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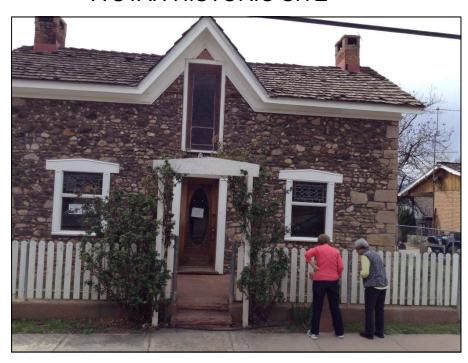
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THE THOMAS FORSYTH HOME

A UTAH HISTORIC SITE



By Roxie Beck, Idaho member

My Great Great Grandfather Thomas Forsyth was born in Roxburgshire, Scotland in 1813. His parents were Thomas Forsyth and Isabella Jackson. The family Immigrated to Pearth, Canada in 1819 and in 820 when young Thomas was only 7 years old his mother died and in 1822, when he was only 9, his father was killed when a tree fell on him.

Thomas and his two younger siblings survived on their own with the help of neighbors until word reached his older siblings, Robert and Christian and they returned to care for them. Thomas went to live with his brother, Robert, in Montreal, Canada.

In April1839 Thomas married his childhood friend, Isabella Donald and moved to Gailsburg, Michigan, 9 miles north of Kalamazoo. He joined the Mormon Church on August 4, 1844, moved to Nauvoo, Illinois in the summer of 1845 and then to Salt Lake City in October 1850. The next year his wife died and in 1953 he

married Mary Browett. In 1961 he moved to Pine Valley where he had a sawmill. The family moved to Toquer-ville, Utah in 1863 where he spent the rest of his life. He was a lumberman and carpenter. Thomas died in 1898.

His house is a Utah Historic Site located at 111 N. Toquerville Blvd. in Toquerville.and was put on was put on the National Register of Historic Places (#1982004184) on February 11, 1982. It was constructed in 1868, by Thomas, using native stone and is an important example of early vernacular architecture and is one of the oldest buildings in that city. Although I had visited the site many time, I took my brother to see it a while back. Some men were cleaning it out, as it was for sale, and we were allowed to walk through it. As we came out back they were throwing away a kerosene lamp that had hung in his house all those years, maybe 150 years, and they gave it to me. I felt so lucky to happen to be there right at that time and I will treasure it forever.

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Ceud Mile Failte! A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Welcome New Members

Patricia Lee Johanson of NY Kathryn Lynne Lyle of PA

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and welcome back to

Mary Brenneman of CA



THE FORSYTH TARTANS

The Scottish Soldiers shown above are dressed in the Forsyth Tartan. On the left is the modern and on the right is the ancient. Tartan is usually woven in wool, which is the fabric used for kilts, and is available at Scottish shops around the country. You may also purchase ties, scarves and other items from these shops or from a vender at your local Highland Games.

HYPERLINKS

Throughout the E-Mail Version of The Griffin you will find hyperlinks (Blue underlined words). These will link you to websites, videos and e-mail addresses by simply clicking on them. Hope you enjoy. If you find others you would like to share, please send them to us.

The Clan Forsyth Newsletter Is Your Publication

Only with the help of all members is this publication possible. We need you to contribute, suggestions, ideas, articles, anecdotes, funny stores, photos of you and your family or those of your Forsyth ancestors.

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A Message From Our President

CWO Dale M. Forsyth Sandusky-Navy Ret., FSA Scot Chief's Commissioner in the U.S.A.

me quicker than I can capture on a sad note as a few of our

senior members have passed away and the ones we are aware of are posted in this newsletter. I am grateful for their support over the past years and they will personally be missed. My thoughts go out to their families. I do have concerns for our membership and although I am not able to visit personally with each of you, I do think about you. These past 6 months, I have worried about 10 memberships that I have lost contact with as each had not renewed 2015 membership. I have tried to make contact but failed at these attempts. It is not the fact that they seemed to drop silently from contact but why and for what reason. Are they sick; have they moved and not alerted the Society; can they not now afford to renew; are there severe medical problems; have they lost interest or have they passed away and no one to report this sad news?

It is my hope that each elderly member has someone watching over them and caring for their interests. It is my recommendation that each senior member have their bucket list of arrangements, contact list and plans in order in case they become unable to communicate. Everyone needs someone who is willing to take interest and settle arrangements when the expected or unexpected happens. Each of us is important in this world and many of us need that someone to watch over and provide help from time to time. Some of us need close daily help. I have relearned this again since my wife contacted her medical problem that was reported in an earlier newsletter. I also have found out that I am not Superman anymore and have to rely on others from time to time for help.

Tanya is improving slowly and therapy is helping her endurance and strength. She is gaining a little feeling in her legs while her upper strength supports her on her walker as she forces herself to move her legs while going the distance asked each session by her therapist. She must exercise so that when her nerve endings reattach, she will have muscles ready to understand and accept their designed tasks. This lesson also applies to life as each of us must exercise our bodies, brain and talents for the time when we are called upon to use them for a good purpose.

I am sure there are a few of you reading my words who have talent in leadership, management, people skills, social skills and some extra time. Please don't let these talents lie hidden, un-noticed and unused. You are needed to help this Society function better and create a closer family organization that must continue to grow and develop. More help makes the process easier while removing the heavy burden from one back while spreading some of that responsibility among other willing members. ing to warmly greet and accept their association with Clan This process lightens the load and gives better coverage Forsyth.

Hi, It's great to address each of to each section of responsibility. I am thankful that Marsha you again this month. The Scot- has the help she developed with the newsletter as a numtish games are in full swing and ber of members contacted volunteer to submit articles, events seem to be rushing past refine articles, reread and correct articles (even mine).

