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CLANSMAN READING THE CURRENT ISSUE OF OUR VALOUR*

*Image from *Mclan's Costumes of the Clans of Scotland*, 1899, David Bryce and Son, Glasgow.

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Our Valour is the Official Newsletter of the CLAN LOGAN SOCIETY. The focus for Our Valour is on organizing and reporting CLAN LOGAN SOCIETY activities. If you know of Clan Logan activities near you, please report them to the Newsletter Editor. Make your submissions to:

newsletter@clanlogansociety.org

We intend to provide in-depth coverage of CLAN LOGAN events as well as other Scottish events and related items of interest, which may be echoed on our official CLAN LOGAN SOCIETY website:

clanlogansociety.org

We want you to become involved to honor Our Name, Our Family and Our Heritage.

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SOCIETY HISTORY & OBJECTIVES

The original Clan Logan Society was founded in 1913 by Thomas Logan, Esq., Provost of Partick, in Glasgow. Two successful Clan Logan Gatherings were held in Glasgow in 1913 and 1914. But with the advent of World War I, the Clan Gatherings were placed in abeyance. Many clansmen laid down their lives for king and country during this war and so the original Society disbanded.

The new Clan Logan Society International was established in 2002 under the leadership of Vernon E. Logan of North Carolina, USA, to carry on the efforts of the original Society. Vernon led this reformation of the Society nobly, and with a passion for a successful future of Clan Logan. In 2018, at the unexpected death of Vernon, James C. Logan was confirmed the second President of the Society by the Board of Directors in accordance with the bylaws of the Society.

Under James' leadership, the Society experienced exponential growth in membership and now includes members from Scotland to the USA, to Guam, New Zealand, and Australia. The Society also maintains a close affiliation with the Clan Logan Society of Canada with its Commissioner, Steven Logan, serving on the Society's Board of Directors for nearly a decade.

The objectives of the Clan Logan Society International are:

- I. To reestablish the Chief of Name and Arms of Clan Logan, i.e., Logan of Logan or, Logan of that Ilk.
- II. To foster Clan Logan sentiment and spirit, thereby cultivating and developing a sense of clanship and promoting sociability and friendly discourse between members.
- III. To collect and preserve the history, traditions, music, poetry, relics, etc., connected with Clan Logan. Information on these is to be documented and disseminated via a quarterly newsletter and official website.
- IV. To encourage the wearing of Clan Logan tartans and other highland attire and the display and wearing of the Clan Logan Society crest.
- V. To establish awards, scholarships, or grants for
 - a. Competition undertaken in the name of Clan Logan and approved by the Society
 - b. Research into the history, traditions, and legends of Clan Logan
 - c. Publication or other media production of stories of Clan Logan

Membership is open to all persons descended from or connected by marriage or adoption to the Logans of the United Kingdom and Ireland and their friends.



FROM THE DESK OF...

Bliadhna Mhath Ùr - Happy New Year - Bonne Année

I am very happy to have you all along for another year with the Clan Logan Society International.

Many of you joined us in January for our biggest, worldwide Annual General Membership meeting ever held (it was also our first). I'm appreciative that so many of you – more than 30 members from around the world – were able to join us. We were joined by leadership from the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA) and other Scottish clans. We had an excellent presentation from our new genealogist, Dr. Bruce

Durie, who has been working to help us find our hereditary Chief of Name and Arms. He spent over an hour with us discussing his research and answering questions. If you weren't able to attend, check out Dr. Durie's presentation on the Clan Logan website here. He is making excellent progress helping us find that elusive cousin.

We are talking about so many exciting things in the leadership team. Have you heard – we're asking you to design a new tartan for the Society and we'll be registering it with the Scottish Tartan Authority. See the article in this newsletter for more on that.

The leadership team has decided that we should all meet in person at the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado. It's there that we'll announce the winner of the tartan contest. The festival is the weekend of September 8-10, 2023. If you can join us there, we'd love to meet as many Logan cousins as we can.

