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The Scots Pine



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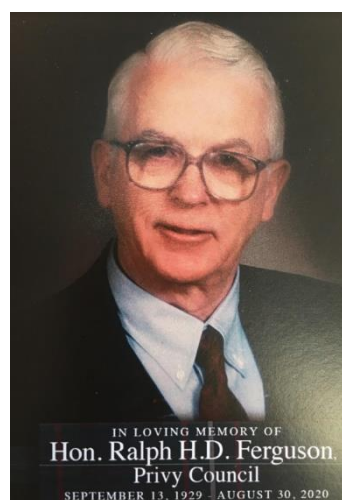


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Welcome, to our new members! We have a number of new applications as well as returning members renewing their subscriptions. We repeat, you are really important to us in keeping our society alive, strong and growing.

Our experience this year has been mostly holding steady, waiting for the Covid pandemic to be over. We however have some entertainment and connecting options available on Facebook, where there is available to post on the CFSNA Facebook page on the members only page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cfsna.group/> and the non-members page at <https://www.facebook.com/cfsna/>. There are others like Leanne Fergusons “Clan Fergus(s)on Society” page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ClanFergussonSociety/> and Jay Slick Ferguson’s “All things Ferguson” at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/585745801501282/>.

And don’t forget to connect concerning genealogy on Facebook pages “Fergus(s)on yDNA Project” at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/189694854956688/>

There is another “Ferguson genealogy” page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2393100940/>

While we are idle at the moment, we can always do our ancestry research.

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. That one is held in October and by the beach. 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.

We want to thank Della Ferguson and her daughter Joanne for teaming up as the nominating committee for candidates for the offices. The general results of the election are included in a separate article in this newsletter.

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 Liberty Bell, Philadelphia.

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 and most certainly the most ancient Scottish **Clan** in history!

Well, shortly many of us will be voting soon in November. I just ask that you think about the liberties we have been blessed with since the American revolutionary war. We do not talk about politics for the reason of divisiveness at our festivals, etc. But if you look upon our histories from Ireland to Scotland to England and then across the ocean to North America, our governments and societies have always seemed polarized. I often reflect on the periods of my ancestors and the timelines they lived in: Revolutionary War, the US Civil War, the World Wars, the Depression, all of my Ferguson families have lived through and then some. My grandparents lived through the Spanish Flu when young, now its our time in living history. I just pray that there will be peace and we Fergusons can find it. By the end of the time I trust we will survive, like those who came before us.



Please enjoy the fall colors. Fall is probably my favorite time of year.

This picture here is of our Ferguson house in Pennsylvania.

Clan Fearghuis gu bràth! (“Long live Clan Ferguson”)

Eric C. Ferguson, President, CFSNA



Membership



Membership Report for Bee Line Fall 2020 Issue No 152
By Mark Ferguson, Membership Chairman

It is my great pleasure to share the names of the 3 new members who have joined the society since the last report in the Spring 2020 issue:

- 3310 – Shirley Roberson, Fairfax, VA (May)
- 3311 – Kristina Ferguson, Arlington, VA (May)
- 3314 – Charlene W Diggs, Eldersburg, MD (July)

Please join me in welcoming these new Clansfolk to our Society and wishing them a long, happy and fulfilling membership experience.

In addition, we are delighted to have one existing member convert to Life membership:

- 932 – Roger G Ferguson, Hayes, VA (July) - L174

All outstanding membership packets including these new members and the one life membership certificate have been mailed.