We have fallen short these past few years with them. To start, I must proceed needed help at Forsyth host tents our state representatives faithfully place. Some states do not have an appointed state representative. Please carefully consider this matter and if you feel you fit such an appointment, contact me. The election process for all the national offices for Clan Forsyth Society USA will be held in January of 2016. Consider running as a candidate for any of these positions. Please contact me now. Basically you need to have the desire and have been an active member at least one year. The term of office is two years and if elected, and the experience favorable to you, run again in 2018 or try for a different position. If you are not successful this time, don't be discouraged. Write some articles for the upcoming newsletters, get recognized by the membership and run again when members know you better. I encourage your participation.

> My appointment as Chief's Commissioner for the USA, by Chief Alistair of that Ilk, is for life and I plan to continue overseeing the running of the Society as long as my health permits. I have continued to run for president of the Society because many of you feel yourself not ready, willing or slightly frightened to assume the office. Take that chance. I will step aside and if elected I will provide help, if needed, until you feel secure.

> My ability to travel about the country hosting a Forsyth tent or visiting one, is becoming questionable but on a shorter schedule may still be possible at times. It is hopeful that those of you who now host a Forsyth tent and those who may soon decide to participate in this need, will carry and convey my blessings to those who visit your host tent. Attracting new members and retaining current members is a concern that we constantly need to have at the top of our attention. My thoughts return to earlier times I stood under my host tents and warmly greeted those who presented themselves. I know of other hosts who warmly welcome visitors, give hugs and invitations to join the fellowship within the tent or canopy.

> Experience tells me that attention to those members should not end after the games. Some of the tent hosts communicate with members throughout the year. A number of our membership also join local Scottish organizations and attend their monthly and special Scottish events like Burns night suppers, Tartan Balls and picnics. I am aware of a member who invited a few members and non-members in their town to a back yard picnic. Although we have been the Clan Forsyth Society USA since 1994, there is still many who have never heard of us. It is my hope that each of us try and let those associated with the name of Forsyth/Forsythe or other spellings of this Scottish name, know that we are alive and well and wait-



Flowers Of The Forest



Paul David Blackmon

1926-2015

Paul David Blackmon, husband of Clan Forsyth Society member, Nola Forsyth-Blackmon, died peacefully on March 25, 2015 surrounded by family.

He is survived by his loving wife Nola Forsyth-Blackmon, his sister Carol Crook, his daughters Susan (Jim) Pilch-

er, Janet Wilson, Christine (Dougald MacDonald) Blackmon, Mary (Scott) Herbst, his son David (Karen) Blackmon and eight grandchildren. Paul worked on the Manhattan project in New York State. He became a WWII Navy veteran serving on the USS Denver. After earning a master's degree in Geology at the University of Buffalo, he spent all of his career working for the United States Geological Survey where he was a clay mineralogist.

Grace Elaine Toney Forsyth

1915-2015

Grace married George A. Forsyth in November 1945. They had two sons: Clan Forsyth Society member, George Forsyth, and his brother Robert.

She passed on 8 January 2015 after having sustained a broken hip from a fall. A successful surgery to repair the hip was followed by a stroke while recovering in the hospital from surgery.



Clarence Howard Reberry

1928 - 2014

Member Mary Jane Reberry reports that her husband, Clarence Howard "Red" Reberry, entered into Heaven October 17, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, six daughters and son: Connie (Wayne) Higgs, Bonnie (Richard) Goulde, Paula (Donald) Purtell, JoAnn Spitz, Candy (John) Gibson, Clarence Howard "Bud" (Katy) Reberry, Mary Beth (Mike) Brown, and 26 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; He was active in the US Army at Fort Leonard

He was active in the US Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He trained recruits to serve overseas in the Korean War. He worked 22 years for Jewel Tea Company and then worked as a handy-man and as a carpenter after retiring.

Red loved spending time with all of his children, especially by leading outdoor activities as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout Leader. Red loved being in the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and camping. He was also involved with his church, Red Rock Christian.

Bruce Steele

1927-2014

Member, Robyn Forsyth Steel, sends us news that her husband of 62 yeas passed away in December 2014. This loss has left a large hole in her life, but it has been a blessed and wonderful life, with very few pot holes in the road.

She adds that their sons, daughters-in law and 5 grandchildren will continue to bring joy to her life.

Remembering and Honoring Our Loved Ones

Flowers of the Forest is an ancient Scottish folk tune commemorating the Scottish defeat at the Battle of Flodden in 1513, with several revisions of the words since then. It has been traditionally used to commemorate lost relatives and played by a lone piper at funerals.

Here is a version sung by John McDermott:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEscHNcvTp0

Help us remember and honor your loved ones by informing us of their passing and by submitting photos and other information you wish to have us publish. *Send to:* Marsha Richardson, Editor, 11202 N 61st Street, Temple Terrace, FL 33617 or email <u>MarshaRichardson@Gmail.com</u>



BREAKING NEWS

As many of you may recall the first U.S. Marshal killed in the line of duty was Robert Forsyth. A few months ago the U.S. Marshall's office contacted Dale Sandusky, our Society president and Chief Alistair Forsyth's Commissioner in the U.S.A., asking for permission to use the Forsyth Tartan as their pipe bands official new tartan. The request was forwarded to Chief Alistair C.W. Forsyth, who has authorized the use.

Dale's contact from the Marshal's office reports that although government does not run fast, it does run steady and they are moving forward and that the procurement process has begun for uniform replacement with the Forsyth tartan to be used for kilts and plaids.

Visit this YouTube website for a video of the U.S. Marshal's Pipe & Drums in action.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=605KEGayUKE

Watch for updates to the uniform procurement and information about Robert Forsyth in the October issue of The Griffin.

