



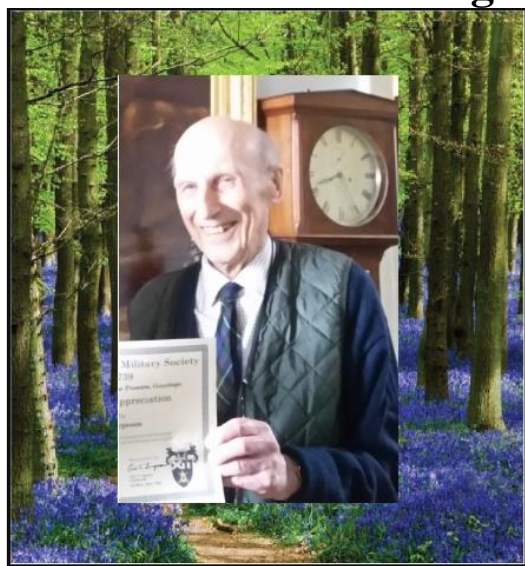
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Sir Charles Fergusson, 9th Baronet of Kilkerran passes away.



In Memory

Sir Charles Fergusson
Chief of the name Fergusson
9th Baronet

10 May 1931-30 Mar 2021

Remembering Sir
Charles by CFSNA
President Eric Ferguson
inside.



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Announcements

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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.

2021 is here and we are still waiting for the Covid pandemic to be over. While we are idle at the moment, we can take advantage of staying home and always do our ancestry research, and most importantly spending more time with the family. It is a good time to share with the kids to tell them of our Scottish/Fergus(s)on heritage.

President Eric Ferguson recently held a ZOOM video meeting on April 11th with the executives and some of the RVPs who attended. The special emphasis was to get our footing again and try to attend some festivals that plan to be open, and once again start up our AGM (annual grand meeting).

We ended up voting for attending the AGM at Stone Mountain near Atlanta Georgia in October. The organizers are anxious to get the festival going and the clans back together again, and the Fergusons have a strong attendance there. It so happened to be where our last AGM was in 2019 and it was fun.

The Fergus Scottish Festival in Ontario, and the Seaside Scottish Festival in California canceled so those cannot be no longer AGM choices. We are fully aware that the Fergusons out in the West Coast and Midwest areas would like to have the AGM closer, so we preplanned the schedule for Grand Father Mountain NC for 2022 (because of our 50th anniversary) and an Arizona AGM likely Tucson with the assistance of Trevor Ferguson in 2023.

Could we have Regional AGMs? And why not? Possibly an idea that Regional Vice Presidents can organize for those who feel there is too much distance to travel.

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 our members for standing ready for when this Covid is over and finally to go out and enjoy the Scottish festivities. There will likely be a handful of festivals available to attend but call before you go for last minute possible closings due to Covid news. We do want our members to be safe and wearing a mask is



always suggested. You can do what President Eric Ferguson does, have a favorite Ferguson Tartan mask or a "Grumpy Old Veteran" mask. 😊

Other topics of discussion in our April 11 meeting was that we could use more candidates for scholarships.

The passing of Sir Charles was also another big topic and who will be our next chief? When the Kilkerran Scotland family mourning is settled, and legal wrangling's are done we will probably hear more. Lord Lyon will likely chime in also. President Eric Ferguson sent flowers on behalf of CFSNA to the Kilkerran family in Scotland in tribute to Sir Charles Fergusson. SVP Kim Ferguson will follow up with a sympathy card to them on behalf of the Clan Fergusson Society of North America.

RVP 4 Allen Jimenez suggested a good idea of sending mailing to Fergusons to advertise more of CFSNA. A good possible idea would be sending postcards (nicely designed) to attract the attention that we exist.

Good news is that the transfer of the treasurer position is mostly complete. This is a drawn-out process due to bank processing and security. We want to thank Steve Butler (former Treasurer) for continuing to assist when he can.

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:

It continues to be a great honor for me to be the President of the Clan Fergusson 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!

First, I want to say I am very saddened that Sir Charles Fergusson is no longer with us. More on that in another article. Our sympathy goes out to his immediate family, Lady Amanda, Adam, Joe, and their families.

Well, another bumper quarter for 2021 with the COVID situation but we think the outlook for the rest of the year will be better. It is sad that we did not even have a Burns dinner or a St Patrick's day parade like years past. Usually, my son Nathan and I have been in about 10 parades with our Pipe and Drums band by now. What a shame. The best I got was a piper and drummer performance for 2 funerals where my son was the drummer. Sadly, one of the funerals was to my good friend Bill Irwin (my adjutant) for S.A.M.S. He was killed in a car accident. He was a good friend to the Fergusons at the clan tents. Together, him and I did a lot of work for veterans.