We were also delighted to have these existing members who have reinstated their memberships:

- 2505 – Wesley J Botts, Liberty, MO (February)
- 1644 – Ellen Bolthouse, (May)
- 1569 – Thomas Ferguson, Seabrook, TX (July)
- 1814 – Sandra Bracken, Littleton, CO (July)
- 3082 – Brenda F Bright, Pueblo, CO (October)
- 2400 – George T Ferguson, Milton, DE (October)

As I was mulling over the pros and cons of remaining as Membership Chairman and taking on the role of Secretary, serendipity came to my aid! Kristina Ferguson applied for membership to our Society and listed in her application an interest in volunteering, with “membership” as a specific interest! After an exchange of emails and a video call, she confirmed her desire to take on the role! We are now in the process of effecting the transfer.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Membership Chairman and I will be on hand to support Kristina as she takes over the responsibilities. Please join me in thanking her for volunteering for this critical role.

Fearghuis gu bràth!

Mark Ferguson
Membership Chairman

Please welcome Kristina Ferguson as Membership Chairman. We hope to get a bio soon.

Reminder that membership dues will soon be upcoming end of year. We really do appreciate your faithfulness to our society. Frankly, we could not make it if not for every one of you.

Please go to this link <http://cfsna.net/dues-options> to renew the dues.



Plant Badges of the Fergus(s)on Clans

By Malcolm J. Ferguson, ESQ, CFSNA Historian



Poplar - (Populus Tremula) -Aspen The Clan Ferguson Plant Badge for Atholl, Strathardle, Aberdeenshire.

The Scots Pine - for ClanFergus Strachur, Argyll.

The Rock Rose for Strathardle.



Poplar, Aspen. Scotland's only native poplar.



Poplar, a sprig for the bonnet.

It was claimed the clan plant badge was used as a quick means of identification of clan members and a sprig of the plant was fixed to the bonnet for ease of recognition. Nowadays it is attached behind the clan crest badge on the bonnet. Ladies sometimes choose to wear it behind the plaid brooch. Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Jacobites elected to wear the Scots White Rose, or a “rose” made of cloth as a white cockade to denote their allegiance to the Stuart cause. The Bach flower remedies recommend aspen for the alleviation of fears, nightmares and other apprehensions. (*Strengthening the Clan’s resolve before battle?*)

As shown above, historically there were several plant badges associated with the various Ferguson Clans, two of which were registered, Dunfallandy and his followers in Atholl used Poplar, while those in Argyll used the Scots Pine. Lord Lyon later ruled the plant badge of Kilkerran & Dunfallandy to be Poplar and Strachur the Pine. However, the Rock Rose or Little Sunflower persists throughout ancient texts as the Plant Badge of the Fergusons in north-east Perthshire and Angus. That would place it in the ancient lands of the MacAdi Fergusons in Strathardle, from north east Perth & Angus up to Strathspey.

Two points of interest with the **Scots Pine**. In centuries past the Royal Navy loved those trees for their sailing ships masts and a couple of Clan Chiefs (no names to be mentioned) in the north and north-east made a fortune supplying them in a time of need to the detriment of their own lands and forests. (See photo below) The old clan grouping of the *Siol Alpin*, the descendants of Alpin, the early King of Scots who united the Scots & Picts thrones, the Clans Gregor, Grant, etc all wear the Scots Pine (Scots Fir) as their clan badge, along with the Fergusons of Strachur. One extremely interesting piece of information not widely known, is that the Chief of the Strachur Fergusons was also recognized as Chief of Clan Alpine! His Obituary also confirms this, “**New York Times, March 27, 1961 CHIEF SEUMAS IS DEAD.** *Seumas Clannfhearghuis, the chief of Clannfhearghuis of Strachur, Argyll, Scotland, and of Clann Alpein, a descendant of Gaelic Kings of Scotland and Ireland.*” etc. He was a remarkable man & if you would like, maybe we can write a small article on him for The Bee Line.



Scots Pines



Scots Pine, a sprig for the bonnet.

It also has medicinal properties as antiseptic, anti-rheumatic, balsamic healing wounds and respiratory aid.

Yellow Rock Rose - According to Frank Adams 1934, and Logan 1831, **helianthymum marifolium** 'Rock Rose', was the plant badge of the Fergusons of North-east Perthshire & Angus (Strathardle). These authors supporting much earlier writings, stating the same.



