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Message from the President Stephen Hope



It's been a busy few months for Clan Hope of Craighall and shows no sign of slowing down in the near future.

We have more Scottish events in July across the world and I'm 'hoping' to see our clan representatives and members reporting on their activities in the

next newsletter and posting on our Facebook Group.

Meanwhile Ourania and I are taking a much delayed trip to Scotland and plan to visit some Clan Hope related sites while doing a little informal family heritage research mixed with general sightseeing. More of that in the next newsletter undoubtedly.

Please consider contributing to newsletter@clanhope.org any news, events, stories, family histories, recipes. This newsletter belongs to our members but relies on your participation to keep it relevant and alive. If you are a member of our Facebook group please also consider posting information there as well, so we can encourage those people who aren't yet clan members to join and participate in the clan.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet please head to our website <https://www.clanhope.org> to renew online.

Let me wish you all the best for 2023, Sláinte Math - Good Health to you and your families.

Clan Activities in Australia Australian Celtic Festival 2023

Report by Stephen Hope

Glen Innes, New South Wales, Australia

The Australian Celtic Festival held the Australian Standing Stones* at Glen Innes in the New England



Video Clip: Street Parade of the Clans 2023
 Source: Stephen Hope



Video Clip: Address to the Haggis, at the Commissioners' Dinner, 2023



Massed Pipe Bands (video clip) at the Opening Ceremony of the Berry Celtic Festival, 2023
 Source: Stephen Hope

Highlands of New South Wales, Australia is always a well attended event and this year, with Scotland being the featured nation, it was one of the largest gathering of Scottish Clans I've seen.



On Sunday we took part in the largest Calling of the Clans I have seen at any Scottish or Celtic event in Australia.

The two day event included participation in the opening ceremony, street parade which I was able to video from the perspective of the Clan Hope banner leading out the march. The Calling of the Clans was followed by a Kirk'n of the Tartan

ceremony held among the standing stones. Note: For more information about Kirking the Tartan, the following



Ourania Hope with a member of Clan Buchanan



Stephen Hope holding the Clan Hope banner

website, amongst others, might be informative and helpful:

<https://clan.com/blog/kirking-the-tartan>

The accompanying photo doesn't do justice to the number of clans present as I was standing in the middle of the arc we formed.



The Clan Hope meeting place at the Australian Celtic Festival



Up among the standing stones our Clan tent was well attended by the largest group of visitors we've seen at the event 2023

Berry Celtic Festival 2023

Berry, New South Wales, Australia

Report by Stephen Hope

In late May we attended the Berry Celtic Festival in the Shoalhaven district on the coast south of Sydney. This is a much smaller event than many others which has been revived in the last few years by the organisers.

In previous years we have held a Clan Hope tent at the festival but a clash of commitments meant we weren't able to do that this year.

Luckily our other event was also relatively nearby so we were able to march in the street parade and represent the clan at the opening ceremony before heading off, in kilt, to Ourania's Smith Hills Girls High School reunion lunch.

You will find a video clip of the Massed Pipe bands at the Opening Ceremony of the Berry Celtic Festival.

* Australian Standing Stones



Created in 1991/92, the Australian Standing Stones in Glen Innes Highlands is the national monument to Celtic people, past and present.

The Stones acknowledge the contribution to Australian culture made by people from the Celtic nations of Scotland, Ireland, Cornwall, Wales, the Isle of Man, Brittany, Asturias and Galicia.



The Stones were officially opened by the then NSW Governor, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, on 1 February 1992.



The Stones continue to gain national and international exposure and the site is a major tourist destination in the Glen Innes Highlands

Source: <https://gleninneshighlands.com/australian-standing-stones.html>

Aberdeen Highland Games

Aberdeen, New South Wales, Australia

Report by Stephen & Ourania Hope

On Saturday July 1, the annual Aberdeen Highland Games was held, drawing hundreds of people to the Upper Hunter township of Aberdeen to enjoy the festivities.



Clan representatives, including Clan Hope, at the Aberdeen Highland Games

The Games began with a parade of bands, clan representatives and others that led into the Massed Band Salute and Chieftan's Address which officially opened the day. Throughout the day there was fun for all the family including Highland and Country Dancing, Pipe Band displays, Strong Man events with the Kilted Warriors and the famed Kilted Dash. A multitude of stores and stands surrounded the area selling all manner of Scottish heirlooms and souvenirs, clothing and garb, as well as food and drink.

