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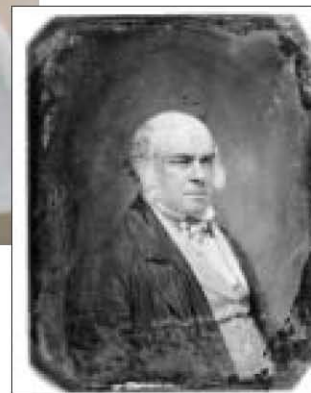
THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE FAMILY OF BRUCE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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Lord Elgin's Woodland War Club



The Lord Elgin war club measures 25 5/8 inches (65 cm.) long. The Elgin war club in its storage bin at National Museum Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh July 2006.



Matthew Brady daguerreotype of James Bruce, the 8th Earl of Elgin and 12th Earl of Kincardine.
Courtesy of the Library of Congress

By Thomas Allen Bruce

Photographs by the Author

The eighth Earl of Elgin was an eminent British diplomat who served as Governor General of Canada, minister to China and Japan, and Viceroy of India in the mid-19th Century. During his term as Governor General from 1847 to 1854, he acquired a remarkable collection of American Indian objects.

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The Governor General is traditionally presented with gifts by American Indian leaders at any conference, and the eighth Earl's collection included several of these presentation pieces. The collection also included several unique objects, including a pair of snowshoes which the Earl used to travel part of his journey into Montreal, while performing his duties as Governor General (Checkland, 1988, p.120).

One of the most remarkable American Indian objects collected by the eighth Earl of Elgin was a war club of the ball headed type, elaborately carved to depict a Native warrior with a roach headdress. The club has become famous following publication of a photograph of it on the cover of *The Spirit Sings: Artistic Traditions of Canada's First Peoples*. It was also depicted in the *The Iroquois* volume of the Time-Life American Indian series.

War clubs with faces carved into them are an old tradition in the Woodlands. Norman Feder included one of the oldest ones known in his *American Indian Art* as photo 222. (Feder, 1955, p. 405) That club is part of a 17th century collection held at Skokloster Castle, Sweden, and is inlaid with wampum beads (Kraft, 1995, p.10-11).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR FAMILY —

As you read this letter, we are now into our "games season", at least it is that here in the northern part of the nation. The first seasonal event for me will be the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games on May 22nd, in Farmington, Minnesota, just a wee bit south of Minneapolis where I live. Once again Phyllis & I are sponsoring the appearance of Minnesota Sheltie Rescue (a Scottish breed) on behalf of FOBII. This is another fine organization with which we have some common interest. They will be located right next to us on clan row and we both benefit with greater attendee appeal. (In case you don't already know it, Phyllis and I are owned by a sheltie by the name of Robby. At least that is what he thinks.) Later this year we will be at the Wisconsin Games in Waukesha and the Quad Cities Games in Davenport, Iowa. Now here is a thought. How about inviting me to your local games? I promise you that I will make every effort to try and come, assuming that time, health and finances all cooperate.

Here in Minnesota, our winter events have come to a close. We had several opportunities for Burns Night dinners, and this year chose the one put on by the Minnesota St. Andrew Society. There were about 100 people present at the University Women's Club on Summit Avenue in St. Paul, just two doors down from the governor's mansion. Jack Baker of Clan Cameron recited Burns "Ode to the Haggis" and Don & Kathy Bruce did the toast to the lads and lassies. I had the pleasant task of speaking to the attendees about the "Society of Antiquaries of Scotland" and welcomed two Minnesotans into the society including our own Don Bruce. Phyllis and I also brought along a guest who had told me of her desire to learn more about her Scottish heritage. That guest was the Rev. Amy Luukkonen, the Lutheran chaplain at the Augustana Home where my 95 year old mother is resident. We provided her with a small sash & rosette in the clergy tartan which she wore with distinction. She very much enjoyed herself and now has an entry point to discover more of her Scottish heritage. Doing this type of thing, I believe, is one of the very best ways to introduce someone to their local Scottish community. In February we enjoyed "A Scottish Ramble", an all indoor event held at the Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul. It is the

largest winter Scottish event in the upper mid-west.

I want to assure all of you that your FOBII board has not been in hibernation this winter, despite the snow and cold. We have been working on developing operational policies, making decisions in regard to needed changes (mostly technical/legal) in the by-laws, preparing for the games season, looking towards our charitable contributions, and all of the other financial and general membership business for which we have responsibility. I am constantly in awe of the work our board members and officers accomplish and the professionalism with which it is achieved.

Some time ago I told you about the opening of a new Scottish American Center here in Minneapolis. Despite the fact that persons of Scots heritage represent only a tiny fraction of the population here in Minnesota, our Scottish community is very active and is becoming increasingly influential. The center has now moved from the suburb of St. Anthony to Minneapolis proper, and is sharing a large building, a former nursing home, with the Danish American Center. Each has their own offices, displays, archives and storage. They share meeting rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, and even hotel type accommodations for overnight guests. It is a model for cooperative ventures with other ethnic communities.

Let me conclude by inviting you, our members, once again, to be in communication with our FOBII officers and board members. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to write or e-mail any one or all of us. Our contact information is printed in every issue of the Blue Lion. I can guarantee that you will be heard and that we will respond to the best of our ability.

