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Exclusive Interview with Mat and Savanna Shaw. The father and daughter duet, viral internet YouTube sensation that took the world by storm.



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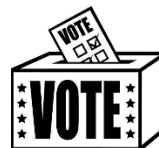
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A family and clan history
by

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Welcome, to our new members! We have a number of new applications as well as returning members renewing their subscriptions. We repeat, you are really important to us in keeping our society alive, strong and growing. We congratulate Roger Ferguson for becoming a Life Member

Our experience this year has been dismal. All of us have not been to a Scottish Festival and the best that was probably made for the year was getting in on a Burns dinner before the COVID pandemic arrived.

President Eric Ferguson was seeking the possibility of holding the 2020 CFSNA AGM at the Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Fergus, Ontario, Canada. Now that it was canceled as well as everything, we can assume we might continue holding the AGM at Fergus for 2021. We have not held an AGM in Canada for some years and there are a number of other CFSNA officers and members who have expressed an interest in Fergus as a suitable location. Eric visited the Fergus Games in August 9-11 in 2019 and had a great time there. Seaside Festival in California has been turned into another possible suggestion for an AGM. Maybe we could have 2 next year.

President Eric Ferguson would also like to draw attention to our Clan Society's 50th anniversary which will be coming up July 2022. Grandfather Mountain would be a good venue for our Golden anniversary as it was the location where our Clan Society was first formed, in 1972 much like other clan societies. It would be nice to honor our Life Member, John R. Ferguson, NC for all the years he has convened for the Fergussons.

We want to thank all our convenors and members for standing ready for when this Covid is over and finally to go out and enjoy the Scottish festivities.

In the Grandfather report you will see we were represented in the virtual torchlight ceremonies.

We want to thank Della Ferguson and her daughter Joanne for teaming up as the nominating committee for candidates for the offices. Most offices become vacant. And some offices are changing due to some rotations of persons. Reminder there is a Write In option so if you decide suddenly to take on an office position and there are no other votes against you, you will win that position. Most notably Region 1 and Region 12 are missing RVP candidates. You must reside or work in that region to qualify.

There is one general vote for everyone on the ballot. It has been brought up to President Eric Ferguson attention that there is an offering to us to purchase a stone/cement plaque to attach to GrandFather Mountains walkway. It would have our clan and crest on it. It is being offered for \$1500. This is obviously a means to earn money for GrandFather mountain, but it also comes as a time of our 50th anniversary and could be presented in an AGM ceremony.

As a reminder none of the CFSNA officers and other appointed positions are paid and it is strictly done for love and the fun of volunteering and sustaining our heritage and ancestry.

A Message from the President

Slàinte Mhath, Fellow CFSNA Clansmen and Clanswomen:



(left) President Eric C. Ferguson at the Christmas Walk, Alexandria, VA.

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!

Well, I have to say that I keep busy even in the times of this horrible Covid virus. Certainly, it has ruined many of my plans (as well as yours) and recently put a damper on my planned vacation to Nebraska to attend a festival and see my mother and aunts and uncles. Since my aunt and uncle's other health issues, they were under quarantine, I was unable to visit them. I had others I had on my list during my trip out west to visit as well but because of the increasing numbers of Corona virus, I felt I should just limit where I go.

I did enjoy on my mini vacation of going hiking on Scottsbluff National Monument and some outdoor things like fishing. Because it was near 100 degrees on a few days I ventured inside to the Legacy of the Plains Museum in Gering Nebraska, wearing my mask of course.

To my happiness I found that the museum organizers had put my 3rd Great Grandfather's picture of their sod house on a lit-up display. He was James Ferguson raised in Andes New York in the 1830s and made his way on a homestead following the Oregon trail. He was one of the earliest settlers of the area. He built a sod house on his 160 acres homestead in 1887. He was called the "Potato King" since he was the first to introduce growing potatoes to the region.