The actual Rock Rose [helianthemum morifolium](#) Rock rose
Ferguson of Strathardle Plant badge

Helianthemum marifolium ssp. *organifolium*, a member of [rock roses](#) (Family Cistaceae) Portugal

These pretty little sunflowers are only a maximum 20+mm (1”) in diameter.



Rock Rose (*Helianthemum croceum*)



Plantings of large clumps of Rockroses spilling down the exposed limestone in Wales



Common Rockrose-**Helianthemum chamaecistus**



Hoary Rockrose flowers



Such varieties.



Rock Rose, or Little Sunflower



Hoary Rockrose-Helianthemum canum

The Latin name *Helianthemum* translates as sun-flower, which refers to the flower's habit of opening up on sunny days and closing on sunless ones.

The **Common Rockrose** is an evergreen plant, an undershrub, usually prostrate and spreading. The small leaves are a dark grey-green above and grey-white and woolly-hairy beneath. Flowering from April-July, it is common on chalk downs and an occasional plant in other types of grassland, but always on dry and base-rich soil.

The flowers of the native Rockrose are usually bright sunshine yellow but may also be darker gold or even pale orange. **Flowers are 12-20mm across**, with 5 slightly crinkled petals. Each flower last only a day, but there are many of them. In the flower centre is a tight cluster of stamens.

The **Hoary Rockrose** is one of the specialty plants growing in Wales on Bryn Euryn and its major British stronghold is located just a few miles away on the Great Orme in Llandudno. The plant is restricted to Carboniferous limestone.



Helianthemum 'Ben Fhada' rock rose, rockery, ground cover garden plant, yellow flower



McIan's painting of Ferguson. Note the plant badge, the Rock Rose or Little Sunflower. Pub 1845.



A sprig for the bonnet or sash.
On a near-vertical limestone wall. A straggly plant with broad to narrow lanceolate leaves.



No 304 c. *Helianthemum marifolium*. Our beautiful Little Sunflower or Rock Rose.

The flower of the evergreen rock rose shrub is claimed to be medicinal. It is commonly used in Bach Flower Remedies. People take rock rose to treat panic, stress, extreme fright or fear and anxiety; and promote calmness and relaxation. (Did the Clan use it before going cattle-lifting or going into battle?) 😊 Do not use this without medical advice

The College of Agriculture at Oklahoma State is now the Ferguson College of Agriculture. Article found by CFSNA member Andrew Meeks.

A Historic Gift

In January 2020, Kayleen and Larry Ferguson donated \$50 million, one of the largest gifts in OSU's history. The gift allocated \$25 million to the New Frontiers campaign and \$25 million to establish an endowment to support the operations of the college.



History of Halloween

Article information from Good Housekeeping.

Halloween's Celtic Origins



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Most scholars agree that Halloween as we know it started some 2,000 years ago when Celtic people in Europe celebrated the end of the harvest and the start of a new year in a festival called Samhain (pronounced "sow-win"). It was also a time of communing with otherworldly spirits, with big bonfires lit in honor of the dead, according to The American Folklife Center.

Halloween's Dark Spiritual History

In addition to honoring the dead, the Celts also believed that the spiritual presence on Samhain made it easier for Celtic priests to predict the future, according to History. They'd build bonfires and burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic gods. Villagers would attend the bonfire wearing costumes of animal heads and skins.

A Batty Association



Nowadays, many of us associate bats with Halloween — and the same was probably true centuries ago too. When the Celts lit bonfires, the bonfires would attract bugs, and the bugs would attract bats. In later years, various folklore emerged citing bats as harbingers of death or doom. For example, Nova Scotian mythology notes that if a bat settles in a house, a man in the family will die; if it flies around, a woman in the family will perish.

PETER FINCH GETTY IMAGES

Roman Intervention

The Romans conquered most Celtic territory by 43 A.D. and brought their own fall festivals with them, according to History. Their October celebration called Feralia also commemorated the passing of the dead.