Kind regards to you all, William



William and Phyllis Bruce with Rev. Amy Luukkonen at the Minneapolis Burns Night



Join the Family of Bruce International
members at the following games
scheduled for 2010!!!

Please contact a Commissioner or representative
near you for more information!!
See page 15 for contact information

CALIFORNIA – Roger Kelly

April 24-25 – Sacramento Valley Scottish Highland
Games & Festival – Yolo County Fair Grounds,
Woodland www.saccallie.org/games/

COLORADO – Richard Bruce

August 7-8 – Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky
Mountain Highland Games – Highlands Ranch
www.scottishgames.org
September 9-12 – Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland
Festival – Estes Park www.scotfest.com

GEORGIA – Deb Bruce Gottlieb

June 12-13 – Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland
Games – Blairsville - www.blairsvillescottishfestival.org
October 16-17 – Stone Mountain Highland Games
www.smhg.org – Annual Meeting – 1pm and
Annual Dinner at 6pm on Saturday!!

IOWA – William Bruce

September 18 – Scottish Games of the Quad Cities,
Davenport
www.celtichighlandgames.org/index.htm

INDIANA – Polly Tilford

June 12 – Indiana Highland Games, Fort Wayne
www.scottishsocietyftw.org/index.html
September 11-12 – Columbus Highland Games,
Columbus www.scottishfestival.org

KENTUCKY – Polly Tilford

June 3-6 Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow
www.glasgowhighlandgames.com

MAINE – Charles F. Bruce, III

August 14 Maine Highland Games, Brunswick
www.mainehighlandgames.org

MINNESOTA – William Bruce

May 22 – Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games,
Farmington www.mnscottishfair.org

NEW YORK – Nick Carrado and Ann E. Eldred

August 7 (Date to be Confirmed) – Central New York
Scottish Games
<http://www.cnyscots.com/games.html>

NORTH CAROLINA – Deb Bruce Gottlieb

July 10-11 – Grandfather Mountain Highland Games,
Linville www.gmhg.org

OKLAHOMA – MarLo Alexander

September 18-19 – Oklahoma Scottish Games &
Gathering, Tulsa www.tulsascottishgames.org

OHIO – Kenneth Swank

June 26 – Ohio Scottish Games
www.ohioscottishgames.com

SOUTH CAROLINA – Boone McKoy

September 18 – Charleston Scottish Games & Highland
Gathering, Charleston, SC www.charlestonscots.org

TENNESSEE – Arline Guyton

May 14-16 – Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games,
Gatlinburg, TN www.gsfg.org/

TEXAS – John Carlisle

May 15-16 – Houston Highland Games & Scottish
Festival, Houston www.houstonhighlandgames.com
June 4-6 – Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games,
Arlington www.texasscottishfestival.com

VIRGINIA – Jay Cousins

October 23-24 – Meadow Highland Games and Celtic
Festival – www.richmondceltic.com Jay, Gerald, &
Debbie Cousins
Formerly Richmond Highland Games

WASHINGTON – Susan Walker

July 24-26 – 64th Annual Pacific Northwest Scottish
Highland Games & Clan Gathering, Enumclaw –
www.sshga.org/

WISCONSIN – William Bruce

September 3-5 – Wisconsin Scottish Fair, (Waukesha
Expo Center – Waukesha, Wisconsin)
www.wisconsinscottish.org/

The games listed on this page are those
that are known at this time for Family of
Bruce tents. If you have an interest in
hosting a Bruce tent or helping out at a
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A Weekend at the Games

William Bruce, M.A., FSA Scot

I suspect that virtually the entire membership of "Family of Bruce International, Incorporated" has attended one or more Highland Games event, and many of you are regulars at your "local" event. There are those of us for whom these events have become almost a way of life during what is usually called the "Games Season" (late spring to early fall – at least here in the northern part of the country). We are the ones who set up the tents on clan row and often travel significant distances to represent our families and clans at these events. The following narrative describes how one such event came together for us.

THE EVENT: The Wisconsin Scottish Fair & Highland Games.

THE PLACE: Waukesha, Wisconsin – just a bit west of Milwaukee.

THE TIME: Labor Day weekend – every year the same for this particular event.

Early in the week prior to the event, the preparations begin. We must be sure that our equipment and supplies are sufficient for the event and that they are in good repair, compactly packed and ready to load in our vehicles. This weekend, Phyllis and I will be joined by Don & Kathy and we often travel together, but for this event we will drive separately. With two vehicles there will be plenty of room for all of the necessities and as many of the extras as we care to bring. Our house/dog sitter has been prepped and we are just about ready to head out.