I hope you are all enjoying your membership as we work hard to increase the benefits of being a member. We've updated the website, we're actively blogging now, and we're keeping our social media as informative and enjoyable as possible (have you seen Tricia's beautiful photos of Scotland?). Plus, there's also this amazing quarterly newsletter that members receive. But most importantly, as you can well imagine, hiring a professional genealogist of Dr. Durie's caliber is not an inexpensive thing. A portion of your membership fees, as well as donations to the Chief Restoration Fund, are what powers the restoration project. Thank you for your generous contributions.

I look forward to helping grow the membership and the acclaim of CLS in 2023. Please don't hesitate to reach out with suggestions of ways we can grow, or with any questions you might have. My email address is president@clanlogansociety.org and I'm always happy to hear from each of you.

Hoc Majorum Virtus

J. Kevin Logan President Detroit, Michigan, USA





FROM THE EDITOR'S ELECTRONIC QUILL (or, E-QUILL)

My rookie year on the Clan Logan Society leadership team is up. Time to apply the things I've learned while I keep absorbing all the drops I can from the great oceans of knowledge and experience of current and former leaders.

When I joined Clan Logan Society International in the fall of 2018, our then-president, now President Emeritus, James C. Logan, sent the then-current newsletter and a welcome packet of two booklets authored by him. In that newsletter,

James reported on his visit to St. Margaret's Church and St. Triduana's chapel and well, with photos of the Logan stained-glass window and the tombstone of Lady Ker, exactly where my husband, Mike, and I visited the following year. There was also a plethora of pieces from Ed Logan and from Steven Logan, whose fast fingers every month tap out summaries of every event he attends. One of my favorite photos of Ed is from that newsletter: he's standing with a giant leopard-man, the Logan University mascot, in front of the Clan Logan tent at the St. Louis Scottish Games.

In my first year as secretary and newsletter editor, I've been impressed with the significant intangible assets – information, enthusiasm, dedication, enrichment – fresh ideas built on important contributions and creations of those who have served before, while continuing to champion the relevance of our heritage. Homing in from that broad example to one more specific, I will always cherish the emotional presentation and pronouncement of President Emeritus made during the mid-year Board meeting. We witnessed the sincere appreciation of J. Kevin Logan honoring James as the reins were passed.

One of our goals is to increase engagement with young families and children. With that in mind, we've included a couple of pages in this newsletter just for kids. It's a simple start to planting seeds for a future harvest.

In 2020, I flew to Chicago for my first Burns Supper. Having now experienced my second, this time closer to home, in Houston, I share my thoughts on pages 12-13.

Enjoy the *Highlands and Islands Word Cloud* I put together from words in this newsletter. I think it nicely depicts the motto, "Logan: One Name. One Family. One Heritage."

Hoc Majorum Virtus

Linda (Logan) Street-Ely Secretary, Newsletter Editor Liberty, Texas, USA





The Logan Tartan for the 21st Century

J. KEVIN LOGAN

Did you miss our BIG announcement at the recent Annual General Membership meeting? The Board of Directors has decided to commission a new tartan for Clan Logan Society International and our membership worldwide. As you can see from the examples below, across the last few centuries many different weavers and authors have attributed certain tartans to the Logans - as well as to the MacLennans.



Wishing to chart a new course and distinguish ourselves from other clans, families, and societies, I struck upon the idea of creating a tartan specific to our Society. The Board agreed that the creation of this tartan should be an effort of the whole of the currently active membership, and thus have opened the design up as a competition to any active member of the Society. This of course includes members of Clan Logan Society of Canada as well.

So if you have paid your 2023 membership dues, or are a Lifetime member of the Society, get your design ideas together and head over to the <u>Tartan Designer</u> on the St. Kilda store. Be sure you create a login account so that you can save your designs. It takes just a bit of practice to get up and running, but you'll no doubt get the hang of it. *NOTE: It is almost impossible to use this designer correctly on a smart phone - use a desktop computer or a larger tablet/iPad to make it easier.*

Our very own tartan aficionado, Mrs. Tricia Logan-Locke, will provide technical and historical oversight to ensure all design proposals conform to technical 'weave-ability' and accepted historical and cultural practices. The Board of Directors will vote on the designs to select the winning tartan. The tartan design with the most votes will be the winner. This will be a blind vote - no member information regarding the tartan submissions will be provided to the Board until after the voting is completed. Importantly, the design submission must include a rationale for the colors, pattern, etc. In other words, tell us why your design should be chosen.

