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Madam Arabella's Column



Fellow Kincaids, Kinsfolk, Friends,

2014 was a busy year in Scotland and I think it is fair to say that many feel a sense of relief that the days of the Referendum on Scottish Independence of 2014 are behind us and we have moved into 2015 with slightly lower key things to look forward to.

This year will see the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. Giles has just read Waterloo: The History of Four Days, Three Armies and Three Battles by Bernard Cornwell in which there is a prominent Captain John Kincaid, whose account of the battle is mentioned many times in this book.

Johnny Kincaid was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion of the 95th Regiment of Foot. I also have in my bookshelf "Adventures in the Rifle Brigade and Random Shots from a Rifleman" by Captain Sir John Kincaid himself. It was first published in 1830. The copy I have is a 1981 reprint of the 1909 text. I must confess that Giles is better read in the area of military history than me but having re-read the words on the inside leaf of the book this evening I am feeling inspired to read it from cover to cover!

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli and 300th anniversary of the failed 1715 Jacobite uprising.

I mentioned in the last Defender just before Christmas that I had been working on a party for the Heirs to the Chiefs at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. When the evening arrived it was perfect. The night was clear and starlit and the guests as they arrived were piped in by a senior Pipe Major. His Grace, the Duke of Hamilton was the most gracious host welcoming so many of us to his apartments. We were around 100 in number and Chiefs and Heirs had come from far and wide to gather together. Giles and I, together with Angus and Jessie, travelled from Shropshire the day prior to the reception. The prize for the Heir travelling the furthest went to Richard Broun younger of Coulston who had flown in from Sydney, Australia for the evening followed closely by Angus Maclaine younger of



Lochbuie from Hong Kong! The diverse tartans were beautiful, the conversation so enjoyable, the speech by Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor encouraged all to play their part to the best of their abilities and the blessing on the Chiefs, Heirs and their Clans by the Chaplain of Holyrood was beautiful. It was an evening to be remembered and inspired by.

I have been looking at the list of all the different Games that Kincaid tents will be hosted at and it is so exciting to see Clan Kincaid represented in so many parts of the United States! It is really wonderful. Thank you so much for all that so many of you do for the Clan Association.

I am thankful to say that Giles's health is in a good place and we have been, and are, so grateful for all the kind thoughts, cards, words and prayers that we have been so blessed to receive. Being a Kincaid and being part of such a thoughtful family is an extraordinary thing. Thank you for your support to us as a family, we have appreciated it very much.

Wishing you all the very best for 2015 as the year unfolds in all the expected and unexpected ways!

Yours aye,
Arabella



Holyroodhouse

Founded as a monastery in 1128, the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh is The Queen's official residence in Scotland. Situated at the end of the Royal Mile, the Palace of Holyroodhouse is closely associated with Scotland's turbulent past, including Mary, Queen of Scots, who lived here between 1561 and 1567. Successive kings and queens have made the Palace of Holyroodhouse the premier royal residence in Scotland.

Today, the Palace is the setting for State ceremonies and official entertaining. During The Queen's Holyrood week, which usually runs from the end of June to the beginning of July, Her Majesty carries out a wide range of official engagements in Scotland.

King George V and Queen Mary held the first garden party in the grounds of Holyroodhouse and the tradition has been maintained to the present day. Each year, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh entertain around 8,000 guests from all walks of Scottish life during Holyrood week.

Extracted from: www.royal.gov.uk/.../thepalaceofholyr





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A Word from our President, David Kincaid (73)

According to the Clan Kincaid Association International Constitution the President shall provide a summary of his/her activities for the previous year. I was appointed President of the Clan and my wife, Barbara, Michigan Commissioner in mid-March 2014. My first assignment was to obtain approval from the Board of Officers and our Clan Chief, Madam Arabella, for the appointment of a new Treasurer for the Clan. Paul Wood was approved in May 2014 for both Co-commissioner of Kentucky and Clan Kincaid Treasurer.

The same process was used to approve Rick Kincaid as new Manager of the Wee Shopper; Lonny Kincaid as Indiana Commissioner; and Steve Kincaid as new Membership Secretary. A new President's Website Welcome was written, approved by the Clan Kincaid Team, and submitted for publication. I joined Barbara in hosting a Clan Kincaid tent at the Alma, Michigan Highland Games in May. I learned that Alma claims to be Scotland USA. We also hosted a Clan Tent at the Livonia Highland Games in August. During Linden Mills Days our hometown of Linden hosted a Highland Games event for the first time. I dressed in my kilt and Barbara in her tartan sash and skirt. We were introduced as President and Michigan Commissioner of Clan Kincaid. We also enjoyed visiting Michael Kincaid's Clan Tent in Ohio on June 28. Our most enjoyable and rewarding activity was our trip to Scotland in August with other members of Clan Kincaid, and meeting Madam Arabella and her son Angus.

2014 has been a wonderful year and I thank all of you for your support.



Sincerely,

David Kincaid



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In Memoriam



It is with sadness that we announce that the following members of Clan Kincaid passed during 2014. Our prayers are with the families.