Well, we did it. We moved from our house in Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania to Scottsbluff, Nebraska after 19 years in PA, 33 years on the U.S. east coast and 43 years since I lived in my hometown. At least Scottsbluff sounds more Scottish. I needed to come back to help support my aging family. Wouldn't you know I moved on a street where there are two other Fergusons 😊. Its bittersweet coming home, we left behind many friends and some who were like family. I wonder if I would ever see them again. We moved and traveled in the dead of winter and terrible storms in February.



On the drive nearly 1600 miles with the Uhaul and trailers, I often thought about our ancestors who made their journeys across the ocean from their homes in Scotland and the old homelands. Leaving behind families and friends never to see them again, hoping to see a better future. My ancestors took a mule and a wagon on the old Oregon trail.

Clan Fearghuis gu bràth!
 (“Long live Clan Ferguson”)
 Eric C. Ferguson, Pres. CFSNA

Membership

Membership Report for Bee Line Spring 2021 Issue No 154

It is our great pleasure to share the names of the 16 new members who have joined the society since the last report in the Winter 2021 issue.

3312	Andrew Ferguson
3313	Beamon Casey
3314	Charlene Diggs, Eldersburg Maryland
3315	William Glover, Sacramento California
3316	Janet Johnson, Turtle Creek Pennsylvania
3317	Douglas Ferguson
3318	Mitchell Ferguson, Palm Coast Florida
3319	Clifford Ferguson, Titusville Florida
3320	Lisa Ferguson, Athabasca Alberta Canada
3321	Heidi Glance, Centennial Colorado
3322	Gretchen Ricehill, Rifle Colorado
3323	Donald Ferguson, Alexandria Virginia
3324	Mark Ferguson, Kingston Ontario
3325	Katie Buller, Berwick Maine
3326	Jessilynn Peavy, Lyndon Illinois
3327	Alvin Ferguson, Dallas Texas

Please join us in welcoming these new Clans folk to our Society and wishing them a long, happy and fulfilling membership experience. If you never noticed before, the membership number is the membership count of past and present members.

Reminder that membership dues were due at the end of year 2020. We really do appreciate your faithfulness to our society. Frankly, we could not make it if not for every one of you.

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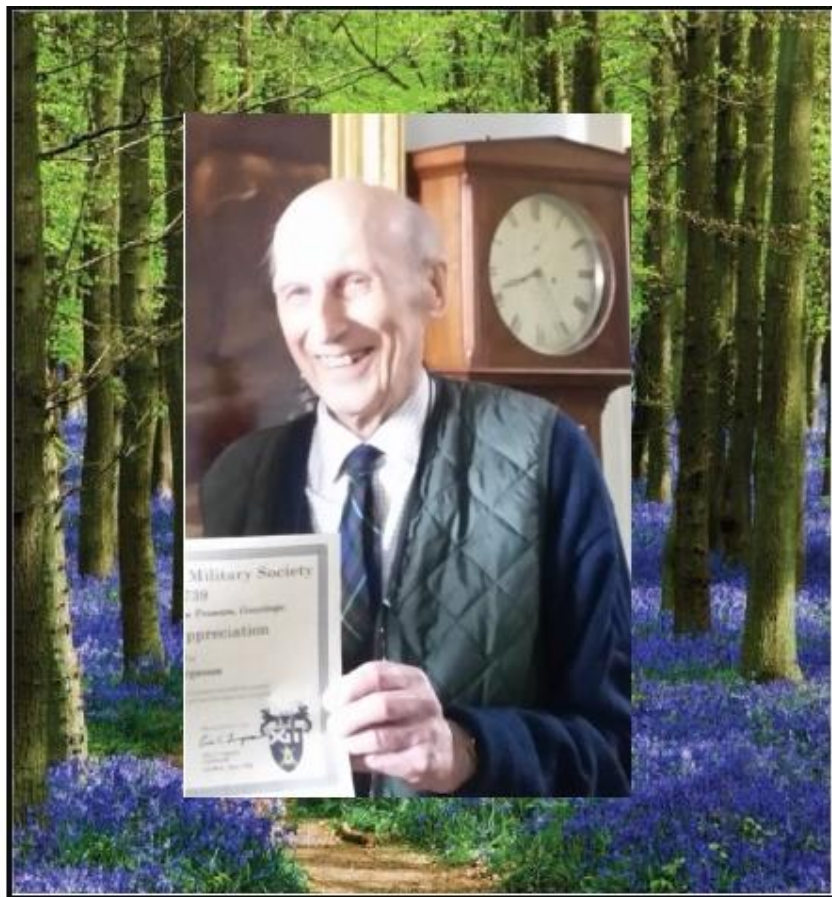
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SIR CHARLES FERGUSSON PASSES AWAY