The Pipes and Drums Band is comprised of active Deputy U.S. Marshals who volunteer their time and talents to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The Pipes and Drums serve as the staple of memorial and fundraising events across the country.

Sir Walter Scott The Antiquary

OXFORD WORLD'S CLASSICS

The Antiquary

Reputed to have been written while staying at Ethie Castle and depicting Ethie Castle in the book as the fictional castle of Knockwhinnock (see Ethie Castle page 15)

Taken from Amazon.com Available from Amazon in hard cover, paper back and a kindle edition for only 99 cents

The Antiquary, Scott's personal favorite among his novels, is characteristically wry and urbane. A mysterious young man calling himself 'Lovel' travels idly but fatefully toward the Scottish seaside town of Fairport. Here he is befriended by the antiquary Jonathan Oldbuck, who has taken refuge from his own personal disappointments in the obsessive study of miscellaneous history. Their slow unraveling of Lovel's true identity will unearth and redeem the secrets and lies which have devastated the guilt-haunted Earl of Glenallan, and will reinstate the tottering fortunes of Sir Arthur Wardour and his daughter Isabella.

First published in 1816 in the aftermath of Waterloo, *The Anti-quary* deals with the problem of how to understand the past so as to enable the future. Set in the tense times of the wars with revolutionary France, it displays Scott's matchless skill at painting the social panorama and in creating vivid characters, from the earthy beggar Edie Ochiltree to the loquacious and shrewdly humorous Antiquary himself.

A free version is also available at http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/7005. It can be read online or downloaded as epub or Kindle book.

JOHN LOGAN FORSYTHE

TAMPA BAY RAYS

By: Lance Forsyth, Florida Member



Logan Forsyth, #11 of the Tampa Bay Rays, is a 2nd baseman. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee 14 January 1987 and attended the University of Arkansas. He was drafted in the first round by the San Diego Padres in 2008 and called up from the AAA to the San Diego Padres in May 2011. He played at that level for two years and was then traded to the Tampa Bay Rays in January 2014.

He is becoming quite a star for the Rays. This year batting in the high 200's with 7 home runs and is a excellent defensive player. He is 6'1", weighs 205 pounds, bats right and throws right. On 6th of June Logan hit a home run in the 9th inning to win the game against the Seattle Mariners.



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CONGRADUALTIONS



Becky Forsythe

Rebecca (Becky) Forsythe, Clan Forsyth Society USA South Carolina Representative, graduated from Greenville Technical College on May 12th, 2015 with double honors. One sash is for Phi Theta Kappa International Honors and the other is for the National Honor Society at GTC. She received her Associates of Arts in Social Sciences and has been accepted into Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri . She will begin online classes in August 2015., working towards her Bachelors of Arts in Sociology with a minor in Anthropology.

Wishing A Speedy Recovery

Eliana Forsythe, a member from Georgia, and Thomas Forsythe, a member from Michigan, have undergone hip replacement surgery this month. Wishing them both a speedy recovery.

Clan Forsyth Society U.S.A. Calendar of Events

If you have never attended a Highland Festival make this the year to check it out.

There is a little something for everyone.

If you would like to find a Highland Event in your area, check out these two websites:

http://www.ccsna.org/games/state_province.html and http://www.asgf.org/Calendar_of_Games.html Be sure and check both, since some events may be on one list and not the other.

If you are interested in hosting a Forsyth booth, please contact Dale Sandusky. **forsyth@xmission.com**

The dates below are tentative and others may be added, so check for updates in future newsletters and on either:

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/groups/72140222735/

OR OUR CLANFORSYTH.COM WEBSITES: http://clanforsyth.com/ and http://user.xmission.com/~forsyth/

July 11, 2015

Payson Highland Games

Website: http://www.paysonscottishfestival.org/ Host: Doreane Sandusky Jarmin and assisted by Dale

Sandusky, Chief Commissioner E-mail: forsyth@xmission.com

July 11 & 12, 2015

Skagit Valley Highland Games and Celtic Faire

Edgewater Park Mt. Vernon WA

Website: http://celticarts.org/?page_id=90

Host: Cheryl Forsyth Reid Email: creid3916@yahoo.com

July 25 and 26, 2015 Seattle Highland Games King County Fairgrounds

Enumclaw, WA

Website: http://www.sshga.org/ Host: Cheryl Forsyth Reid Email: creid3916@yahoo.com

August 15, 2015

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Highland Games

Amherst, NY

Website: http://bnhv.org/

Warren Forsythe is considering hosting at this event.

Please check with us for updates.

September 4-5, 2015

Caledonian Club of San Francisco

Scottish Gathering & Games

Pleasanton, CA

Alameda County Fairgrounds

Website: http://www.thescottishgames.com
Hosts: Western Vice President, Robert Forsyth,

Waldo and Pat Forsythe and Destine and Noel Schaefer

E-mail: foogie5@att.net

September 19-20

Olcott Niagara Celtic Society and Festival Website: http://www.niagaraceltic.com/

Host: Warren & Hazel Forsythe and Yvonne & Bob Wheeler. Eddie Forsyth our Forsyth Genealogist

Emeritus will also be in attendance.

September 26, 2015

The Ligonier Highland Games

Website: http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org/
Hosts: Bonnie Jean & Keith Sandusky and assisted by

Kathryn Lyle (Bonnie's granddaughter).

October 3 & 4, 2015

The 25th Annual Reno Celtic Celebration

Bartley Ranch Regional Park

Reno, Nevada

Website: http://www.renoceltic.org/

Host: Rebecca (Becky) Baker E-Mail: rbdoc1@frontier.com

November 6-8, 2015

Tucson Celtic Festival & Highland Games

Host: Benson and Lisa Scott in Arizona- she will place a

Forsyth booth at Tucson, AZ

Website: http://tucsoncelticfestival.org/

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Kerosene Lamp salvaged from the Thomas Forsyth Home.