- * Luther Lee Kincaid (L-30) (Louisiana)
- * Henry R. Counihan (321) (South Carolina)
- * Deloris Kincaid Fox (38) (West Virginia)



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Secretary's Report by Linda Hoskins (598)

A Look At 2014



We were very busy in 2014. We now have a new President, David Kincaid was appointed in March of 2014. His wife Barbara is now the commissioner in the state of Michigan. In April we got a new treasurer, Paul Wood. In June we had a new Wee Shopper Manager, Rick Kincaid. In October Stephen Kincaid of Kentucky became our new Membership Secretary.

Life Membership was granted to Bev Kincaid for her service to the Clan as Wee Shopper Manager and to Kathi Kincaid for her service as Membership Secretary.

This is just the highlights of the year. We look forward to 2015 and "THANKS" to everyone for their volunteer work for the Clan.

In Kinship,
Linda

Tartan Day in New York City

Clan Kincaid - Save the Date

Saturday, April 11, 2015: Tartan Day Parade in NY City

Clan Kincaid is a registered participant for the 2015 Tartan Day Parade in NYC. We hope you can participate! It is truly a fun day: lots of pipers, lots of tartans.

- The parade starts at 2 pm at 45th Street, marching up 6th Avenue to 55th Street – a short 10 blocks. Clan tartans not required; with or without Kincaid tartans, please join us.
- Parade information is at www.NY Tartanweek.org
- Details about where to line up will be available soon.
- Local contact: Merwin Kinkade, 973.746.7600, merwin@viridianinc.com



See you on April 11th!

Clan Kincaid Joins the Clans And Scottish Societies Of Canada (CASSOC)



Editor's Note: Following information is extracted, in part, from the CASSOC information packet provided Clan Kincaid by CASSOC.

CASSOC is an organization for organizations and the link between various Clans and Scottish Societies. CASSOC encourages the celebration of our Scottish Cultural Heritage and the promotion of this Scottish Culture in all its aspects. We seek to be the assembly of all groups who are pursuing Scottish interests.

CASSOC encourages research into our heritage, both cultural and linguistic. We embrace history, music, dance, poetry, song, legend, sports, military tradition, costume, custom, culinary art, tale telling and the family structure that has come down to us from Scotland — both Highland and Lowland. Recreationally, we support family outings centered around Scottish traditions and the Clan structure. Our members have included:

- Clans and Family Associations and Societies
- Social Clubs
- Sports Associations
- Highland Games Committees
- Highland and Country Dance Associations
- Academic Groups
- Historical, Cultural and linguistic Organizations
- Scottish Regiments and their Associations

CASSOC encourages and supports member groups in their presentation of significant events in the history of Scotland or the Scottish people in Canada, and in the observances of traditional feast days and special occasions in our cultural history.

CASSOC is present at many Highland Games throughout the summer. Members are able to answer questions on Clan affiliations, genealogy, tartans, kilts, plaids, bagpipes and other aspects of Scottish culture and history. In the past, CASSOC sponsored a Heritage Ball in the Autumn and a Biennial Kirkin' o' the Tartan – a ceremonial procession and presentation of the Tartans to the Kirk (Church) - in the Spring. We now have a Ceilidh celebrating Tartan Day in April.

CASSOC was instrumental in creating Tartan Day (April 6) in Ontario. It is a day of great significance in Scottish history and now an annual date on which we, as Canadians of Scottish origin, can honour our contribution to the development of our country and province.

Letters to the Editor

*Have a comment, concern, etc., send your letter to "Letter to the Editor" via email to Communitons@clankincaid.org. If an answer to your letter is required, it will be in the following edition of the Defender. However, if you want a personal reply, provide an email address with your letter. **Note: The Clan Chief, the Clan Kincaid Board of Officers do not necessarily support positions/issues presented in "The Letters to the Editor".***





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A Word From Our Clan Membership Director, Stephen Kincaid(L-123)



ATTENTION ANNUAL DUES MEMBERS

Your Membership Secretary, Stephen Kincaid, reminds all annual members that your 2015 dues are due now. If you have already sent in your dues we thank you. All annual dues members who owe dues for 2015 should have received a notice in the mail. (If you prepaid for 2015 and later dues you will not receive a notice.) We must receive your 2015 dues by May 1 for you to receive the June Defender. If you have not paid your dues yet, please fill out the form we sent to you in December and return it with your check in the envelop we provided. To avoid these annual checks, why not upgrade to a Life Membership? It's easy and pays off in the long run. If you did not receive a notice, misplaced it, or have any questions please contact Steve at membership@clankincaid.org.

New Life Members

- L-132 Robert & Sandra Kinkaid (California)
- L-133 Richard S. Kinkade (Illinois)
- L-134 Ray Zimmerman (California)

New Annual Members

- 1195 Tina Scharding (Virginia)
- 1196 Joshua Vickery (New Jersey)
- 1197 Dollie Adkins Fox (West Virginia)
- 1198 Devon Elizabeth Fox-Dunham (West Virginia)
- 1199 Danny Clark Kincaid (North Carolina)
- 1200 Sherri L Shuler (Kansas)
- 1201 Jacqueline Strigl (New Jersey)

Donations

\$100, L-10 Timothy & Anne Kincaid (Alaska)

In Kinship,

Steve Kincaid

A Word From the Communications Director, Robert T. Kincaid, Jr. (Lt Colonel, USAF (Ret) (760)



Hello Clan Kincaid—a Happy and prosperous New Year to all of you. I look forward to another year as Communications Director and providing a newsletter that you, hopefully enjoy. It was also enjoyable working with the Web Master and Facebook Administrator in providing the Clan a variety of communications sources.