Additional source: Aberdeen Highland Games website

Burn's Supper

Scottish Australian Heritage Council, Sydney

Report by Stephen Hope, Media Director, SAHC



(L-R) The 12th Earl of Dunmore and the Rt. Hon. The 15th Earl of Loudoun, Simon Abney-Hastings.



A candid discussion between (L-R) Malcolm Buchanan, President of SAHC and the 12th Earl of Dunmore

On Friday 23rd of June we attended the opening event of Scottish Week, Sydney 2023. A Burns Supper was held by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council (SAHC) at the York Club in Sydney.

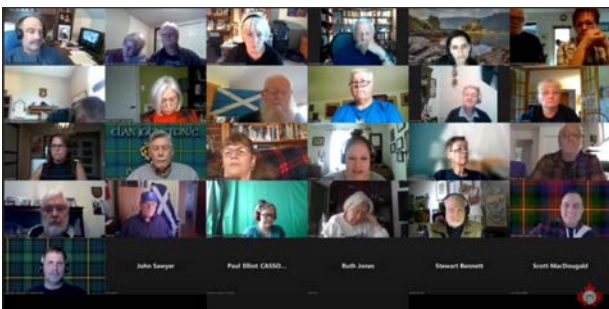
The Earl of Loudoun had recently returned to his home in Australia after taking part as The Bearer of the Golden Spurs in the Coronation of King Charles III in Westminster Abbey.

Clan Activities in Canada

CASSOC Spring Meeting 2023

Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada

Report by Scott Hale



The Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) Association held their Spring 2023 General Meeting via Zoom on May 7, 2023. Clan Hope of Craighall Society had registered our membership in late April becoming members for the first time.

This meeting was labelled as a Festival Season Special. In the meeting, member groups as organizers and attendees of highland games and festivals discuss why to attend events along with what goes right and what goes wrong. As a new member, and particularly one just getting the event season underway, the stories and experiences shared were very insightful.

Advice was provided about how to setup a Clan Tent to encourage people to come inside and improve engagement. Ideas for what displays produced the most questions and conversations were thankfully abundant.

At the meeting's end, CASSOC announced the creation of new Wiki site for members to access. The Wiki, available at <https://cesedc.ca/wiki/index.php/Main>, will be built up to contain a wealth of information over time. The intention of the Wiki is to provide as much detail, experiences, and relevant information as is useful to any and all Canadian Scottish Activities.

The date for the next CASSOC meeting has not been set yet but Clan Hope will be there.

Red Deer Highland Games, Canada

Report by Scott Hale

Clan Hope of Craighall Society Canada attended our first event with a Clan tent on June 24, 2023. The Red Deer Highland Games was celebrating the 79th anniversary of these games that kick off the Scottish event season in Alberta, Canada. The event was held at the Harvard Business Center in Springbank, just outside Red Deer, on the old military base.



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(<https://www.reddeerhighlandgames.com/>)

Our Clan was one of just three represented at the games; the others being Clan MacPherson and Clan Buchanan. Clan Macdonald did attend but didn't bring

a Clan tent this year. In prior years, there were more Clans represented so it was sad to see so few in attendance.

The games featured Scottish heavy events including the famous caber toss, highland dancing, piping and drumming solo and band competitions, vendors, a sheep dog herding presentation, a dog show, and more.

There were a diverse group of visitors to the Clan tent over the day. The displays of books, claymore sword and dirk, and maps in particular were draws of many who were curious about them, wanted to ask questions about Scottish heritage, see their Clan's lands, wanted to know more about Clan Hope, or were just looking to share experiences and talk.

We were setup close to the highland dancing competitions and close by the piping and drumming event judging tents. Keeping our backs were the vendors and food trucks.

Overall, the day was pleasant, the weather warm and sunny, and the people were amazing. Looking forward to this event next year.

