

CLAN LOGAN SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

# Post Convention Wrap-Up Serving the Global Clan Cogan



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# A Family First

### AN HISTORIC GATHERING OF THE FAMILY AND HIGHLAND CLAN OF LOGAN

The Ancient Scottish Family and Highland Clan of Logan took the next step to find the hereditary Chief of Name and Arms of Logan by holding a global family convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, on April 25, 2025.

The PURPOSE of the Family Convention was to gather in person and virtually (the event was broadcast online) as a united family of Logans from Scotland and the Scottish diaspora. The goals were to:

- (1) Elect by ACCLAMATION a Commander to represent our family and Highland clan globally.
- (2) Further our goal of finding a living heir to the title of Chief of Name and Arms of Logan, who will be recognized by the Lord Lyon King of Arms as the Chief of the family and clan.



# Work with us today

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO HELP?

The convention may be over, but the work goes on. If you'd like to help, but don't know how to get started, let our Secretary, Tricia, know.



# Our Heritage HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Clan Logan had one clear goal heading into the Convention: Uniting and rallying behind one candidate for Commander to be submitted to the Court of the Lord Lyon King of Arms. By all measures, the family succeeded.

Nothing guaranteed such success. After all, some prior families have not been able to rally such support, and Clan Logan consists of a great many voices and opinions spread across the world. The world, for its part, has also tended to reek of dissension and spite as of late.



CALEB E. LOGAN HERITAGE OFFICER



Nonetheless, I left the Convention heartened by the warm voices of family members all seeking to further the Clan's success on a global stage and cement its legacy. Our final nominee, J. Kevin Logan, entered the scene having earned the support of a supermajority of participating family members. But he then built this support into a virtually unanimous vote affirming and confirming his status as the Clan's desired Commander.

Our motto, Hoc Majorum Virtus ("This is the valor of my ancestors"), continues to ring true only if the Clan continues to have virtuous members to become ancestors to future generations. As demonstrated by the Convention, indeed, we do.

Haste ye back,

Cello Togan

Caleb E. Logan

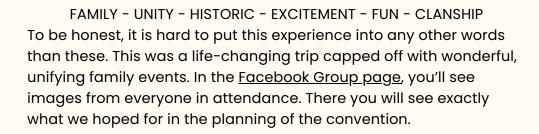
Heritage Officer

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### From the Desk of...

### HISTORIC!

Having worked and lived practically nothing but preparations for the convention that just occurred in April, I can definitely say it exceeded any expectations I might have had during that time. Every moment spent working with the convention planning committee paid off for me in the excitement and happiness I saw on the faces of everyone who made it a priority in their lives to attend. I was further heartened by the sheer number of people who attended and the geographical diversity they represented.



Below are some of my favorite photos that help demonstrate what

I'm trying to convey.







J. KEVIN LOGAN
PRESIDENT







But, if you were to ask me about my personal favorite photo of the event - well, I can't say for sure if I'd be able to pick one much higher than this one:



Those of you who attended will immediately recognize these two men: John Logan Marjoribanks, Heritage Officer (retired) on the left, and James C. Logan, President Emeritus. These two men engaged in conversation at the ancient St. Margaret's Church in Restalrig was heart-touching for me. And I swore at the banquet that I'd stop embarassing them by calling such attention to them. But for those of you who were not able to join us, I want you to know that if it wasn't for the determination and groundbreaking hard work of these two men, Clan Logan would not have been in a position to request a supervised convention from the Lord Lyon the King of Arms.

Clan Logan is forever in your debt. You gentlemen persevered for two decades in our Chief Restoration Project and have given us a great gift. You absolutely exemplify the Clan Logan motto:

### HOC MAJORUM VIRTUS



### Notes from the VP & Editor

### GRATITUDE AND LOOKING FORWARD

And suddenly, it was April 25. So much went into the planning and organization of the Clan Logan Family Convention. Now we celebrate our selection of the first ever Clan Logan Commander and, as advertised, promptly put him *back* to work. I say *back* to work because, even before the Logan Family registered overwhelming support for Kevin Logan as the choice for Clan Commander, he had invested more than 10 years directly into the search for the chief. To me, this had a significant bearing on his qualifications and my expectations. Given his track record, I trust Kevin will continue to do what he's been doing for so long, but now with greater resources, awareness, and support from around the globe.



LINDA (LOGAN)
STREET-ELY
VICE-PRESIDENT



Just think, by taking part in the convention, we added to the history of Scotland. We are living in exciting times!