The biggest challenge to me, as Communications Director, was pulling together the September and December issues of the Defender with the pictures and stories of the Clan Gathering in Scotland. After all was said and done, I was pleased with the final products and hope you enjoyed them.

Last year saw us stand-up a Facebook page that seems to be a hit with the Clan. My thanks to Robert T Kincaid, III for setting up the page and becoming the Facebook Administrator.

I hope the Clan will enjoy using the Clan Facebook page in 2015. As of 21 Feb 15, we have had **300 LIKES** on Face Book! (<https://www.facebook.com>)

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!!!!

Grant Kincaid worked hard on the Clan Kincaid Web site and I believe the Clan will continue to find useful information on the site this year. Thanks Grant for your support.

I also want to thank our Chief, Board members and Clan members who have provided me with the necessary inputs to keep the newsletter moving. I hope everyone will send me a lot of inputs this year. I definitely need "Letters to the Editor" materials and Clan History information.

In Kinship,

Bob Kincaid

Board Meeting



The Clan Kincaid Board of Officers held its Annual Board meeting in February. Topics covered during the meeting were Family and Life memberships; Clan non-profit status; adding additional Board Members; holding an Clan General meeting at a rotating loca-



tion annually; Board election and nominations; a review of the Clan Constitution and possible changes; and discussions on the Wee Shopper.

A summation of all Board discussions will appear in the June 2015 edition of the Defender.

In Kinship,

Bob Kincaid



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Clan History

Editor Note: Following history article was submitted by James R. Brisbin (L-91)

An American Kincaid Adventure in Life.

James Madison Kincaid 1830 - 1897 was the son of William Harrison Kincaid and Susan Wilson and the grandson of John Kincaid and Nancy Young of Fincastle, Tennessee. James and his wife, Olivia Moss, shared a life of triumph and tragedy that speaks volumes about character and perseverance. Fortunately, Olivia had the opportunity to summarize their experiences and also, fortunately, that summary was put on paper and survives today. It was printed in "The Defender" more than ten years ago but we now have many new members and longer term members whose memories might need a little refreshing. So sit back with a good drink and enjoy learning of yet another mark made on American History by Kincaids.

The following is an exact copy of the notes which Olivia Moss Kincaid made in her own handwriting to guide her in a short talk given before a banquet of Pioneer Women in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1911. The first page is lost and I am beginning with the second page.

-----if I can tell of them and how I found the solution, perhaps I can help some other woman who is struggling under similar conditions.

I was born in Tennessee, just a few miles from where the three great States of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia join. My parents were true Southern people and my early life was much the same as most Southern girls before the War. I had good home training and was given a good education, being put in a female college and kept there until I had finished my education. While not in school, my mother taught me all kinds of domestic work, for in those days, we had to spin and weave, then make our clothes by hand for sewing machines were unknown.

At age twenty-one I was married to a well-to-do young Southern man

five years my senior. His wealth consisted mostly of a large plantation and Negro slaves. Our future was bright. My husband was a fine business man energetic, sober and all that any young woman could be proud of. While his time and attention was given to his large plantation and slaves, mine was given to our home.

But during all those happy days there was a dark cloud coming to wipe away all that we had worked so hard to save. With the Civil War came my first great struggle. For three long years we were in the midst of it. Oh! Those dark days! I can never tell of my anguish! We had to stand helpless and see everything that we had taken. Our timber, our crops, fences, barns, stock and finally our house. Oh! Those dreadful days and fearful nights --- never knowing what sorrow the next day would bring.

When we could endure it no longer, we left for Knoxville to seek protection with our three little boys, for my husband was a Southern sympathizer and his life was likely to be taken at any moment. We were in Knoxville only a few months when Longstreet besieged the city.

Everything was burned and with it our home and all we had - not even a change of clothing was left us save for two blankets. There was nothing left for us to do but try to find some place where we could at least be safe. So, saying adieu to our home, loved ones and all, we started --- we knew not where.

Taking a flat boat at Knoxville on the Tennessee River with nothing --- only our three little boys - not even a change of clothing, we traveled on that flat boat for five days and nights, being guarded every minute by soldiers, until we could reach a landing where we might take a train to Nashville, thence to Louisville, taking eight or nine days to make the trip from Knoxville to Louisville, which we now make in a few hours.

Arriving in Louisville, we found ourselves without anything and only a few dollars. We had thousands of dollars in Confederate money but it

was of no use at the time.

From Louisville we found our way to a small town in Iowa.

You can never know of the delightful rest and sweet sleep I experienced when we reached that small Northern town, where all was quiet. After years in the midst of that dreadful war, to know that at last we could enjoy one more good nights rest! Without home, money or anything of this world's goods, we at least were safe, but those little boys must be provided for.

My husband soon found a position as clerk in a dry goods store and I took in sewing, often working until midnight to keep our boys in clothes and the others in something to eat.

About this time we began hearing and reading such glowing reports from the far west where new country was being opened and a poor man could find a home. Others were going almost daily from all parts of the North and South and we thought that perhaps we too, might be successful in finding a home where we might educate our boys.