Editor's note: The Washington County, Utah website gives this description of the house.

DESCRIPTION

The Thomas Forsyth house in Toquerville is a 1-1/2 story stone vernacular building, with a rock basement.. The front section of the house has an asymmetrical hall and parlor floor plan hidden behind a three opening symmetrical facade. There is a steeply-pitched wall gable placed centrally on the front which contains a second-story door. This door originally led out to a porch which spanned the entire length of the house and was also used to convey large pieces of furniture and other bulky items to the attic level. A lean-to extension occurs to the rear and appears to have been part of the original construction. The kitchen and staircase to the upstairs rooms were located in this one-story rear section.

The thick (1-1/2') stone walls are uncoursed rubble with cut-stone reinforcing quoins on all corners. The stone itself was collected (gathered not quarried) by family members from a nearby hill. The fieldstone pieces are small and but for their irregularity would almost be considered cobblestone. Large stone fireplaces are found in both front rooms. A third fireplace served the kitchen but it has now been removed. External decorative features are minimal and confined to a classically inspired entablature under the eaves.

The Thomas Forsyth house retains its historic character. The major alteration is situated unobtrusively on the back of the house in the form of a modern bathroom. Minor alterations are found in the removal of the original 6 over 6 light double-hung sash windows and the punching of a new window in the south wall of the lean-to.

Thomas remained in the house until his death in

1898. At that time, his youngest child Benjamin Henry acquired and moved into the house. Prior to Thomas's death, Benjamin and his wife, Barbara Ann Lamb, had lived in a small house located behind the rock house. Benjamin lived in the house until his death in 1948, except for a short time when he moved to California after the death of his first wife. The house was sold to Lawrence Kleinman in February, 1949. Kleinman sold the house to Chester Adams in April 1949. Brett Blackburn purchased the house from Adams' in 1979 and sold the house then sold to Carl C. Nyman, in 1980.

A search of property sales shows the house was sold in May 2015 for \$94,900.00.



Thomas is buried in Torquerville Cemetery.

Genealogy Records

The following records were found on Ancestry.com

1850 Census he is living in Salt Lake City with his wife Isabella, and children. His occupation—Joiner

1860 Census (name misspelled as Towisth) he is living in Salt Lake with his wife, Mary and children. His Occupation—Wagon Maker

1870 Census he is living in Tokerville, Kane, Utah Territory with his wife, Mary and children. Occupation-carpenter.

1880 Census he is living in Springdale, Kane, Utah with his wife, Mary and children Occupation-Farmer and Carpenter.

The Latter-Day Saint Bioigraphical Encyclopedia, Vol 3, by Andrew Jenson and published in 1941, tells us that Thomas had eight children from his first wife, Isabella (Thomas R., Jeanette, George James, Isabella Jane, Marima, Niel, Donald and Saville Delina) and seven from his second wife, Mary (George, Joseph, Mary, Christena, William H, Agnes, Eleanora and Benjamin H.

AUTOSOMAL DNA TESTING

By: Marsha Richardson with assistance from Kathleen Cooper.

My Origins, based on my autosomal DNA. My known origins are Scotland, Ireland, Wales and Portugal

My testing was done through Family Tree DNA. Their Autosomal Test is called Family Finder



In the last issue of The Griffin we discussed the different types of DNA tests available for genealogy research:

- The Y, which traces the male line
- Mitochondrial, which traces the female line
- Autosomal, which traces both your mother and father's lines back about 5 generations

This issue I would like to focus on the autosomal testing and what you will learn from this. To begin, autosomal testing will provide you with a percentage of your ethnicity based on about the last 5 generations and it will give you a list of people with whom you share DNA. The amount of shared DNA will determine how close that relationship is.

What is Autosomal DNA?

Autosomal DNA (atDNA) utilizes the chromosomes found within the nucleus of a cell. Chromosomes 1 through 22 and the sex determining chromosomes X and Y. We each inherit about 50% from each of our parents. Their DNA is a mixture or combination of what they each inherited from their parents, grandparents, great grandparents and so on and so on. Your mother's egg contained chromosomes 1 through 22 that were a mixture of her ancestors, plus an X that is a mixture of the X's inherited from both her parents. Your dad's sperm contained his mixture of chromosomes 1 through 22 plus an X from his mother and a Y that he inherited from his father. If you are female you inherited your father's mother's X and if you are male you inherited his father's Y.

How Do You Determine How Close Your Relationship Is?

Autosomal testing traces all your ancestral lines back to about 5 generations and sometimes beyond, but with each generation you lose some DNA. Your DNA is then compared to others who have tested and you are given a list of these matches and how much DNA you share; the more DNA shared, the closer your relationship. The shared DNA is measured in centimorgans (cM). Each individual has a total of 6800 cM. A match of 50% or about 3400 cM indicates a parent and each generation before that is spit in half, making grandparents match at 850 cM or 25%. With each child the mixture inherited from the parents is different, so unless you are an identical twin, your autosomal DNA will be different from your siblings. Siblings, aunts and uncles can expect to share about 2464 or 50%.

I've tested myself, my dad, my mother's brother, 2 first cousins and a 1st cousin once removed. These known relationships confirmed the percentages of shared DNA expected and help me prove my relationships to other matches that were unknown to me. While I've only proven a few of the hundreds of matches found, I am learning more and more each day helping me to confirm my paper trail and hopefully break down a few of my brick walls.

