



The Bee Line

Clan Fergusson Society of North America



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The 2019 Fergus(s)on AGM Banquet Stone Mountain Georgia held on Oct 18-20 at the Hilton hotel in Atlanta Georgia was a huge success! Kim and Mark Ferguson did an excellent job hosting. More pictures of this occasion .

Season's Greetings!
Happy New Year
2020



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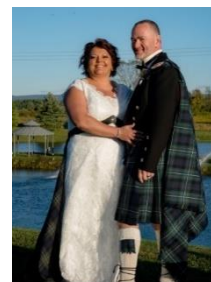


Two beautiful Ferguson weddings



**Matthew Ferguson
and Becca Reed**

**David Ferguson
and Melissa**



How the double "SS" disappeared.

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Please pray for Ken Ferguson our wonderful secretary. He has bone cancer and we are praying that he gets a successful transplant.



Ken Ferguson

Announcements

PASSWORDS

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Genealogy User ID and Password:

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Password - USA9340a

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Message from the CFSNA Executive Committee.



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Billy Ferguson
Past President

Welcome. Fáilte..

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year 2020. We are looking for big happenings this year.

1. We are gathering a Nominating Committee together as to seek people who would like to hold a position with CFSNA per our bylaws. So if you are called, or would like yourself to be nominated than please send an email to eric.c.ferguson.cfsna@gmail.com . We have important positions to be filled to include Secretary, Treasurer, and reelections of President and Senior Vice President. Steve Butler who has been so faithful to our society will be stepping down in a year. Mark Ferguson of Region 4 has been acting Secretary since Ken Ferguson is battling bone cancer (please get better). There are a lot of positions available to include BeeLine editor assistance, Genealogist, conveners, and several Regional Vice Presidents.
2. We need to look for an AGM site for 2021. We are looking for possibly Region 11, perhaps Arizona for an AGM with possible help from Trevor Ferguson. We need to prepare in advance our 50th year, which is coming up, suggestion is Grandfather Mountain, where our society originated much like many other clans.
3. Then we have our AGM 2020 at Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland games. President Eric Ferguson reserved 3 tents/tents plus oversized tents for this occasion. This should be an excellent Festival considering the weather is good. The last 2 AGM locations weren't helpful concerning the weather, but nobody can plan that. This is the 75th anniversary of the Fergus festival and the organizers are making a big deal of it as they should. It is Canadas best

and largest festival. And its named after the Fergusons. They will be using our ancient tartan (you may notice). You can register for tickets at <https://fergusscottishfestival.com/> . We advise to find a hotel as soon as you can because hotel prices are steep when getting close to the date Aug 7-9 when that festival is operating. There will no doubt be a large attendance. There are several other clans who are organizing there AGMS there. They are also hosting the World Championship games, and the Regimental Tug of Wars. **So its going to be really a lot of fun. Keep watch of posting on this on our facebook page and newsletters.**



A Message from the CFSNA President

Slàinte Mhath, Fellow CFSNA Clansmen and Clanswomen:

(left) President Eric C. Ferguson at the clan march Stone Mountain Georgia.

It continues to be a great honor for me to be the President of the Clan Ferguson Society of North America. I am truly humbled to have the opportunity to serve this great Clan, the greatest Clan in history!

As usual I keep busy being the Prez. I attended the Stone Mountain Georgia in October, loved every minute of the AGM and the banquet. Some of the best food I ever had. Unfortunately, the rain ruined our AGM on the Saturday and we tried to have the meeting in the rain under the tent only to have the water about to burst the tent. I surely want to say thank you for those who came to be there despite the weather. Sunday was magnificent weather. This is 2nd year in row that our AGM was ruined by bad weather. For the next AGM in Fergus Ontario I will seek some better climate-controlled area.

Now that we mentioned Fergus Ontario, it was one of the items accomplished at the last AGM, a vote for Fergus to be the next AGM, which will be held August 7-9 2020. I am excited to see us going once again to Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland games. It proved to me to be a favorite festival, and well organized. I have already reserved 3 Fergusson tents. Last year we had over 25 Ferguson visitors, and it was non-stop kids wanting the Ferguson crest stamp. The 8th is likely in day will be the AGM. I have made reservations at the Brew House, but I need a good number to give to them for attendance. We would just eat from the great food they have on the menu and pay on your own. However, I am debating on this because the Fergus festival has concerts in the evening so I am debating perhaps we could have a brunch and AGM before heading to the festival and therefore we can attend the evening concerts. Still working on this. Hotels are another issue as near Fergus there is not many hotels, so the best opportunity for a hotel is either in



Guelph or Kitchner, two cities nearby which are about 20 minutes away. We stayed in a motel in Kitchner last year which was no problem.

(L-R) President Eric Ferguson, Lord Lyon, and Lolita Ferguson (Eric's wife) at last year's Fergus festival.