Upcoming Events

Later this summer, we are expecting to attend three more highland games events:

Sherwood Park Highland Gathering
July 22 and 23, 2023
Broadmoor Lake Park in Sherwood Park, Alberta
<https://www.sphg.ca/>

Calgary Highland Games
September 2, 2023
Calgary Rugby Union
<https://calgaryhighlandgames.com/>

Canmore Highland Games
September 3, 2023
Centennial Park
<https://canmorehighlandgames.ca/>

Clan Activities in USA

San Diego Scottish Highland Games

Friends, Family, Tradition

Report by Cynthia Hope Henderson

Southern California USA residents and visitors recently enjoyed the 48th San Diego Scottish Highland Games on June 24-25, 2023 which included Pipe and Drum competitions and workshops, Heavy Games, Highland Dancers, Sheepdog trials, booths for Scottish Clans,



Clan parade, Birds of Prey Raptor events, live music from 4 bands, whisky tasting and seminar, beer tent, food and vendors.

Clan Secretary



Cynthia Hope Henderson was a volunteer, checking in Clans that were hosting a booth and guests at the front gate. Forty-eight Clans from Bell to Young were represented.

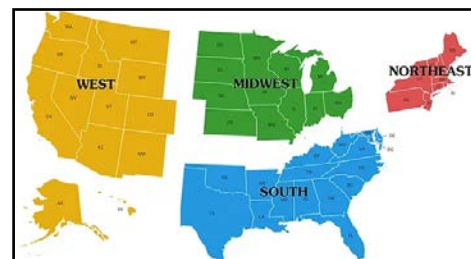
Other events sponsored by the organization throughout the year include:

- School of Piping and Drumming Free Concert
- Kirkin of the Tartan
- Pub Trivia
- Burns Night
- Friends & Family Picnic
- Scottish Heritage Night at the Padres (baseball)
- Casino Night
- Christmas Party
- Food drive in partnership with North County Food Bank

Those interested are encouraged to become involved and visit their website at: sdhighlandgames.org.

Council of Scottish Clans & Associations (USA)

Scottish Heritage Society or Highland Games Associations (USA)



This map of America shows how the country is divided into 4 Regions in relation to COSCA activities.

Notable Hopes

Hope Family: Father Robert and sons George & Adam

Robert Hope (1700s-1801)

In 1796 Robert Hope leased the farms of Fenton and Fenton Barns, East Lothian, from William Hamilton Nisbet of **Dirleton**, having moved from Ferrygate, another farm on the Dirleton estate. Robert died in 1801 and his second wife remained at Fenton Barns with her family.

Robert Hope (second son from his father's first marriage) took over the farm at Fenton and married

Christian Borgue, daughter of George Borgue, a farmer at Stevenson Mains. Their second son, George Hope, was born in 1811. Robert and his wife Christian had another 2 sons, Adam and Charles, who also feature in this family's rich agricultural and mercantile history

George Hope (1811–1876), agriculturist, second son of Robert Hope tenant farmer, East Lothian and his wife Christian Borgue, was born at Fenton in that County, in 1811.



George Hope
The portrait, painted shortly before his death by Sir George Reid was presented to George Hope by his 'brother farmers and friends'.
Source: National Gallery of Scotland

He was educated at Dirleton Parish School. By the late 1820s George Hope was working in Haddington in the offices of a lawyer but returned home to take over the farm at Fenton Barns.

In the late 1830s and early 1840s he was involved with the Anti-Corn Law League, striving for better rights for tenant farmers. He went on to become a leading agriculturalist

who developed Fenton Barns into what was considered at the time to be a model farm using progressive farming techniques.

He spent all but the last three years of his life as a farmer in his native County, and did much by his skill as a practical agriculturist to improve the agricultural position of East Lothian. Hope's holding, Fenton Barns, was known in agricultural circles in the UK, America and on the Continent as a model of what a farm should be. In 1875 Hope's landlord refused to renew his lease, and he left Fenton Barns, which had been occupied by his family for three generations, for Broadlands, a small estate which he had purchased in Berwickshire. He died there the following year and was buried at Dirleton, near Fenton Barns.

The news of his leaving Fenton Barns and subsequent death made headlines across Britain, the Continent and America, such was the esteem in which George was held.

Desirable Kinds of Wheat

(extracts from "The Brisbane Courier", Australia 23 Apr 1873)



Wheat growing at Fenton Barns
Source: geography.org.uk

The "Fenton" is a favourite wheat, which originated in this way: About thirty or forty years ago, **Mr Robert Hope**, father of **Mr George Hope** of Fenton Barns, observed growing among the debris of a whinstone

quarry on his farm three stalks of wheat, of different lengths, from one root.