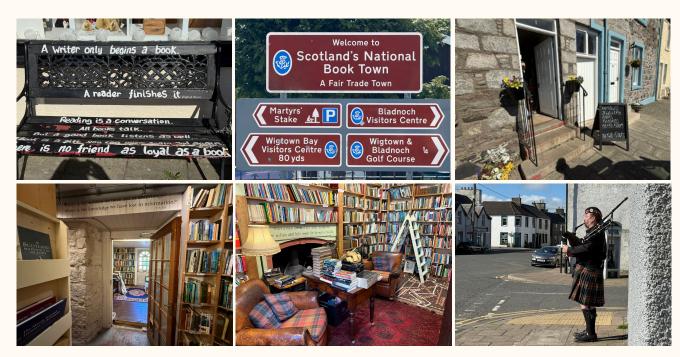
I extend my most heart-felt gratitude to Tricia, Kevin, and Joanne, who kept the planning in order on a daily basis, to Caleb for managing the process in a professional manner, to Sean for his contributions from the wide variety of his strengths, and to John Marjoribanks, James Logan, Colin Russel, Ross McEwen, and all who supported and attended the Clan Logan Family Convention.

Speaking of exciting times, after we all dispersed from Edinburgh, my husband and I hopped onboard ScotRail for a ride up to Inverness. I rented an airplane from Highland Aviation and spent the next two days sight-seeing from the air. I also checked off one of the things on my bucket list: I landed on the Isle of Barra, the only commercial beach airport in the world. Over the next few days, I visited Logan (again), climbed to the top of Ben Nevis, the UK's highest peak, checked out Scotland's National Book Town, Wigtown, and trekked out to the remains of Fast Castle (again).



### Notes from the VP & Editor

GRATITUDE AND LOOKING FORWARD





YOURS TRULY, LANDING ON THE ONLY COMMERCIAL BEACH AIRPORT IN THE WORLD - THE ISLE OF BARRA, IN THE OUTER HEBRIDES, SCOTLAND.

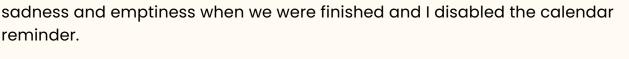
BUCKET LIST ITEM

### Not the Usual Notes & Money

### FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART

The vision of seeking a Clan Commander and having a convention in Scotland to confirm that selection would never have happened if it hadn't been for Kevin. His work and continued dedication to finding a Chief of Name and Arms of Logan brought us all together to enjoy a wonderful week. To reflect that sentiment, at the banquet we gave Kevin an engraved sgian dubh commemorating the date.







TRICIA LOGAN-LOCKE SECRETARY, **TREASURER** 



It was a pleasure to work with everyone, and I am sure that we will never forget our phenomenal spreadsheets that grew in number, our side chats on what to wear, and then our debut podcast (with makeup and all!). I am so thankful for each person on the committee who worked tirelessly for many many months to bring together all the ideas - from designing whisky labels, to planning tours, to coming up with sponsorships, and so much more!

Aside from committee work, there was plenty to do making sure that we did not lose money on the event. When planning something for the first time, a year in advance, and attempting to come up with an idea of who would attend, one wonders if the targets can be met. Thanks to the generosity of CLSI members, Sean's Marathon donations, and sales from our tartan, we managed to raise more than the \$10,000 goal that was our target. The result will leave us left over funds. I don't have final figures yet but hope to have a final report at our upcoming AGM in July.

# Not the Usual Notes & Money

### FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART

The donations received primarily covered the expenses incurred for the convention on Friday, which was free to all who attended. We were able to have bus transportation for everyone, provide a light lunch, have new banners made, and have an evening event that included a wonderful ceilidh.

I've shared a couple of special photos - one being with my family that were in attendance, including my daughter Jamie, brother Stan and his wife Joanne, and Caleb with his fiancé Vanessa. But I can't forget to mention my husband who patiently listened to me talk about each Zoom and all the plans for over a year. It meant the world to me that they were all here and participated in the events of the week.

So, THANK YOU again to all who supported this historic event by giving from your beautiful Logan hearts. THANK YOU to everyone who helped and worked toward making this a wonderful event. And THANK YOU again to Kevin for having the dream that brought us all together!

With a grateful heart – Tricia Logan-Locke



The Wednesday Work Party



My family! 🕰





The two Mikes that were always there when needed.