The picture can also be found on the Nebraska Historical Society. Another item of Ferguson interest is they had the Ferguson plough invented by Harry Ferguson of Ireland.



Clan Fearghuis gu bràth! ("Long live Clan Ferguson")

Eric C. Ferguson, President, CFSNA

While we don't have a compiled new membership report with names for this newsletter we did have some and we welcome you! We plan to honor our new members in the next BeeLine along with a parade of convenors.

We would like to congratulate Roger G. Ferguson CFSNA #932 for becoming a Life Member. Roger has been an important part of the GrandFather Mountain festivals.

President Eric Ferguson has added to Ferguson Clan internet website presence by adding another web server. The host address url is **ClanFergusonSociety.org** . It works in conjunction with the already established CFSNA.net webpages. We are keeping the CFSNA.net address despite that the .com references closely to the Clan Frazer. We think that ClanFergusonSociety.org will be an easier name to remember.

There will be changes, but for now we will follow the format that Billy Ferguson - Past President has built for his many years. It was a lot of work that Billy had put into making a nice website presence for Clan Ferguson Society of North America and it should be

appreciated for all the many hours if not days and years he put into it.



Book Review

For those who do not know yet, Malcolm J. Ferguson who is an honored member of CFSNA, resides in Australia, and he is also our appointed Historian, has a wonderful book out concerning a rich history of Fergusons. It is very detailed and as one testimony of it reviewed said it is probably the best Ferguson book since the Ferguson Clan History book of 1895. I read it and it's a great read. It has much about the RossShire area and the McAdies that seemingly was not covered much by other books. And it has so much more!! EF.



HISTORY OUT OF MYSTERY

THE FERGUSONS

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".... thorough research into all the difficult and obscure records of earlier Scotland is evident here and should be an inspiration to other family historians.

... a thesis on the fate of the long-lost Fergusons of Strathardle... original research provides new insights into MacAdies and the Fergusons

Malcolm does not resile from controversy in this part of the book, and his proposition is put with convincing evidence. His research has been conducted with much scholarship and consequent discovery, so that it forms the most detailed analysis of the story of this clan now available.

....The book makes a significant contribution to the history of Scottish clans, and will be of interest not just to the family and the wider Clan Ferguson, but also to professional historians

Alistair Henderson of Fordell

'This is the most comprehensive book written about Fergusons or the Clan Fergus since their Clan History "The Blue Book" was published in 1895'.....Clan Genealogist

Covering Highland history and traditions from the early Irish kings of the 4th century through to the present day, family traditions are illuminated from mere stories to concise historical facts and events

The depth of research and discovery contained in this book elicited the comment from a previous Lord Lyon King of Arms on reading the earliest manuscript "a very scholarly work".

...reading this book as the story expands with each generation surrounded by the historical events of that individual's time brings the characters to life...

Containing over 150 images and photographs of various sites, farms, counties, castles and locations mentioned, along with several pages of tartans aids in enlivening this story....Publisher

ISBN:
9780646954035

Malcolm helped with the proofreading of the last BeeLine #150 of the Ferguson history plus added some items that were little known. Malcolm also has his own coat of arms as you may have seen in previous BeeLines along with his modified Ferguson tartan as you see on the book.

Please contact Malcolm if you would like to order. The cost would be \$50 minimun shipping could be costly, but to be sure (considering these days) when it could be shipped , etc speak with Malcom J. Ferguson. Perhaps he could generate an Ebook for you. His email address is mjferguson11@bigpond.com

Mat and Savanna Shaw (The Interview)



The Shaw Family (L-R) Eric, Savanna, Mat, Brooke (Ferguson), Pennie Jean, and Easton
Courtesy [Alyssia B Photography](#)

Today we interview Mat and Savanna Shaw. Many of you have discovered Mat and Savanna Shaw via social media (as I had from a Ferguson friend on Facebook). I caught their YouTube video of Mat and Savanna singing “The Prayer” song. Like most other people, I was stunned to see such beautiful talented voices. Immediately my thoughts were “why weren’t these two discovered before”. I also noticed Mat was wearing a shirt with the Ferguson name. It turns out that Brooke (Mats wife) comes from a Ferguson line. In fact, her parents are George and Karla Ferguson. As George boasts in his letter to me he is the proud patriarch of that clan, now number 35, soon to be 36.

