



Clan Hope Society Newsletter

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Your Clan At Work

Coming Events:

If you are in the area where Clan Hope is sponsoring activities, please drop by and visit with us. Please extend this invitation to any Hopes or Hope Descendents in the area as well.

Clan Hope will participate in or/and sponsor clan tents at:

- March 24-25, 2012 Phoenix Highland Games & Festival, Steele Indian School Park, Phoenix Arizona
- April 14-15, 2012 Las Vegas Celtic Gathering & Highland Games, Floyd Lamb Park, Tule Springs, Nevada
- April 20-22, 2012, 19th Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, N. C.
- April 21, 2012 Dunedin Highland Games & Festival, Highlander Park, Dunedin, Florida
- June 9-10, 2012 Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Blairsville, GA
- June 16, 2012 Scottish Fest and Highland Games, Port of Benton Wine and Food Park • Prosser, Washington
- July 12-15, 2012 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Grandfather Mountain, Linville, NC.
- July 14-15 Athena Caledonian Games, Athena OR
- July 14-15, 2012 Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, Foxglenn Park, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
- September 11, 2012 Kelso Highlander Festival Highland Games, Tam O'Shanter Park, Kelso WA
- October 8-9, 2012 Seaside Highland Games, Seaside Park, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, CA
- January 28, 2012 Burns Night, Las Vegas, Nevada
- February 4, 2012 Sarasota Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Sarasota County Fairgrounds, Sarasota, Florida
- February 25, 2012 Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival, Clay County Fairgrounds, Green Cove Springs, Florida
- January 14-15, 2012 Central Florida Scottish Highland Games, Winter Park, Florida
- October 14-16, 2011. Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain Park GA
- September 16-17, 2011. Oklahoma Scottish Festival. Riverwest Festival Park, Tulsa, OK
- September 30- October 1, 2011. Williamsburg Scottish Festival, Virginia Celtic Gathering and Highland Games. Rockahock Campgrounds, Lanexa, VA
- July 7-10, 2011 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville NC June 11-12, 2011 Blairsville Scottish Festival & Highland Games, Blairsville, GA
- June, 10-12 2011 Kansas City Scottish Festival, Riverside MO
- June 3-5, 2011 Texas Scottish Festival, Arlington, TX
- April 16-17, 2011 Las Vegas Highland Games, Las Vegas, Nevada
- April 16-17, 2011 Loch Norman Highland Games, Rural Hill, Huntersville, North Carolina.
- April 9, 2011, Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin Florida

Some Recent Events :

(Events, Games (w/photos) can be seen under "Activities, Completed" at www.clanhope.org)

Clan Hope Hosted Tents at:

Clan Hope is sad to announce that we have lost our Commissioner for the Central States with the resignation of James M. Hope, Jr. James has been forced to give up his active Clan Hope duties due to health issues. James has hosted Clan Hope tents at highland games in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas/Missouri. James' contributions will be missed by all clan members but, especially, by Hopes throughout the central United States. James, we thank you for your service and sincerely hope your health issues will soon be remediated so you can don your kilt and return to active Clan Hope participation . . . we miss you!

History of the Kilt

It is claimed by many that the kilt was first worn in Ireland then transported to Scotland by Irish migrants, invented in England or worn in Scotland in Medieval times. Early engravings like those below are the source of many of these beliefs. The men in these pictures seem to be wearing kilts but they are, rather, tunics or a form of long, heavy, quilted light armor or "Actons". The tunics were shirts called "lienes".



The first description of what can be interpreted as a true kilt comes from 1578 writings by Bishop Lesley in Rome. Newsome <http://www.albanach.org/kilt.html>, on whom this article is based, quotes:

"Their clothing was made for use (being chiefly suited for war) and not for ornament. All, both nobles and common people, wore mantles of one sort (except that the nobles preferred those of several colours). These were long and flowing, but capable of being neatly gathered up at pleasure into folds."