FRIDAY: The drive to Waukesha from our home in Minneapolis is a straight shot east on Interstate 94. We don't need to leave too early as the drive, with stops for gas, comfort and lunch will only take about seven hours. Our Buick was loaded the night before with the three big blue tubs of tent display material, rolls of flags and banners, the PVC pipes and joints for mounting the flags and banners (disassembled, of course), and other odds and ends. Our suitcases come out this morning and end up on the back seat as the trunk is nearly overflowing. We add a case of bottled water and snacks and we are ready to go. Don & Kathy are bringing the tent, tent sides, tools, tables, & chairs – so we don't need to worry about any of that. They will also have a bit of a head start on us as they will be leaving from the east metro whereas we are coming from the south central metro near MSP International Airport. Being that it is

the beginning of the Labor Day weekend, the traffic is heavier than usual on Interstate 94, particularly through Madison and the rest of the way east. It is late in the afternoon when we pull off the interstate at Waukesha and make the short drive over to the SUPER 8 where we have reservations for the next three nights. The others have not yet arrived, so we settle into our room and wait for them. It seems like just a few minutes before we have a call on the house phone and meet them in the lobby. Once they are settled in we walk a short distance to a steakhouse and chow down, knowing that this will be the last chance we will have to really relax before the EVENT takes control of our time. After some good food and conversation, and some last minute planning, it's to bed early.

SATURDAY: It's up and at it very early. Today, as temperatures remain mild in early September, I am wearing my six yard medium weight kilt in the Bruce Ancient tartan along with a Jacobite shirt, dark green kilt hose and a pair of sturdy black Nike shoes. Phyllis will be in her Bruce Modern kilt skirt. I think Don plans on wearing his black utilikilt. We join Don and Kathy in the lobby and then hit the cold breakfast buffet (with waffle bar) at the motel. We are on our way to the fair grounds very early as we must be set up before the gates officially open, and that will take us about an hour and a half. We are getting quite skilled at doing this, and we work well together to get the tent up, the flags and banners flying, and the interior display ready to go. Fortunately today we have very good weather, sunny with high temps in the 70's. That sure makes things easier. We have dealt with heavy rain, strong winds, cold temps and other weather anomalies over the years, but today is beautiful and it is great to be outside. The Wisconsin Fair is very well run and we have no problem with finding our spot, unloading, and getting the vehicles parked. Before the gates open, fair officials greet us and make sure we have all we need from them. That is much appreciated as this is our first time at this event. We spend the morning engaging the public. I don't believe I have ever been at an event where people are asking so many questions, and good questions at that. I like to mingle with those passing by in front of our display tent and invite them to come in, look around, and respond to what they see. I doubt if I could count all of the worthy conversations that have begun in this fashion. About mid day Phyllis and I take the opportunity to explore the grounds while Don & Kathy "holds down the fort". It is always interesting to see what other clans, families, and organizations are doing in the way of



A WEEKEND AT THE GAMES (CONTINUED)

displays and we have always made some new friends in the process. The food vendors now claim my attention and I am delighted to find a local restaurant entrepreneur who has come to the fair and is selling his signature pot roast sandwiches. Absolutely delicious. Our assigned space is just a few paces away from a large exhibition building where the highland dance competition is being held. It also provides some nice clean flush toilets, far better than the all too usual "porta-potties" found at most events. The afternoon provides more opportunity to talk with fair visitors and even to sign up a couple of new members. At the end of the day we button up our gear. The tent and banners stay up, as the weather is good and we will be back early on Sunday. Locals have recommended a couple of good nearby eateries, so it's back to the SUPER 8, a good hot shower, and then out for a meal. It has been a long day, and I for one am very tired and am ready for a good nights sleep.

SUNDAY: As you might imagine, it is another early call. The motel was heavily booked last night, and as we move into the breakfast area in our kilts and tartans we get the usual stares from many of the other guests. We are soon on our way back to the fair grounds, and find we have another day of very beautiful weather. As we are already mostly set up, the first couple of hours are very relaxed. There is a church service on the grounds presided over by a local Lutheran pastor, so I go over and participate in that, presenting the Bruce tartan along with those from many of the other clans and families. We are surprised and delighted to greet a family of five FOBII members who have driven up from their home in Illinois for the day, and have a wonderful time catching up on what these "Bruce Family" members have been doing since last we saw them. In this family, there are two teens (brother and sister) and I really enjoyed hearing about their school activities. *[I must admit that about noon I went back for another of those juicy pot roast sandwiches – just couldn't resist – and recommended them to others.]* Having spent much of my life working with teenagers, and raising a couple of my own, I really enjoy any opportunity I have to talk with them. Today I talked with a beautiful young lady teen who is an aspiring highland dancer. It seemed to surprise her that I knew a good deal about that activity and have had opportunity to watch some of the very best highland dancers including a world champion. Later I had some stimulating conversation with a severely handicapped teen boy who was at the fair with his mother. Unfortunately these kids with severe

handicaps are often ignored by others. Having had many students with physical handicaps over the years, I know that they are often extraordinarily gifted in other ways and have a lot to offer those who are willing to make the effort to communicate and get to know them. A very large number of interested persons have been stopping at our tent both yesterday and today, and we have been very busy answering their questions, both general and specific, about our FOBII history and our organization as it exists today. There are also the questions about Scottish history and culture that seem to come up at every event. Fortunately we are prepared with excellent print material as well as with verbal explanations. Near the end of the day we are contacted once again by the fair administrators about our experience. We are quick to tell them it has been very positive and they are happy to hear that we will try to return in 2010. All that is left to do is pack up our gear and load it for our return home.