Mat is a real estate agent and his family lives in Kaysville Utah. They are certainly a beautiful and close family.

Recently in March of this year Mat and his 15 year old daughter Savanna, during the Coronavirus pandemic, released a musical video on Youtube of them singing as a Daddy and Daughter duet of the “Prayer” song made famous by Celine Dion.

They immediately became an international sensation and now have over 6.7 million views and close to 450,000 subscribers. Since then they have released more songs which also became big hits over the internet.

Clearly, this duet is incredibly talented and strikes their audience as a “breath of fresh air “considering the pandemic environment that we currently are in. They are family friendly and bring a relief to people who struggle in todays times of the news and Covid pandemic. In fact, that was their initial intention was to bring hope.

Mat and Savannas voice blend so nicely together. Their popular songs are like you would listen to on Broadway and Disney. They sing these songs with ease, as if they owned them.



The Shaws on video singing “I see the Light” and “Fall on Me” Both each received over a million views.

BeeLine: Your family consists of the surnames Ferguson and Shaw. Both have much Scottish History.

Its amazing that Mat has not been discovered before by his own great singing talent. This must have been bottled up inside you. Do you think you may have a new career?

Mat: As long as it’s with Savanna, I would be thrilled to do this professionally. And really, we just love being able to use music to spread some hope in otherwise very difficult times. While making money from this or making it into a career isn’t our focus, it’d be pretty neat if the opportunities presented themselves.

BeeLine: I believe you could be a crossover singer even from good old country to mainstream Broadway songs. You proved yourself with Broadway songs. Would you think about putting on a cowboy hat and sing tunes of say like Hank Williams, those of Patsy Cline, Glen Campbell, etc.?

Mat: I’m a bit of a country fan. I think I could get into those classic country tunes. I actually told Savanna that I thought our voices were well suited for country.

BeeLine: Savanna’s voice is gorgeous. She is going to be a star: I am sure of it. She would do well with Broadway shows herself, but the two of you together are a knockout hit. Hopefully you two plan to stay together as a duet. What is her ambition. Would she rather like to be a doctor, lawyer, or go into show business? Note to audience, Savanna will soon be 16.

Mat: She loves children and music. She would love to use music therapy to help children at some point. She has looked into some college programs that focus on that.

BeeLine: Fame has its fortune and misfortunes. Hopefully, you are preparing for that. Do you think this will be a life changing event to switch to the entertainment field, or do you think this is short lived?



They sing “You are the reason” and “A Million dreams” which received over 5,500,000 views.

Mat: Tough question. I don’t know. But I do know we love singing together, whether we have an audience to listen 😊

BeeLine: Have you got any offers yet from record companies? I would think so...

Mat: In discussions with one now, but I am hesitant because of the tendency for labels to mold you into an image that has the most profit potential. I am being very careful.

BeeLine: Savanna brings with her a sweet innocence and charm that seemly is tough to find among kids today. How do you do it? The family seems to be so well grounded and respectful.

Mat: Honestly, Savanna just came that way. I don’t think we can take credit for her maturity. She is a phenomenal kid.

BeeLine: I see in comments on your videos from people asking to play certain songs. I think they got the same idea that I do that you could have a large catalog of songs that you could do. Is there a specific genre that you are going to follow?

Mat: We love a wide range of songs. Savanna and I are lucky to enjoy similar tastes in music, which makes our song selections pretty easy. A parent and teenager enjoying the same music – that’s pretty lucky 😊

BeeLine: We hope to see you at some Scottish festivals. Utah has a festival itself. And we are hoping that we can invite you to Fergus Highland games in Ontario Canada next year as our guest (after this pandemic is over). 30,000 to 50,000 people are said to come Please come and visit us and have some Scottish fun. You will love bagpipes, and perhaps sing among them, it would be classic. We wish you the best in your endeavors. Perhaps we can have you sing on stage for the crowds.

