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# The River City Caledonian

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## Your Society Wants “Your Society”

This is a great year to be a Scottish enthusiast in Richmond. And what better way to enjoy it than in the company of your fellow Scottish Society members? So come on out and enjoy yourselves! Here are some of the events that the SSR is involved in, and some that just might strike your fancy:

The Virginia Scottish Games and Festival gets the season underway September 1-2 at the Plains. We are not officially participating as a Society, but this is a festival worth checking out.

We will, of course, be hosting our first regular meeting of the season on Thursday, September 20, 7:00 p.m., at Trinity Methodist. “A (Modern) Journey to the Western Isles of Scotland” as it is tentatively titled, the program will include an oral and visual visit to Skye, Mull, and other parts of Alba, with particular attention to the Centenary Clan Maclean Gathering of 2012.

On October 6th is the Virginia Celtic Gathering and Highland Games. This is another event very close to us (Rockahock Campground) that you might want to check out. Though the Society will not be hosting a tent, you might see some familiar faces.

Our tentative program for October is a Scottish movie night. Final plans are being made, but the plan is for a family-friendly film viewing. The October plan will be firmed up soon: updates will come by phone, email, and our website, so stay tuned.

Our closest games get even closer as they move back to the Richmond Raceway Complex. The Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games will occur October 20-21. The Society will host a tent, and we encourage you to come out and visit (even better, help out as one of the hosts at the tent—call an officer or email to volunteer—phone numbers on the last page of this publication).

Further down the line this fall are: our annual Taste of Scotland in November, plans for a Kirkin of the Tartans close to St. Andrews Day, and our annual Christmas meeting. Look for pub nights as well—just a time to gather for some fellowship, food, and fun. We’ll keep you updated.

We hope to see you at more than one of these events—let’s enjoy one another’s “society!”

## Pub Night: Our “Pre-Season”

Eighteen members and guests gathered at Rare Olde Times on the night of August 24th to unofficially kick off the Scottish Society’s 2012-13 year.

We were glad to have many of “the usuals” as well as new members Les and Isobel Douglas, and also a couple of friends that Bob and Charlie Sue Rappold brought along.

The folks at Rare Olde Times took good care of us. Fish and Chips, Shepherd’s Pie, Guinness

chocolate cake, and other dishes were sampled, not to mention a variety of libations. They even favored us with a recording of “Scotland The Brave” played early in the evening.

We plan to have more pub nights over the coming Society year (see the above article on the “social” aspect of the Society), so keep an eye out for announcements in the newsletters and the website. Maybe we’ll see some new or at least “long-time-

no-see” faces next time!

We’re making an extra effort to keep you informed of events like these. Expect some phone call reminders in case the newsletter, email, and website are not enough to keep you up on our activities.





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# Message From the President

I can only echo the message from the page one story—we want your society! We have plenty of opportunities for folks to enjoy themselves, learn something, and give a little something back to the Society.

First, I hope to see you at our general meetings this fall. We will be adding door prizes to each meeting, so you have a chance to win something in addition to enjoying that fellowship, fun, and learning I already mentioned.

We're also looking forward to seeing our local games come back closer to home at the

Richmond Raceway complex. The newly-organized and – named Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games promise to provide us with music, athletics, and more. We need volunteers to serve at the tent, to welcome attendees and tell them about the Society—this is one of our better opportunities to get new members, so please pitch in! We want to grow and to thrive.

Long-range, your Society Board continues to make plans for Burns Night and other activities for the months to come. Let's make this a year of participation.

Lastly, I'd like to encourage you all not to save your kilts and other tartan for special occasions, but consider wearing them to meetings, pub nights, and other Scottish occasions—show off your heritage with pride! People take notice of such things, and it makes them smile—not to mention they get curious and ask about your outfit and your roots—a perfect time to then sell them on the Society!

Mar sin leibh an dràsda (bye for now),

Joseph

## Events Calendar, September-October

Historical Note: the 1st Highland Games in the USA took place in 1836. The Caledonian Club of San Francisco held its 1st Games in 1866 and boasts the oldest continuously running Games in the USA with the St Andrews Society of Detroit hot on its tail. Today, in addition to the games all across Scotland itself, there are more than 200 annual games and gatherings across the US & Canada.

(\*) Indicates official Scottish Society of Richmond participation

September 1-2: Virginia Scottish Games

September 10: Board meeting, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.\*

September 8: Gayton Kirk Festival, Gayton Kirk, Richmond, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**September 20: General meeting, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.\***

October 1: Board meeting, Trinity United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.\*

October 5: An Evening of Celtic and Highland Music with John Turner and Friends, Second Stage, Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, 7 p.m.