Early on the fall of 1865 we started from Grinnelle, Iowa, stopping in St. Joseph, Mo., trying to work a few more months to get provisions to help us on our Western trip. Early the next spring with a small party of emigrants, we started from St. Joe on our long tiresome journey by ox team across the plains to California. Words are inadequate to express my feelings during all those fearful days and nights, for in '65 and '66 the Indians were on the warpath, and we did not know at what moment our lives would be taken, for emigrant trains were massacred in front and behind us. Days and Days we rode with the ox teams and covered wagons through the heat and sand, the storms and all. What slow progress we made! Only a few miles every day. On can never know the dreadful anguish I experienced. At night the men would drive the wagons in a circle to form a fort for fear the





An American Kincaid Adventure in Life (Continued)

Indians might attack us before morning, as they would spring upon a party without warning.

Inside the fort the women and children would sleep while the men kept guard. We had to take all our provisions with us, cooking upon the camp fires and at times going for days without fresh water. It would take pages to tell of all my experiences in those months of travel. I can only tell of a few and how I passed through them.

Early in life I learned to trust my Savior for All and this is the solution. Through all these trying days He was with me, and in after life when trials came, He was near me and all was bright, and though my heart ached, I could trust all to Him and smile, and hope for brighter days after awhile.

When we had traveled about two months, one day our baby (Marshal Moss Kincaid) 18 months old, fell ill, what anxious days! Away out there on those great plains, thousands of miles away from any one --- no physician --- no help. At last his little life was taken and we had to bury his little body as best we could in the sands of that great desert, never to locate his grave, and only to know that the wolves would devour his body. With broken hearts we stated again on that long journey, hardly daring to hope for the end.

Winter overtook us at Salt Lake City. Upon our arrival there I was stricken with typhoid fever and other reverses detained us there for over a period of three years. At that time Mormonism was at its highest. Brigham Young was then building 'The Holy City' as Salt Lake was then known. The Temple was being built, the great wall that was to surround the city, the (can not decipher this word) (perhaps tabernacle) and so much that is of interest to tourists now. Our stay was anything but pleasant for one who was not a Mormon and could not be persuaded to become one. No Christian influence, no schools, no churches. We could not raise our boys under such conditions. As soon as we could, we started again hoping to find some place where we might have a Christian influence for our children. After traveling three months we found a spot where we could rent a garden and

send our children to school - previous to this time I had taught them myself.

Through all these trying years when my husband would work so hard trying to get a start then some reverse would come to sweep it away. He would become so discouraged and despondent, which would make it so hard for me since I had all the burdens to bear. But through it all I could smile and say "The Lord's will be done". It will be brighter after awhile. Then I would talk to my little boys --- now six of them --- and tell them what great men they would make and for each to try to make the world better for having lived in it, and I have lived to see my dreams realized.

After a few years in Southern California, we went to a stock farm in the Northern part of the State, and there did well until a hard winter came for which we were not prepared. Our stock was all taken, breaking us up again. It seemed that this was the hardest struggle yet. We were older, our children needed advantages and there we were hemmed in by another Indian War (Modoc). I can now see my little ones walking on the snow and ice, without either shoes or stockings. I had used everything that I could find, making shoes out of old hats, coats or anything to keep them warm. We had very little to eat --- beans and bacon. I would season the beans with the bacon and then save it to fry for breakfast.

When the war was over and the weather would permit, we started again, this time for Washington Territory, where we learned that new country was being opened (the place we had started years before but circumstances had kept us back) and we could find good farming land and get a home for improving the land. This trip was also made by wagon and over such mountain roads as I have never seen. In crossing the Sierra Nevada Mountains, we had to cut down and tie large trees to our wagons to hold them back - and so many like experiences that I haven't the space to mention. At a small town in Oregon, our children were stricken with diphtheria, What a siege. Our only little girl (Mary Susan)

was taken --- making one more little grave to leave.

Again with broken hearts we journeyed on until within a few miles of the place where we expected to locate, when we were delayed and surrounded by another Indian War. This time we had to seek a Fort for protection.

At last the war was over and we were allowed to leave the Fort. We found, in a few more days travel, the place we had hoped so long to reach -- - a country rich in timber, water and farming land, and the Government would give one hundred and sixty acres to any man who would improve the land. This was known as the homestead right. We settled on the land and there prepared to build us a home.

We were pioneers and only those who have labored under the same conditions can appreciate the word. Myself and the little ones lived in a tent while my husband and the older boys worked in the mountains to get logs to build us a house. We built a two room house, which after a few months I papered with newspapers and covered the rough floor with rag carpets. You can never know how proud I was of that home.

We were over a hundred miles from the nearest market and it took several days to make the trip. But these conditions didn't remain long as the Western country changes wonderfully in a few years, and in those few years we had good schools, churches, and all the advantages for our children that an eastern town can give.

I still have my home at this place --- my husband's death occurring fourteen years ago. We have lived to raise to useful manhood and womanhood, nine children --- eleven being born to us, two were taken in infancy.

Words cannot express all that I have been through, but for the sake of my children I could smile through it all and I have been more than repaid. Just to see those fine young men and one young woman --- each trying to make the world better for having lived in it. --- the lesson I always tried to teach them. This is enough to make any mother's heart glad.



Minnesota Commissioner 2014 Report (Continued)

Society Note: my “ancient” kilt is of the Gordon Highlander tartan, as Liz just happened to have nine yards in her fabric stash when I needed to make a kilt for the Festival.