Mat: We would absolutely love that. We are itching to sing Danny Boy. That was the lullaby I sang to Savanna at bedtime for most of her life. Now I sing it to Pennie Jean.

You can watch their channel on Youtube at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR_SOhBL-5BSaIuqhj1U18g

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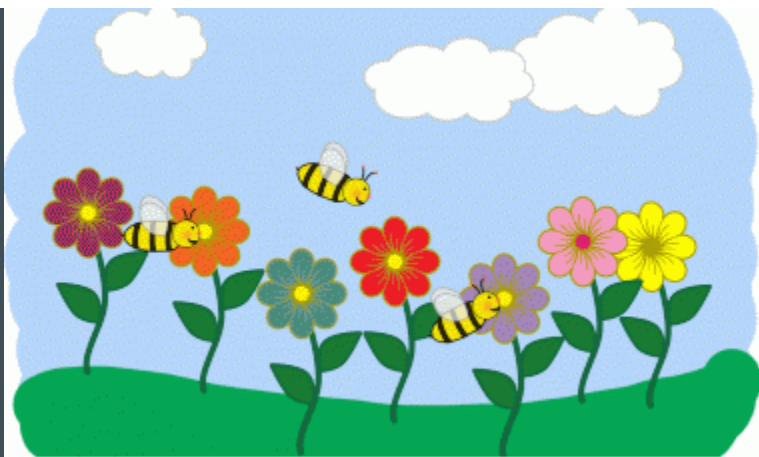
Fergussons at GrandFather Mountain Virtual Torchlight Ceremony

No thanks to the Corona Virus pandemic, GrandFather canceled their festival this year, much like everyone else. GrandFather organizers called on the Ferguson Clan to be included in the calling of the clans.

Despite the short notice President Eric Ferguson with his son Nathan videotaping they were able to put together a nice video clip. The Fergussons made their presence on the Grandfather Mountain Virtual Torchlight ceremony.

You can visit at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyyCn1PJggo&t=2442s> minute mark 38:22





Allis Ferguson Edelman

1927 - 2019

Edelman, Allis Ferguson

August 9, 1927 - December 19, 2019

Allis was born in Chicago. In 1938, she and her family moved to Longboat Key and Allis was enrolled in the one room school house at the north end of the key. She later graduated from Rosemary Hall in Greenwich, CT, Connecticut College in New London in addition to summer courses at the University of California, Berkeley.

Following college, Allis worked with famed photographer Edward Steichen, then director of photography at New York's Museum of Modern Art, during the Family of Man exhibition.

Later joining Time, Inc., she was strategically involved as a picture researcher. In 1966, she married Erwin Edelman who was on the editorial staff of the magazine. Both retired after 22 years at Time and purchased a home in Cornwall, CT.

After learning that there was a demand for a printer in Torrington, CT, the Edelman's decided to open Rainbow Press there in 1972. They sold their business in 1998 and moved to Plymouth Harbor in Sarasota.

Allis became very interested in genealogy after she accidentally discovered that she had several Mayflower lines. She went on numerous research tours in the United States and abroad with the Mayflower Society and the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston where she also served a term on their board.

For Allis, a memorable travel occasion was when she flew from London to New York in three hours as a passenger on the British Concorde supersonic jet.

Interesting activities and worldwide travel filled the pages of the Edelman's lives. Erwin was a dedicated fly fisherman and many vacations consisted of trips to Montana, Alaska, New Zealand, Scotland, and many other places.

Allis is survived by her husband, Erwin Edelman and her brother, Arthur Ferguson.

Thomas Wayne Hair



KINGSPORT – Thomas Wayne Hair, 81 of Kingsport, passed away on Wednesday, March 21, 2108 in Elizabethton, TN following a lengthy illness.