In Memory

Sir Charles Fergusson
Chief of the name Fergusson
9th Baronet

10 May 1931-30 Mar 2021



Sir Charles Fergusson, 9th Baronet, Chief of the name Fergusson of Kilkerran Scotland peacefully passed away on 30 March 2021. The funeral is private. The Fergus(s)on Clan mourns around the world.

Sir Charles had become the Fergusson Clan Chief after the death of his father Sir James Fergusson, 8th Baronet, in 1973. Sir James assisted in the founding of Clan Fergusson Society of North American in 1972. After Sir James Fergussons passing, Sir Charles become the honored president of CFSNA for nearly 47 years and the recognized Clan Chief.

Sir Charles, a descendant of many prominent Fergussons, lived most of his life at the Kilkerran Estate. It can be argued that the Fergussons have been there since the 12th century.

Sir Charles was born 10 May 1931 at Kilkerran. In between his college years he served in the Army, as part of the national service from 1949-1951. Since 1955 he had lived, farmed, and managed the land at Kilkerran.

In 1961 he become a family man, married Lady Amanda Noel-Paton, and had two fine sons, Adam and Joseph.

Remembering Sir Charles Fergusson

by Eric Ferguson, President CFSNA



I was saddened to hear of Sir Charles Fergusson passing, he reached a good age of 89. He had suffered a mild stroke earlier.

I was extremely fortunate to have met Sir Charles Fergusson, even after he had a stroke. I met him at his Kilkerran estate in 2017. I had made the trip to beautiful Scotland with my wife Lolita and son Nathan. It was a trip I will never forget visiting all the historic castles and places. But meeting Sir Charles and his family was the icing on the cake.

I was the Senior Vice President and BeeLine Editor of CFSNA at the time. I was hoping to get an interview with Sir Charles, and I did. Not only that but he and his family was so welcoming and wonderful. They even invited us for a delicious lunch.

"Sir Charles was a true Gentleman"

The day did not start out good for us (Lolita, Nathan, and myself). We left the hotel and had gotten coffee on the way. Lolita spilled coffee on her dress, so we had to find a place so she could change. I feared that we were going to be late, and then the weather got bad, rainy and blustery. I finally was able to find my way through the small countryside roads past Maybole. It was bad enough I was driving the opposite side of the road (for Americans). And my GPS was not in good order as I relied heavily on that getting around.



Anyway, we were driving a rental van and made it through the rainy down pours and heavy wind eventually finding our way up the Kilkerran narrow private drive.

Excited to see the Kilkerran estate we parked there. Then I didn't know what to do because of the rain, should I sit there and let the rain finish? As I looked to the left Sir Charles was out waiting for me at the car door with an umbrella. Here I am thinking he should not be there because of his stroke and I didn't want him to get sick.

But Sir Charles was a true Gentleman, helped us out of the car, and we hustled out of the car to the estate front door. Yes, he was truly a knight in good order that day to us.



Once we got inside, we were greeted by Lady Amanda Fergusson, Sir Charles's wife, a very charming person. We went into a room where we chatted, and I interviewed Sir Charles.

I could tell you in conversations he was a family man and immensely proud of his wife and sons. His sons are well respected and have done well.

Jeni who is Adam's wife, and Joe his younger son was there as well. We did not get to meet Adam as he pilots the air ambulance and was called away for work.

We were at awe looking about the estate as Sir Charles escorted us around room to room. We saw the wonderful paintings of his ancestral family, many who were lords, baronets, generals, politicians, and prominent figures in their times. I could not help thinking that much of this home was here even before the founding of America, was just awesome. There was so much history in this place.



Sir Charles was even courteous of showing his coat of arms to me issued by the Lord Lyon.

My son Nathan had brought a calendar of trains that Nathan had photographed. Sir Charles really seemed to enjoy looking at them.

I presented Sir Charles with an award from the Scottish American Military Society for his military service and a plaque on behalf of the CFSNA. He seemed so cheerful and happy at this time; it was simply great to see him smile so much. In all this time he was wearing the modern Fergusson tartan tie, which he said was his favorite tartan.