Congratulations to David Ferguson (Region 3 VP) and Melissa Glover. They married this past October and I thank them for inviting me to what was a BEAUTIFUL wedding. The details were spectacular. Melissa by the way helps manage many Fergusson tents. Pictured Left to Right (Melissa, David, Pres Eric Ferguson, and David's father Buck Ferguson. It certainly was a memorable wedding.



Well look who shows up to Uncle Dave's wedding. Its **Nic Gagliano** who is attending Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania after receiving an award for scholarship from the Clan Ferguson Society of North America. He is a really bright young lad, majoring in mathematics. Nic of course is of Ferguson line. By the way Susquehanna is near the area of where President Eric Ferguson resides. In fact, the main street of Shrewsbury Pennsylvania is the Susquehanna Indian trail. There is the Susquehanna River which is nearby. And Eric and Nathan play for a pipes and drums band named Susquehanna Pipes and Drums.

Pictures L-R President Eric Ferguson and Nic Gagliano

On another page is a letter from Nic thanking the society for the scholarship award. No doubt he will do well, and it was a good choice award from CFSNA.

Anytime a clan member is in the area near my residence in Shrewsbury PA, please feel free to contact me and we will sight see or have a good visit in the pub. I will always make myself accessible as I can.

In case you haven't noticed, we are now in another decade. Happy New Year 2020 and may we have a happy peaceful loving decade to come.



Fearghuis gu bràth! ("Long live the Fergusons")

Eric C. Ferguson, President, CFSNA

Membership

By Eric Ferguson President

By the review of the database we have 334 members total. 75 life members. 119 still need their membership renewed to be current. I greatly thank those who were prompt when renewing your membership. Our members are very important to the function of this society. We try our best to keep membership fees down as much as possible. We use the membership fees for website costs, convening costs for festivals, supplies like banners and certain merchandise material. None of our officers are paid, we are strictly volunteer for the love of our organization. Our biggest costs of course come from the publishing of the BeeLine, but that is part of the benefits of being a CFSNA member. It costs \$6.00 for a hard copy of the BeeLine and then there are those dreaded shipping costs which sink some of our funds.

We know it's the turn of the year and most people are busy at the holiday seasons, its why we extend our offerings for a couple months, but please if you are one of the 119 members to still submit membership dues, please send in a check for \$30.00 or pay online (which is easiest) at :



<http://cfsna.net/dues-options/>

or for regular mail :

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Making a DNA connection

This is intriguing for me. Crystal is my sister. Hoping I can make the connection via DNA to royalty. I still remember back in the 80's when both my sis and Sara were young (They are about the same age), Sara was just married to the Prince Andrew and was in the wedding news quite often. Many people thought my sis was Sara Ferguson. You can see why AncestryDNA is seeking physical traits to add to the DNA connections.



Crystal Ferguson



Kelsey



Sarah Ferguson

I once read an article that stated Sara Ferguson has cousins here in America, and some of her kin came to Massachusetts during the 1600s during the great migration. I found that our Ferguson line also spent time in Colonial America in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York about 1650.

Anybody think there is a ancestral link between Crystal Ferguson (Saunders) ,Kelsey her daughter, and Sarah Ferguson (dutchess of York)? I am working on that geneology link.

According to this website <https://famouskin.com/family-tree.php?name=50245+sarah+ferguson> it says who the Royalty and notable persons she is related to:

Famous Kin

Although Sarah Ferguson became the Duchess of York when she married Prince Andrew, she has no shortage of royal ancestors and cousins in her own family tree. She is a direct descendant of King Edward I, King Henry VII, and has family connections to King Henry VIII and most of his wives. Sarah Ferguson has a number of kinships to the current royal family including Queen Elizabeth II, Princess Diana, and Catherine Middleton. She also has a family connection to Mayflower passenger Richard More.

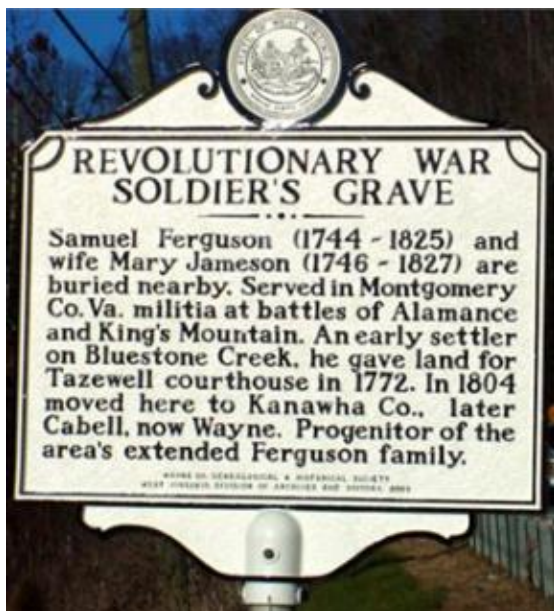
Sarah Ferguson's family tree is littered with leading figures from important events throughout British history. This includes, but is not limited to, Sir Winston Churchill, Sir George Downing, Lt. Gen. James Budenell (led the "Charge of the Light Brigade"), Edmund Waller (English poet and politician), Charles Darwin, Fletcher Christian (leader of the mutineers on the *Bounty*), and Major John Pitcairn (British commander at the Battle of Lexington).