Born in Canton, Ohio, he had lived in East Tenn for the past 10 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served three tours in Vietnam and retired from the military with many honors. He was a devout Christian and involved with several local churches. Thomas was also an Eagle Scout and remained active in scouting all of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Marie Hair; his brother, Ray Hair.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Marilyn Hair; his daughters, Tamra Veronee and Diana Chavis; son, Lyle Brite; grandchildren, Shay, Cory, Joey, Joshua, Jacob and Jeremiah; great-grandchildren, Kylie, Connor, Dylan, Oliver and Arya; sister, Elizabeth Banks; brothers, Donald Hair and Philip Hair; several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, 2018 at Indian Springs Christian Church, 5536 Kiowa Street, Kingsport, Tn. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

A military committal service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2018 at Mtn. Home National Cemetery where the American Legion Hammond Post #3/265 will conduct the honors. Those wishing to attend are asked to meet at the cemetery at 2:15 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.cartertrent.com.

Carter-Trent Funeral Home, downtown Kingsport is serving the Hair family.

A word about passings of our CFSNA members. Sometimes we unfortunately don't hear of the status of our members on their death. Being you are a member please let a family member know that you are a Clan Fergusson member so if something did happen to you, we can put you in the Flowers of the Forest section without delay. We often don't hear until we get suspicious of membership dues or returned BeeLines.

A word about Tom Hair by President Eric Ferguson.

Tom was a great guy, a true patriot, a veteran, a Christian. I got to know Tom while I was Regional Vice President for region 3. Since we are both military veterans we had much in common. Unfortunately, Tom had ill health during this time. But he still made the effort to attend our 2015 AGM in Frederick Maryland.

I was wondering about Tom, I hadn't heard from him for a time, so I went to investigate, as I was planning a trip to visit him while I planned to go to other festivals. Sadly, I discovered he had passed.

He wrote me some letters of his time in military service. Some astounding stories one of which was a time he was in the service when President John F Kennedy was assassinated November 22, 1963. Tom was in the [3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment \(The Old Guard\)](#) at the time and he was much responsible for assisting with the funeral and parade of JFK. He talked about the famous riderless horse named Black Jack, and how the horse become spooked giving his handler much trouble. An interesting story is a Scottish Regiment Band was in town (DC) for concerts and performed for JFK just before his assassination. So the pipe major of this band wanted to be included in the funeral procession. But Tom's first sergeant and the pipe major could not understand each other via the English language. But they had in common the knowledge of Gaelic language, and so they was able to communicate with one another.

Tom later went to the Vietnam war. Tom also convened for Clan Fergusson at festivals in Tennessee. Here is a picture of him at our 2015 AGM Banquet.



Rest in Peace Tom and thank you for your service and to being a member of our Clan.

Prayers for the hurt and healing.

Sir Charles Fergusson

Millie Slack

Billy Ferguson

Lolita Ferguson

Dwight Wendell Ferris

Colin Ferguson

Marc Ferguson

Leanne Ferguson

Mary Anne Ferguson and her mother Pat

Melanie Constuble

Ken Ferguson (Ken continues to need our support and prayer, he also suffered a setback when lightning hit their house.)



AGM Information.

We were hoping that there would be a festival we could attend in October, but now there seems no hope to any festivals open. We still haven't heard from Richmond Highland Games but by now there seems little hope to organize. So, we are canceling our AGM overall this year, except for a virtual one that President Eric Ferguson will assemble in the fall likely released with the Fall BeeLine end of October.

Robert Ferguson killed Charles Munro, 2nd June 1812. Found Guilty at Trial 16th September 1812. Hanged at Inverness 13th November 1812.

By Malcolm J. Ferguson Esq. FSA Scot (CFSNA Historian)

Robert Ferguson was the last person to be hanged at the Barron Muir at Inverness where a permanent gibbet had stood near Edinburgh Road since c.1750. It was later moved to Moray Firth for more viewing space.