The time finally came where we had to go. We probably overstayed our welcome, but I think Sir Charles had a good day with us. When we left it was the typical weather, sunny with the rain all gone and nothing left but the puddles.

Pictured L-R , Sir Charles, Joesph, Nathan, Lolita, Eric, and Jeni



When we left, I looked back at Sir Charles at the door in front of his estate. I was hoping it would not be the last time I would see him, but I am sad it was.

When we got in the car, Joe escorted us in his car to the old, abandoned Fergusson (Kilkerran) tower castle.

Thank you so much to the Fergusson Kilkerran family, may God bless you. We will miss Sir Charles. Rest In Peace.

Some of the posted tributes to Sir Charles Fergusson

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Sir Charles Fergusson of Kilkerran, 9th Baronet 1931-2021

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Irene Rennie

It was so sad to hear this news on Wednesday 31 at March Sir Charles was always so kind and a true Gentleman.

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Sorry to hear the sad news he was a good man when I worked on the estate

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Marion Stevenson

We are so sad 😞. He was a great Landlord and gentleman and our family were blessed to have his support! Condolences 🌹 to all his family .

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Sorry To Here this very Sad News R,I,E,P Sir Charles Your were A true Gent sir

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Mark Ferguson

God rest his soul 🙏

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May his memory be eternal!

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Rest well Chief, sorry I didn't get there to meet you.

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Eric Ferguson Admin

God bless you Sir Charles, thanks for the memories.

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Sharon Bryden Mccrorie

Sorry to hear this sad news. Thoughts with all his family. X

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Sad news great man a gent RIP

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Sorry to hear the sad news. Thoughts are with all his family.

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Elaine Campbell

Sorry to hear this sad news. Thoughts are with all his family.

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Elizabeth Thomson

Sorry to hear this sad news.

Like · Reply · 1w

A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD LYON

Message from the Lord Lyon to the Clan Ferguson Society of North America (Received February 22, 2021)

Greetings to your Chief and to all the followers of the Name of Ferguson worldwide. These greetings come from me as Lord Lyon and from my home in the County of Angus in Scotland, which is the birthplace of the Scottish nation. About 10 miles from my home is where the Declaration of Arbroath was signed in Arbroath Abbey just over 700 years ago on 6th April 1320. The establishment of the Office of Lord Lyon came out of the same historical period in the life and development of the nation of Scotland. Many of you will know that the Declaration of Arbroath established Robert the Bruce as the legitimate ruler and King of Scots. What you may not know, however, is that King Robert the Bruce also appointed a Lord Lyon.

Following the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish nation emerged to take its place in medieval Europe. New ideas also emerged from that time, for example that the King had to rule in the best interests of the people. Those ideas developed further during the following centuries, and I believe that much of the thinking from that time was drawn upon by the drafters of the American Declaration of Independence. Today those of Scottish descent continue to celebrate the living Scottish community, whether here in Scotland or further afield. We are all part of a living Scotland that acknowledges and cherishes Scottish heritage and values.

In 2019, I was privileged to be welcomed to your Clan tent at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Ontario, Canada, where I was greeted by the President of the Clan Ferguson Society of North America, Mr Eric C Ferguson. I was received with a warmth and hospitality which I have not forgotten. The ancient Name of Ferguson claims rightly to come from many geographical parts of Scotland, and it even has a link to the early Kings of the ancient kingdom of Dalriada. The weave of Scottish history is well patterned with the Name of Ferguson, and you should all be proud of the part that you have played in that living history. The Ferguson name even produced a poet, Robert Ferguson (who died in 1774), who was admired and held up for his poetry by our own National Bard, Robert Burns.

I am honoured to be grafted into the Name of Ferguson through the privilege of being made an Honorary Member of the Clan Ferguson Society of North America. I would wish to record my thanks to all concerned in granting this honour to me.

I hope to be able soon to be with many of those of Scottish descent at Highland Games throughout the world, and to share what it means to be part of the living Scotland.

Thank you all for the contribution which you make, and thank you to the Society for the honour bestowed upon me.

Dr Joseph J Morrow, CBE QC FRSE
Right Honourable Lord Lyon King of Arms



AGM NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! AGM OCTOBER 15-17, 2021



They're back! Please mark your calendars for the AGM in October [Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival](#) in Atlanta. We'll pass along information regarding other Highland events as we receive confirmation!

REGIONAL NEWS

THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME FESTIVALS TO START OPERATING, AND OTHERS ARE GOING VIRTUAL.

REGION III.