October 5-6: Virginia Celtic Gathering & Highland Games (formerly Williamsburg Scottish Festival), Rockahock Campground, Lanexa, VA

October 6-7: Chesapeake Celtic Festival, Furnace Town Heritage Museum, Snow Hill, MD

October 13: Radford Highlanders Festival, Radford College campus

**October General meeting, date, time, and place TBA (see page 1)\***

October 20-21: Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games, Richmond Raceway Complex\*

October 20: Kilmarnock Scottish Days, Kilmarnock, VA

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## Recipe: Smoked Venison, Rocket, and Cream Cheese Roulade

*The chefs at the award-winning Rannoch Smokery based in Kenmore, Perthshire have created a wide range of recipes using their smoked venison, poultry, game and salmon products. The recipes have been tried and tested and the company has kindly agreed to allow some of them to be included in the Rampant Scotland recipe section. Here's a smoked venison, rocket and cream cheese roulade to try!*

### Ingredients:

Cold Smoked Venison 200g (7 ounces)  
 Cream cheese 200g (7 ounces)  
 Fresh rocket lettuce (arugula) 100g (3.5 ounces)  
 Double cream 2.5 fl oz (140ml)  
 Freshly ground salt and pepper

### Method:

Roughly chop the rocket and mix well with the cream cheese and cream. Season well. Lay the slices of smoked venison on a sheet of cling film, overlapping slightly so that the number of slices makes a square equivalent to the length of the slices. This may be easiest done as two squares. Spread the cream cheese mixture on the bottom 2/3rds of the squares and roll into a roulade, pulling back the cling film as you go. Chill for a couple of hours and cut into ½ inch pieces.



## Member News

### September Birthdays:

Dorothy Thomas: Sep. 18  
 Donald Raybould: Sep. 26

### October Birthdays:

Dallas de Krafft Lewis: Oct. 1  
 Ryland Bailey: Oct. 2  
 Geraldine Raybould: Oct. 12

Mary Margaret Mason: Oct. 19  
 Katherine Ann Kennedy: Oct. 20  
 Florence Graham: Oct. 22  
 Littleton Maxwell: Oct. 24

Roderick Smithson: Oct. 24

John A. Russell: Oct. 29  
 Scott Elder: Oct. 30

Happy belated birthdays to Vance and Hazel Smith—sorry we didn't

get these in on time before. We'll definitely have them listed properly next year!

If we missed your birthday, it's because we don't have it in our database. If you don't see your name listed and you'd like us to wish you happy birthday, just let Joseph Schaub know. Contact info is on the last page of the newsletter.

## Recent Scottish History: Devolution Day

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/history/onthisday/>

September 11 is a dark day in U.S. history, but just four years before the fateful terrorist attacks, it was a day for celebration in Scotland.

This historic day in 1997 saw the Referendum on Devolution in Scotland which approved the creation of a new Scottish Parliament. In the 1990s, the Labour Party had revived the idea of devolution and, on

their return to power in 1997, the first moves were made.

The referendum received an overwhelming "Yes" vote in favour of establishing a Scottish assembly with tax-raising powers, with 74.3 per cent voting for a Scottish parliament and 63.5 per cent in favour of it having tax-raising powers. The election was the first in the UK to

contain an element of proportional representation, and Labour were returned as the largest single party, winning 56 of the 129 seats, only 9 short of an overall majority. The Scottish National Party gained 35 seats, the Conservative Party 18, and the Liberal Democrats 17, while the remaining 3 seats were taken by independents and smaller parties.

The Scottish Parliament was formally opened by the Queen on 1 July 1999, with Labour politician Donald Dewar invested as the first minister, at the helm of a Labour-Liberal Democrat coalition government.





**NOT the original hillbillies! (Besides, "Clampett" is an English name!)**



**Battle of the Boyne**



**Replica Covenanter Flag**

# Hillbillies and Rednecks

By Todd J. Wilkinson

Many words commonly used in America today have their origins in our Celtic roots. While the following terms discussed are associated today with the American South and southern culture, their origins are distinctly Scottish and Ulster-Scottish (Scots-Irish), and date to the mass immigration of Scottish Lowland and Ulster Presbyterians to America during the 1700's. Whilst there are other competing explanations of the derivation of some of them, we prefer the ones here!