Christian Influence

Fast forward a few centuries, and even more changes arrive. Several Christian popes attempted to replace "pagan" holidays like Samhain with events of their own design. By 1000 A.D., All Souls' Day on November 2 served as a time for the living to pray for the souls of the dead. All Saints' Day, assigned to November 1, obviously honored saints but it was also called All Hallows. That made October 31 All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween.

English Traditions

Despite the new religious focus, people in Old England and Ireland continued to associate the time with the wandering dead. They set out gifts of foods to please the spirits, and as time wore on, people would dress in scary costumes in exchange for treats themselves — a practice called "mumming," which is similar to today's trick-or-treating.



Colonial Festivities

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The first similar celebrations in America predominantly arose in the southern colonies, according to History. People would celebrate the harvest, swap ghost stories, and even tell each other's fortunes. However, those early fall festivals were known as "play parties" — not Halloween.

Finding Love

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In the 1700s and 1800s, women used to perform rituals on Halloween in hopes of finding a husband. According to History, women would throw apple peels over their shoulder

hoping to see their future husband's initials and competitively bob for apples at parties because the winner would be the first to marry. The weirdest of them all? They thought standing in a dark room with a candle in front of a mirror would make their future husband's face appear.



Irish Immigration

The holiday really started taking off in the middle of the 19th century, when a wave of Irish immigrants left their country during the potato famine. They popularized the celebration nationally with their new superstitions and customs, like the jack-o'-lantern. (Did you know that jack-o'-lanterns used to be carved out of turnips, potatoes, and beets?!) While kids didn't trick-or-treat just yet, they did play plenty of pranks in the tradition of mischief-making.

Trick-or-treating skyrocketed in popularity by the 1950s, when Halloween became a true national event. Today, over 179 million Americans celebrate the holiday — and spend about \$9.1 billion on it per year, according to the National Retail Federation.

Is Halloween a Holiday?

REBECCA NELSONGETTY IMAGES

Americans love Halloween wholeheartedly, but the day is not an official holiday. Despite all of the festivities that happen in the evening, Halloween is a working day, and most businesses and banks follow their regular hours.



Did you know?



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Bobbing for apples remains a popular party game.

Well, the practice used to be considered a form of divination performed around Halloween, [according to NPR](#). That's right — people would dunk their heads in a vat of water and try to bite into floating fruit in a quest to figure out their future spouse.

Ladies would mark an apple and toss it into the tub. The thinking was they'd be destined to whoever pulled it out of the water. Source Business Insider.

Halloween in Scotland

by Ben Johnson

Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet, wrote about the myths, legends and traditions associated with Halloween in Scotland in his poem 'Halloween', written in 1785. Halloween in Scotland is all about the supernatural, witches, spirits and fire.

The origins of Halloween can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (summer's end). The Celtic year was determined by the growing seasons and Samhain marked the end of summer and the harvest, and the beginning of the dark cold winter. The festival symbolised the boundary between the world of the living and the world of the dead.

It was believed by the Celts that on the night of 31st October, ghosts of the dead would walk again amongst them, and large bonfires were lit in each village in order to ward off any evil spirits. All house fires were put out and new fires lit from these great bonfires.

Whilst bonfires to scare away the undead are still lit in some areas of Scotland, more usually "neep lanterns" (turnip lanterns) are made by scooping out a turnip and cutting through the skin to create eyes, nose and mouth. A candle is then placed inside to make the lantern. These lanterns are also supposed to ward off evil spirits. Nowadays thanks to the influence of American culture, pumpkins are as common as turnips for lanterns.

Many of the traditions Burns mentions in his poem 'Halloween' still persist in Scotland to this day. From the second verse:

Some merry, friendly, country-folks
Together did convene,
To burn their nits, an' pou their stocks,
An' haud their Hallowe'en
Fu' blythe that night.....