Sarah Ferguson also has a number of kinships to prominent Americans including Alexander Hamilton, explorer Meriwether Lewis, *Twas the Night Before Christmas* author Clement Moore, American patriot Patrick Henry, General Douglas MacArthur, author Helen Keller, artist Norman Rockwell, poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, and General Robert E. Lee. Her U.S. Presidential kin include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Quincy Adams, Zachary Taylor, William Howard Taft, and Benjamin Harrison. Some of her celebrity kin include Olivia De Havilland, Dick Van Dyke, Christopher Reeve, Randolph Scott, Janis Joplin, Chevy Chase, Dick Clark, and countless others.

In my own gathering of who I am related to (using the former Ancestry's "Were Related" app it also stated) that I was related to Sir Winston Churchill, Sir George Downing, and most of the U.S. Presidents listed in Sarah's ancestry. I am also cousins with Patrick Henry, Helen Keller, and Norman Rockwell. But since the Ferguson early periods of coming here aren't well documented, I may never know the direct connection, but I know it's there. This is the fun of DNA. I have connected DNA with people who also claim their ancestry in this same direction. Just like I am connected to my loyalist Canadian cousins up north, I know we are related. My Fergusons were in Dutchess County New York, part of the Beekman Patent. The Revolutionary war split some of the family apart. Some left for Ontario and some stayed in New York later to go back down to Michigan and west and the other line from New York to Iowa then Nebraska where I am from.

From the BeeLine Editor. If you like what you see in the BeeLine please let us know at beeline.cfsna@gmail.com. Also, if you would like to include a genealogy report of your family please do so.

(picture by Mike A. Ferguson - find a grave)



Revolutionary War soldier Samuel Ferguson 1744 – 1825. I came across an indirect DNA to Samuel Ferguson through a marriage line. It certainly sparked my interest being somehow related. He is certainly a great American Patriot. He was on the opposite side of Major Patrick Ferguson the loyalist at Kings Mountain. His birthplace is Ireland according to a descendant who applied for Sons of the Revolution. However, I am very disappointed in some family trees that suggest his line is from the Kilkerran branch with no real evidence. So just beware.

AGM & Region Reports

A wonderful time was had at the Stone Mountain Georgia Highland games near Atlanta Georgia. Mark and Kim Ferguson of Region 4 represented the Fergussons very well hosting a wonderful AGM banquet and convener's setup. Unfortunately, the rain poured on us on the Saturday resulting in quite a bit of flooding. The Sunday after was a perfect weather day. Pictured below is of the banquet where the Fergussons were the big "hot dog" banquet event. The food was absolutely one of the best, with haggis, bangers and potato's and so much more. President Eric Ferguson honored SVP Kim Ferguson and RVP4 Mark Ferguson with Ferguson gifts, the plaque with crest on a shield. Mark received a buckle set. John and Lareda Ferguson of Elysburg Pennsylvania were honored by President Eric Ferguson for most traveled miles and attendance at AGMs with a crest on a shield plaque as well. David (SVP Kim's husband) did probably the best ever "address to the haggis". And yes, there was a piper there to entertain us. We want to thank everyone for coming and having a good show. Everyone received a Fergusson drinking glass as a token of attending.



Left, the attendees (not all) that came on to Stone Mountain the Sunday after the rainy Saturday. There were many that came on the rainy AGM Saturday and thank you for coming. We didn't get great pictures for that day.

(Below Right) Outside our tent was L-R Nathan Ferguson, Noel Myers, Jay Guest, and Lolita Ferguson





(Left) President Eric Ferguson (Center) with new members.

(Right Top) Jay Guest brought a wonderful historic display outside the Ferguson tent. Jay (a CFSNA member) is a veteran who earned a purple heart. He is a historian. He looked outstanding at the banquet with him wearing his medals

(Below Mid Right) The AGM meeting in progress with Mark Ferguson, Alex Ferguson, David Ferguson, and Kim Ferguson discussing topics.



(Below) The clan march. We had one of the best clan marches. It was tremendous fun and the younger kids and young adults enjoyed it.





SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2019

4TH ANNUAL STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES		SET UP
3:00PM - 8:00PM	HUNNICUTT BALLROOM	SET UP
8:00PM - 8:00PM	PEACHTREE CORNERS ROYAL SCOTCH DANCE	RECEPTION
8:00PM - 10:00PM	HUNNICUTT BALLROOM	RECEPTION
8:00PM - 10:00PM	HUNNICUTT BALLROOM	SCOTTISH EVENING CEILIDH
CLAN FERGUSSON		RECEPTION
6:30PM - 9:00PM	NORCROSS	DINNER BUFFET
7:00PM - 9:00PM	NORCROSS	
MASSEY-ISIBOR WEDDING & RECEPTION		RECEPTION
12:00PM - 1:00PM	NORCROSS	RECEPTION
1:00PM - 2:00PM	PEACHTREE CORNERS	BAR SERVICE
2:00PM - 3:00PM	PEACHTREE CORNERS	CASH BAR
3:00PM - 4:00PM	PEACHTREE CORNERS	
THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND		RECEPTION
6:30PM - 10:00PM	CORNWALLS	DINNER BUFFET
10:00PM - 11:00PM	CORNWALLS	

The Banquet with Piper and David's great haggis presentation



We thank our attendees for coming out to the festival and banquet. Here is the banquet list

Mark, Elaine, Alex & Melanie Ferguson + Eyeah

Kim Ferguson & David Strohman
Eric and Lolita, Nate Ferguson + Noel

Jay Guest and Toni

John & Lareda Ferguson

Charles & Norma Jeane Ferguson

Larry Ferguson III + Jewel and Leerin

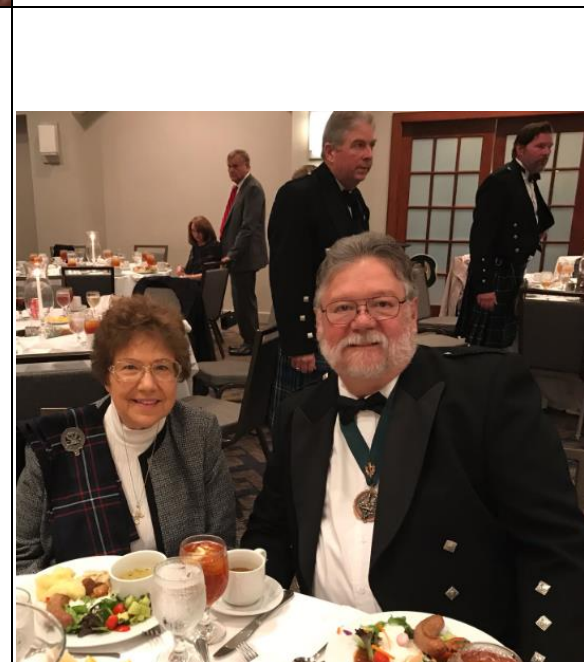
David Ferguson + Katy

Diane Ferguson and Dan Devore

Suzy Suttle

Earl Ferguson

Patti Ferguson & Tim Pierce



(above) David L. & Katherine Ferguson

(left) Lolita (spouse of Eric), CFSNA President Eric Ferguson, Nathan Ferguson (son), Noel Myers (Nathans lady friend)



(Above) Lareda shows off desert to Lolita (Left) Nathan and Noel mingle.

A merry good banquet, great food, song from the piper, the haggis presentation, and reading of the flowers of the forest. Thank you Kim and Mark Ferguson for hosting. And thank you David for doing a wonderful poetry for the presentation of haggis.



Region Reports

Region 4

January 5 at 5:41 PM · 🌐

Wonderful time today at the Atlanta-area Region IV Hogmanay Brunch at the Olde Blind Dog Irish Pub with (left to right around the table) Jan Potter, Melanie Ferguson, Earl Ferguson, Kim Ferguson, Joel Vaughn Peddle, Marian Eisenberg, Mark Ferguson and Dwight Potter.



News from Region V – Excuse For Not Attending the AGM

Unfortunately, your Clan Secretary and Region V Conveners could not be in attendance at this year's AGM, but for good reason... Matthew Ferguson, the younger son of Ken and Delraine Ferguson, was married to Becca Reed on October 18th at Briscoe Manor in Richmond, Texas. The wedding was a spectacular affair, with approximately 150 people in attendance and a wedding party of 16 participants with all of the males dressed in Scottish attire (pictured). Three generations of the Ken Ferguson clan participated in the wedding ceremony (pictured – left to right – Ken, Roman, Matthew (groom), Becca (bride), Delraine, Arabella, Meredith and Sean).

In other news from Region V, we were not able to convene at any of the fall events due to Ken's declining health – his bone marrow has ceased to function, and he is currently awaiting a bone marrow transplant. We would welcome any assistance from Region V members in convening future events – we can provide all of the materials and guidance for anyone wishing to set up a tent at one of the upcoming events, which are as follows:

North Texas Irish Festival – Dallas, TX – March 6- 8, 2020

Sherman Celtic Festival – Sherman, TX – March 21-22, 2020

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ferguson

From our cousins from across the great pond Scotland and Australia



Langwell House, Strath Kanaird, Wester Ross, estate was 6,000 acres.