# Going Forward with Genealogy

### SEAN LOGAN, CLAN LOGAN SOCIETY GENEALOGIST

What a great week! Had we merely got together, seen the sites, and celebrated our family being in Scotland, it would have been a week to remember. However, when adding the successful nomination of Kevin Logan as our Commander, the week of April 21<sup>st</sup> will be hard to top. I would like to share with you a few of my highlights.



SEAN LOGAN
CLAN GENEALOGIST



It all started on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April with a visit to the National Records of Scotland. While there, I photographed around 100 documents. They include:

- -The sale of Logan lands after the death of Hugh Logan of that Ilk, our last Chief
- -The order that sent Rev. Allan Logan of that Ilk from Torryburn to Culross
- -Letters from the same Rev. Allan Logan while at Culross
- -A charter that included the seal of Andrew Logan of the Canongate
- -A letter announcing the passing of William Logan of that Ilk (son of George Logan of that Ilk, aka the Armiger)

I am excited to begin transcribing these documents which should allow us to learn more about our chiefly line and overall family history.

On the 25th of April, we had our convention. While the votes were being counted, I provided the attendees with a glimpse into the role of genealogy moving forward. My focus was on how we will identify an heir, if one exists.

To become chief, an heir will need to prove that they descend from a Logan of that Ilk. This is where genealogy comes in. This candidate will need to prove each parental step to a Logan of that Ilk in a way that satisfies the Court of the Lord Lyon. The good news is that we are here to help.

To support the proper documentation of a candidate's ancestors, we have just gone live with the Clan Logan Genealogy website. It can be found on this link: Our Family History. To be clear, this is for all of us, not just someone who wants to prove descent from a former chief. Therefore, I encourage all Society members to click that link and register. It would be great to get your Logan line documented.

# Going Forward with Genealogy

Q	Reasonably exhaustive research has been conducted	Deep dive on on-line sources, i.e., Family Search, Scotland's people Supplemented by National Archives and/or Libraries
37	Each statement of fact has a complete and accurate source citation	Written to allow the source to be found and reviewed It is clear how citations support the conclusion
<b>3</b>	The evidence is reliable and has been skillfully correlated and interpreted	Relies on primary sources  Transcriptions are accurate or call out areas of difficulty  There is a sound logic path when required
<b>~</b>	Any contradictory evidence has been resolved	Contradictory evidence is shown in a transparent manner Resolution is clearly stated Confidence factors applied
20	The conclusion has been soundly reasoned and coherently written	Easy to understand Reviewed by at least one other source Thoroughly documented

When you go onto the site, you will see that it already includes several members' family trees. I encourage you to explore them. As you do, you will note a consistent method used to prove the connection of a child to their parents. This method is known as the genealogical standard. Below, you will find a diagram that describes each of the five requirements and how we apply them.

With all of this work to do, I also would like to put out a call for help. First, please explore our new genealogy website. Start by clicking the link and registering. Once you have done so, please review your family tree and consider engaging with me to add it to the site. Doing so requires a deep dive on your tree, which I will do for members.

Today eight Society members are waiting for me to start on their trees. When you add all the research I need to complete, it is clear that I could use some help. If you are an experienced or aspiring genealogist, please write me at <a href="mailto:genealogist@clanlogansociety.org">genealogist@clanlogansociety.org</a>, and let me know that you would like to assist. I would love to add you to the Society's genealogy team!

Finally, I would like to close with a big thank-you to Linda, Tricia, and Joanne for all the work setting up this event. It was a major lift, and the result was a smashing success!

### CONVENTION WRAP DAY BY DAY

### Day 1 Meet & Greet

Logans filled the open bar area of the Dalmahoy to kick off the Clan Logan Family Convention events with a Meet & Greet on Wednesday, April 23. In the posh atmosphere of the country club, clansmen and women from around the globe relished in this unique time to unwind and get to know one another in the fullness of in-person camaraderie. The vibes were strong, upbeat, excited about the future of the clan and the historic importance of the week.

### Day 2 The Great Logan Gathering

Deborah Logan arranged a phenomenal Thursday, with a private tour of St. Margaret's Kirk in Restalrig, hosted by volunteers of the church who shared vignettes of historic importance and talked in detail about the Logan stained glass window gifted to the church in 1982 by Harry A. Logan and Marian Logan Wendell of Pennsylvania, USA, descendants of James Logan, secretary to William Penn.

The visit included access to St. Triduana's well, where lies most of the headstone of Jonet Logan, the second wife of Sir Robert Logan, Seventh and last Baron of Restalrig.