**(Translation: Some merry, friendly, country people
Together did convene,
To burn their nuts, and pull their plants,
And keep their Halloween
Full blythe that night.)**

As mentioned in the lines above, a common Halloween tradition was for an engaged couple to each put a nut on the fire. If the nuts burned quietly then the marriage would be happy, however if the nuts spat and hissed then the marriage would be stormy. Similarly, if a girl put two nuts on the fire, one for her lover and one for herself, and the nuts spat and hissed, then this was a bad omen for their future together.

The plants mentioned in the poem above were the stalks of the kale plant or ‘castocks’. The stalks were pulled out of the ground after dark with one’s eyes shut. The idea was that the length and straightness of the stalk would indicate a future partner’s height and figure. Any soil on the stalk would indicate wealth.

Until recently, ‘trick or treat’ was unknown in Scotland. Instead children dressed up and pretended to be evil spirits and went ‘guising’ (or “galoshin”). The custom traces back to a time when it was thought that by disguising children in this way they would blend in with the spirits that were abroad that night. Children arriving at a house so ‘disguised’ would receive an offering to ward off evil. Today it is expected that the children, as well as dressing up, also perform a party trick – a song or a dance, or recite a poem, for example – before they are offered a treat which could be fruit, nuts or more commonly nowadays, money or sweets.

The Witchcraft Act of 1735 contained a clause preventing the consumption of pork and pastry comestibles on Halloween. The act was however repealed in the 1950s so it is now legal to also offer pork pies or sausage rolls to children as treats!

“Dookin’ for apples” is a Halloween party game which involves taking an apple floating in a basin of water without using your hands, either by spearing it with a fork held in your teeth or by biting it. This is another Halloween tradition with its roots in pagan times. The origin of bobbing for apples stems back to the ancient Celts who held apples as sacred.

In fact you could say that the modern-day Halloween traditions of pumpkin lanterns, bobbing for apples and trick-or-treating have their origins in the ancient Celtic traditions.

The Samhuinn Festival in Edinburgh is an annual event marking the Celtic New Year. Presented by the Beltane Society, the event features a spectacular procession of fire, music, dancing, theatre and fireworks and takes place along Edinburgh’s famous Royal Mile.

Prayers for the hurt and healing.

- Sir Charles Fergusson
- Millie Slack
- Billy Ferguson
- Lolita Ferguson
- Dwight Wendell Ferris
- Colin Ferguson
- Leanne Ferguson
- Mary Anne Ferguson and her mother Pat
- Melanie Constuble



Ken Ferguson (Ken continues to need our support and prayer)
Martain Ferguson is looking for a job no thanks to Covid situations. He is a great man and if anyone would like to help him out please do. Please keep him in your prayers.

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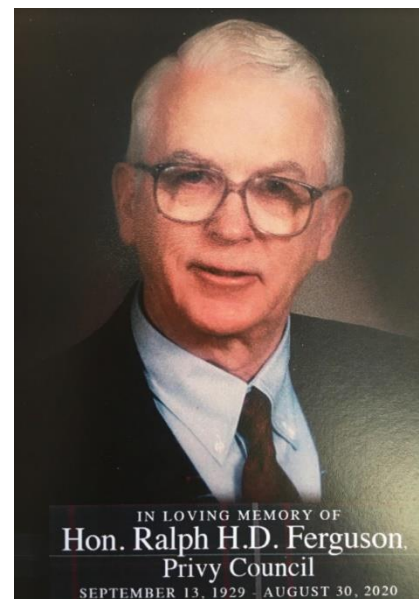
(by Steven Payson)

Region VII mourns the death of Hon. Ralph Ferguson, P.C. who for years was a faithful helper at Highland games in Region VII including: Sarnia Highland games, Chatham Supreme Highland games and Fergus Highland games.