MONDAY: It's Labor Day. We will soon be heading home, but with no time considerations, we can do it at a leisurely pace. After another motel breakfast (pretty good actually) we finish loading the Buick and it is back out onto Interstate 94, this time westbound. Traffic is quite heavy, as it seems as if many people are already heading home from their weekend travels. We will be glad to be home later this afternoon, and know that we will get a very warm welcome from Robby, our sheltie. This has been a very good weekend. The weather has been great, we have made many new friends for FOBII, we have several new members, and the four of us have really enjoyed ourselves. Yes, it has been a lot of work – fun work that we will repeat many times over at other games and events. We all agree that it has been more than just worth it.

Copyright – William Bruce – May, 2010:



Phyllis Bruce is enjoying a relaxing moment taking in the crowd, as Kathy & Don Bruce inspect the tent



Another ancient club with a carved face was pictured in *Sacred Circles* and is held with other early Woodlands pieces in the National Museum of Denmark (Coe, 1977, p. 82).

The traditional material for a ball headed club is the "root ball," that is, the part of the tree where the lower trunk begins to form roots, from a maple tree. This wood is very dense, heavy and hard, with a curly grain that lends itself to being carved into a sphere.

Harrison (1977, p. 86) calls the Elgin club "Iroquois type," but exactly what that attribution is based upon is uncertain. It is likely that the attribution was made because of the continuing tradition of "False Face" carving among the Iroquois even though Mathews in her doctoral dissertation could find no direct correlation between the images carved into False Face masks and images on other objects including pipes and bowls. (Mathews, 1978, p. 201-202) In a discussion of the Woodlands naturalistic effigy, Mathews is referenced in *The Spirit Sings* on the page facing the illustration of the Elgin war club (Harrison, 1977, p. 87). Mathews neither discusses nor pictures war clubs.

A very strong tradition of carving war clubs with faces was preserved in the Delaware tribe until recent times (Devlin, 1997, p. 50). Both of the 17th century clubs mentioned above are labeled as possibly Delaware.

There are three Delaware settlements in Canada, including a group on the Six Nations Reserve, another in Kent County, and a third on the Thames River near the town of Melbourne. The Thames River group is closely associated with the Ojibway and the Oneida (Howard, 1976, p.2). The Elgin club may have changed hands several times before being presented to Lord Elgin.

George Catlin on the continual interchange of clothing and other artifacts notes:

Amongst so many different and distinct nations, always at war with each other, and knowing nothing at all of each other's languages; and amongst whom fashions in dress seldom if ever change; it may seem somewhat strange that we should find these people so nearly following, or imitating each other, in the forms and modes of

their dress and ornaments. This must, however, be admitted, and I think may be accounted for...for in their continued warfare, when chiefs or warriors fall, their clothes and weapons usually fall into the possession of the victors, who wear them; and the rest of the tribe would naturally more or less often copy from or imitate them; and so also in their repeated councils or treaties of peace, such articles of dress and other manufactures are customarily exchanged, which are equally adopted by the other tribe; and consequently, eventually lead to the similarity which we find among the mode of dress etc. of the different tribes. (Catlin, 1973, Letter 14, p. 100)

Lord Elgin met with several different Native delegations, including the famous Ojibwa leader Little Pine (Checkland, 1988, p.120) but so far, as is known no record was made of precisely which one presented the war club to him. Little Pine may be a good candidate, and though he came from the west of the Delaware groups in Canada he could have obtained the club from a Delaware maker before presenting it to Lord Elgin. Further diligent research in the Elgin archives may uncover the precise story of the origins of the war club.

Art dealer and collector Eugene Thaw purchased several objects from the 11th Earl of Elgin and Kincardine in the 1990s, and these objects are now in the Fenimore Art Museum, Cooperstown, New York. A war club with a carved face, which is labeled "Santee Sioux," (Vincent, 2000, p. 110) as well as another which is labeled "possibly Delaware or Iroquois," (Vincent., 2000, p. 95), are both also in the Thaw collection. (These were not purchased from Lord Elgin.) The 11th Earl, who as a child used to play with the war club collected by his ancestor, sold the club under discussion to the National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, where it is held today.

Having admired the Elgin club for years, and having been privileged to be able to examine and handle the original in the summer of 2006, I commissioned virtuoso craftsman Jan Zender to make a copy of it for me. His version of the club is a superb replica, made of a section of maple root, and beautifully carved. The feathers on the club were made by another fine craftsman, Andrew Forsyth.



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About the Author

Thomas Allen Bruce is a powwow dancer and bead worker, and serves as Lieutenant to the Chief of the Family of Bruce. The current Chief is Andrew Bruce, the 11th Earl of Elgin and 15th Earl of Kincardine, Knight of the Thistle.

The face of the Elgin war club. Flicker feathers, redtail hawk wing feathers, and strips of peacock feathers along with a roach made of red yarn.



Back of the head of the club. Yarn roach, silver roach spreader, carved hair.



Detail of the grip end of the Elgin club. Feathers appear to be redtail hawk wing feathers.



Replica club made by Jan Zender. Feathers made by Andrew Forsyth





Robert the Bruce Heritage Centre

"Strathleven Artizans are a group of volunteers, passionate about history, who seek to promote the history of Renton village and in particular their most famous resident – King Robert Bruce who was King of Scots from 1306 to 1329. Other than Bannockburn (June 1314) the place most associated with the warrior king was indeed Renton." ... www.strathlevenartizans.com.