The final design will be registered with the Scottish Tartan Authority. The winner will not only have the bragging rights to say, "I designed the official tartan of Clan Logan Society International," but will also receive a kilt produced with the new tartan and a Lifetime membership in the Society.

Designs must be submitted to Tricia via email at tricialogan13@gmail.com. Deadline to enter is June 30, 2023, 12:00 pm US eastern time. Interested participants may also reach out to Tricia via email prior to the due date with any questions about their designs.

The winner will be announced at the Longs Peak Scottish-Irish Heritage Festival. Winner does not have to be present at the festival to win, but we do hope to have the largest gathering of Logans.

Sealbh math dhuibh!

CALLING ALL LOGANS! LET'S MEET IN ESTES PARK, COLORADO!



Not only will we announce the winner of the new Clan Logan tartan design contest, but we look forward to meeting more Logans than ever at a single event.

If you plan to go, it is recommended you make reservations now. See the event website at https://www.scotfest.com/copy-of-home.html for tickets and schedules as soon as they are updated for 2023. Watch for more information to come on the Logan Gathering.

My First Burns Supper

J. Kevin Logan

This year I attended my first ever Burns Supper. I've been acquainted with the idea of the Burns Supper for quite some time, but somehow never managed to get one of them added to my social calendar. I blame it on the fact that by the time I've celebrated Halloween, five family birthdays and Thanksgiving in November, three more family birthdays and Christmas in December, and finally New Year's Eve – I'm just done in. This year I made it a point to get myself to an evening of haggis and whisky.

For those of you unfamiliar with Burns Suppers, they are a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns, the author of many Scots poems. The suppers are normally held on or near Burns' birthday, January 25th, and is known as Burns Night (Scots: Burns Nicht; Scottish Gaelic: Oidhche na Taigeise). The holiday is also called Robert Burns Day or Rabbie Burns Day (or Robbie Burns Day in Canada). Burns Suppers are held all around the world due to the large influence of the Scottish diaspora and the popularity of Burns' poems.

The First Burns Supper

Five years after he died at the age of 37, nine of Robert Burns' close friends got together to remember him. The date was July 21st, 1801. It was the anniversary of the poet's death. Reverend Hamilton Paul led the group and they met at Burns Cottage in Alloway. Their plan was to raise a glass to the memory of their friend and quote some of his work. They didn't know it at the time, but this was the first Burns Supper.



Burns Cottage in Alloway

The evening's menu consisted of haggis and sheep's head, and they entertained one another by reading poems and singing songs penned by Burns. This included a recitation of the 'Address to a Haggis,' which is a mainstay of the Burns Night celebrations today.

Caroline Smith, Operations Manager at Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, has been quoted as saying, "It [the evening] was a recollection of his life and some of the things he did. They also recited some of Burns' liveliest works – as we still do today. The toast to Burns' life is where the 'Immortal Memory' comes from in today's Burns Suppers."

The friends planned another get-together, this time on the anniversary of Burns' birth, but they got the date wrong and met up on 29 January. It wasn't until 1803 that they met on his actual birthday, 25 January, now the date on which we remember him.

After the first event in Alloway, the Greenock Ayrshire Society started the tradition of the annual Burns Supper. By 1815, Sir Walter Scott had organized a Burns Supper in Edinburgh, but this was a much grander, literary affair than the celebrations in the west of Scotland.

My First Burns Supper

My first Burns Supper was very much like the one held over 200 years ago, complete with an 'Address to a Haggis' and a trio of whisky toasts to the Bard, the lassies, and the lads of the Scottish diaspora. It was held at the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit (SASD) at their event center, Kilgour Hall.



The Bard of the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit

There was a recounting of Burns' life by the SASD Bard, and a young lady sang acapella, "(Oh) My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," dedicated to her husband. The evening ended with a wonderful rendition of Auld Lang Syne sung by everyone in attendance.