Stanley Logan blessed us Logan cousins with an acapella rendition of Amazing Grace with the heavenly acoustics of the well.

The church is a short walk from Logan's Rest Pub, and Logans reaped the benefits of Deborah's enthusiastic devotion. This day could not have been more perfectly planned. In this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to join and celebrate our roots together, pub owner Jane Scally didn't miss a beat. From the swank exclusive buffet to the bagpiper and Highland dancer she hired especially for us, Jane's support of Clan Logan filled our hearts and our bellies!

The cherry on the top was our own Sean Logan's Logan Trivia Game. With the room packed with Logans, he divided us into teams by table. His trivia questions came straight out of his articles, so it was easy to tell who needs to catch up on their Logan reading!

Thursday was a real treat, thanks to so many people who invested so much into making it a special Logan day!

### **Day 3 Convention**

We like the nostalgia and romance of the old days, but today's technology allowed us to make the Clan Logan Family Convention accessible to everyone. While many attended in person, a large contingent did their part as well by watching on YouTube and registering their acclamation electronically.

Thanks to the wisdom and guidance of Colin Russell, our supervising officer appointed by the Lord Lyon to oversee the process for Clan Logan, decades of research were rewarded with flawless convention.

Colin's opening remarks were followed by presentations by former Clan Logan Society International Heritage Office, John Logan Marjoribanks and the Society's President Emeritus, James C. Logan.

Master of Ceremonies and present Society Heritage Officer, Caleb E. Logan, who had embraced the responsibility for a smooth operation, conducted the process with integrity and professionalism.

As the acclamations were counted, Society Genealogist, Sean Logan, announced important news about his progress for the benefit of all Logans.

The Clan Logan Family Convention was proof of the dedication of several members to the highest standards of excellence.

### Night 3 Banquet & Ceilidh

Not a moment too soon, it was time for all who attended in person to join in celebration of moving forward, taking an important and historic step toward finding the heir to the Chiefship of Clan Logan. And be it known, Logans do celebrate in style!

That evening, Logans feasted at a banquet, rejoicing in the success of the convention and welcoming the next steps on the path to the clan's future. Following a sumptuous catered dinner and several toasts, The House of Lairds took to the stage, and a ceilidh ensued.

There was no secret who among us were native Scots. The dancing revealed that. They stepped through traditional Scottish dances with such grace and precision that most of the diaspora could do no more than be clumsily envious. But all in a congenial, fun-loving way.



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"The Family and Highland **Dream it** Clan of Logan embarks

upon a new era."

-Kevin Logan.









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History









Edinburgh Edinburgh Edinburgh









Gather Ye Logans A-callin' from afar











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# MYSTICAL & MALTED: A DAY OF LEGENDS, LAUGHTER AND A WEE DRAM

The Mystical and the Malted tour whisked Logans away to the enchanting Rosslyn Chapel, where they explored its small museum and tried to unravel some of the mysteries surrounding the intricate stonework—especially the legendary craftsmanship of the master mason and his apprentice. It's clear that it will never truly be known how such breathtaking carvings came to be, but that only adds to the magic. Inside and out, Logans agree, Rosslyn Chapel is nothing short of stunning.

After soaking in the stories and the atmosphere, most of the group wandered downhill through a peaceful forest path to find the ruins of the Sinclair family's castle. The scenery was lush and quiet, with the ancient stone ruins nestled among unique trees filled with character.

After the walk, they headed to the Original Rosslyn Inn for lunch—a charming local pub with hearty food and genuinely kind service. The atmosphere was relaxed, the food was delicious, and it gave the group a chance to sit down, chat, and enjoy each other's company.



### MYSTICAL & MALTED CONT'D



Personal account from Jamie Drouet.

In the afternoon, following our visit to Rosslyn Chapel, our van took us on a scenic drive through Edinburgh to Holyrood Distillery, a welcoming and modern space tucked into a beautifully restored old railway building right near the Royal Mile. Founded in 2019, the distillery was born from a passion for experimentation and the spirit of Edinburgh itself.

On our private tour, we learned how their team treats whisky almost like craft beer—playing with heritage barley, specialty malts, and even different yeast strains to create truly unique flavors. We got up close to the wash and spirit stills, heard about their flexible fermentation programs and custom cask options, and soaked in stunning views of Holyrood Park from the copper-lined bar.

Of course, nothing quite beats the moment I tasted their creations. By the time we left (with a few souvenir bottles in hand), it felt like we'd gotten a glimpse into something special, and shared a few good laughs along the way.