Renton Village is the geographical location of the ancient Cardross where King Robert lived and died. Lord Elgin, the 11th Earl of Elgin and 15th Earl of Kincardine, Knight of the Thistle is their Patron.

A dream of the Strathleven Artizans is to build a heritage centre in Renton to honour Robert the Bruce, his generals, and the many people who supported the quest for a free Scotland.

On March 27, 2010, the 704th anniversary of the enthronement of King Robert I, the Robert the Bruce Heritage Centre was opened at Renton Village. Present at the ceremony was Lord Elgin, Lady Elgin, Lord Bruce, and Benedict Bruce son of Lord Bruce and Grandson of the Earl and Countess.

generals, soldiers, dignitaries, and the Dumbarton District Pipe Band.

The focal point of the Centre is the Bannockburn Ceiling by artist Duncan Brown. For those who receive the newsletter via email, a color photo of the ceiling is on the last page. Other works of art include the Generals, Coats of Arms, and Robert the Bruce.



Duncan Brown painting the Generals – The Good Sir James Douglas, Lennox, Keith, and Randolph



A display at the Centre



Lord and Lady Elgin at the Opening ceremony



Benedict Bruce cuts the ribbon to open and to dedicate the Robert the Bruce Heritage Centre

The opening ceremony was preceded by a March and leading the procession was King Robert the Bruce and his Queen followed by

In his later years, King Robert and his family lived in Cardross which is now the present day Renton Village. The modern day Cardross is seven miles away and has no relationship to King Robert. He lived in his Manor House named Pillinflath (meaning Pavilion of the Great Hero) at the Mains of Cardross which is now the modern day Renton. He died in his own bed at his home in Pillinflath on June 7th 1329.

The Strathleven Artizans and Renton Village are proud of their connection to King Robert, the Heritage Centre, and the Bruce Trail. More will be written in future newsletters about their noble endeavors.

For more information visit their website at www.strathlevenartizans.com.



**Heather Bruce Marches in the
Denver Colorado
Saint Patrick's Day Parade!**



Looking For Ideas and Donations

by Don Bruce, Vice President and
Chair, Charitable Operations

It's May, and 2010 is flying by! How many times have you heard someone say that as they get older the time goes by quicker? It is an old cliché but it speaks the truth! This year already marks the third year that Family of Bruce International is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions as a §501(c)(3) corporation. Please think about making that contribution today so that our support of worthy and valuable Scottish related activities, programs, and causes can continue.

As a quick recap of our giving in 2009, Family of Bruce International provided a scholarship to young Heather Bruce of Colorado for Highland dance and piping studies and competition. Heather and her family were very appreciative of the financial help, but they also greatly appreciated the support shown by the entire Bruce family for Heather's efforts to carry on Scottish culture and traditions. We also sponsored a dance competition trophy at the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games.

Our donation to the Annan (Scotland) Bruce statue project was much appreciated and helped bring that project to a successful conclusion this past January, when the statute was unveiled and our own Lord Bruce, oldest son of Lord Elgin, presided over the ceremonies. (Go to this website for the full story and to see pictures of the statue and of Lord Bruce unveiling the commemorative plaque:

http://www.annan.org.uk/societies_groups/brucestatue_project.html) I have to admit that I was very pleased and proud to see Family of Bruce International listed as one of the donors to that fine project.

The Charitable Operations Committee and the Board of Family of Bruce International are once again soliciting ideas from our members for persons, projects, causes, or programs that would be suitable recipients of our charitable giving for 2010. Do you know of someone studying Scottish history, Bruce history, Scottish arts or music, dancing, piping or some other Scottish or Bruce related field that could use some financial help to meet their goals? Are you aware of a worthy project here in the United States or Canada, or in Scotland, that can use financial help in moving ahead? Do you have any other ideas for worthy causes that we can offer assistance to? We count on your input and we would love to hear ideas from members on where our charitable contributions should go. Please contact me with any thoughts or ideas you have at don@familyofbruce.org or bruce1051@comcast.net, or by letter if you don't have internet access (address is at the back of The Blue Lion), and thank you for your input.

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

John Perry – April 2009

Betty L. Hanson – April 2010 member
since 1996

Macie (Randolph) Mace of Crystal Lake, Illinois passed away at her home on 4 May 2010 at 76 years of age. Her Randolph ancestors had been in America since 1818 or before, and her Parsons ancestors arrived in Maryland about 1733. Eventually her family settled in what would become the state of West Virginia. She was proud of her Scottish and Irish pioneer ancestors. Macie was the mother of three sons, four daughters, and a stepdaughter. She had 25 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Her youngest son, Andrew Mace of Woodstock, Illinois and his family are members of Family of Bruce International.



Bruces of Maryland And the Society of the Cincinnati

Submitted by Georgia King Bruce Rann, ggg grand daughter of Capt. William Henry Bruce

He was born in Charles County Maryland in 1752, the son of Charles Bruce (1714-1758) and Jane Yates. He was the grandson of John Bruce of the Bruces of Kinnaird, Scotland and Judith Townley of Maryland.