## Hillbilly

The origin of this American nickname for mountain folk in the Ozarks and in Appalachia comes from Ulster. Ulster-Scottish (The often incorrectly labeled "Scots-Irish") settlers in the hill-country of Appalachia brought their traditional music with them to the new world, and many of their songs and ballads dealt with William, Prince of Orange, who defeated the Catholic King James II of the Stuart family at the Battle of the Boyne, Ireland in 1690.

Supporters of King William were known as Orangemen and Billy Boys and their North American counterparts were soon referred to as hill-billies. It is interesting to note that a traditional song of the Glasgow Rangers football club today begins with the line, 'Hurrah! Hurrah! We are the Billy Boys!' and shares its tune with the famous American Civil War song, Marching Through Georgia.

Stories abound of American National Guard units from Southern states being met upon disembarking in Britain during the First and Second World Wars with that tune, much to their displeasure! One of these stories comes from Colonel Ward Schrantz, a noted historian and native of Carthage, Missouri native, and veteran of the Mexican - and veteran of the Mexican Border Campaign, as well as the First and Second World Wars - documented a story where the US Army's 30th Division, made up of National Guard units from Georgia, North and South Carolina and Tennessee arrived in the United Kingdom... 'a waiting British band broke into welcoming American music, and the soldiery, even the 118th Field Artillery and the 105 Medical Battalion from Georgia, broke into laughter. The excellence of intent and the ignorance of the origins of the American music being equally obvious. The welcoming tune was Marching Through Georgia.'

## Redneck

The origins of this term are Scottish and refer to supporters of the National Covenant and The Solemn League and Covenant, or Covenanters, largely Lowland Presbyterians, many of whom would flee Scotland for Ulster (Northern Ireland) during persecutions by the British Crown. The Covenanters of 1638 and 1641 signed the documents that

stated that Scotland desired the Presbyterian form of church government and would not accept the Church of England as its official state church.

Many Covenanters signed in their own blood and wore red pieces of cloth around their necks as distinctive insignia; hence the term Red neck, which became slang for a Scottish dissenter. One Scottish immigrant, interviewed by the author, remembered a Presbyterian minister, one Dr. Coulter, in Glasgow in the 1940's wearing a red clerical collar - is this symbolic of the red-necks? Since many Ulster-Scottish settlers in America (especially in the South) were Presbyterian, the term was applied to them, and then, later, their Southern descendants. One of the earliest examples of its use comes from 1830, when an author noted that red-neck was a name bestowed upon the Presbyterians. It makes one wonder if the originators of the ever-present redneck jokes are aware of the term's origins?

From:

<http://www.tartansauthority.com/Global-Scots/us-scots-history/hillbillies-and-rednecks>

# Clan Profile: On the Border with Clan Johnstone

The Johnstone Clan has its roots in the Anglo-Scottish borders region, notably in Annandale in the county of Dumfriesshire.

In 1124, King David I of Scotland granted to the first Robert de Bruce, a Norman, the Lordship of Annandale and 200,000 acres. It was Bruce's descendant, the eighth Robert de Bruce, who was destined to lead the Scots in their heroic fight for independence from England. The de Bruce family was to play a pivotal role in the identification and development of the Johnstones, the two families becoming close allies over the years. Five hundred years after the title of the Lordship of Annandale had been granted to the De Bruce family, King Charles II was to grant it to Lord James Johnstone, the Chief of the Johnstone Clan.

The Johnstones rose to prominence and power by assisting the King in crushing the Douglas rebellion in 1455. The Black Douglases virtually controlled southern Scotland and were perceived as a serious threat to the Stewart dynasty.

The Johnstones were a Border family. Border people did not necessarily think of themselves as either English or Scottish : in general they considered themselves to be **Borderers** before all else. The line of the Border had changed several times throughout history, from Roman times up to the 16th century, and its position was established more from an attempt to conserve the territory of the English and Scottish kings than from any consideration of the safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the region. The kings and governments of both countries had made political use of the Border families as mere elements in a "buffer state" destined to take the brunt of almost incessant warfare waged throughout their lands. Vast areas of the Border region were often devastated whenever one or other of the rival armies chose to pass through them on foraging or punitive missions. Each mission brought its inevitable reprisal raid, and so it went on, with the local inhabitants paying most of the price for each event.

Nor did either of the two kings hesitate to call upon his Border subjects to help him out in his campaigns against the other. In time of war the English king expected his subjects on the Border to mount up and ride with him against people who were their near neighbours. The Scottish king used his Border subjects in the same way.