First home to **Col. David Ferguson Esq.** Tacksman of Langwell b1817 - d1901 and his wife **Grace Mackenzie**, Ullapool, descended from **Mackenzie of Kintail & Mackenzie of Ardloch** and is the Heir of Line to the *original* Earldom of Cromarty cr1703.

Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur

(nolla-eek chree-yel ughuss blee-unna va oor)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

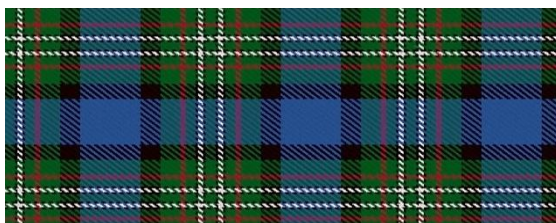
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Clan Fergusson

Wishing you a happy and safe Christmas 2019 and a prosperous and healthy 2020

Thank you for the Newsletters and all your service to The Clan.

Malcolm , Jenny and family



Ferguson in Tarlogie Tartan
"If Man Can...I Can"



Ferguson in Tarlogie Tartan

Matthew Ferguson and Becca Reed Wedding

Congratulations Matthew Ferguson and Becca Reed. What a beautiful wedding!! From all of us at Clan Fergusson.

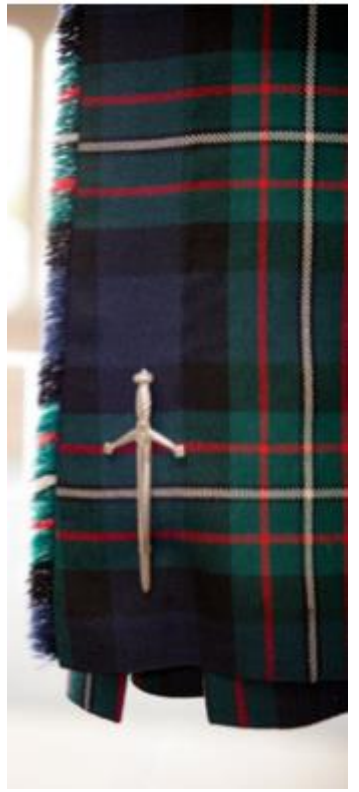


Ken Ferguson's wonderful family.

David Ferguson and Melissa Glover Wedding

Congratulations David Ferguson and Melissa Glover. The details are wonderful, so so beautiful wedding!! From all of us at Clan Fergusson.





Treasury Report by Steve Butler

Clan Ferguson Society of North America
Treasurer's Report through December 31, 2019

Good Day, Clan Members,

Attached is a spread sheet showing the Balance Sheet of all accounts, Income and Expenses, and the value of the two Charitable Foundation funds of the Society through December 31, 2019. I did this so you, our members, have an idea of our value and it would make *The Bee Line* winter issue. I will prepare a mid-year summary for the Summer. 2020, issue.

First, we had a good year. Income, mostly from memberships, exceeded expenses. Please keep recruiting. The more members, the more vibrant the society, the more friends and clan members you make. Attend your local games and help out the conveners and regional vice presidents. If possible, become a convener and set up a booth at your closest local games. Your RVP will help you get a start. Booths don't have to be fancy, just a presence. Our Quarter Master, David Ferguson, will provide a standard start up booth kit. Direct expenses attributed to setting up a booth are reimbursable.

Second, the interest we earned on the two Vanguard funds purchased additional shares in each fund. The value of the shares varies from day-to-day based on end-of-day market values. This is a reason the interest earned and transfer amounts are not the difference between starting and ending fund values.

Third, our major expense is *The Bee Line*. We encourage all those with email accounts to receive it digitally.

Finally, I would like to step down at the end of 2020. If anyone is interested in taking over the position notify Eric Ferguson, our president, who will forward it to the nominating committee. You will be placed on the ballot at the AGM. The position is not difficult. Mostly, it comprises collecting dues, writing checks for festivals, games, and reimbursing officers for their expenses. The other major item is tracking our Charitable Foundation monies through Vanguard.

Yours aye,
Stephen Butler, CFSNA Treasurer

Balance sheet next page.