I enjoyed hearing the stories of Hon. Ralph's years in Ottawa and of course, hearing the stories of his immediate family and community. In Sincere Sympathy to the Family from Region VII.

Due to Covid-19 all Highland games and Festivals were cancelled for this past year (2020) and we all trust that our lives will return to 'normal' when an effective vaccine is made available, to all.

Best wishes to all in Region VII and Clan Fergusson.



The family of Hon. Ralph H. D. Ferguson regret to announce his passing on August 30, 2020 at Watford Quality Care. Beloved husband of Dolores (Garrod). Ralph will be sadly missed by his son Doug, his wife Laurie Lashbrook and their children Sarah McCabe (Jamie), Duncan and Erika; son David, and his wife Gabriele and their son Nichol; daughter Susan McCaw, her husband George and their children Scotty and Jenna; and son John and his children Matthew and Lauren. Proud great-Grandfather to Mary and James McCabe.

Predeceased by his brothers Donald, Kenneth and Alex, and sisters Mary Gilroy and Jean Lehrbass. Also predeceased by his daughter-in-law Anne (McColl).

Born in Most Township in 1929 to parents Annie (MacDonald) (1978) and Hugh Ferguson (1966), he farmed most of his life and ended up at his grandparents' home on Old Walnut Road. He was a progressive farmer, building his operation over the years in include eggs, pork, beef and cash crops.

In the early years Ralph was active in many farm organizations from Junior Farmers and marketing boards to the Egg Producers. From 1972 to 1976 he was a charter member of the National Farm Products Marketing Council in Ottawa; and was of the 'founding fathers' of supply management in Canada.

Ralph worked with other farmers to promote clean burning ethanol-blended fuels and was elected as the Liberal MP for Lambton-Middlesex, in 1980. He held positions as Deputy Whip, and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministers of Small Business and Finance. He became Minister of Agriculture briefly in 1984, losing the election of that year but winning re-election in 1988. His "Compare the Share" study was a popular manifesto for farmers and consumers, comparing prices at the farm to those at the processing and retail level.

One highlight of Ralph's time in Ottawa was accompanying Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on a trade mission to several Asian countries in 1983.

Hon. Ralph retired in 1993 but continued to take on projects dear to him. His interest in local history and pride in his Scottish roots resulted in a film, The Early Scot Pioneers of Lambton and West Middlesex, made primarily for use in local Schools. He was also a proud member of the Clan Fergusson Society of North America.

Hon. Ralph was a former elder in Guthrie Presbyterian Church, a former Mason and Rotarian. He was inducted into the Ontario, Middlesex, and Lambton Agriculture Halls of Fame.

Due to Covid-19, a private Family burial will take place.

1 Motion:

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.

This was "passed" by CFSNA members who voted.

Congratulations to those who will be serving as officers of CFSNA as voted upon by our CFSNA members in the 2020 Election. Office positions start Jan 1, 2021

President - Eric C. Ferguson
Vice President – Kim Ferguson
Secretary – Mark Ferguson
Treasurer – Martain Ferguson
RVP 1 still vacant
RVP 2 Kim Ferguson of PA
RVP 3 David B. Ferguson
RVP 4 still vacant
RVP 5 Lisa Ferguson Cady
RVP 6 Michael Smith
RVP 7 Steven J.M. Payson
RVP 8 James W. Ferguson
RVP 9 Nora Levenson
RVP 10 Marc Ferguson
RVP 11 W. Trevor Ferguson
RVP 12 still vacant

CFSNA members voted who their favorite Scottish person is. It was a close match up with Poet Robert Burns edging out King Robert Bruce. With William Wallace 3rd place, then Rob Roy, Mary Queen of Scots, and a write-in for St. Margaret of Scotland. Thank you all for participating, it was quite and interesting poll and fun.

Who is your favorite Scottish hero or heroine (Besides King Fergus and Coach Alex Ferguson)?