I am looking forward to a very active and eventful 2015 (my first full year of geezer hood; I turn 65 in Dec.), especially building on the early success of the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games in its new home.

A Word From Our Chief Commissioner, Suzanne Hakeos



I cannot even say if the groundhog saw his shadow or not, but I hear he bit the ear of his handler so I am sure it was a “its cold, leave me alone for several more months” reaction. I can sympathize. After wind chills of negative 25 to 35 this past week I would love to see a hint of spring. So knowing that when this Defender makes its way to everyone the tulips should be showing their tops in most places brings a smile to my face. Along with the ever growing list of 2015 Clan Events that is being confirmed by our amazing Commissioners across our great Association. Please check them out at an event near you!

My husband and I will be hitting a few events in States not covered by Commissioners this year in hopes of meeting more Kincaids. If you wish to learn more about becoming a Commissioner please do not

hesitate and contact me. Chiefcommissioner@clankincaid.org

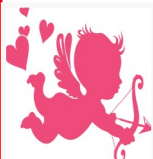


In Kinship,
Suzanne (Kincade) Hakeos

A New Arrival



I thought perhaps some of the travelers to Scotland this summer might be interested in knowing that Walter and I have a new grandson. The news of his impending birth broke while we were in Scotland and so several people were aware of our exciting news. We are very proud and pleased to announce that our son Joe and his wife Suzanne have had their first baby, our first grandchild, a son, Hunter Aiden Kincaid, born December 22 at 2:43 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. Both mother and baby are doing very well. And of course, we couldn't be happier.



Sincerely,
Walter & Adena Kincaid

Upcoming Events



Here is the schedule of confirmed Scottish Games and Fairs from March to Jul 2015. If you are in the area of one of them, try to attend!!



March 21-22

Arizona Scottish Games
Indian Steele School Park
Phoenix, Arizona
Host - Commissioner Karen Davis
www.arizonascots.com

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Tartan Day Parade in NY City
Host - Merwin Kinkade
www.NY Tartanweek.org

May 1-3

West Virginia Scottish Festival
Bridgeport, West Virginia
Host - Commissioner Linda Hoskins
<http://www.northcentralwestvirginiasscottishfestival.com>

May 23-24

Alma Highland Festival and Games
Alma, Michigan
Host - Commissioner Barbara Kincaid
<http://www.almahighlandfestival.com>

Jun 20

52nd Cobourg Highland Games Festival
Cobourg, Ontario
<http://www.cobourghighlandgames.ca/>

June 26 - 27

Ohio Scottish Games and Gaelic Festival
Lorraine County Fairgrounds
Wellington, Ohio
www.ohioscottishgames.com

July 1

77th Annual Embro Highland Games
Embro, Ontario
Host – Commissioner James Brisbin
<http://embrohighlandgames.ca/>

July 17-18

Portland Highland Games
Gresham, Oregon
Host – Commissioners Charlene Kincaid Johnson
and Joanne Kincaid Lloyd
<http://www.phga.org>

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Barbara Kincaid



I was appointed and approved by the Executive Board on March 11, 2014, as Michigan Commissioner of Clan Kincaid Association International.

My first sponsoring of a clan tent took place in Alma, Michigan, from Friday, May 23, through Sunday, May 25, on the campus of Alma College.

When driving into Alma, signs point out that this town is called "Scotland USA" which was apparent as we stopped and were welcomed to town by motorists at a local gas station. Perhaps David in full kilt attire had alerted them that the Kincaids were in town for the Games. I wore my Kincaid tartan skirt and sash.

My husband, David, our Clan President, was with me as we set up our displays, banners, Scottish flags and Kincaid items within our booth.

James Brisbin came from Canada to assist us in this, my first Commissioner's duties. Many commented on what a great tartan the Kincaids have and loved the predominant green. (Photo enclosed of David and me in front of the Kincaid tent.)

James, David and I went to the Masonic Home in Alma and invited Christine Kincaid to attend the following day. James picked her up and brought her to the Games where I added a Kincaid tartan sash to her outfit and James assisted Christine with her wheelchair to walk in the parade. The four of us did proudly march in the parade as we gathered on the football field of the college, where the Alma football team is known as "The Scots".

We soon met many of our fellow Scots, with the Leslie Clan as our nearest "neighbors". We met the MacKinnons, the Mac Donalds, the Nesbitts and many others. The camaraderie and helpful offers of assistance were most welcoming. We had many people in attendance as we talked to people as they traveled down Clan

Row. James entertained the children with his weapons demonstration with photo opportunities. The families all seemed to

enjoy the fun of it all. On Sunday our Chief Commissioner, Suzanne Hakeos, and her family arrived in Alma to join us at the booth. A potluck was held among the Clans with a toast to the former Games sponsor and his wife for their past dedication to the event.

I learned a great deal about how to set up, meet and greet, and the many details of serving in this capacity. Though we didn't sign up any new members we felt we created an awareness as stated by those who stopped by for a "wee drop" from the quaiich and our sharing of the Scottish custom.

We went to dinner after the Games with the MacPhersons, Steve Nesbitt, James and a few other Scots and enjoyed fellowship, with James entertaining the entire restaurant with his stories.