Neither the king in London nor the king in Edinburgh had any conception of what it meant to be a Borderer. There is something special about living on the Border separating two nations, especially when there is a kind of "empathy" between the two groups of people, brought about by such things as kinship, intermarriage and, not least, a sharing of common problems and hardship. Without attempting to *excuse*, if you like, the people of the Borders for some of their unruly and often reprehensible, lawless behaviour, we must acknowledge that they did, at times, have good cause to act in the way they did.

Well now, just how *did* they act ? Expert horsemen, whose mounts literally took very difficult terrain in their stride, they were used by their king in time of war as extremely effective light cavalry. In time of peace their skills were not allowed to become rusty. The families -- *riding families*, as they were called -- often lived in fairly overpopulated upland river valleys, where they grew their sparse crops and tended their cattle and sheep on the bleak slopes. The problem of survival was always with them, and their "official" foraging in time of war became "unofficial" in time of peace. It was not only Englishman against Scot, but often Englishman against Englishman, Scot against Scot, family against family as well. In fact any combination of adversaries was possible. In the darker days and nights of late Autumn and Winter, when the sparse grain harvests (if they had not already been destroyed by passing armies) had been consumed, what else was there but to eat meat ? And where, after one's own larder had been depleted, could that be obtained ?

Reiving, that is, the wholesale raiding and rustling of neighbouring livestock was the only solution open to them, and so, almost every riding family went out looking for cattle and sheep to lift and bring back home, often in the dead of night. Not without a fight, of course. Homes were often pillaged and burned, their occupants killed or wounded, and reprisal raids to recover stolen livestock were undertaken as soon as possible. And so it went on.....

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## The Johnstones, continued

In 1633 at the coronation of King Charles I in Scotland, James Johnstone, son of Sir James Johnstone of Dunskeillie, was created a first lord of Parliament with the designation of Lord Johnstone of Lochwood. In 1643 he became Earl of Hartfell, Lord Johnstone of Lochwood, Moffatdale and Evandale. During the religious wars the Earl joined the Covenanters, but later supported the royalist cause under Montrose. The Covenanter army captured the Earl at Philliphaugh in 1645 and condemned him to death, but later commuted the punishment to a fine of 100,000 pounds Scots. During the Commonwealth, the Earl of Hartfell and his son were imprisoned in Edinburgh, Dumbarton and St. Andrews castles. Upon the Restoration, King Charles II rewarded James, the second Earl of Hartfell, for loyalty with a crown charter to the Earldom of Annandale.

In 1983, after a lapse of nearly two centuries, the Lord Lyon King of Arms officially recognized Major Percy Wentworth Hope Johnstone of Annandale and of that ilk, hereditary Keeper of Lochmaben Castle and a descendant of the daughter of the first Marquis of Annandale, as Chief of Clan Johnstone. Upon Major Hope Johnstone's death later that year, his son Patrick Andrew Wentworth Hope Johnstone succeeded as Chief. In 1985 the House of Lords recognized the Chief's claim to the long-dormant titles of Earl of Annandale and Hartfell. The Chief resides with his wife, Countess Susan Josephine Ross Hope Johnstone at Raehills on their Annandale estate. They have a son, Lord David Johnstone, and a daughter, Lady Julia Hope Johnstone.

(From <http://www.johnstoneclan.org.uk> and <http://www.clanjohnstone.org/johnstone.clan.society.html>)



***The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Annandale & Hartfell and his son, Lord David Johnstone, with Clan Association Piper, John 'Jocky' Johnstone***



**The Johnstone Tartan**

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The Scottish Society of Richmond was founded in 1978 for the purpose of sharing ideals of Scottish heritage. It provides a gathering place for those with an interest in Scotland, educational programs and events on Scottish themes, as well as scholarships and awards for those studying Scottish arts and culture.

The Society meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, September through May, 7:00 p.m., typically at Trinity United Methodist Church (903 Forest Avenue, Richmond)—we will contact members by phone, website, and email in case of changes to meeting place and/or time.

Membership forms can be found on our website.



## Scottish Society Merchandise

Proudly display your Scottish Pride with several items in the SSR Store. We have created the Richmond Scots store at [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com) for you to purchase your SSR logo swag from. Whether it's a T-Shirt, Sweatshirt, or a mug, you'll be able to proudly display your Scottishness.

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but you are helping the Scottish Society at the same time.

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