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|--------------------------|----|
| Robert Burns | 19 |
| Robert Bruce | 17 |
| William Wallace | 12 |
| Rob Roy MacGregor | 8 |
| Mary Queen of Scots | 7 |
| St. Margaret of Scotland | 1 |

From the BeeLine Editor:

I especially liked the contribution of the write in of St Margaret of Scotland. Frankly, I did not know about her, so I looked her up online of the details of her story. She was quite indeed a remarkable lady. Thank you again.

Saint Margaret of Scotland

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Saint Margaret of Scotland (*Scots*: *Saunt Magret*, c. 1045 – 16 November 1093), also known as **Margaret of Wessex**, was an English princess and a Scottish queen. Margaret was sometimes called "The Pearl of Scotland".^[1] Born in exile in the Kingdom of Hungary, she was the sister of Edgar Ætheling, the uncrowned Anglo-Saxon claimant on the throne of England after the death of Harold II. Margaret and her family returned to the Kingdom of England in 1057, but fled to the Kingdom of Scotland following the Norman conquest of England in 1066. By the end of 1070, Margaret had married King Malcolm III of Scotland, becoming Queen of Scots.

She was a very pious Roman Catholic, and among many charitable works she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth in Scotland for pilgrims travelling to St Andrews in Fife, which gave the towns of South Queensferry and North Queensferry their names. Margaret was the mother of three kings of Scotland, or four, if Edmund of Scotland (who ruled with his uncle, Donald III) is counted, and of a queen consort of England. According to the *Vita S. Margaritae (Scotorum) Reginae* (*Life of St. Margaret, Queen (of the Scots)*), attributed to Turgot of Durham, she died at Edinburgh Castle in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1093, merely days after receiving the news of her husband's death in battle.

In 1250, Pope Innocent IV canonized her, and her remains were reinterred in a shrine in Dunfermline Abbey in Fife, Scotland. Her relics were dispersed after the Scottish Reformation and subsequently lost.



By Eric Ferguson

It is time to revisit the discussion of the Fergus(s)on DNA project. I was involved in a few discussions about it over the past month and I figure it to be a worthy discussion for, especially the new members. It is quite an interesting project.

First, I want thank Alan Milliken, David Fergusson, John Smeltzer, and Marjorie Fergusson for supervising this project that was founded in 2003 by Colin Ferguson, since retired. I found these project managers truly knowledgeable in the subject of DNA.

The concept of the DNA project is quite simple. The idea is to find Fergus or Ferguson origins in Scotland or Ireland including links of Colonial America and those in Canada. Fergusons in countries in Australia, New Zealand, and other parts of the world are welcome to join. There are now over 600 participates over all.

There is a catch though and should be noted that the DNA project uses the Y DNA, the male line. We are hoping to get more participants in Scotland or Ireland who may know quite a lot of their genealogy. You can get a DNA test from FTDNA which is simply done and forward the kit to our DNA project managers. Some of the prices can be found discounted during the Holiday seasons. I personally have done both FTDNA and Ancestry DNA. I also have an account with My Heritage DNA.

For those who tested with autosomal DNA like Ancestry.com, you can use the Cladefinder at <https://cladefinder.yseq.net/> which can project your YDNA. I tried it myself and it worked quite well. It matched up to my YDNA test on FTDNA.

Although it took a long time initially when I first got involved, I had been linked to only a couple hundred DNA cousins now that figure is beyond 10,000. Its been an amazing experience adding the DNA to my genealogy research. It has expanded it so much more and I am able to connect with cousins that have much more knowledge of family trees, ancestries, stories, and yes pictures.

My DNA researched connected me to the New York Dutchess County Fergusons and those of Westmoreland New York. Many were associated with the spelled version of "Ferguson". They were some of the earliest migrations from Europe as far as I can tell in the 1600's. They went from having settlements in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Some were Quakers. Some of the stories included one who came from Scotland during the French Indian wars as a soldier. Some of the family tree links suggests they came from a Ferguson who spent time in Wales traveling south from Scotland. To be exactly where in Scotland is still unknown. During the American Revolutionary War many went north to Canada.