On June 21 our town of Linden, Michigan held a summer festival, which included Highland Games. We were invited to attend the Games in our kilts and to present the awards to the athletes after the Games. This provided yet another opportunity to speak with other Scots and promote Clan Kincaid.

On Saturday, June 28, David and I drove to Ohio to attend the Games, which were hosted in Wellington. We arrived in time to march in the parade with Michael Kinkaid, Ohio Commissioner, and several other Kincaid "family" members. We also met Beverley Kincaid of the Wee Shopper back at the tent, as she had traveled to the Ohio Games as well. Suzanne Hakeos and family were also in attendance and we shared good conversations as Kincaids are known to do.

The second Michigan Games I sponsored were held in Livonia, Michigan, on Saturday, August 2. David and I were at the tent with many visitors stopping by, surrounded by the Graham and Mac Innes' clans. As our tent was being judged by the committee for Best Clan Tent, I learned what the judges look for when critiquing each clan's display. We were told we came in at a close second place, with the MacDonald Clan winning the trophy, but that next year the Livonia Games, sponsored by the Detroit St. Andrews Society, would like the Kincaids to be given the prestigious award of Honored Clan in 2015. I will plan to be there to accept that title! Hopefully that will

happen.

David and I marched in the Livonia Parade of Clans and were happy to hear our Kincaid name shouted from the grandstands. We had invited many friends to attend the Livonia Games. We had a large group gathered at the Kincaid tent. David and I are speakers for large groups on a variety of topics. We have added Scotland to our roster and since returning from Scotland this year we have booked several groups who want to learn more about Scotland and the Kincaids. We will continue to proudly promote our clan and heritage whenever we can, seeking out other Kincaids on our journey, encouraging them to join us.

We enjoyed our trip to Scotland in August, where we were in awe of the heritage and history Kincaids share. It was a great pleasure to meet many of our members and our Clan Chief, Madam Arabella and her son Angus.

We shared with her our zest and love for all that Clan Kincaid represents.

Aye Kincaid!

A Word from the Clan Treasurer, Paul Wood (L-83)



Receipts for the quarter starting November 16th and ending February 15th were \$4,001.14. Expenses for the quarter were

\$1963.21. The largest expense was the printing and shipping of the quarterly newsletter. Other expenses were some bank fees and reimbursements for hosting tents. This leaves a balance of \$7,972.28 as of February 15th. Receipts were boosted because of membership dues and we should be doing very well for the rest of the year. Printing costs continue to go down as more people switch to digital subscription.

In Kinship

Paul Wood

Happy Tartan Day!





THE DEFENDER



Clan Kincaid

“Wha will persew, I will defend, my Life and Honour to the end” (Thomas Kincaid)



The year began, appropriately enough, with the traditional MN St. Andrew’s Society “First Footing” gathering at the Robbinsdale home of Terry and Lindy Wessling (Clan Lindsay).

Liz and I attended for Clan Kincaid and, in spite of a last minute change of venue, compounded by bitterly cold weather, several hardy representatives of other Clans/families joined in the festivities, including Armstrong, Bruce, Buchanan, Cameron, MacDonald, MacDougall, MacGregor, MacKinnon, MacMillan and Stewart, among others.

Next up, in mid-February, was “A Scottish Ramble”, an indoor Scottish fair (minus the highland games), held at the Landmark Center (the old Federal Courthouse) in St. Paul. I again represented Clan Kincaid at the St. Andrew’s Society information booth and assisted as one of the readers in the traditional “Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans”. Performances included two local pipe bands, folk singers, Highland and Scottish Country Dance. Breakout sessions included story tellers and talks pertaining to Scottish history and culture, and presentations by historic re-enactors, “Clann Tartan”. While browsing among the vendors, I had a chance encounter with a St. Paul Pioneer Press reporter who asked about my attire and subsequently included three photos among those featuring various activities at “Ramble”. I was unable to secure permission to use the photos, but include a link to the feature: <http://photos.twincities.com/2014/02/16/scottish-ramble-at-landmark-center/#1>.

Tartan Day was celebrated with a parade up the length of the State Capital Mall (see the photo on page 6 of the latest “Celtic Croft” catalog), in which Liz and I represented Clan Kincaid, followed by a program on the Capital steps, including remarks by Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges in which she linked her own Scottish heritage to her political aspirations and dedication to public service. The program included awards for service to the Scottish Community and performances by Highland dance students and by members of the Twin Cities Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (in which I joined). The program concluded with two numbers played by the combined members of the Minnesota Police Pipe Band and the Macalester College Pipe Band, followed by a three-gun (firelock muskets) salute by Col. Gaffney’s Regiment of historic re-enactors

The 11th annual Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games was rescheduled from early May to the second week of July and relocated from the Dakota County Fairgrounds to the grounds of Faithful Shepherd School in Eagan, MN, a few minutes drive S.E. of the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. The changes served to eliminate the risk of hypothermia and cancellations due to late season snowstorms and to substantially reduce travel time to the event from virtually all parts of the metro area.