**The Logan Meets Outlander tour** was the most popular tour on the menu. After a quick sell-out, another tour van was added to accommodate all the requests. This tour began with a scenic drive from the Dalmahoy in Edinburgh to Doune Castle in Stirling, one of the filming locations for the hit TV series, Outlander.

The next stop on the tour was a visit to Culross and the abbey there, where Rev. Allen Logan of that Ilk once preached. Clan Logan Society Genealogist, Sean Logan, has written some articles about the spicy reverend, once a Chief of Clan Logan. As the group meandered into the abbey, all stopped to snap a shot of the plaque on the entry wall recognizing Rev. Allen Logan for his contribution to the poor. As they made their way in to the awe-inspiring kirk, they were suddenly accosted by an apparition of the minister himself!

His 18th century mini-sermon about the woeful ways in which society was headed - that witches, in fact, were among us - was delivered with such ferocity and authenticity that some members nearly froze in their tracks! Even one of the Rabbie's tour guides thought it was real, despite having been briefed! Soon, all those dropped jaws turned to smiles as widened eyes signaled recognition of one of our own, veteran actor, Mr. Crawford Logan.

### Personal account from Linda Street-Ely

One of the highlights of my trip, among the most memorable moments, was watching Crawford as Rev. Allen, enjoying the reaction of his audience, and then joining him as he led us on a personal tour of Culross, followed by lunch in a private room at the Red Lion Inn. Lunch was delicious, served in a stunning atmosphere by the friendly staff at the Red Lion. I'd call it unmatched, and it blows 5 stars out of the heavens. This was a billion-star tour.

The Outlander tour day culminated in a trip to Midhope, another filming location of Outlander.

All credit for the off-the-scales WOW! factor in this tour goes to Crawford Logan. The whole performance was his idea. When I asked him if he would be interested in guiding a group of "Logan cousins" on an Outlander-themed tour, he came up with idea after idea to orchestrate a completely unique and unforgettable experience. He coordinated with Rabbie's Tours and Culross Abbey to create a perfect memory for his audience. We couldn't be luckier.

### WHAT IS IT LIKE

# TO SEARCH FOR A CHIEF? HERITAGE AND GENEALOGY OF CLAN LOGAN



Heritage and Genealogy of Clan Logan - CLSI Podcast 1



Meet John Logan Marjoribanks - CLSI Podcast, Episode #2

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### CONVENTION RESOURCES

### THE PRACTICAL PART

Here's a list of resources used to make the Clan Logan Family Convention a reality:

Provider Provision

<u>Scottish Treasures</u> Tartans, Tartan contest fund-raiser, and raffle basket

Sean Logan Marathon fund-raiser

<u>Visit Scotland</u> Consulting

<u>TryBooking.com</u>

<u>Canva</u>

Digital ticketing company

Graphic design platform

<u>Rabbie's Tours</u> Tour company for Saturday tours

<u>Dalmahoy</u> Accommodations, banquet rooms, catering

Rogerson Coach TravelTransportation to conventionSt. John's & Newton ChurchConvention location hostLogan's Rest PubLocal, clan-relevant pub

<u>Leith and Restalrig Church</u> Local, clan-relevant kirk, formerly St. Margaret's

Mr. Crawford Logan Local, clan member, actor

Morrison's Grocery Food at convention

<u>Hire-A-Band</u> Ceilidh band (House of Lairds)

<u>Flying Colours</u> Flags for table decoration, large display flags

<u>Philip Tibbetts</u> Heraldry design

Rosslyn Chapel Tour

<u>Holyrood Distillery</u> Clan Logan Whisky, tour

<u>VistaPrint</u> Custom labels for Clan Logan commemorative whisky

<u>Doune Castle</u> Tour

<u>Culross Abbey</u> Performance and tour <u>Red Lion Inn</u> Tour group lunch

<u>Midhope Castle</u> Tour

<u>YouTube</u> Broadcasting (promo videos, livestream convention)

<u>Art Pewter</u> Engraved whisky glasses <u>Amazon</u> Guest book, flag poles

Planning Committee Volunteers

<u>Avery Labels</u> Nametags

<u>Name Badge Productions, Inc.</u> Ribbons

<u>Zoom</u> Used extensively for meetings Excel Spreadsheets Track multiple project details

Email Communications

<u>Power Director 365</u> Video editing software <u>Envato</u> Stock image and video

Google Forms Pre-convention polls, Clan Commander acclamations

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