The reported story of the murder, the witness statements and the trial all seemed over simplified and set against Robert. I set out to find the details behind the death of Captain Munro. This is Robert's story.

So unusual was a murder in the Highlands that the main Broadsheet of the day was written then published in Glasgow by a visiting reporter. A 'good story' sells newspapers. Do a search and you will find both the Broadsheet of the Trial and the Report on the Execution. Both were held at Inverness. With limited space I will condense their contents below. As a capital offence the Judges were sent from Edinburgh. The Lord Justice Clerk, Lord Boyle, second most senior Judge in Scotland, and Lord Hermand, Lord of Session, Lord of Justiciary another senior Judge. <http://digital.nls.uk/broadsides/broadside.cfm/id/16017>

THE TRIAL Robert Ferguson from Chapelton, was indicted for the murder of Captain Charles Munro, of the 42nd regiment of foot (Black Watch) His written defence said **"Denies the murder, but acknowledges slaughter by a knife held up as self-defence."** As a Prosecution witness Doctor George McDonald from Cromarty saw Munro in bed on the evening of 2nd and found a 3inch inflamed cut in the left side of his lower stomach with a great quantity of small intestines protruding. He considered it a mortal wound. After enlarging the cut, he wasted no time putting the intestines back. The witness said Capt. Munro said he was wounded by a knife, and all the provocation he gave was to attempt to throw the man out by the collar of the coat from Thomson's shop. He "wished he had fallen in the field of battle." He died the next evening.

"George Home apprentice to Geo. Thomson, Blacksmith at Chapelton said the deceased entered the smithy at 5pm and the accused entered shortly after. (Alexr. Munro corroborated his testimony) He heard Ferguson & the deceased swearing at each other & Ferguson called him a "d----d b-----r" (damned bugger) the Capt. pushed him out of the smithy. He soon returned and came forward as if to attack the Captain, who defended himself with a switch he held in his hand. The defendant closed on him and stabbed him with a knife. Then he stood outside the door. Captain Munro followed holding his intestines and said "Why don't you seize the murderer". Later he said to Mrs Thomson "I didn't think he would do this, I wouldn't have done it to him, we had but a few words and I only put my hand to the back of his neck to throw him out for giving me insolent language."

John Holm for Ferguson deposed Capt. Munro "was a warm-hearted man, but rather rash when anything vexed him." **Lord Hermand charged the Jury** who returned a **Guilty verdict**, and Ferguson was sentenced to be hanged at Inverness then his body handed over for dissection.

What did the locals have to say about this incident? I am indebted to Dr Jim Mackay for material from his wonderful site covering The Story behind the Stone, the families, estates and stories of Kirkmichael, Cullicudden, the Black Isle and Beyond, and especially **The Origins of the Village of Chapelton or Newhall Point** text: Dr Jim Mackay see "Resolis 'Slope of Light' Guide to a Black Isle Parish". <http://www.kirkmichael.info/StoryBehind.html> I have selected & added some pertinent content from this site.

Robert Ferguson was a Ship Carpenter (boatbuilder) who lived in a small village of Chapelton known later as Newhall Pt. on the edge of the Cromarty Firth on the Black Isle, opposite Invergordon. A *Donald Ferguson, boatbuilder*, is mentioned previously in a Feu for houses to Margaret Fraser *his widow* in 1799, 1801,1807.

Unfortunately, Captain Munro moved into a house 60 yards from Robert's and that began the problems. Captain Charles, **was a fiery headstrong fellow**, and there had been **bad feeling between him and Ferguson for 18 months**. The latest incident arose from a **dispute between the Captain and Robert Ferguson's wife** over the privilege of her grazing her cow on pasture near the ferry.