Liz and I hosted the Clan Kincaid tent with much-appreciated help from former Commissioner Ron Kincaid and his wife, Alma. We were joined by our daughter, Kate, and her husband John Kearns, my brother, Don, who drove over from Wisconsin for the day, and by Earl Kincaid of Eagan, who was enrolled by then President, James Brisbin, when he joined us at the MSF&HG in 2011. Earl is a longtime employee of UPS, and is, so far as I know, the only African-American member of Clan Kincaid. Earl arrived after lunch and was not able to join the rest of us for the Parade of Tartans and the Calling of the Clans. Liz used her demonstration of wool spinning to engage visitors, as I did my playing of (mostly) Scottish fiddle tunes, and we had many pleasant conversations. I had to take some time away from the tent to join my fellow RSCDS dancers for a show of our 2013-14 performance repertoire, which was made more memorable by a brief but very intense thunderstorm. Liz, Ron and Alma were able to protect our display materials, but not all were so fortunate; at least one clan had to call it a day after their tent collapsed, totally drenching their display. After the deluge, the weather cleared quickly and the remainder of the day was beautiful, so much so that the McCracken Pub tent completely sold out of their libations.

Liz and I joined with many others for the Clan Kincaid Gathering in Scotland, a truly wonderful experience about which I am sure many of my fellow travelers will write most eloquently. The dates of the tour did, however, prevent my participation in the “Highland Fling” Scottish-themed weekend at the MN Renaissance Festival. After returning, I was able to join in the final four weekends of the Festival, performing three shows each day with the Royal Scottish Country Dance

Steve Kincaid, MN Commissioner



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Kincaid House Installation



Dear Fellow Kincaids;

After an August 2013 visit to the Kincaid House Hotel in Campesie, Scotland I noticed there was no indication of who the Kincaids are! This was a disappointment and certainly I am not the first Kincaid to visit who would have enjoyed seeing some recognition of the Kincaid History.

After some thought, I wanted to use my experience as an Architect to create something that welcomes visiting Kincaids, tells a bit of our family history, shows the history of the Kincaid House and the nearby Kincaid-Lennox castle.

While a design for this Installation has not yet been prepared, I would like to share my enthusiasm for this project with Clan members and all Kincaids. Let's start the momentum towards making this a tangible reality. I have been discussing creating a fund for this project and have the Treasurer's permission to do so.

Communication about this with John Thomson (the owner of the Kincaid House Hotel), James Brisbin (a past Clan President), David Kincaid (Current President), Robert Kincaid (Clan Kincaid Communications Director) and Patrick Kincaid (Colorado Clan Commissioner) have all been very positive about constructing an Installation.

The owner of Kincaid House, Mr. Thomson said, "Please acknowledge

my support for the project. I understand the enthusiasm for it." He added, "I see it as a great benefit to future generations of Kincaids who are seeking a sense of family history."

No formal organization has been established yet but we are requesting that the Clan Kincaid Association International be directly involved for input, leadership, over-site, approval, and direction. I hope we generate great enthusiasm for the project and pride for our family heritage.

So now it is time for the greater Kincaid Clan to weigh in. I enthusiastically solicit your thoughts on this. In upcoming editions of The Defender we will propose some designs, share the ideas of other members and hopefully soon present a plan to decide what the Installation should be and how we want to fund it. All ideas are welcome; for example, what about including a Time Capsule with our Kincaid History and personal donations from contributors?

Please let us know your ideas on this important project!

You can e-mail both Chris A Kincaid and Patrick D Kincaid at: chrisakincaid@gmail.com and clankincaidcolorado@yahoo.com

Kind regards,

Christopher A. Kincaid,

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"We watch as our lives pass by. We see our homes change. We see our neighbors change. We see our jobs change. We see our circle of friends change. We see our hobbies and interests change. We could even see our nationality change. Change is all around us. There are only two constants in our lives: Our Faith and Our Family. Something to think about as we prioritize our lives."

Submitted by James L Brisbin (L-91)



Membership List

If you desire a copy of the Clan Kincaid Membership List, please contact the President at president@clankincaid.org.





THE DEFENDER



A Word From the Wee Shopper Manager, Rick Kincaid

Wee Shopper News



PayPal. I announced in December that Wee Shopper now accepts payment by PayPal. If you do not already use PayPal, go to www.PayPal.com and click "Sign Up." Select "Personal" account and enter your contact information. Then link your credit/debit card and/or bank account to your PayPal account. When you wish to pay for your order by PayPal, just go to your account, click on "Send Money," enter the total amount due, and send the email to ShopClanKincaid@gmail.com. It's that easy!

Tartan Fabric. I have heard from only a few of you who may be interested in buying bulk yardage of Kincaid Ancient tartan fabric. Anyone can buy tartan yardage directly from www.Lochcarron.com, but prices are considerably higher for individual online purchases.

Lochcarron offers us the fabric in lightweight and heavyweight wool roughly at the following wholesale prices:
Lightweight (Reiver), 10 oz., 59" wide, \$44.50 per yard (compared to \$76.91 online direct.)
Heavyweight (Strome), 16oz., 54" wide, \$54.00 per yard (compared to \$99.99 online direct.)
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Before we can consider placing a bulk order with Lochcarron, we must know exactly how many members are interested. If you wish to order tartan fabric, please contact me as soon as possible with your name, the amount of tartan, and the weight that you wish to order. When we determine the final costs (based on the quantity of our order) we'll then contact all interested members to notify them individually.

Blanket/Rug. The same situation applies to the 100% Lambswool Blanket/Rug. Before we sold out, the price was \$82.00. Before we can re-stock it, we need to know an exact quantity in order to determine the price that we will charge. As with the tartan above, please contact me as soon as possible if you wish to order the rug.