For more details on proving a relationship based on the amount of shared DNA, go to this wonderful chart: http://debbiewayne.com/presentations/dna/percent DNA inherited chart.pdf. Keep in mind that percentages are estimates and your particular numbers will not be exact. Factors, such as your ancestors marring cousins, will make your percentage higher than expected.

Applying the DNA to your Genealogical Research

While DNA can prove there is a relationship between you and another person, you must utilize a proven paper trail based on documentary evidence and known relationships to find out where this connection is. You need to not only have proven your direct ancestors, but all the collateral lines. Keep in mind that although you may not find a match today that helps break down a brick wall, more and more people are tested every day and perhaps soon the match you need will pop up on your match list.

If you have done DNA testing with Family Tree DNA or any other company, please let me know. Also if you have not done so already, please upload your results to Gedmatch.com.

. This website compares autosomal DNA from all companies and is free to use, though donations are appreciated.

For more details on what autosomes are, go to http://www.isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal DNA

HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVAL REPORTS

Utah Scottish Highland Games

By: Dale M. Forsyth Sandusky Chief's Commissioner in the U.S.A.



Our local Utah Scottish games were held June 13-14 at Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah. I packed and connected the small trailer to my GMC car. My son Chuck and I departed early on Friday morning arriving at the games site about 9:00 a.m. at our usual spot. We unloaded the trailer and pushed it to the rear, leaving it in our assigned spot. We assembled the pop-up canopies forming a 20 foot x 20 foot on the space and secured them together. A 2 foot steel stake was driven at each corner with a rope secured to it connected from the top corner of the canopy to prevent the "known" strong wind from converting them into flying kites. Further security was completed by stretching 1/4 diameter rope diagonally from canopy to canopy and reversing it diagonally in the other direction to prevent sway. Canopy sides were then placed around the perimeter with the trailer parked under the back left canopy. We departed for home with a needed stop at our favorite ice cream store.

After a few hours at home, I placed Tanya, the wheelchair, and a few items in the car. We proceeded back to the games site where I unloaded Tanya and chair before 4:00 p.m., as all cars had to be outside the gates. I removed a number of items from the trailer and set up a display in the front host canopy. We were ready before

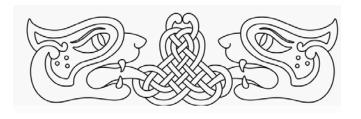
5:00 p.m., which is when the gates opened and people rushed in after paying their entrance fees. Immediately in front of me stood a tall young man with a pitchfork in his hand. I assumed that he must be one of the competing athletes. I was surprised when he introduced himself as a Forsyth. I was not aware of any local Forsyths competing since my sons and I gave it up. We talked and I gave him an application before he left. By then, some of our family showed up with chairs, clothing, and personal Friday food for dinner before scattering to get a feel for the event, vendor booths and activities. Later the program started on the field and we all gathered together and took in the evening's entertainment. I closed our booth at 10:00 p.m., when the program ended, and we proceeded home.

Morning came quickly and I was busy in the kitchen gathering food, drinks and gallon of water and ice. With Tanya and all secure in the car, we were within 30 minutes back at the canopy by 7:30 a.m. Pushing that wheelchair through the grass was rather difficult but accomplished and the Clan Forsyth canopy compound was opened with our complete Forsyth display. That's when a female Forsyth athlete appeared and introduced herself. Afterwards, family and visitors arrived at the canopy to say hello or gather in the rear hospitality canopy. Many visited with Tanya for an update on her condition. The morning went rather quickly and we talked with a number of visitors asking questions

One of our Utah association members was the national president of Clan Gregor and her Chief's USA Chieftain. She was asking me how to fly her pinsel and its procedure while marching with her clan during the noon clan gathering. There was an unexpected 45 minute hold-up under the very hot sun before entering the field. One man nearby fainted from the heat. We remained under the new dark insulated canopy top, which shielded us quite pleasantly from the scorching sun, the rest of the day.

All had a great day and with the added help, we quickly took down the Forsyth compound at 6:00 p.m.; packed the trailer and pushed it out the back gate to the car and headed home.

A later report stated that attendance was the largest ever. The entertainment was top notch and all activities went as planned. The food venues always had lines and I felt that the root beer stand was the most popular. The granddaughters did not compete in the Scottish dance competition this year as they elected to go on the school band trip to California at the same time. We are now preparing for the Payson games in July, where they will compete.



What's In The Newspapers?

From: Ivan Lancaster, Indiana member

The two newspaper articles below were found at the Hoosier State Chronicles website. https://newspapers.library.in.gov/cgi-bin/indiana?a=q&e=----en-20--1--txt-txIN-----

The one on the left tells about the marriage of the daughter of Jennie Jeffries in 1903. Many of you will recognize the name, as she was the author of a "A History of the Forsyth Family", published in 1920. The one on the right tells about Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Forsyth and their pending trip to Europe in 1894.

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Newspapers are a great source for genealogy information. Many sites, such as this one, are free. (see Charles Hansen's article in the April 2015 issue of The Griffin.

THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1903.

THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL, TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1894

KING-JEFFRIES.