Join David Ferguson at the SMOKEY MOUNTAIN SCOTTISH FESTIVAL. May 15 -16 2021

[Scottish Festival and Games \(smokymountaingames.org\)](http://smokymountaingames.org)

Maryville College, Tennessee

REGION IV

Make plans for the AGM October Stone Mountain Atlanta Georgia



Please extend a warm welcome to new Region IV VP, Allen Jimenez!

REGION V

We are pleased to announce and EXCITED to be looking beyond 2020 and welcoming you all back September 17, 18 & 19 for SCOTFEST / Oklahoma 2021! Meet with Bernie at the Ferguson tent. He always has the best display. **Scotfest | Oklahoma** is an authentic celebration of Scottish and Celtic culture, primarily modeled after the 178-year-old Lonach Gathering, Scotland and the 189 year old Braemar Gathering, Scotland.

Lisa Cady, RVP-V

REGION – VI

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SEP

Columbus Scottish Festival

Sat, Sep 11 – Sun, Sep 12

Bartholomew County 4-H Fairgrounds, 750 W 200 S

Columbus, IN



Mike Smith, RVP-VI

REGION – VII

Region VII mourns the passing of two outstanding members of our Region over the past year. Sincere Sympathy to the Family of Colin R.W. Ferguson, St.Thomas. and our Sincere Sympathy to the Family of Margaret Ferguson, St.Thomas, Ontario. See the Flowers of the Forest section for more information.

Region VII continues to be in the midst of the COVID_19 Pandemic and hope that our lives return to normal soon.

Please note that most Highland Games and Festivals are now cancelled or postponed in our Region for the 2021 Season. Lets hope that next year I may continue my tradition of listing all the Highland Games and Festivals in Region VII so that you might attend a Scottish function, next year!

Any ideas or volunteers for a Region Ceilidh? It has been over ten years since our last 'Region' Function! Any Ferguson news?

Have a good summer and let's hope we may all gather, next year!

The Fergus games were canceled but they are promoting a virtual festival. You can see at [Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Canada](#)

Yours Aye,
Steven M. Payson, RVP, Region VII.

REGION - IX

I received this from the Springfield Area Highland Games and Celtic Festival - looks pretty promising.



2021 Springfield area
highland games
Saturday May 15, 2021
Sangamon county fairgrounds
new Berlin, Illinois

[\(5\) Springfield Area Highland Games and Celtic Festival | Facebook](#)



Scotts Bluff Celtic Gathering

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In June, 2021 Scotts Bluff Co, Nebraska will host their Fourth Celtic Gathering that will concentrate on family activities, heritage, history and music.

Nora Leverson, RVP-IX

REGION - IX

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Scottsbluff Celtic Festival

Sat, 12 PM

Five Rocks Amphitheater, 2007...
Gering, NE



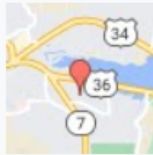
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Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

Sunday

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Estes Park, CO



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MAY

Grand Valley Highland Games Ceilidh (Festival Kick...

Fri, 8 – 10 PM

Mesa Theater, 538 Main St
Grand Junction, CO



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JUN

Pikes Peak Celtic Festival

Fri, 4 – 10 PM

Western Museum of Mining & I...
Colorado Springs, CO



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SEP

Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival

Fri, Sep 10 – Sun, Sep 12

Estes Park Events Complex, 11...
Estes Park, CO



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JUN

Pikes Peak Celtic Festival

Fri, Jun 18 – Sun, Jun 20

Colorado
Colorado



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JUL

Elizabeth Celtic Festival

Sat, Jul 17 – Sun, Jul 18

Casey Jones Park, 4449 CO-86
Elizabeth, CO



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JUN

Celtic Bison Highlander Strength Competition

Fri, 1 – 7 PM

Coffee Depot, 500 W 15th St #...
Cheyenne, WY



Marc Ferguson, RVP IX

REGION – XI

Make your winter plans for the warmer temperatures in Prescott and Tucson and meet up with new RVP Trevor Ferguson. He always does a fine job representing the Fergusons in the Arizona area.



Prescott Area Celtic Society, Prescott Highland Games & Celtic Faire
September 24- 26, 2021 Pet Friendly



You can check for more possible festival and games at this website.

[Games by State - Association of Scottish Games & Festivals \(asgf.org\)](http://asgf.org)

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10,689 enrolled on this course

CFSNA DNA Project is still looking for men who live in Scotland for DNA testing. These men we hope tested have a good understanding of their genealogy. That would assist DNA Project team to help identify where many of our ancestors came from.