My Second Burns Supper

Linda Street-Ely

On January 28 in the Temple Room of the Houston Scottish Rite, Brian Dodson, Chairman, along with the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee hosted their first Burns Supper. The years of careful planning that Victor Palla, Burns Supper Committee Chair, put into this event is to be credited as the primary reason it didn't seem at all like a first time. We were honored to share a table with Victor and Elise Sartwelle, the Director of Administration and Facilities, who guided the committee to create a lively, witty celebration. Most of the members of the Houston Scottish Rite Pipe Band are also Houston firefighters, and so there was an extra toast in our evening, to all police and firefighters.



Ode to Haggis

Professional Scottish entertainer Ed Miller delighted an audience of about 140 with songs, stories, and of course, Burns poems. He evoked a roomful of chuckles when he made the good point that *there are no Shakespeare Suppers*. For a taste of Ed's talent, you can find him Sunday afternoons (4:00 pm U.S. Central) on sunradio.com.



Ed Miller (Photo credit: https://songsofscotland.com/)

Mike looked dapper Scottish in his argyle sweater vest and tartan bonnet, sporting a large Clan Logan pin. He flirted with me when Ed Miller commanded all the men to look their ladies in the eyes and sing along each time he came to the chorus in "Green Grow the Rashes"

Green grow the rashes, O Green grow the rashes, O The sweetest hours that e'er I spend, Are spent among the lasses, O

- Robert Burns

It's nice to know there are some Scottish ex-pats in the Houston area. One young couple was checking in with their babysitter, hoping their two toddlers would be put to bed soon. The mister was from Aberdeen, and I could have listened to him read the phone book for all I cared. The Scottish tongue is a work of art, pleasing to my ears.



L-R: Mike Ely, Victor Palla, Elise Sartwelle, Linda Street-Ely

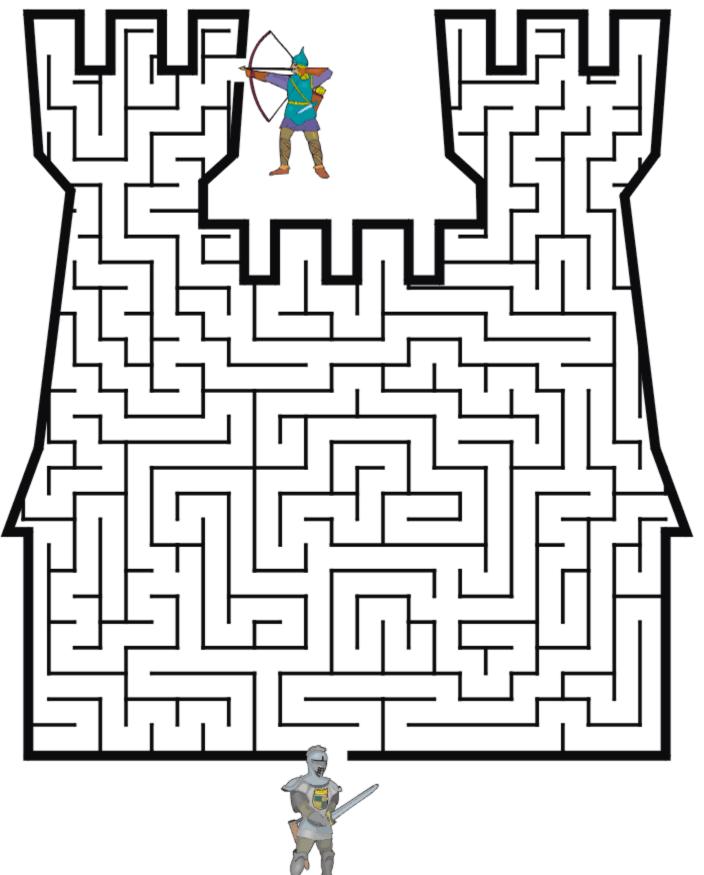
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A Night to Remember

STEVEN LOGAN
Clan Logan Society Commissioner

All year, I have the honor and privilege to participate in events held by the Montreal Saint Andrews Society. At the end of the year, I enjoy attending the Scottish Ball, as it is my way of unwinding after a busy year, relaxing, and having fun. I generally treat myself to premium tickets and the finest things.