Last night at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Jennie Jeffries, in Irvington, at 7 o'clock, before only the members of the two families, occurred the marriage of Miss Evelyn Jeffries and Mr. Walter Scott King. of Chicago. The house was beautifully decorated in palms and pink asters, the color scheme being pink. The bride entered unattended from the back parlor and joined the groom and the Rev. A. M. Hall, of Indianapolis, who performed the ceremony before the fireplace, which was a mass of pink asters set in a background of ferns and palms. The bride's dress was white silk mull, over white swiss. The skirt was tucked at intervals, and the same idea was carried out in the bodice, which was made with a panel front of lace, extending to the bottom of the skirt. The bride's bouquet was a shower of pink roses. Her only ornament was a sunburst of pearls, with a diamond in the center. Following the ceremony a reception was held from 7:30 until 9 o'clock, and from 9 until 11 o'clock. During the evening a harpist played selections from Italian operas and Scotch ballads. Assisting Mrs. Jeffries in the hospitalities were Mrs. A. N. Towles, Mrs. Clarence Forsyth, Mrs. Rob-ert Hall, Mrs. Percy Williams, of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. George Miller, of Pendleton, Ind. Among the guests from out of town were Mr. C. W. King, Mr. John King, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. King, Mr. Daniel King, Mr. L. E. King, Mr. Abner Bond, Miss Leora Bond, Miss Emma Bond, Miss Edith Bond, Mrs. Celeste Bond and Mrs. Maud Bond, Mrs. Celeste Bond and Mrs. Maud Woodruff, of Richmond, Mrs. Nathaniel Blankenbaker, of Louisville, Mr. H. L. Reitz of Newcomerstown, O., Miss Bertha O'Rear, of Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Forsyth, Mr. Luther Forsyth, Mrs. J. T. Forsyth and Mr. Chester Forsyth, of Trafalgar, Miss Lura and Miss Pearl Forsyth, of Nineveh, and Miss Dulce Forsyth, of Morgantown. After a short wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. King will be at home after Oct, 1 at 5351 University avenue. sitty avenue.

THE PORTFOLIO CLUB. The Portfolio Club gave a supper at the Country Club last evening, which was in the nature of a farewell entertainment to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Forsyth, who will sail for Europe in July, to be absent several years. Mr. Forsyth was the first president of the club. After several years of music study in Germany Mr. Forsyth returned to this city and established the School of Music, which has been most successful. He brought Mr. Arens, the director of the May festival chorus, and Mr. rector of the May festival chorus, and Mr. Richard Schliewen, the violinist and head of the Schliewen Quartet, both to this city. The supper was a token of appreciation from those who have been associated with him musically and socially. The tables were heaped with pansies and beneath a mass of the flowers in the center of the table was a portfolio. The outer cover was of matting, decorated by the brush of Brandt Steele. At each plate was a souvenir card. Each was decorated by a of Brandt Steele. At each plate was a souvenir card. Each was decorated by a club artist, Mr. T. C. Steele, Miss Mary Robinson, Mr. William Forsytk, Miss Comingor, Miss Bessie Hendricks, Mrs. S. F. Pratt, Miss Bybee and Mr. Bruce Rogers lending their talents for the occasion. Mr. Steele decorated the one for Mr. Forsyth and Bruce Rogers the one for Mrs. Forsyth, The designs were in great variety, and in addition to the picture there was "Farewell Supper, June 4, 1894," on each, Dr. A. W. Brayton acted as toastmaster. Mr. Steele paid tribute to Mr. Forsyth's work in the school, and Mr. L. H. Gibson, the new president of the club, to Mr. Forsyth's effect on Indianapoiis. Mr. H. U. Brown, of the News, spoke, and others were called on for informal remarks. The portfolio became valuable before the entertainment closed. All the members wrote their names with an additional line. There were the toasts and speakers, and a varied assortment which Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth will take with them, and which will be a reminder of the happy event and many will take with them, and which will be a reminder of the happy event and many other pleasant occasions of the Portfolio.

Last Will & Testament

Jonathan Foreseth (Forsyth)

4th Great Grandfather of member George E. Kelly Probate: 13 September 1800 Lenox, Berkshire, Massachusetts

In the Name of God, Amen

I Jonathan Foreseth¹ of Newmarlborough in the County Berkshire, State of Massachusetts; being tho' weak in body yet of a sound memory, do constitute this my Last Will and Testament and desire it may be received by all as such.

Imprimis: I most humbly bequeath my Soul to God, my maker

Imprimis: I Give my body to the Earth; as for my burial, I desire it may be decent without honor or state, at the discretion of my dear wife and my Executor hereafter named.

As to my worldly estate, I will and positively order that all my debts be paid.

Item: I Give to my dear and loving wife Abigail the one third part of my houses and the one third part of my barn and the one third part of the improvements of all land, together with the one third of my stock on my farm, of any kind, and also the one third part of all my household furniture, so long as she remains my widow, and forty dollars out of my movable estate I give to my widow to dispose of as she thinks proper at or before her decease.

Item: I Give to my oldest daughter Eleanor, one dollar and sixty eight cents having given her already one hundred dollars at her marriage.

Item: I Give to my daughter Lovinah one dollar and sixty eight cents to be paid by my Executor, hereafter named, I having given her one hundred dollars at her marriage.

Item: I Give to my daughter Elizabeth, one dollar and sixty eight cents, having already given her one hundred dollars at her marriage.

Item: I Give to my beloved Son Jonathan, the other two thirds of my houses and barn and the two thirds of all my lands, and the two thirds of all my stock, and the two thirds of my household furniture, with all my farming tools and utensils, to him heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I Give to my daughter Abigail one hundred and one dollar and sixty eight cents to be paid her when she arrives at the age of eighteen years by my Executor hereafter mentioned.

Item: I Give to my daughter Lucinda, one hundred and one dollars and sixty eight cents to be paid her when she arrives at age of eighteen years, by my Executor hereafter named.

I Give to my daughter Sally, one hundred and one dollars and sixty eight cents to be paid her, when she arrives at the age of eighteen years, by my executor, hereafter named.

Item: I Give and Will to my beloved Son Jonathan, after the decease or marriage of my wife, Abigail, the other third part of lands, house, barns and out houses whatsoever to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Witness² I do constitute my beloved wife Abigail Forsyth, and my very good friend Samuel Thompson Rawson, Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, and Trustee for my Wife and Children! In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of May; in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Eight Hundred.