Rick Kincaid

Wee Shopper Order Blank

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ORDERING INFORMATION: Place your order by completing the order form below and mailing it along with a check or money order payable to Clan Kincaid to the following address: Clan Kincaid Wee Shopper, c/o Rick Kincaid, Manager, 500 Browns Lane, Louisville, KY 40207-4042.

PLEASE NOTE: We do not accept phone or credit card orders at this time. However, we now accept payment by PayPal. Please email your order to ShopClanKincaid@gmail.com.

PLAN AHEAD: In most cases, your order will be shipped within 7 days of receipt. However, if we run short of any item(s) and need to restock them, we'll notify you by mail/email. You may then choose whether to wait or have your payment returned. If you have any questions about ordering, please email rlkincaid@aol.com or call (502) 897-058

Merchandise Total \$ _____
 Shipping Charge (See chart below) \$ _____

Kentucky residents add 6% sales tax on total amount, including shipping \$ _____

SHIP TO: TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

Customer Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State/Province _____ ZIP/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone: () _____ (Email: _____)

SHIPPING GUIDE/COST INFORMATION – Within U.S. (Contact Rick Kincaid if any questions.)

Small flat-rate box, envelope / \$5.95: Use for orders of one or more small items – i.e., badge, pin, luggage tag, pouch, tie, pocket square, package of note cards.

Medium flat-rate box / \$12.65: Use for orders including 2 or more larger or bulkier items– such as sweatshirts, polo shirts, caps and all smaller items included in your order (i.e., badge, pin, tie, pocket square, luggage tag, pocket, etc.).

Large flat-rate box / \$17.90: Use for orders containing 3 or more larger or bulkier items, i.e., blankets, sweatshirts and all smaller items included in your order.

\$8.00 shipping rate: Use this rate when purchasing only 1 or 2 flat, lighter items -- such as a shirt, sash, mouse pad.

For orders outside the U.S.: Please contact Rick Kincaid in advance to determine the postage rate to include.



Wee Shopper



Available Items

Clan T-Shirts



\$10.00

Made of 100% cotton; available in adult sizes: S-M-L-XL-XXL Order either white or black shirts: White with green lettering/art - Clan Crest on front along with Kincaid. Black with green lettering/art - Clan Kincaid on upper left front and Clan Crest on back

Clan Sweatshirts



\$22.00

Made of 50/50 cotton/polyester; available in adult sizes: S-M-L-XL-XXL. Order either white or black shirts: White with green lettering/art - Clan Crest on front along with Kincaid. Black with green lettering/art - Clan Kincaid on upper left front and Clan Crest on back

Tartan Tie



\$22.00

The tie is made in Ancient Kincaid tartan.

Tartan Sash



\$60.00

In Ancient Kincaid tartan, this 92" ladies sash is for casual or formal wear. Will last a lifetime when proper care is taken.

Clan Crest Cap



\$15.00

This khaki-colored ball cap features our clan crest in 4-color on the front. It is a structured ball-type cap for both men and women.

Clan Crest Badge



\$27.00

This Art Pewter Silver badge is made in East Ki bride, Scotland. The badge is normally worn on the hat, but can be used

as a sash pin; measures about 1 3/4" x 2 1/4"
Clan Crest Pendant



\$27.00

This 1" Clan Crest pendant is made in Scotland of art pewter silver and comes with an 18" chain.

Clan Crest Pins



\$14.50

This art pewter silver pin may be worn by men or women as a lapel pin, tie tack, sweater pin etc. The Crest is 3/4 inch in diameter.

Color Clansman Print



\$3.00

Beautiful color 8.5" x 11" watercolor type print suitable for framing. Clansman is wearing our Ancient Kincaid tartan. Shipped free if sent alone

Computer Mouse Pad



\$12.00

This standard-size mouse pad features our clan tartan (4-color) with our crest in the center in white and black, Kincaid printed across the bottom.

Tartan Rug/Blanket



\$82.00

Made of 100% lambs wool in Kincaid Ancient tartan, the rug measures 56" x 70".

Tartan Note Cards



\$15.00

Kincaid Ancient tartan and clan crest imprinted on each card. Cards measure 4 1/4" x 5 1/2". The pack of 10 cards come with envelopes.

Luggage Tag



\$7.00

Luggage Tag in Kincaid Ancient Tartan.

Accessory Pouch



\$16.00

Accessory Pouch in Kincaid Ancient Tartan.

Pocket Square



\$9.00

Pocket Square in Kincaid Ancient Tartan. The Pocket Square measures 10" by 10".

Apron



\$18.00

This full-length apron provides protection, durability and easy care (65/35 poly/cotton twill) with 3 patch pockets to hold essentials. Stone color with clan crest/name in green. Measures 25" wide x 34.5" long

Crest Patch



\$8.00

Clan crest patch, 4-color, measures 3 inches by 3 3/4 inches. For sewing onto clothing, bags, etc.

Polo Shirt



\$26.00

Short-sleeved shirt features a flat collar and 3-button placket. Dark green with embroidered 4-color clan crest on left breast with script in black. Made in 100% cotton. Adult sizes S-XXL. When ordering, specify size and whether Woman or Man.