Clan Ferguson Society of North America

Balance Sheet as 12/14/2018

Account	Balance
PNC Bank (Checking)	2621.81
PayPal	4220.30
Vanguard Short-Term Treasury Inv	41416.04
GNMA Fund Admiral Shares	<u>128125.01</u>
Total	176383.16
Income and Expense	
Income	
Membership Dues - 2020 (pd 209 + 2020)	2663.50
Membership Dues prepaid 2021	545.00
Membership Dues prepaid 2022	280.00
Life Members	300.00
Foundation	295.00
Annual General Meeting	2451.00
Interest	3027.01
Merchandise Sales	<u>0.00</u>
Total	9561.51
Expenses	
President	0.00
Treasurer	75.37
Membership Chair	193.95
Quartermaster	63.44
Secretary	98.23
Annual General Meeting	1880.35
Region I	
Region II	
Region III	302.00
Region IV	354.12
Region V	256.00
Region VI	
Region VII	
Region VIII	
Region IX	
Region X	
Region XI	80.00
Region XII	
The Bee Line	3966.12
Advertising	150.00

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Bank / Currency Fees			45.86			
PayPal Fees			136.71			
Website Fees			69.50			
Scholarships			1000.00			
		Total	8671.65			
	Income/(Loss)		889.86			
	Beginning Shares	Dividend	Price per Share	Total Shares Owned	Value	Purchased
GNMA Fund Admiral Shares	11799.759		10.25		\$120,947.53	
31-Jan		310.92	10.30	11829.945		30.186
28-Feb		316.72	10.28	11830.754		30.809
29-Mar		320.77	10.37	11891.686	\$123,316.78	30.932
30-Apr		322.22	10.34	11922.848		31.162
31-May		313.52	10.44	11952.879		30.031
28-Jun		331.63	10.49	11984.493	\$125,717.33	31.614
31-Jul		305.92	10.50	12013.628		29.135
30-Aug		288.01	10.59	12040.824		27.196
30-Sep		278.46	10.57	11708.530	\$127,549.97	26.344
31-Oct		278.17	10.58	12093.460		26.292
29-Nov		261.82	10.57	12118.230		24.770
31-Dec		277.69	10.55	12144.551		26.231
Value 2019/12/31					\$128,125.01	
Short-Term Treasury Fund	3818.517		10.47		\$39,979.87	
31-Jan		81.09	10.48	3826.255		7.738
28-Feb		71.42	10.46	3833.083		6.828
29-Mar		83.39	10.52	3841.010	\$40,407.43	7.927
30-Apr		100.68	10.51	3850.589		9.579
31-May		123.63	10.57	3862.285		11.363
28-Jun		117.43	10.59	3873.374	\$41,019.03	11.089
31-Jul		78.56	10.56	3880.812		7.438
30-Aug		68.36	10.64	3887.237		6.425
30-Sep		66.36	10.60	3893.497	\$41,271.07	6.260
31-Oct		65.89	10.61	3899.707		6.210
29-Nov		59.25	10.59	3905.302		5.595
31-Dec		59.89	10.59	3910.863		5.561
Value 2018/12/31	3910.863		10.59		\$41,416.04	

BOD and AGM Minutes by Eric Ferguson

I will summarize the Board of Directors and AGM meeting here and we will get the minutes posted online. Both the BOD and AGM were held on October 19th at Stone Mountain Festival. Unfortunately, the rain poured on us for the entire day even until the evening Banquet which was held on the same day.

The only officers present were me, Eric Ferguson President, Kim Ferguson Senior Vice President, and Mark Ferguson who was acting Secretary on behalf of Ken Ferguson. Mark is also the 4th Region Vice President. David L Ferguson who is Quartermaster was also present.



Most persons who attended were from the local area.

The pledge of allegiance was agreed to forgo due to the rainy conditions and cramped tent.

President Eric Ferguson opened the meeting with the desired agenda that he had mentioned in the previous BeeLine newsletters. He distributed papers for the topics for discussion, and the financial report, and the minutes for last meeting. It was voted upon to accept the minutes held at the AGM in Texas as is.

There was discussion of the next AGM and where it should be. It was voted upon and passed to hold the 2020 AGM at Fergus Scottish Festival and Games in Ontario Canada. We also discussed the CFSNA 50th year AGM in which we should prepare for in advance.

Kim was going to get David her husband to contact the Grand Father Mountain organizers since he is familiar with the organizers there.

Other discussions were concerning the web site, and the CFSNA abbreviations resemblance to Clan Frazier as they own the CFNSA.com. Eric presented that he purchased the domain names clanfergusonsociety.org and clanfergusonsociety.com already and he will move the website over to the new domain names. CFNSA is a bit of a tongue twister anyway to remember. Eric plans to do most of this after the new year as not to confuse persons using the cfsna.net website for renewing the memberships.

Another reason for website changes is to bring in a new membership database system, which President Eric Ferguson is working on. This membership database will not include anyone's sensitive information and certainly not credit card information.

Other discussions were about the work of and honoring both Sec Ken Ferguson and Past President Billy Ferguson. This led to an agreement that Scholarships could be named in honor of these gentlemen. Eric will come up with a name for each of these scholarships and for which they may apply, something like I saw with other clan societies, in arts or music, or piping awards, etc.

The topic of possibly assisting Billy Ferguson due to health issues related to falling from his roof was talked about. Perhaps we can collect together something like a gofundme account to help relieve some of the financial burden of the health care.

The meeting in general was distracted to some degree by individuals coming to visit the tent and then the tent itself was burdening of water on the top from the rain.