In presence of Jonathan Foreseth

Jonathan Smith, Pere G. Smith, Nathan Meriam

Berkshire Co., MA Court of Probate, holden at Lenox within and for said Court on the second day of
September Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred before the Hon. William Walker,
Esq., Judge of said Court. The Instrument hereunto amended, is presented as the Last
Will and Testament of Jonathan Foreseth late of Newmarlborough in the County of our

Deceased by Abigail Foreseth and Thompson Samuel Rawson, the Executors therein named for Probate: and Jonathan Smith, Peregrine G. Smith and Nathan Meriam, the subscribing

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witnesses to the same appearing, made oath that they saw Jonathan Foreseth the Testator, Sign and seal, and heard him publish and declared the same to be his Last Will and Testament; that he appeared to be of lawful age, sane mind, and disposing memory when he did it, that they, all subscribed as Witnesses to the same, at the same time in presence of the said Testator.

Whereupon, at a Court of Probate holden at said Lenox, on the thirteenth day of September, 1800 I the said Judge do adjudge and Decree that the same is proven and it is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed as the Last Will and Testament of the said Jonathan Foreseth, deceased.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and Seal of the said Court.

William Walker

Jonathan married Abigail (maiden name unknown) and together they raised seven children (Eleanor – 1771, Lovinah – 1773, Elizabeth – 1779, Jonathan – 1781, Abigail – 1783, Lucinda – 1785, Sally (Sarah) – 1787. The last five births appear in the New Marlborough, Massachusetts Town & Vital Records. There are no birth records for Eleanor and Lovinah. The same birth records record the parents as Jonathan Foresith & Wife. Wife had been interpreted in the past as "Wite", the last name of Abigail.

Son Jonathan b: 1781 married Mary Buell, daughter of Joseph Buell and Lucy Pickett; *Albert Welles, compiler, <u>History of the Buell Family in England and America</u> (Society Library, New York 1881). Mary was born in Great Barrington, Berkshire, Massachusetts. Circa 1814 Jonathan, Mary, along with the widow Abigail and at least 3 small children removed to Ulysses, Tompkins, New York where the family grew to eleven children. Several of these children would later scatter to North Central New York State, Wisconsin, and Missouri while the other would remain in and around Tompkins County, New York. The daughters of Jonathan and Abigail married and remained close to their area of birth (New Marlborough, Massachusetts).*

Additional information on the families noted above is available on request from George E. Kelly.

WILLS AND PROBATE RECORDS

By: Marsha Richardson

Wills and probate records are a great source for your genealogy research. As you can see from the will of Jonathan Foreseth (pages 12-13) much can be learned, or confirmed, from them. Here Jonathan tells you who his wife is, who his children are and which of his daughters are married. Often wills give you the names of the children's spouses and even their grandchildren or other distance relations. Wills can provide a sense of how wealthy they were, their personalities and family relationships.

I transcribed a will that named my 3 times great grandfather. I was able to determine who his grandfather was, but the end of the will was interesting. After bequeathing half of his belongings to various people, he says "- and the other half to be equally divided among my other relations, except my brother Charles to whom I will nothing". I later found a law suit between his brother Charles and other members of the family.

In the United States wills are usually found at the county probate court. Canadian wills are also found there, but can sometimes be found in land records. For Scottish wills you can go to:

Scotlands People (http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/)

They offer "Soldier's Wills from 1870 to 1948 and "Wills & Testaments" from 1513 to 1925. In a recent search for "Forsyth" I found 40 Soldier's Wills and 1,267 Wills & Testaments. The Search and view of the search results is free and may give you some good information. If you discover one you believe is from your ancestor, there is a small fee to view it. You may be able to download and/or print it.

Later spelled Forsyth and Forsythe

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iii In transcribing this document I purposely followed all indents and spellings in the original copy of the document.



The Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Steve Forsythe, Ohio Member Clan Forsyth Society USA, Chaplin

Clan Forsyth Devotional July 2015

It is hard to believe that we are not even midway through the summer. Already we have held Bible School at two separate churches and just finished a week of Kids camp. Every year I look in the mirror and declare "I am getting too old for this!" Then I take a good nap and we start planning for the next event. I know these activities are supposed to minister to the kids and help them learn about Jesus, but in reality, I often think they are really still times for God to teach me.

We have been doing this enough years that some of the little brats (I mean delightful children) that pushed me to the limit of my patience, are now awesome young men and women of God who come back each year as counselors and teachers. As I watch them teach the things that they were taught in the previous years, I stand amazed. In all honesty, I didn't think they were paying any attention. They certainly did not sit still long enough for anything of meaning to really sink in.

But in reality they were listening and even more importantly, they were applying what they had learned to their lives. Today some of those Bible School kids serve on my church Leadership Team and are raising their own children by those deeply instilled values that became the foundations of their lives. Proverbs 22:6 promises "Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." It is easy to read those words and not have let the full depth of that promise sink in. That is, until you see these teens and young adults as the living proof of God's promises.

I know there were times as a parent I wondered if God would keep up his end of this bargain. I think every parent questions those words in the days before we see them come true. The great thing about the promises of God is they are rooted in His faithfulness, not in our ability to make them come true. It is a trust in His goodness and His credibility, not our parenting skills. Like all of God's promises, we often believe them by trusting in Him, well before it is visible to us. That's what faith is all about.

Recently my youngest daughter gave me a card that contained these words "The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them." (Proverbs 20:7). Those words remind me that God is raising up this new generation of leaders to carry on His redemptive work in His world. The truth is that someday I will sit back in my rocking chair and pass the torch to this wonderful next generation of leaders. Someday, but not today. The next camp starts in less than two weeks! I had better get moving.