Mrs Ferguson held the privilege, or right, to graze her milk cow on the grass along the front by the pier & Capt. Munro jealously objected to this. **Robert complained to the Laird about the Captain, who did not take this well.**

They met up at the smiddy close to Kirkmichael, and an altercation began, a witness heard Ferguson and the deceased **swearing at each other** which, on 2nd June 1812, resulted in the Captains death. One report said he hit Ferguson with his **cane**. Remember Robert was imprisoned and judged in Inverness, not in his home Parish.

The only witness adduced in Ferguson's Exculpation was John Holm, Feuer in Chapeltown, **by whom "it was expected to prove a hot and intemperate disposition in the deceased"**. He deponed that Capt. Munro "was a warm-hearted man, although rather rash when any-thing vexed him." Robert was sold out. Less than 12 months later Holms is shown as owning the house that Captain Munro rented, and evicting his widow.

THE EXECUTION "On **Robert** arriving at the place of execution, after prayer, he addressed the surrounding multitude in the Gaelic language for a considerable time. He acknowledged himself worthy of death for the crime he had committed. He particularly regretted his disregard of the Sabbath, and his intemperance, which he said, was the immediate cause of the murder of Captain Munro.

He then stated, *that since he came to Inverness, he heard his enemies had reported, and industriously circulated, that he was guilty of another murder, and that his wife was accessory to the murder of Captain Munro—both these charges he solemnly repelled.*

He then made many suitable reflections on his situation, and stated, that, till some-time after he was confined in Inverness prison, he had not access to the Scriptures; that by the benevolence of well-disposed persons in Inverness, he was soon taught to read; and that, ever since, the word of God had been his only comfort. Ignominious as his death appeared, he would, from the consolation he had experienced, meet it without dread.

He believed that his condemnation was, in the hands of Providence, the occasion of his conversion, and he said he had full assurance of the forgiveness of sin, through the merits of Jesus Christ.

After his exhortation he mounted the drop without the least intimidation, and, after delivering a most impressive prayer, he was launched into eternity without a struggle.

Throughout the whole of this awful scene the unfortunate man displayed the most heroic firmness and Christian resignation and spoke with a clearness and consistency that astonished all who heard him."

A national publication *The Scots Magazine 1812* wrote "Robert Ferguson who was condemned at last Inverness Court for the murder of Captain C. Munro, late of the 42nd foot, was executed at Inverness on the 13th November, having received a respite for 14 days on account of the election for members of Parliament. He addressed the multitude in a very impressive manner in Gaelic and died very penitent."

I hope my attempt to balance the story has in some small way reinstated the character of Robert Ferguson. He was not related to my family as far as I know, but he was a fellow clansman from the North of Scotland, and he deserved to be heard.

One final irony in the tale is, who was Lord Hermand the Judge who directed the Jury? He was George Fergusson the 2nd son of Fergusson of Kilkerran, Bt. Judges must be totally impartial and have no connection to participants. This case clearly demonstrates and substantiates from 208 years ago the Fergusons of Ross & Inverness shires had no affiliation with the Fergussons from Ayrshire. MJF 2020.

CFSNA Election Ballot for 2020


Welcome to the CFSNA Election process. The executive officers and RVP officers are up for election this cycle. There is one motion to vote upon. Please send your vote to the Acting Secretary via email or usps by October 15, 2020. The address is Mark Ferguson 520 Park Gate Ct. Atlanta, GA 30342

Once the election results have been counted, President Eric Ferguson will release the results in an upcoming Virtual AGM and Awards Ceremony in the Fall. Virtual due to the Corona virus pandemic since our opportunities have been lost due to unavailability of festival sites and social distancing.

The virtual AGM will be released about the same time the Fall Beeline will be released and will be posted on our website and Facebook.

Only active paid, life, and patron members can vote. Please place a X in the vote column

The following is an example. Please mark a large X under the vote box for the candidate or a write in candidate. If write in, please enter the name . A write in person may have a special interest in regions where a nominated candidate was not found.

	Office Candidate		Vote
	Susie Q Ferguson		
	Write In _____		

There is one motion to vote for. Please mark a X in the Vote column.