This year was different from previous ones, as my friend Isabelle could not attend. I chose to go alone. Another interesting change was that it wasn't held at the Marriot Chateau Champlain as in past years. The ball came back to where it was held many years ago, the Windsor Ballrooms in downtown Montreal. This place is nice with historic, elegant features not seen in modern buildings.

About 400 people attended, but the way the building was divided into rooms added a touch of intimacy and closeness and made things easier for mingling with people.

I was most impressed with the people at the ball this year. Everyone was very open and receptive to others, sharing and having a fun time. The general feeling I got was that we were with family. I knew many people at the event, but those I didn't know – the debutantes and escorts – were all open to



BLACK WATCH PIPES AND DRUMS AND GUESTS

having conversations. This year, I decided to take an extra step for more recognition of Clan Logan and contributed \$500 of my own funds for the Clan Logan Society of Canada and became a Patron of the Ball.

We were therefore put on the Patrons fund list, and I was invited to attend the President's Reception. I got to spend time with Guthrie Stewart, the President of the Montreal Saint Andrews Society, as well as Scott A. Mackenzie, First Vice President, whom I see regularly at other functions and when working on the Montreal Highland Games. It was also nice to mingle again with the guests of honor I met at the debutante's reception, Mr. Ian Duncan, Baron Duncan of Springbank, PhD FGS, and Mr. Benjamin Brust.

At the ball, I was pleased to meet up with my community. I saw so many familiar faces – acquaintances and good friends from all the organizations I am involved with through the year. The hardest part was knowing I couldn't talk to everyone I knew, as so many people were busy with their role at the event. The Black Watch Pipes and Drums and Highland dancers gave us the entertainment we needed. They offered us presentations that required a lot of planning, organization, and practice. Everyone was grateful for their respective contributions.



STEVEN LOGAN WITH CHANTAL MCPHERSON

Chantal McPherson was sitting at the table next to me and we had a great night out together. The last time I had seen her was at the Montreal Highland Games, and I couldn't wait to know more about what the MacPhersons were up to, as I am trying to build strong bonds with other clans. Chantal is doing a wonderful job with her clan, and I hope that the Chief, James Brodie MacPherson of Cluny, takes notice of what this fine, hardworking lady has to offer.

I danced the night away with Chantal and then left the Windsor ballrooms with a feeling of contentment. It was evident that the Montreal Saint Andrews Society put a lot of effort into this event. A word of thanks must be given to Margo Pollock and Sara Lackie, who have worked hard to make things come together so we could all enjoy our evening. It was a night to remember!

Debutante's Reception 2022

STEVEN LOGAN, FSA Scot Clan Logan Society Commissioner

Shortly before the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society Scottish Ball, another event caught my interest. The long-awaited Debutante's Reception which Clan Logan used to attend before the pandemic is back with a vengeance. Balls that featured debutantes used to be exclusive. These debutantes or their male counterparts, escorts, came from wealthy families, were girls of good standing, and good enough to wed. The ball was used as a way of featuring these girls that were between the ages of 16 and 25, helping them get known in society.



GUTHRIE STEWART PRESENTING THE DEBUTANTES

Today, participating in a Scottish ball is a wonderful social experience for young people, allowing them to discover culture and participate in society. The Montreal Saint Andrew's Society has an event called the Debutante's Reception, held a few days before the Ball. This past year, it was on November 16th at the Black Watch Armoury. I arrived to meet up with familiar faces from my community. The format was a meet-and-greet with a little bite to eat. The President of the Montreal Saint Andrew's Society, Guthrie Stewart, and 1st Vice President, Scott A. Mackenzie, welcomed the couples. After that. presentations were made of the 13 couples who would dance for us at the ball. The socializing continued after that, and I was then presented to the guests of honor at our ball, Ian Duncan, Baron Duncan of Springbank, PhD FGS, and Mr. Benjamin Brust. I was honored to represent Clan

Logan and enjoyed light conversation. After a drink or so, we were called downstairs as they had dancing practices. People really enjoyed themselves and got to do some fun dancing together.

