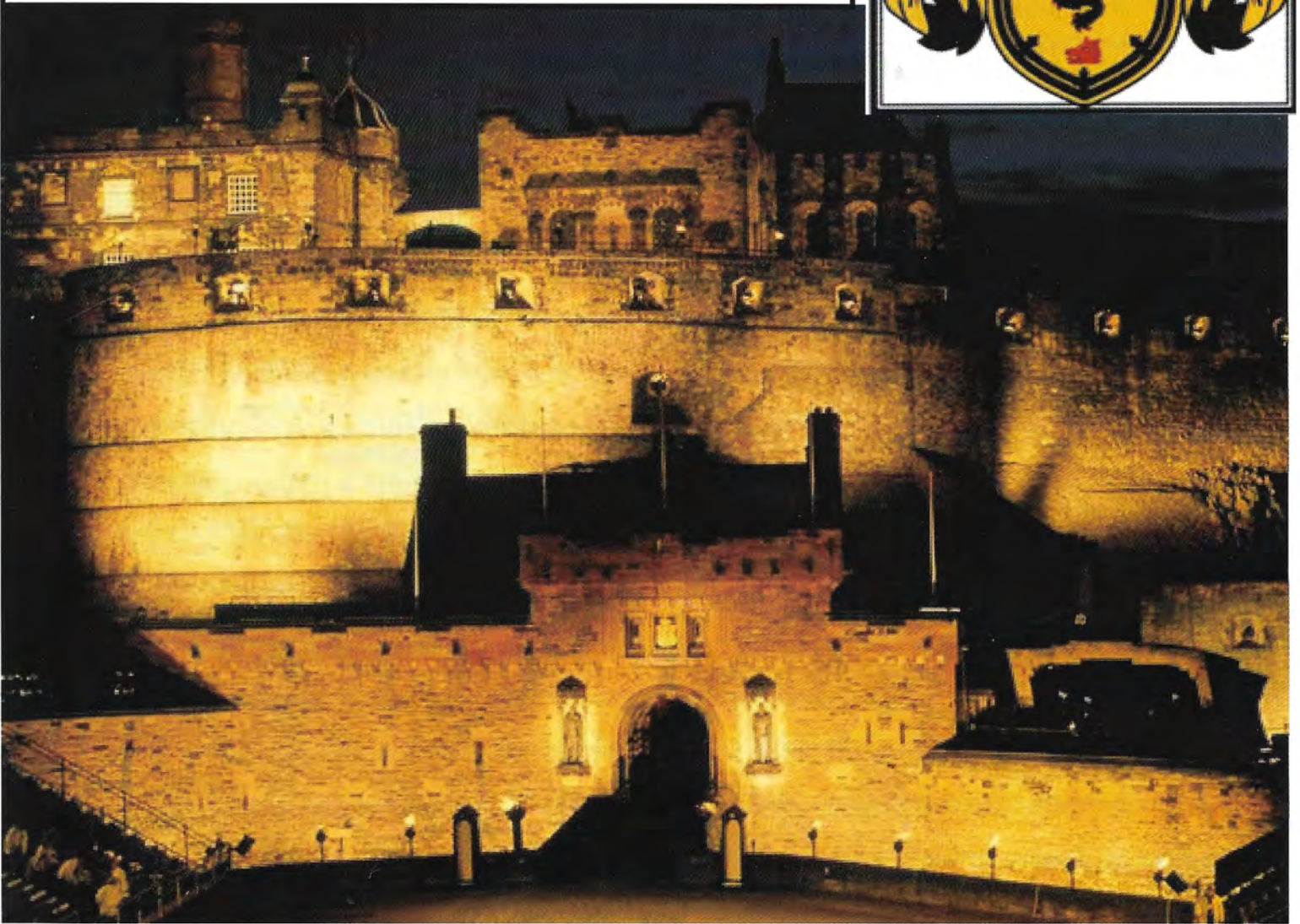
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