One item Eric forgot to mention but is in favor of is to allow past officers who held positions to allow to wear the shoulder boards.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded.

Elections will need to be made for most officers in the next AGM, Eric will gather that information that must be made in the next Beeline, and online / mailed letters with persons on the ballot.

The Fergusson Double S

How the double S in Fergusson disappeared.

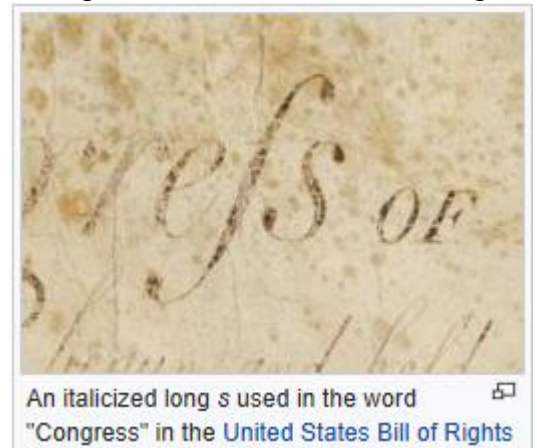


Once in a while at a Fergus(s)on gathering there would be a person that insists the Fergusson double “ss” is the correct spelling versus the single “s” Ferguson. The “ss” is said to be the original spelling. Although they are of the same people this can sometimes trend to a heated debate as I learned.

So how did the double “ss” turn into the single “s” ?

As pictured on the left is a coat of arms of a Fergusson written in a “long S” and a small “s” in italicized script handwriting. You can notice the large italicized “S”.

In the U.S. Bill of Rights, the word “Congress” is similar with the long “S”



Paraphrased from <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/history-of-long-s/>, The origins of the long s, f, can be traced all the way back to old Roman cursive, a script used in Rome for every day, informal writing from the **first century AD to about the third century**. In this script, the letter “s” was written as a vertical downstroke with a small curve at the end of it, and a diagonal upstroke at the top. It looked almost like a check mark, with an added diagonal line on top of it. In new Roman cursive, which developed between **the third and seventh century AD**, “s” was written almost as we write the lowercase r today: a vertical downstroke, followed by an upstroke with a curve. This was the type of “s” that found its place in the Carolingian script, which was developed in the **court of Charlemagne** in order to provide a uniform and legible form of writing. It’s in this script that the r-like form evolved into the long “s” we see in the Bill of Rights.
(continued)

If you're wondering what the "s" we know and use today was doing during that time, don't worry, it was there. It's just that it was used as the uppercase "S", mostly, up until the **eleventh or twelfth** century. Around that time, the long "s" started to be used when the letter appeared at the beginning or in the middle of a word, and by the **fifteenth century**, this practice seemed to become established.

The way the long "s" was used changed over time. The Bill of Rights dates to the **late eighteenth century**, and in it the long "s" appears only in words that have a double "s".

The late eighteenth century saw the long s dropped en mass from printed works. By the early nineteenth century, most printers had only one type of "s" in their arsenal—the short one—and the people who made the type for the printing presses stopped making the long "s". The process was slower and more gradual in handwriting, though, where the long "s" hung on until the second half of the nineteenth century.

Why did the long "s" have to go away? Well, if you think about it, it makes perfect sense. The long "s" and the short "s" both represent the same sound, so you have an unnecessary doubling of letters. If you had to choose between the two, would you choose the one that's easily confused with the letter f or would you choose the one that can't be confused with any other letters? You'd choose the letter that makes it easier to read, and that's the short "s". Still, it's good to know the history of the long "s", if for no other reason than to understand why it appears in the Bill of Rights.



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Dear Clan Ferguson Society,

I wanted to thank you for the scholarship towards my college tuition. This the first year of college for me and my first year winning the Ferguson Scholarship. Being able to say I received this is way more than just the award it came with. It also came with a sense of pride for myself and my mother's side of the family of long generation Ferguson Clan members. I really appreciate what this award gives to me so thank you so much.

Sincerely,

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Prayers for the hurt and healing.

Sir Charles Fergusson

Millie Slack (there is good news she completed her surgery)

Billy Ferguson

Lolita Ferguson

Lynne Ferguson

Dwight Wendell Ferris

Ken Ferguson (Needs lots of prayers)

Colin Ferguson

Leanne Ferguson (She is doing better)

Unspoken requests and those in difficult positions



Attention all,

Ken Ferguson (our Secretary) desperately needs our prayers. His struggle is with bone cancer. He could really use some cheering up. Please think of him and pray for him. Send a card to:

Ken Ferguson 12414 Andice Rd Helotes, TX 78023 gadgetwarlock@gmail.com

Did anyone get an XBOX for Christmas ----> ?