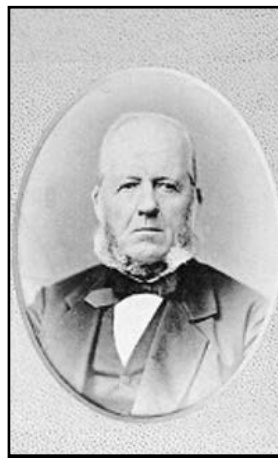
The ears were fully developed, while the stems or straws were short, and upon the straws being closely examined, it was observed that the control opening was uniformly smaller than in ordinary white wheats. **Mr George Hope** at first imputed the shortness and stiffness of the straw and its unequal length to the stony character of the ground on which the whole had been grown, but these have proved characteristics of the variety. The grain in the ears of the three heads was saved and sown in a garden, and from the produce of these three ears was propagated the Fenton wheat.

Other varieties of wheat continued to be developed including another variety from Mr George Hope of Fenton Barns, which he called "Squarehead". Mr Hope recommended the members of the East Lothian Farmers' Club, to take a trial of it.

Mr Sherriff, of Saltcoats, praised the generosity of spirit displayed by Mr Hope who, having cultivated a wheat which he had established as the best in cultivation, had the candour, after trying another kind, to acknowledge himself beaten on his own farm. Mr Sherriff proceeded to recommend the squarehead wheat. He advised every farmer to sow half of his farm with it, seeding it thickly.

Source: trove.nla.gov.au; http://www.stravaiging.com

Adam Hope (1813-1882) merchant and politician; born 1813 at West Fenton, Dirleton Parish (Lothian), Scotland, third son of Robert Hope and Christian Bogue; and younger brother to aforementioned George Hope; married in 1840 at St Thomas, Upper Canada, Hannah White (1821–1916).



Adam Hope
Source: Wikimedia Commons

Adam Hope came from a well-known Scottish agricultural family; his father's farm, Fenton Barns, was noted as a model of progressive agriculture. However, Adam pursued a career in trade. Following education at Dirleton Parish School and in Edinburgh, he spent six years in a mercantile firm in Leith. In 1834 he emigrated to Upper

Canada and soon secured employment at Hamilton in a firm which handled dry goods, groceries, and hardware. After three years he took the course of many ambitious young mercantile clerks at the time and opened his own general store and produce business at St Thomas.

In 1845 he moved to London, Ontario to become a partner in the general store under the name of 'Hope, Birrell and Company'.

In 1851, Adam Hope opened London's first essentially wholesale business, selling dry goods, groceries, and hardware (the last department, managed by his younger brother **Charles James Hope**, sold also at retail).

Adam Hope and Company quickly developed a large clientele in the small centres north and west of London, and by 1856 Hope estimated the net value of his capital in the business at £10,000. Like most Upper Canadian businesses, this one suffered reverses in the 1857 depression, but Hope proved a canny manager, writing off many bad debts, scouring the countryside for new accounts, and closely scrutinizing his costs and profit margins. When he died, Hope was able to leave to his brother and sons a successful iron and hardware firm.

Adam Hope shared the liberal outlook and Unitarian religion of his family. After the Upper Canadian rebellion of 1837 in which he fought as a private in the St Thomas Volunteers, he became an influential figure in the developing Reform party in western Upper Canada, though he never stood for election. It was a fitting climax to a lifetime of committed party activity in London and Hamilton that he was named to the Senate in 1877. There he was a partisan Liberal who spoke mainly on business issues.

Hope was an important figure in the business communities of London and Hamilton. He was president of the City of London Building Society throughout its existence, and, before leaving London in 1865, was briefly president of the newly organized Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society, later to be one of the principal business institutions of western Ontario. He was first president in 1857 of the London Board of Trade. In 1872 he helped found and became first president of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society, a mortgage and savings company that, by drawing on British capital, grew rapidly into one of the largest of the almost 50 such companies then operating in Ontario. He remained president until his death. In 1874 he was elected a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, a post he also held until he died; he was the bank's vice-president from 1876 to 1879.

Having come to Canada alone and without capital, Adam Hope had made his own way by hard work, ability, and integrity. His life was a clear affirmation of the liberal values in which he so strongly believed.