There is a special emphasis on the ydna of men in Scotland right now. Specifically, in the region of the borders and Ayrshire Scotland. There happens to be an exciting find with DNA links with matches between Jamie and George Ferguson. Jamie Ferguson currently resides in Manchester UK, but he has a long line of Scottish Fergusons. Long story made short because of the lengthy discussion, there is what is dubbed the “Royal Fergusons” in which a connection has been found with the **House of Wettin - the ancestral house of several European royal families, including the incumbent British House of Windsor.**

It will be noted the Big Y tester asked that his details were kept private. He is a member of the Ernestine Wettin line. He is a 36/37 match to a second sample of a deceased member of the Belgian royal household. They share a common ancestor in Francis, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld (1750-1806), the grandfather of both Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, the direct ancestors of Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries.

We recently got a subscriber from Ayrshire and we want to thank him and being interested. The more the merrier.

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By Eric Ferguson

The DNA is a sensitive area for many to undertake. I have a couple family members who are not interested in taking it, mostly for privacy concerns.

However, since I took it, it opened the doors for many branches of my ancestral lines. Without it I would not have known the truth of many of these paths.

I know we like to focus on Fergusson lines including our septs. But other surnames can be interesting as well. I, for the most part, feel I have done about as much as I can with the Ferguson family tree. I hope to have more Ferguson DNA cousins but that is a slim chance.

Most of my European ancestry came during the great migration of the 1630s-1650s, when Colonial America was founded. Through them I have made an interesting discovery lately linked to other surnames of Ireland, Scotland, and even Ayrshire.

One of my interesting ancestors of the Lyon family who came from abroad had links to Lady Margaret Erskine who married Sir Robert Douglas, and she has family lines to the Campbells, and Stewarts. But she had an interesting part in Scottish history. Through her son Sir William Douglas I am related, not the illegitimate children from King James V.



(Lady) Margaret Erskine (Douglas) keeper of Mary, Queen of Scots at Lochleven castle in 1567

Lady Margaret Erskine (born 1515 and died 1572) was a mistress of King James V of Scotland.

She was a daughter of John Erskine, 5th Lord Erskine and Lady Margaret Campbell.

James V had a number of mistresses in his time, but some accounts describe her as his favourite. She was the mother of the most important of his illegitimate children, James Stewart, 1st Earl of Moray, who was Regent during the minority of James VI.

In 1527, Margaret married Sir Robert Douglas of Lochleven, who was killed at the Battle of Pinkie Cleugh. Her son Robert Douglas was sent to England and Cambridge University in 1560 as a hostage for the Treaty of Berwick.[1] She was the châtelaine of Lochleven Castle when Mary, Queen of Scots was kept there, with her eldest surviving son William Douglas, 6th Earl of Morton.