The Society of Scottish Antiquaries Anniversary Meeting

STEVEN LOGAN, FSA Scot Clan Logan Society Commissioner

have always had an interest in history, historic buildings, and the characters who have helped shape the world as we know it today. I am fascinated by old castles, how and why they were built, and would like to know more about artifacts and archeological sites. I have been disappointed with the fact that we tend to demolish old buildings and try our hardest to get rid of old places and structures. We want modern buildings and use the pretext that older structures are too expensive to maintain, so "out with the old, in with the new."



THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES

I tend to disagree with this way of thinking. I believe some old structures (not all of them) are worth investing in should and maintained and preserved. One of the difficulties we have today is that our builders know how to use modern materials, but fewer know how to do things the old way, using older

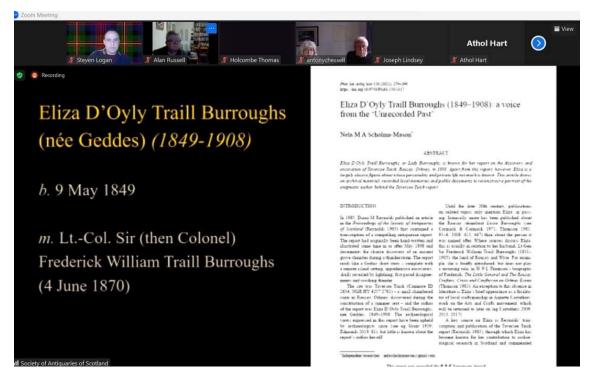
techniques. We would need to offer more training in the field of preservation and history, which isn't being done. As a result, this means for any historical work pertaining to a certain era, a person must approach specialized workers who are not only builders but also artists who have really studied a given field, and these experts are expensive and can be difficult to find. By not paying attention to the past and failing to to save it, the next generation pays the ultimate price and will forget it all. They won't see or experience the past, won't learn to be curious of it or care. They won't realize that all this has contributed to who they are today in different ways.

This is why I have decided to join the Society of Scottish Antiquaries. Scotland offers a wealth of history, artifacts, and stories to discover the past, and I think it's important to support it, as this is our treasure, something we can all learn from, to become better people. We are Scottish by blood and descent, and these old places and buildings have been a part of us through time and our ancestors. I see a difference between preserving the past and choosing to live in it. I think we must live in today's world, but

we really need to document things more, creating a database of knowledge for others to discover.

On Wednesday, November 30th, the Society of Scottish Antiquaries held their anniversary and general membership meeting. It was a perfect day for this, considering that November 30th is St. Andrew's Day. People could attend by going to Augustine United Church in Edinburgh or online. I had the pleasure of attending this very first Zoom meeting with them and met many new people plus a familiar face, Robert Mackenzie, newsletter editor of Clan Mackenzie Canada. He recognized Clan Logan's presence and was kind and complimentary.

During the Zoom meeting, new Fellows were sworn in, including myself. This means I will now be known as Steven Logan, FSA Scot. Dr. Nela Scholma-Mason, FSA Scot, gave a short talk about forgotten stories and a brief overview of a short film about the discovery of Taversoe Tuick (Orkney) by Eliza Traill Burroughs in 1898.*



SCREENSHOT OF PRESENTATION BY DR. NELA SCHOLMA-MASON, FSAS

This short film was written and directed by Dr. Scholma-Mason and produced in collaboration with NESCol and The National Trust for Scotland, funded by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and AOC Archaeology Group. It was very interesting, and I learned many things about Eliza Traill Burroughs. Did you know she was the first person to bring cinema to the isle of Rousay in 1901? Or that she supported local crafts like spinning, wicker work, woodwork, and painting?

Once the general membership was over, people present in the church were invited for the reception and buffet lunch. As I participate with the Society of Scottish Antiquaries, I hope to learn more about Scotland's past but also historic details pertaining to Clan Logan. I believe there are answers to everything, and we can discover them by consulting the right database and looking for information in the right places. I am grateful to the Society of Scottish Antiquaries for this opportunity and warmly thank them for this event.

*Editor's note: For more information on Eliza Traill Burroughs and her report, see http://journals.socantscot.org/index.php/psas/article/view/10468/10587

Tattie Soup

This tasty recipe comes from the book, "Traditional Scottish Recipes" by Eleanor Cowan, published in 2022 by Waverly Books, Glasgow.