It has been presented to President Eric C. Ferguson's attention that the Grandfather mountain organizers are selling a block or cement stone with the Clan Crest and promoting it to be designated on a walkway on the grounds of Grandfather mountain. Their goal is to raise money of course. The cost is \$1500.00. President Eric Ferguson is in favor of purchasing the stone. Then have it presented at the 50th Anniversary of Clan Ferguson Society of North America where we plan the AGM in 2022. President Eric Ferguson hopes that John R Ferguson and Roger G Ferguson can lay the brick/stone as they have managed the convening there for as many as believed nearly 40 years. Grandfather mountain is where the CFSNA was formed in 1972. Our society is good friends with Grandfather Mountain as well as many other Scottish clans that attend there.

President Eric Ferguson wanted to bring this up to the society members as it is a reasonably expensive item. Some members said they would help donate for the cause.


	Engraved CFSNA stone at GrandFather Mountain for \$1500?		Vote
	Yes		
	No		


Before we get to election of officers, we would like a vote for fun sakes. Who is your favorite Scottish Hero or Heroine. Besides King Fergus and sports coach Alex Ferguson 😊 Please write in your favorite if your favorite is not listed. The results should be interesting.


	Who is your favorite Scottish figure		Vote
	William Wallace (guardian of Scotland)		
	Robert Burns (the world most famous bard)		
	Write In _____		


In accordance with our bylaws, Executive Officers are elected every 2 years. They become the board of directors. The nominated candidates are below. Please vote for 1 candidate per office.

Please place a X in the vote column

	President Candidates		Vote
	Eric C. Ferguson (incumbent)		
	Write In _____		


	Senior Vice President Candidates		Vote
	Kim Ferguson (incumbent)		
	Write In _____		


	Secretary Candidates		Vote
	Mark Ferguson (acting)		
	Write In _____		

	Treasurer Candidates		Vote
	Martain Ferguson (challenger)		
	Write In _____		


In accordance with our bylaws, Regional Vice Presidents are elected every 3 years. The following nominated candidates are below. Please vote for 1 candidate per office.


	RVP 1 (NB NF NS PE CANADA)		Vote
	Write In _____		
	Write In _____		


	RVP 2 (CT, MA, ME, NH,NJ,NY,PA, RI,VT)		Vote
	Kim Ferguson (challenger)		
	Write In _____		


	RVP 3 (DC,DE,KY,MD,NC,SC,TN,VA, WV)		Vote
	David B. Ferguson (Incumbent)		
	Write In _____		


	RVP 4 (AL,FL,LA,MS,PR)		Vote
	Write In _____		
	Write In _____		


	RVP 5 (AR,KS,MO,NM,OK,TX)		Vote
	Lisa Ferguson Cady (incumbent)		
	Write In _____		


	RVP 6 (IL,IN,MI,OH)		Vote
	Michael Smith (incumbent)		
	Write In _____		

	RVP 7 (ON,QC) Canada		Vote
	Steven J.M. Payson (incumbent)		
	Write In _____		

	RVP 8 (AB,MT,NT,NU,SK) Canada		Vote
	James W. Ferguson (incumbent)		
	Write In _____		

	RVP 9 (IA,MN,ND,NE,SD,WI)		Vote
	Nora Leverson (incumbent)		
	Write In _____		

	RVP 10 (CO,UT,MT,WY)		Vote
	Marc Ferguson (acting)		
	Write In _____		

	RVP 11 (AZ,CA,NV,HI)		Vote
	W. Trever Ferguson (acting)		
	Write In _____		

	RVP 12 (AK,BC,ID,OR,WA,UK)		Vote
	Write In _____		
	Write In _____		

Please VOTE!!! Tear/cut these pages out of BeeLine and submit via USPS, thank you.

You can also vote online at <http://cfsna.net/members-area/announcements/> in the members area you will be prompted the members BeeLine password as mentioned on page 3