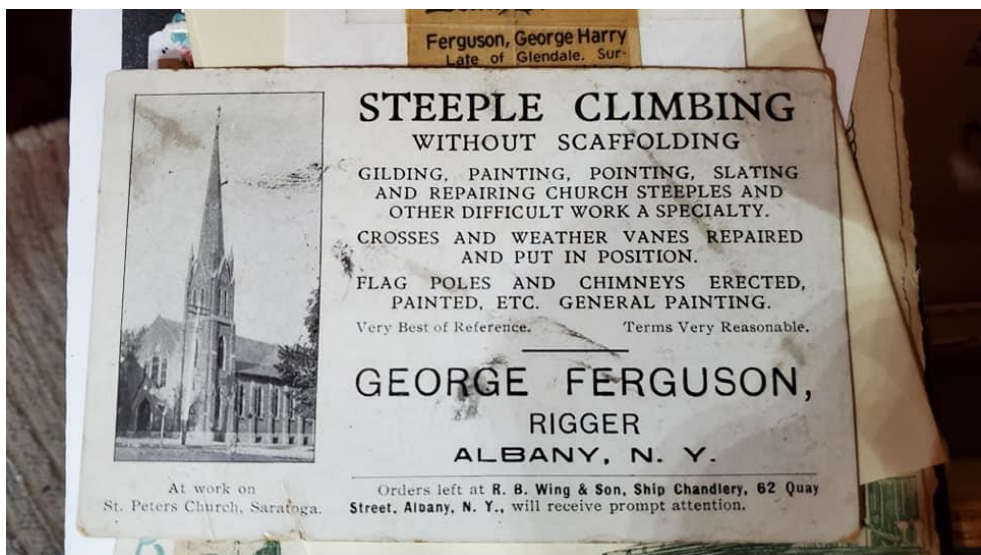
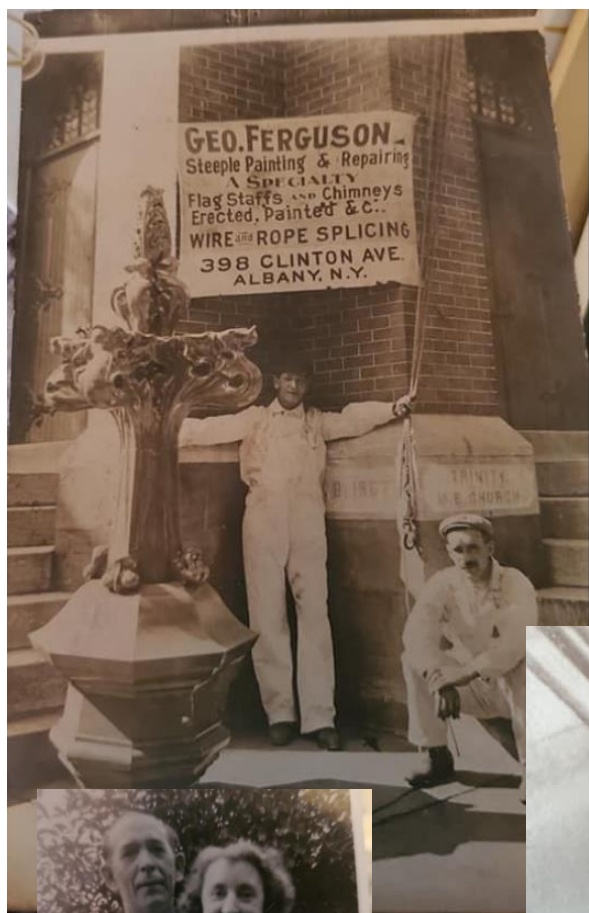
CFSNA DNA Genealogy Assistance Requested

Peggy Anne Huffman on Facebook would like to know if anyone is connected to Fergusons of Albany New York.

Peggy Anne Huffman



Looking for Fergusons from Albany New York that were riggers and steeplejacks. My ggf George James/ James George b.3/27/1875 Albany d.1/30/1960 m. Elenore Brennan b. 11/28/1873. His father James F. Ferguson b. 11/9/1842 d.1891 was killed by a falling wall at penitentiary while working in Albany NY. He was from Ayrshire Scotland m. Janet Alexander 12/4/1863 in Edinburgh. They became US citizens in 1872. I have several pictures of them steeple jacking, also many pictures of possible aunts n uncles. I do know there was an Alexander, and a Donald as I have pics of them with their wives. I'd love to be able to get past my gg- gf. Anyone with info it would be most appreciated. Thank you.



Prayers for the hurt and healing.

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.



Scotland book to relieve Covid stress

T.R. Gordon <alba@netdoor.com>

Greetings Fellow Scot,

With the crazy coronavirus crackdowns and travel restrictions, both in the USA and in Scotland, it's almost frightening to even leave the home.

But armchair travel is still very safe. That's why I've sent you this email.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is T.R. Gordon. Several years ago I published a coffee table book entitled *Turas Troimh Alba* (Gaelic for "Journey Through Scotland") It's a beautiful collection of 170 color photographs with interesting, historical, and amusing text. I spent four years in Scotland, initially on assignment with the U.S. Marine Corps and later as a bicycle tour guide. My travels, primarily on single-track roads and away from the main thoroughfares, present a delightful view of the country and its people not often encountered by most visitors. I've had very favorable reviews ranging from *Scottish Life* magazine to the *Duke of Roxburghe*.

If you're like me, we need a dose of Scotland on a regular basis. I would invite you to visit my website to view a sampling of photos and stories from my book at www.scotlandphotobook.com If you like what you see, please order a copy for yourself and a friend.

Kindest regards,
T.R. Gordon

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

FERGUSON, Margaret



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Margaret Ann Ferguson (nee Martyn) on 20 November 2020, with family by her side. Beloved wife and partner of almost sixty years to Roderick Ferguson.

Much loved Mother of Malcolm Ferguson (Barb), Donald Ferguson (Maureen) and Catherine (Katie) Gutmanis (Art), and the late Roderick G. Ferguson. Cherished granny of Delaney, Annie and Jack Ferguson, Rod and Sam Gutmanis, and Grant Ferguson. Dear sister of John Martyn (Sally), Harold Martyn (Pat), George Martyn (Patricia), and Marjory Watson (late McKellar). Dear sister-in-law of Margaret Patterson (late Ivan), and Joyce Ferguson (late Colin).