Makes 2 servings.

2 potatoes
1 small onion
2 rashers Ayrshire bacon
250 ml / ½ pint water
1 bay leaf
½ litre / 1 pint milk
1 tbsp flour
Salt and pepper
Chopped parsley

Prepare and finely chop or grate vegetables. Remove the rind from the bacon and cut up finely. Sauté the bacon, potatoes, and onion for about 5 minutes. Add water and bay leaf and set to a low boil for 20 minutes. Add milk, remove the bay leaf, and bring to a medium boil. Blend flour with a little water and slowly add to the soup, stirring constantly. Season to taste and sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve with your favorite bread.



Social Media



Do you Insta? Tricia Logan Locke is now managing <u>Clan Logan's Instagram</u> account, and she has hit the ground running. In the first six weeks, Tricia made 17 posts, attracting well over 100 followers. If you're not following Clan Logan yet on Instagram, stop by and click a heart on the beautiful images, including some lovely pictures of Scotland.



Follow <u>Clan Logan Society International</u> and <u>Clan Logan Society of Canada</u> on Facebook.

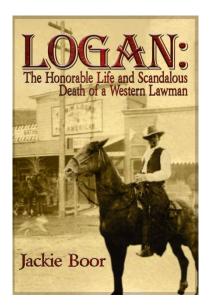


Rumble with Clan Logan to see our Zoom videos (more to come in the future).

RECOMMENDED READING

Logan: The Honorable Life & Scandalous Death of a Western Lawman

By Jackie Boor



Review by J. Kevin Logan

I recently received the kindest of gifts from CLS member Jackie Boor. It is a copy of her book, *Logan: The Honorable Life and Scandalous Death of a Western Lawman*. Having always been a fan of the American western on screen, and enjoyed many fictional western tales from Louis L'Amour, I couldn't wait to dive into a western tale featuring a true-life story of a man named Sheriff Thomas Logan. Jackie's writing style has kept me engaged from the very first page. While I still have a few chapters left, I thought I'd share it with you as a **Recommended Reading** in this edition of the newsletter.

Jackie's tale is very personal to her as she is a descendent of Sheriff Logan. The tale is very well

researched, each chapter containing several footnotes of reference and source material. Jackie does a masterful job of not only telling the personal story of her family, but weaving in the excitement, danger, and thrilling adventure of the American West of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Strong women and men, mining towns, entrepreneurial risks, shady characters, and downright outlaws fill the pages as she brings to life an extraordinary character in the telling of the life story of Sheriff Logan.

Jackie's story was a featured article in *Wild West* magazine in April of 2016. It has earned an overall 4 ½ star rating on Amazon. I found one reviewer's 5-star summary especially poignant in bringing to light a key question of the book that I've considered as I read it,

"... I found myself thinking of these men and women long after I finished the last page. This book raises a very interesting question: do the circumstances of one's death trump the deeds and character of one's life? Even the title of the book, "Logan: the honorable life and scandalous death of a Western lawman" will launch many conversations about the legacy of one's life. Do the circumstances of one's death eclipse the good of one's life? I think Jackie Boor gives the reader a wealth of evidence with which to analyze and discuss this provocative question."

Synopsis from the Publisher

Dressed only in a nightshirt and unarmed, Sheriff Thomas Logan lay bleeding outside the Jewel, a house of ill-fame. His death in 1906 sent shock waves across Nevada, forcing Hannah Logan and their eight children to face an unfathomable future. This richly textured account of a popular lawman's life and death also includes many famous and colorful characters – all of whom were part of the Old West's reluctant surrender to the 20th century.

Sheriff Logan's story embodies all that was intoxicating and perilous about early Nevada. From the travails of the state's first pioneers to the grueling rigors of mining's boomtown years, Tom and Hannah Logan personified the virtues of survival against the odds. Yet, like so many of those with whom their lives entwined, life was fraught with risk and profoundly subject to the luck of the draw. Immersed in these volatile dynamics of the Wild West, Tom Logan shared that landscape with many fascinating characters including: "Lazy Jim" Butler, whose wayward burro led him to untold riches; mining magnate George Wingfield, whose cunning ways catapulted him to notorious fame and wealth; Patrick McCarran, destined for the U.S. Senate, whose hypnotic gift of oratory and nuance helped set a killer free; Walter Barieau, a transient gambler with a quarrelsome nature, and a fully-loaded pistol tucked beneath his coat; and May Biggs, the enterprising "enchantress" with whom Sheriff Logan was involved....