I have also expanded my DNA search to include that I am related indirectly to the Fergusons who founded the town of Ferguson, North Carolina. This came via marriages with my McKinney line who were believed came from Skye Scotland.

It seems to be a never-ending research but can be fun. If you want more information, please contact the DNA Project Managers online at Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/189694854956688> , visit the page at <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/ferguson/about> where the contacts for the managers are. See the classic yresults at <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/ferguson?iframe=yresults>

From the Ferguson Family Farm (Lynne Ferguson)

How a Vegetarian Cooked a Whole Chicken - "It was Easy & Delicious"

Let me share a customer named Jennifer's email:

"I bought a chicken from you last weekend and I thought I would share the results with you (well, at least tell you about it). It came out amazingly juicy with crispy skin. I Spatchcocked(butterflied) it in an iron skillet, roasted it at 450(convection oven) for about 35-40 minutes.

So easy and delicious.

Attached are some pictures if you care to share on your blog(?) or website.

<https://www.bonappetit.com/recipe/no-fail-roast-chicken-with-lemon-and-garlic>

Ingredients:

- 1 lemon
- 1 head of garlic
- ¼ cup (½ stick) unsalted butter or extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 - 3½–4 lb. whole Ferguson Family Farm raised chicken
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

I used this recipe for the seasoning idea, but then followed the Food Lab cookbook method of roasting a spatchcocked chicken. That method seems foolproof to me.

Fallen vegetarian (well actually I am primarily pescatarian and do feel strongly about that. But when i choose to eat meat, I do so from small local farms. Hoping that the animals have a good life with just "one bad day.") "

Kind regards,
Jennifer

Thanks Jennifer for sharing your Cooking Experience and Great Photos!



Happy Holidays

We at CFSNA would like to wish you Happy Holidays for the upcoming months. The next BeeLine will not be issued until the end of year 2020 beginning of year 2021. So we want to take the opportunity to wish you... a Happy



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whakqgMjj-8>
(very interesting video)

Happy Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas

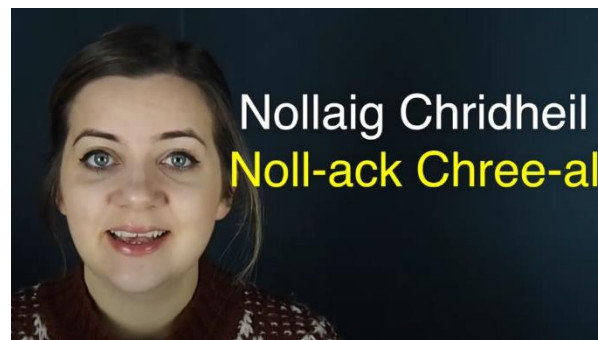


How To Say 'Merry Christmas' In Scottish Gaelic
(With Phonetics) | Learn Scottish Gaelic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5N3mt34hXPM>



To all you October, November, and December birthdays.. Happy Birthday, among them Nathan Ferguson 17, and Gary Herbold 75.



FERGUSON FAMILY FARM

It Certainly has been a Crazy Year.

So much uncertainty.

Just 5 months ago, Grocery store shelves were sold out of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, bleach and food. Corona Virus is still affecting our lives. Butcher shops and poultry processors are booked into the year 2021.

Prepare - Don't Panic.

Stock your Freezer with Chicken, Pork, Beef, Lamb & a second Turkey.



It's That Time of the Year.

Henrietta will be Visiting the Markets this Weekend!

Time to Order Your Thanksgiving Turkey.

Order Online or In-Person at Markets.

[Click to Order Your Thanksgiving Turkey](#)

Order a Second Turkey for the Freezer.

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- Whole or 1/2 Berkshire pigs - Cut to Your Specification.
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