Have a blessed summer!

Recipes From A Celtic Cottage

Montrose Cakes

These are lovely afternoon tea-cakes, for all of your summer High Teas, afternoon tea parties!

The quantity makes about 2 dozen

Ingredients:

½ C. self-rising flour

(or regular flour and add ¾ t. baking powder and 1/8 t. salt)

½C. caster Sugar (to use granulated sugar, just cream with butter longer, make sure sugar is dissolved)

½ C. Butter

1/3 C. Current berries, optional

1 T. Brandy (or ½ t Almond or Vanilla extract)

2 tsp Rose-water (or water, I like rose water)

A good pinch of ground nutmeg

2 eggs, beaten

Directions:

Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, gradually add the beaten eggs and mix well. Stir in the flour and combine thoroughly.

Greased *Cupcake pans or non-greased and use the cute cupcake liners. Fill cups only half way.

* Scottish Cupcake pans are the size of USA mini tart pans.

Bake at 375F for 10-15min



Editors Note: This is a simple recipe, easy to mix up half a batch if you just want a few and sooooo delicious. They just melt in your mouth. **Warsha**

ETHIE CASTLE



Have you ever dreamed of living in a Scottish Castle? Well, now is your chance. Ethie Castle, the former home of the Chief of Clan Forsyth, is for sale.

Offers over £1,650,000 (\$ 2,598,255) will be considered.

Alistair C.W. Forsyth of that Ilk restored this castle and lived there until about 12 years ago. The chief said that with 48 rooms it was great for raising four sons, but was just too big for two people. He does however still own lands surrounding the castle and the hereditary title, Barron of Ethie.

Ethie is located about 3 miles north of the Arbroath in Angus, Scotland and dates back to the 14th century when monks from the nearby Arbroath Abbey built a sandstone keep. After passing through the de Maxwell family, the lands reverted to the Abbey and became the country residence of David Beaton, Cardinal and Chancellor of Scotland. The Castle includes a small chapel and the Cardinal's sitting room, with its secret staircase to the great hall.

Beaton served as Ambassador to France and was instrumental in arranging the marriages of James V, first to Madeleine, the daughter of King Francois 1st of France and, after her death, to her adopted sister. He was a strong opponent to John Knox and the Protestants and on 29 May 1546 he was brutally murdered at St Andrews Castle and hung from a castle window. Soon after his death, and occasionaly in resent times, it is reported that his ghost is seen wandering through Ethie Castle, usually in the narrow staircase that leads to a secret doorway into his old bedroom.

The Carnegie family purchased Ethie in 1665 and it remained with them until 1928. Sir Walter Scott often stayed there and during one of his visits he wrote the novel "The Antiquary" where Ethie is depicted as the legendary Castle of Knockwhinnock. (see page 6)

This fully restored castle has 8 reception rooms, 10 bedrooms, two kitchens and a walled garden. Previous owners used 3 of the bedrooms for a 'Boutique Hotel' and also hosted weddings. They gained a 4 star accreditation. You can find comments on Trip Advisor from people who stayed there. They sold the castle after permission was granted to have a wind farm close by and it is currently owned by a mystery Englishman.

For a full description of the castle and the castle grounds, go to:

The arms of our chief, Alistair C.W. Forsyth of that Ilk, (The Arms of Ethie) are mounted above the front door of Ethie Castle. The initials A.F and A.H. found on either side of the ribbon at the top, are for Alistair Forsyth and his wife Ann Hughes.



GENEALOGY NEWS

By: Charles Hansen, Washington Member

Printing a Booklet

A while back our local genealogical society decided due to cost of postage and printing to stop printing and mailing the membership list to our members. They then posted the membership list on the society website and our webmaster set it up so you could download a PDF file of the membership list if you wanted a copy on your own computer, so I downloaded a copy for me. It was 22 pages long and included a nice cover page and the society by-laws just like the old copies we used to receive by mail.

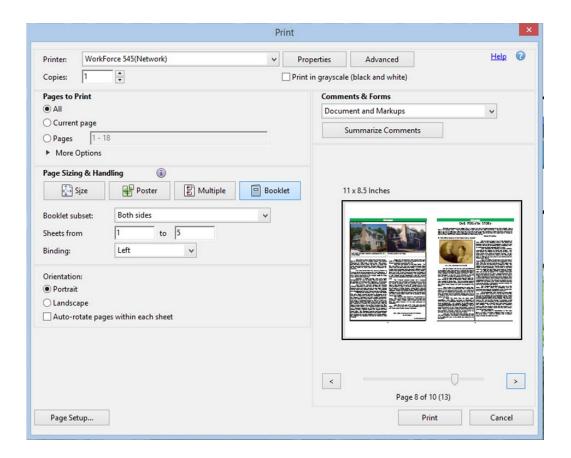
Since it was a PDF file I went to Adobe Reader to look at the file, and since I needed a hard copy for a project I was doing I wanted to print a copy. When I went to the print box up came a list of ways to print the file, and one said print a booklet, so I hit that one and the printer started printing. What surprised me was it printed half size, so two pages on each sheet, and then it turned over the paper and printed on the back of the same sheet of paper. Out came 6 pages all in order and when folded in half I had the whole 22 pages printed.

Now I had bought a new printer a Brother all in in one, and it had duplex printing. I did not have a clue what that meant until I found out it will print on both sides of a sheet of paper which is a big paper saver. I also have an older Kodak printer and I did not know it had duplex printing also, but it does and will print booklets also. So do you have a duplex printer? Have you printed a booklet?

Instructions:

Open the PDF file you wish to print. Select "File" from the upper left corner and then "print" from the pull down menu. Then you will see this window.

Select Booklet and other printing instructions. Then print.



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