About the Author

While attending a family reunion, Jackie Boor, a great-granddaughter of Sheriff Thomas Logan, became intrigued about the many unanswered questions surrounding her ancestor's death. After years of extensive research, Boor now feels her great-grandfather can finally rest in peace. She lives in Sacramento, California.

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2023 EVENTS

Check out an exhaustive list of Highland Games & Festivals in the U.S. <u>here</u>.

If you know of other events, let us know, and we'll post the information here and on our website. Questions? Contact newsletter@clanlogansociety.org. Meanwhile, here is a list of Highland Games where Clan Logan tent hosts will have a hospitality tent. Questions about hosting? Contact Ed at loganirish@sbcglobal.net.

Events in the United States:

11-12 Feb Tallahassee Highland Games 7550 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL https://tallyhighlandgames.com/

22 Apr 8:00AM-6:00PM Grapevine Lake Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games 3000 Meadowmere Park, Grapevine, TX https://grapevineceltic.com/

6 May 9:00AM-7:00PM St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Festival Schroeder Park 359 Old Meremac Station Rd., Manchester, MO https://stlouis-scottishgames.com/

27-28 May Scottish Fest Orange County Fair and Event Center 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA https://www.scottishfest.com/

6-9 Jul Grandfather Mountain Highland Games MacRae Meadows, NC https://gmhg.org/

8-10 Sept Longs Peak Scottish and Irish Highland Festival Estes Park Fairgrounds and Event Center 1209 Manford Avenue, Estes Park, CO https://www.scotfest.com/ 7 Oct

Rocket City Scottish Festival and Highland Games
Sharon Johnston Park
783 Coleman Road, New Market, AL
https://www.madisoncountyal.gov/departments/recreation-department/sharon-johnston-park

7-8 Oct
MAC Scottish Festival
Yamhill County Fairgrounds
McMinnville, OR
https://celticheritage.org/mac-scottish-festival/#

20-22 Oct Stone Mountain Highland Games Stone Mountain, GA http://www.smhg.org/

Events in Canada:

19 Mar

Montreal Saint Patrick's Parade, Montreal, QC https://www.mtl.org/en/what-to-do/festivals-and-events/st-patrick-s-parade

Apr

Black Watch Family Division Spaghetti Dinner, Montreal, QC

May

Festival de la Diversité Culturelle de Drummondville

20-21 May

160th Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival Topaz Park, 2950 Blanshard St., Victoria, BC https://victoriahighlandgames.com/

16-17 Jun

Greater Moncton Highland Games, New Brunswick

1 Jul

Montreal Canada Day Parade

Jul

Black Watch Pipes and Drums BBQ

5 Aug

Maxville Glengarry Highland Games

Aug

Verdun Caber Parade

6 Aug

Montreal Highland Games, Montreal, QC

11 Aug

Pride and Pageantry Parade Fergus, Fergus, ON

11-13 Aug

Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games Fergus, ON

Aug

Montreal Nouvelle-France 17th Century Market

19-20 Aug

National Capital Highland Games Ottawa, ON

Sept

Montreal Saint Andrew's Fish and Chips Festival Celtique de Québec, Limoilou, QC

Oct

A Taste of Scotland (a whisky tasting event), Montreal

Nov

Montreal Scottish Highland Ball, Montreal, QC Montreal Remembrance Parade Canadian Legion Verdun Legion Branch 4 Remembrance Service

Dec

SAS Children's Christmas Party, Saskatchewan Black Watch Family Division Children's Christmas Party Black Watch Troops Dinner with Family Division

For events in Canada, contact the CLS Commissioner for Canada, Mr. Steven Logan at clan_logan_society@yahoo.com

Events Globally:

Check the <u>Clan Logan</u> website to keep up with announcements of these events. For prior events, check our new <u>Rumble</u> channel and be sure to subscribe.