Honoring Our Septs Surname Kidd

People with the surname Kidd include:

- [Albert Kidd](#) (born 1961), Scottish footballer
- [Alexander Kidd](#), British tug of war competitor
- [Benjamin Kidd](#) (1858–1916), British sociologist and writer
- [Beresford Kidd](#) (1865–1948), Anglican priest and historian
- [Bill Kidd](#) (born 1956), Scottish politician
- [Billy Kidd](#) (born 1943), American skier
- [Billy Kidd \(footballer\)](#) (1908–1978), English footballer
- [Brian Kidd](#) (born 1949), English footballer and coach
- [Bruce Kidd](#) (born 1943), Canadian athlete
- [Carol Kidd](#) (born 1945), Scottish singer
- [Carl Kidd](#) (born 1973), American football player
- [Chip Kidd](#) (born 1965), American graphic designer
- [David Kidd \(disambiguation\)](#)
- [Doug Kidd](#) (born 1941), New Zealand politician
- [Edward Kidd](#) (1849–1912), Canadian politician
- [Edward I. Kidd](#) (1845–1902), American politician
- [Eddie Kidd](#) (born 1959), British stuntman
- [Ernest Kidd](#) (1900–1974), English footballer
- [Flora Kidd](#) (1926–2008), English-Canadian writer
- [Frederick Kidd](#) (1921–1997), Canadian politician
- [Gary Kidd](#) (born 1985), Irish cricketer
- [George Kidd \(disambiguation\)](#)
- [Glenna Sue Kidd](#) (1933–2017), American baseball player
- [Hilton Kidd](#) (1922–2011), Australian rugby league footballer
- [Ian Kidd](#) (1964–?), Ice hockey player
- [Isaac C. Kidd](#) (1884–1941), admiral in the U.S. Navy
- [Isaac C. Kidd Jr.](#) (1919–1999), admiral in the U.S. Navy
- [Jack Kidd \(disambiguation\)](#)
- [James Kidd \(disambiguation\)](#)
- [Jane Kidd](#), Canadian artist
- [Jimmy Kidd](#), English footballer
- [Jason Kidd](#) (born 1973), American basketball player and coach
- [Jodie Kidd](#) (born 1978), English model
- [John Kidd \(disambiguation\)](#)
- [Johnny Kidd \(disambiguation\)](#)
- [Joseph Kidd](#) (1824–1918), Irish-born London doctor
- [Joumana Kidd](#) (born 1972), American actress and journalist
- [Juanita Kidd Stout](#) (1919–1998), American judge
- [Kathryn H. Kidd](#) (died 2015), American writer
- [Keith Kidd](#) (born 1962), American football player
- [Kidd \(Danish rapper\)](#) (born 1989), Danish rapper
- [Leslie Kidd](#) (1889–1984), English-born Irish cricketer
- [Lewis Kidd](#) (born 1995), Scottish footballer
- [Mae Street Kidd](#) (1904–1999), American businesswoman
- [Maxx Kidd](#) (1941–2017), American record producer
- [Michael Kidd](#) (1915–2007), American choreographer
- [Michael Kidd \(physician\)](#) (born 1959), Australian general practitioner
- [Nikki Kidd](#) (born 1987), Scottish field hockey player
- [Paul Kidd](#), Australian writer
- [Percy Kidd](#) (1851–1942), English doctor
- [Peter Kidd](#) (born 1965), Australian judge
- [Richard A. Kidd](#) (born 1943), ninth Sergeant Major of the Army of the United States
- [Ronald Kidd](#) (1889–1942) English civil rights campaigner
- [Roy Kidd](#) (born 1941), American football player and coach
- [Ryan Kidd](#) (born 1971), English footballer
- [Sue Monk Kidd](#) (born 1948), American writer
- [Sydney Kidd](#) (born 1992), Canadian ice hockey player
- [Thomas Kidd \(disambiguation\)](#)
- [Trevor Kidd](#) (born 1972), Canadian ice hockey player
- [Tyson Kidd](#) (born 1980), Canadian professional wrestler
- [Vince Kidd](#) (born 1989), English singer
- [Virginia Kidd](#) (1921–2003), American writer and literary agent
- [Warren Kidd](#) (born 1970), American basketball player
- [Wes Kidd](#), American music producer
- [William Kidd \(disambiguation\)](#)



William Kidd

Sailor

William Kidd, also known as Captain William Kidd or simply Captain Kidd, was a Scottish sailor who was tried and executed for piracy after returning from a voyage to the Indian Ocean. Some modern historians, for example Sir Cornelius Neale Dalton, deem his piratical reputation unjust. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: January 1645, [Dundee](#), [United Kingdom](#)

Died: May 23, 1701, [Execution Dock](#)

Spouse: [Sarah Kidd](#) (m. 1691–1701)

Children: [Sarah Kidd](#), [Elizabeth Kidd](#)

Books: [Travels and Researches of Eminent English Missionaries](#)

Nationality: [American](#), [British](#)

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