William served in the War of the Revolution from 1776 to 1783 first as a Lieutenant in his own company of first Maryland Regiment Commanded by Col. John Stone. His war records show he served with George Washington at Valley Forge, Pa. during the Winter of 1778, in White Plains, NY in 1778 and Middlebrook, NY in 1779. In May and June of 1779 he was recruiting in Maryland. On August 1, 1778 he was promoted to captain in the Fifth Maryland regiment. From then until April 3, 1780 he was Captain of Seventh Company. On Feb. 18, 1782 he was on recruiting duty in Lower District on the Western Shore in the Counties of Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Anne Arundel and Prince George. In 1783, William was discharged from the Army and returned home and to his wife, Elizabeth. There he lived and raised his family of seven children. He died in 1825. In his will, written in 1823, he listed his wife Elizabeth but no last name. I believe it was Hamilton.

The children were listed as:

- Henry C Bruce, 1801-1842 Maryland State Senator. Married to Jane Cunningham
- John Bruce
- Thomas Bruce
- Dr. Walter Bruce. Served in the war in Nottingham County and Prince County, Maryland He died March 3, 1819.
- Jane Bruce
- Maria Bruce Mathews, married to General John Mathews
- Sarah Bruce Chew

The Society of the Cincinnati was organized on May 10, 1783 at Fishkill on the Hudson River at the headquarters of Baron Steuben in the Verplanck House by American and foreign commissioned Officers of the Continental Army and Navy. The Purpose of the Society was to perpetuate the remembrance of the War of the Revolution and the mutual friendships which were formed during this time. The membership descends to the eldest son or closest male relative or to a close collateral family member.

In William's family it was handed down to Senator Henry C Bruce, to Dr. William Henry Bruce 1833-1919, to Francis Burgess Bruce 1863-1944, to Francis King Bruce 1895-1965. His grandson is now a member.

As the Officers of the Revolution were to their farms which they had left to fight the battles, they named The Society of the Cincinnati after the fifth century BC hero, Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus, who left his farm on the Tibus River twice to lead the Roman Army to defend the Republic. After which he returned to his farm as a simple republican citizen.

The motto of the Society is *Omnia relinquit servare republicam*, meaning, "He gave up everything to serve the republic". The Eagle is the emblem of the Society and is worn on a pale blue ribbon edged in white about the neck. The colors represent the colors of America and France who gave great aid to the colonies during the War.

Each of the original colonies has a chapter and there are yearly meetings. After the Society was formed there, it was strongly criticized as the beginning of a heritary aristocracy, but feelings have changed with the passing of time. When the Society was formed, a fee equal to one month's pay of the members was collected to aid its Veterans and their family in time of need. The Society ranks as one of the most famous organizations in American history. George Washington was the first President of the Society.

Those interested in the history of the Society, the war, and the museum will enjoy a visit to the Headquarters of the Society of the Cincinnati at 2118 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC located at the beautiful Anderson House. It is opened to the public free of charge Tuesday through Saturday, one to Four PM. <http://www.societyofthecincinnati.org/>



Portrait of Capt William Henry Bruce

Georgia King Bruce Rann is also a ggg granddaughter of Roswell King who founded the city of Roswell, Georgia in the late 1830's.



The Bruces of New Brunswick, Canada By James Bruce

The year was 1783. The Revolutionary War in the United States had ended unsuccessfully for Britain, and hundreds of soldiers, who had come to North America to fight for their Mother Country, faced a big decision. Would they return home with their regiments or would they take up the offer of free land in Canada. It was the British policy at the time to encourage soldiers at the end of a campaign to take their discharge and remain as settlers in the colonies.

About 100 members of the 42nd Highland Regiment of the Black Watch were among those who chose to stay in North America, and in the fall of 1783, sailed North with a large group of United Empire Loyalists, and settled in New Brunswick, a province on Canada's east coast.

Among those soldiers was Private David Bruce. He was in Lt. Col. Sterling's company of the 42nd when it sailed from Grennoch, Scotland, on May 1, 1776, to take up arms against the rebels who wanted to separate from Britain.

The Black Watch fought throughout the Revolutionary War and was victorious in many battles. They fought at Bloomingdale, Long Island, in August 1776, shortly after landing in America. Later they captured White Plains and Brooklyn, and by November, 1776, had control of Fort Washington. They were also successful at Pisquata, Brandywine, Paoli, Germantown and Freehold. In the spring of 1780, they took part in the siege of Charleston, South Carolina, until its surrender on May 12.

They returned to New York and remained stationed in various areas for the remainder of the war. By 1783, Col Sterling had left the Regiment and his company became Major Homes Company. David Bruce was discharged from Major Homes Company on Oct. 24, 1783, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

David and his fellow soldiers were moved to land on the Nashwaak River, about 25 miles north of the capital of Fredericton, New Brunswick. The warrant to survey the Nashwaak land was granted August 31, 1785, and the land was officially granted June 7, 1787. It was registered on June 16, 1787. Approximately 11,343 acres of land was granted to Dugald Campbell and his 111 associates.

David was granted lots 151 and 153 which were well up the river, near the upper end of the grant, in the community which later came to be known as Nashwaak Bridge or Covered Bridge. His great grandson, James, born in 1860, built many of the bridges which spanned the Nashwaak and other rivers and streams in the region.