George Buchanan, in his History of Scotland published in 1581, describes highland dress as: *"Their ancestors wore plaids of many colours, and numbers still retain this custom but the majority now in their dress prefer a dark brown, imitating nearly the leaves of the heather, that when lying upon the heath in the day, they may not be discovered by the appearance of their clothes; in these wrapped rather than covered, they brave the severest storms in the open air, and sometimes lay themselves down to sleep even in the midst of snow."*

Ludhaidh O'Clery wrote of mercenaries from the Scottish Hebrides employed in Ireland by Red Hugh O'Donnell: *"These were recognized among the Irish by the difference of their arms and clothing, their habits and language, for their exterior dress was mottled cloaks to the calf of the leg with ties and fastenings. Their girdles were over the loins outside the cloaks."*

These are recognized by Newsome as the first real references to what we call today, the Kilt. At the time, the 1500s, they were called *feilidh-mòr* (great wrap), a *breacan-feile* (tartan wrap) or a belted plaid. A belted plaid is simply a very long plaid that had been gathered into folds and belted around the body. It is often called by modern reenactors a "great kilt." The quote above is the first definite mention of the belt being worn around the outside of the mantle—the hallmark of the belted plaid. There is no evidence that these garments were worn in the 13th and 14th century – in spite of what you saw in *Braveheart*.



Earliest Illustration of a Belted Plaid

The earliest picture of a belted plaid dates to shortly after 1600. It was untailored and consisted of a length of woolen or linen-woolen material. The length was about 4 or 5 yards. The belief that the plaid had to be 9 yards is erroneous. It was sometimes as much as 16 yards. Original material was only about 25" wide and had to be sewn together to get the 50" width for a belted plaid. Four to five yards of 50 inch material started as 9 yards of 25 inch cloth. The earliest surviving kilts we have fit this description. There is a widely held belief that an Englishman, Thomas Rawlinson, cut his iron smelters' kilts in half to allow them to remove the top to avoid overheating.

However, there are numerous illustrations of Highlanders wearing only the bottom of the belted plaid or great kilt long before Rawlinson's time. If one neglects to stitch the two halves of the material together, it becomes small enough for half a great kilt, pleated and belted around the waist. This is called a *feilidh-beag* or, when translated into English, "phillabeg."

The first instance we have of the pleats being sewn in to the phillabeg, creating a true tailored kilt, comes in 1792. This kilt is in possession of the Scottish Tartans Society and is currently on display at the Scottish Tartans Museum of Franklin, NC. It contains 4 yards of tartan, and has wide box pleats that are each sewn in. This is the first garment that can truly be called a kilt in the form we know it today. The tailoring and style are different from a modern kilt, but it is a kilt nonetheless, with its origins in the belted plaid of the late 16th century.

Taken from Matthew Newsome ©2000 at <http://www.albanach.org/kilt.html>



The Clan Hope Society is offering these shirts as a service to our members. They are a 50/50 blend of pre-shrunk cotton/polyester. These are polo styled shirts with a collar and no pocket. They are made by Hanes® and embroidered (not printed) with the Clan Hope Badge and the name "Hope" above it. This offering is primarily intended as a service to our members and friends in an effort to provide a quality shirt at a cost noticeably lower than alternative sources. Profits - if any - will go to the Clan Hope Society.

Order here:
<http://www.clanhope.org/shirts.htm>



Clan Hope is presenting prints of this painting of Craighall Castle, traditional home of the Hopes of Craighall, for purchase. This image is available as a print on paper, a print on canvas and the single original.

Contact Brian C. Mack
of Loch Vale Fine Art
(lochvale@gwestoffice.net)
(www.lochvalefineart.net)
Or Chris Papp
(presidentclanhope@gmail.com)
for pricing and availability.

Membership renewals for 2012 are past due. Please renew your membership here:
<http://www.clanhope.org/renewdues.html>

Clan Hope of Craighall welcomes the following new members joining since the last newsletter:
Patricia Ann Comella Kenneth Charles Hope

Scottish Humor

Three Scots and three Englishmen are traveling by train to a football match. At the station, the three Englishmen each buy tickets and watch as the three Scots buy only a single ticket. "How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?" asked one of the three Englishmen.

"Watch and you'll see," answers one of the Scotsmen. They all board the train. The Englishmen take their respective seats but all three Scotsmen cram into a toilet and close the door behind them. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens just a crack and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on.

The English saw this and agreed it was quite a clever idea. So after the conference, the Englishmen decide to copy the Scots on the return trip and save some money. When they get to the station, they buy a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the Scots don't buy a ticket at all.