She is fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews and long-time friends. Margaret was born 28 November 1933 to Harold J. and Luella (Parks) Martyn. She was a lifelong sportswoman (baseball, golf, horseback riding, horse racing), dog lover, traveler, card player, and friend. She grew up on a turkey farm near Sparta, Ontario where her love of sports, animals, and gardening was fostered. In her youth, she was a competitive softball player (pitcher) and maintained a lifelong friendship with her catcher, Marjorie. She first met her future husband through Junior Farmers, as they were part of the same square dance team that progressed to the provincial championships at the Royal Winter Fair. After working for the PUC and Hydro, she went on to marry and devote her time to her family and farm life in North Yarmouth. Continuing the tradition started by her Father, she had a ball diamond built on the farm where she coached baseball for the neighborhood children. Years later they returned to her roots in South Yarmouth, where Margaret created a beautiful home, with lovely gardens, and where friends and family were always welcome.

Margaret and Rod enjoyed Northern Ontario and boated for many years on Georgian Bay. They wintered in Venice, Florida for thirty years and graciously received guests to their home. Their involvement in thoroughbred breeding and racing brought great excitement and took them to many racing institutions in North America. Rod and Margaret took much pleasure in their travels with dear friends. For Margaret, family was everything. Her grandchildren gave her immense joy. She delighted in exposing them to theatre, teaching them euchre, taking them to races at Woodbine, and having them gathered around her at the dining room table for home cooked dinners. She attended recitals, plays, speeches, and riding events, and soccer, baseball, hockey, and football games. Although declining health robbed her of her independence, she endured these challenges with grace and grit. She was a role model to the following generations of strength, resilience, and determination. Margaret will be remembered as a wonderful wife, parent, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and neighbor. She was a faithful member of Knox Presbyterian Church, and former member of the ladies Auxiliary of the St. Thomas Art Gallery, the St. Thomas golf and Country Club, the Women's Investment Club and various bridge groups. Margaret was also a life member of the Clan Fergusson Society of North America.

A private family service is planned at this time. Please consider a donation to Knox Presbyterian Church, Parkinson's Foundation, St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre. Williams Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.



FERGUSON, Colin Richard William (Life Member of Clan Ferguson Society of North America).

Colin passed away on Sunday October 18 2020 at the age of eighty-six. Dearly loved husband of Joyce(Kibbler) Ferguson. Loved and respected Father of Jeffrey Ferguson (Mary) and their children Jillian and Josie (Keaton), Joanne Ferguson and John Ferguson (Lisa), and their children Ashley (Kyle), Emily and Hillary. Grandpa loved “his girls” dearly and always had a big smile on his face when surrounded by his amazing granddaughters. Dearly loved brother of Margaret (Ferguson) Patterson (late Ivan) and Roderick Ferguson (Margaret). He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Allan Kibbler (2016) and Bernice Kibbler (2018). He will be sadly missed by a number of nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Colin was born in London, Ontario on October 28, 1933 the son of the late Donald A. Ferguson and Vera (Lewis) Ferguson. He lived and farmed all his life in North Yarmouth (RR#6, St.Thomas). Colin loved his profession and always was thinking about preserving the land for future generations. Colin was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, the Belmont Masonic Lodge #190 A. F. & A. M. GRC, the Mocha Temple Shrine and the Royal Order of Jesters.

Colin served on several boards over the years such as the Ontario Corn Council, the Ontario Bean Growers, the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital Foundation and Knox Presbyterian Church Board. Colin was a recognized member of the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame.

A private Family service was held at Williams Funeral Home, St. Thomas on 23 October 2020. Private Interment in Christ Church Cemetery, Glanworth. Family and friends were invited to the Ferguson Farm to pay their respects with a COVID-19 friendly drive by visitation on October 25 2020 form 12.00 to 4.00 p.m. Public celebration of Colin’s life will be announced at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital Foundation, Shriner’s Children’s Hospital or Elgin Manor Recreation Fund.

“Well meet again, don’t know where , don’t know when, but I know we’ll meet again some sunny day”

Lisa Ferguson of Canada

Lisa Ferguson, from all the way up north in Athabasca Alberta, Canada a new member to our society shares there are Fergusons even in remote places. Lisa says there is a Ferguson historic site up in Athabasca.

Lisa hobbies includes the outdoors world, hunting, and photography.



(left) Lisa pictured with Mark Ferguson her father.





Thank you, Lisa, for sharing so much about the Fergusons in Athabasca Alberta, Canada