The hard outdoor life of the Highlands and their experience in the army made the Scots ideal pioneers of the New Brunswick wilderness and its harsh environment. It is an understatement to say that David and the rest of the early settlers faced a formidable task to meet the conditions of the deed. Among the conditions was that three acres be cleared within the first three years of possession. In fact, many grantees, including a John Bruce who is believed to be the brother of David, found the land too hilly and rocky for farming and didn't even take possession, or soon after taking possession went further North to the Miramichi area or South to Fredericton. There is no record of John Bruce once he left the Nashwaak.

David Bruce Jr., son of David Sr. and his wife Ann, born in 1786, was one of many in the first generation born in Canada to migrate to the Miramichi and several hundred descendents come through his line. They are documented in a book called Humble Beginnings written by Faye (Bruce) Griffin to chronicle the life of her father, the late Paul Clement Bruce.

Son George, born in 1795, stayed on the Nashwaak, and continued my family line. There are far fewer known descendents than in the Miramichi line.

Charles (Chuck) Bruce III of Portland, Me., (FOBI Northeast Commissioner) is one of many from the Nashwaak Line whose forbearers emigrated to the United States in the mid to late 1800's and whose descendents are scattered widely throughout mostly the eastern U.S. My line continued through George's son Charles who stayed on the Nashwaak and Chuck's line continued through George's son John who emigrated to Fort Fairfield, Maine in the 1880s. The original David Bruce is the GGG grandfather of Chuck and my GGGG grandfather. On my side of the family, my grand daughter, Courtney Danica Bruce, born in 1995, is the eight's generation of Bruce born in Canada descending from the original David.

Jane and Elizabeth, two daughters of George and his wife Sarah Ann Allen, are also known to have emigrated to the U.S. Many of their descendents are believed to still be living in Maine and Massachusetts.

According to historical documents, on his arrival in New Brunswick, David is listed as being from South Carolina, married, with two children. This begs the question as to whether David married sometime during the course of the Revolutionary War and brought his bride and two children with him to New Brunswick. David's company did in fact take part in the siege of Charleston, S.C., in 1780, so there is the possibility that this could have been the case. However, why would a Scottish soldier be listed as being from South Carolina?

In the book "The Patriots of S.C.", a David Bruce is listed as being a member of the Charleston Militia in 1780, just before the siege of Charleston, in which the



42nd Highland Regiment took part. One could speculate that, in fact, this is our David, and that he left the 42nd, joined the Militia, and after defeat in the siege, he either rejoined the Regiment or the Militia was incorporated into the 42nd.

While this may be intriguing speculation, no historical documents would seem to validate it. Records indicate that David was in the 42nd for the duration of the Revolutionary War and was discharged from the Regiment in 1783.

In addition to David Jr. and George, records indicate that David and wife Ann had a son John born in 1784 who died in 1787, and a son James, birth date unknown, but died in 1844. It would seem certain that David's wife Ann, maiden name unknown, was an American woman from South Carolina. She could very well have been a daughter of a United Empire Loyalist family which made the decision to also come to Canada.

A Michael family in the State of Washington claims ancestry to David through a daughter, Elspet, who they believe was born in 1784. No records can be found of any Bruce children other than the four sons. Could she be one of the two children referred to in historical records as sailing North with David and his wife, and in fact, was born in the U.S.?

Patrick Campbell visited David's settlement in 1792. He wrote a book about his travels and gave a very interesting account of the territory and the people he visited:

"Here I was told that the Highlanders who settled up the river would set out in the dead of winter with their long guns and dogs, travel into the deeps recesses of distant forests, continue there two or three weeks at a time, sleeping at night in the snow, and in the open air, and return with sleds loaded with venison, yet withal were acknowledged to be the most productive and industrious farmers in all this Province of New Brunswick, and lived most easily and independent."

He mentions dining with Angus McIntosh, the highest settler on the river. McIntosh's wife said that they had everything they needed but she wishes to have some heather to plant near her house. He spoke of having fresh eggs and one of the settlers had a field that produced thirty bushels of barley and other crops mentioned were wheat and oats.

"I found them happily situated, each on his own property and a settler had told him "that ne'er a winter since he settled on that river, but he had a thousand weight of moose meat in his house. There was abundance of stock and crop to supply their wants." David expanded his land holdings on the Nashwaak

until by 1799 he owned five consecutive lots, comprising 400 to 500 acres. Unfortunately, in 1828, a Mark Needham in Fredericton filed a writ against David, for an unpaid debt, and subsequently, Edward Winslow Miller, sheriff, ordered the sale of David's property to satisfy the writ.

Having lost everything, in a petition for land dated January 18, 1838, David Sr. made a request for more land. The petition stated:

"That your petitioner is an old disbanded soldier of the 42nd Highland Regiment of Foot commanded by Col. Stirling and latterly by Col. Graham in which he faithfully served His Majesty King George the Third eight years and was at the siege of Charleston, of Fort Washington, at the Battle of Brandywine and several other engagements. That after his discharge in 1783 he received a grant of one hundred acres of land from the Government on the Nashwaak River where he still resides, that he is now eighty-eight years of age, very infirm and indigent and utterly unable to support himself."

"Petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable House will take his case into your favorable consideration and extend to him a share of land which your liberality has historically done for others in similar circumstances."