"How are you going to travel without a ticket," asks one perplexed Englishman. "Watch and you'll see," says one of the Scotsmen. When they board the train, the three Englishmen cram into a toilet and the three Scots cram into another one nearby. The train departs. Shortly afterward, one of the Scots leaves his restroom and walks over to the restroom where the Englishmen are hiding. He knocks on the door and says, "Ticket, please."

Traditional Scottish Recipes

Scottish Stew and Doughbouys

From the Cook: "This was passed down from my nana."

Ingredients:

1 Lb. Stewing Beef
2 Tblspns. Seasoned Flour
1 Chopped Onion
2 Chopped Carrots
¼ Chopped Turnip
2 Beef Bouillon Cubes
2 Ozs. Beef or Vegetable Suet
4 Ozs. Flour
Salt, Pepper, Water

Method:

For the Stew, chop up the beef and roll in seasoned flour. Place in a hot oiled pan to brown (will go crusty on the base, don't worry). Add the chopped vegetables. Cook on medium until softened and add bouillon cubes mixed in about ¾ pint of water. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Slow cook on low heat until beef is tender (about 1½-2 Hrs.), stirring often and adding water to keep gravy level up. For the Doughbouys, blend flour and suet, then mix a little water to make a dough. Roll into balls and place on top of stew for the last 15-20 minutes of cooking covered. To serve, remove the doughbouys, thicken gravy with a little corn flour and water if necessary. Spoon stew over the doughbouys. Can cook to the point of adding doughbouys in the morning, add doughbouys and finish cooking in the evening for dinner.

(Adapted from Bev's Kitchen, www.food.com)

Member's Corner

Hello, Clan Hope Members.

My name is Phil Murray Hope. I am so happy and very proud to be a member of Clan Hope and I look forward to being with you for years to come. I hope I can meet each and every one of you with God's help.

I was born in Jesup, Ga.(Wayne County) on Mar 12, 1944. My father was Doffie Hope and my mother was Fannie Kate Murray. Both of them were from Ludowici, Ga.(Long County). I went to grammar school, junior high school and high school in Jesup, Ga. I graduated from Wayne Co High School in June, 1962. I was born and raised in the Methodist Church and led singing for evening services my last 2 years of high school.

I went to Young Harris College in Young Harris, Ga.(9 miles from Blairsville, Ga.) I'm sure a number of you know where that is. I started in YHC in the fall of 1962. I was a college cheerleader for 2 yrs, leaving Young Harris in Aug, 1965. I found I had been drafted when I got home and joined the US Air Force in Oct 1965. While I was at YHC, I, also, sang in the ensemble and the Sharp Memorial Methodist Church Choir

In the Air Force, I was stationed in Savannah, Ga. and in San Bernardino, Ca. In Savannah, I met and married a Ga. Peach in July of 1966. We had 3 children, a daughter and 2 sons (all living in Savannah).

When I was discharged from the Air Force in Oct, 1969, I went to work with Friedman's Jewelers, based in Savannah, Ga. While working with Friedman's, I went back to college (at night) to Armstrong State College. I attained my BA Degree in Marketing and Management and my MBA in Business Administration. I went up the chain of command with Friedman's from Credit Manager in 1971 to store manager in 1976. I was a store manager until 1980 and was promoted to Regional Supervisor with 2 other supervisors in a 47 store chain in 5 states. I remained a supervisor from 1980-1991. In 1991, I became a Corporate Credit Director with 120 store locations and the chain went Public. After 4 years in 1995, I chose to step down to store manager again with no traveling and staying in Savannah.

I retired from Friedman's in Nov, 2001 and have worked as a family service counselor at cemeteries in Savannah for 3-4 years and 3-5 years with a men's clothing store in Savannah. I still work whenever needed. I had to do something for I could not fish all the time, although I thought I could.

I now look forward to attending Clan Hope Tents at Scottish Games where I hope to meet other Hopes as well as other Murrays. I plan to enter the Clan Hope DNA Group Project in the very near future.

Postscript

We sincerely hope you will make this newsletter your own by contributing items relating to Hopes, Scots, history of either, genealogy or other related subjects. Please help us share our Hope and Scottish information among clan members and friends! We will accept anything that is in the public domain, original or cites origin. Submit anything you wish to have included in our newsletter to: gmhope@ufl.edu. We look forward to your contributions. Thanks in advance for sharing!