There are no records to indicate this request was ever granted.

It is sad to think that old David was in such dire straights as he neared the end of his long life. He was still receiving a veteran's pension in 1840. It is believed that he died sometime between 1841 and 1846.

Nothing is known of his early years in Scotland. One thing which can be assumed is that he had no formal education as he signed all land transactions with the mark "X".

Chuck Bruce of Portland has done considerable research and we both agree that David in all probability is from County Perthshire.

While I am writing specifically about the settlement of Scots in central New Brunswick, there are large populations in all of Canada's 10 provinces and three territories. Scots are the third largest ethnic group in Canada with close to five million out of a population of about 34 million claiming full or partial Scottish ancestry according to census figures.

The Scottish influence is greatest in Canada's Atlantic Provinces. Most notably, the province of Nova Scotia, translated from the Latin, literally means New Scotland. Its flag was designed as a combination of the Scottish Saltire and the Royal Standard of Scotland. All provinces except Quebec have its own official tartan.



Nova Scotia was briefly colonized by Scottish settlers in 1620, although by 1624 the Scottish settlers had been removed by treaty and the area was turned over to the French until the middle of the 18th century.

Scottish settlers greatly accelerated during the resettlement of Loyalists in the Atlantic Provinces following the end of the American Revolutionary War, and especially following the Highland Clearances in Scotland.

The Gaelic influences of Scottish immigrants continue to play an important role in defining the cultural life of Nova Scotia, especially in its music. According to the 2006 census, about 900 Nova Scotians were fluent in Gaelic languages. The Gaelic College in Cape Breton is the only one of its kind in North America with a focus on preserving Scottish culture and the Gaelic language.

The list of Scots who influenced Canada's history is a long and distinguished one. When the provinces joined to form the Dominion of Canada in 1867, Sir John A. Macdonald (1815-1891), who emigrated in 1821, became the first prime minister, leading the country through its period of early growth. Under his leadership, the Dominion expanded to include Manitoba, and British Columbia.

The Bruce family has a long and distinguished association with Canada. James Bruce, the 8th Earl of Elgin and great grandfather of the current Lord Elgin, was Governor General of the Province of Canada from 1847-1854. Elgin and Bruce counties in the province of Ontario were named in his honor. Most notably, he had helped prevent Canada from becoming unified with the United States. Under him, the first real attempts began to establish responsible government in Canada. As Governor General, he wrestled with the costs of receiving high levels of immigration in Canada, a major issue in the constant debate about immigration during the 19th century.

To this day, Canada remains the choice of many new Scottish immigrants, and their indomitable spirit continues to exert an enormous influence on all aspects of Canadian life. We are all proud Canadians, but also proud Scots.

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Thank you to all members for your support!!!!

General Annual Meeting Items

The election of the following officer positions will be held in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at Stone Mountain Games in GA, on Saturday, October 16, at 1pm: President, Vice-President, and at At-Large Board Member.

Nominations for these positions should be sent to Polly Bruce Tilford, 5561 Earl Young Rd., Bloomington, IN 47408 by September 1, 2010 to be voted on at the AGM.

Mission Statement Survey Update

Thank you to all members who participated in providing feedback to the Mission Statement Survey. The compilation of the feedback is:

% of respondents against total membership: 7%

Top Categories (50%+ rating of results):

- Sponsor Activities and Events – 76%
- Award scholarships for Scottish activities – 67%
- Preserve Bruce History and Family Stories – 76%
- Use the newsletter and website to educate and pay tribute to Bruce ancestors, compatriots, and Scottish history – 70%
- Attend Highland Games to attract and involve Bruces and associated Septs – 76%
- Honor our friendship and remember we are “kin” – 62%
- Membership Family Reference – 62%



Other categories which received less input or comments include:

- Preservation of historical buildings and landmarks – 38%
- Use wills, bible genealogy, genealogy research, picture album – 5%
- Train for assisting at games – 38%
- Members Page on website – 38%
- Local presentations at special events, use of Face book or Twitter – 14%
- Update website more often, more publicity on games before they occur 5%
- DNA – 5%
- Organize a local get together – 38%

The Mission Statement description was defined using the items listed above in the Top Categories.

The recommended Mission Statement to be presented and voted on at the AGM in October is:

"To promote, honor, and preserve our Scottish and Bruce heritage by sponsoring activities, events, scholarships, and continual communication through the newsletter and website. We will therefore provide educational information, tributes to our history and ancestors, and thereby attract Bruces and Septs into the enjoyment and celebration of our familial relationships."

The Deadline for input to the September 2010 ISSUE IS August 15, 2010!!

Please send pictures and/or stories to Deb Gottlieb at deb@familyofbruce.org or by mail to 1495 Jones Road, Roswell, GA 30075

Thank you to all who submitted input and family stories. We certainly have had some wonderful biographies in many of our newsletter editions. Please keep these stories coming!!

The Heraldry series and Scottish Dogs series will resume with the September 2010 edition.

Merchandise for Sale

Family of Bruce International offers several products for sale. The proceeds are used to fund activities of the Family of Bruce International. Most of these products are described on the FOBI website: <http://www.familyofbruce.org/merch.htm>.

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