Adam Hope sent his father sixty-six letters, vivid and detailed, which trace Hope's passage across the Atlantic and efforts to settle in Upper Canada. A Liberal, he was appointed to the Senate of Canada on 3 January 1877 on the recommendation of Alexander Mackenzie. He represented the senatorial division of Hamilton, Ontario until his death. In 2007, Adam Crerar edited the selected letters of Adam Hope, written to his father in Scotland between 1834 and 1845. This collection of letters totals approximately 200,000 words, and represents one of the single richest accounts of Upper Canada in the 1830s and 1840s, touching on telling aspects of colonial politics, religion, society, economics, and communications. This edited compilation was published as part of the Champlain Society's General Series.

Source: *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* (<http://www.biographi.ca/en/>); *wikipedia.org*

Places Named Hope Hope, Arkansas, USA

Hope, established in 1875, is a city in Hemstead County in south-western Arkansas, United States. It is the



Welcome to Hope, Arkansas sign
Source: Facebook

birthplace of three Arkansas governors: William (Bill) Jefferson Clinton (who was also President of the United States from 1993 to 2001), Mike Huckabee (who ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008 and 2016), and Sarah Huckabee Sanders (the incumbent governor and daughter of Mike Huckabee. Hope began

in 1873, when a railroad was built through the area. The town was named for Hope Loughborough, the daughter of a railroad executive.

Hope is also known for growing watermelons and continues to produce records for the largest specimens in the world. The last record was set by Lloyd Bright in 2005 with a 268.8-pound (122kg) watermelon. The Watermelon Festival is celebrated annually from Thursday-Saturday during the second week of August. The watermelon is used in the municipal logo and the Hope slogan: *A Slice of the Good Life*.

World War II through the Modern Era

On July 1, 1941, the government announced a land condemnation order, and work began on the



Orval Faubus with a Hope Melon
Source: encyclopediaforarkansas.net

Southwestern Proving Ground (SPG). The government built the **army ordnance plant** on 50,000 acres of farmland just north of Hope. Four dozen army officers directed the activities and were assisted by an Army Air Corps detachment of about 150 men. Civilian employees—more than 750 daily—were transported by bus from Hope and surrounding Counties.

The plant was completed, and the first ammunition was tested January 1, 1942. Work continued until the end of the war in 1945. Some of the employees, both civilian and army, remained in Hope.

Hope's economy has always depended on farming. **Cotton** was the chief crop until the 1920s. More than 30,000 bales a year were produced in the mid-1930s. So many buyers had offices on 2nd Street that it was known as Cotton Row. The United Cotton Seed Oil Mill was a successful industry as long as cotton was grown. More diversified farming began to be encouraged when the

University of Arkansas Experiment Station was established near Hope in 1930.

Famous Resident



Boyhood home of Bill Clinton
Hope, Arkansas

President Clinton was born William Jefferson Blythe III in Hope. When he was seven, his widowed mother married Roger Clinton, and the family moved to Hot Springs (Garland County). Later he took his stepfather's name. His renovated first home is maintained by the William Jefferson

Clinton Birthplace Foundation and visited by tourists from all over the world.

Sources: Wikipedia; encyclopediaforarkansas.net

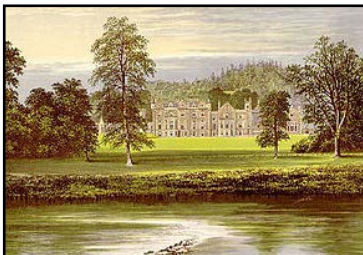
opened to the public in 1833 and has never lost its place as a place of literary pilgrimage and monument to one of Scotland's greatest sons



Scott was an obsessive collector of books, artefacts, weaponry and more, much of which can still be seen in the Abbotsford Collections. But his home was his most cherished possession, 'the Delilah of his imagination', his 'Conundrum Castle' and 'flibbertigibbet of a house' that would 'suit none but an antiquary.' Its architecture and interior design made it an iconic building of the 19th century Scottish Baronial style, and it remains a key site in the history of European Romanticism.

Historic Houses in the Borders
Abbotsford House, Rox., SCT

The fifth in the series of "Houses in the Borders" is Abbotsford House, which is situated between Galashiels and Melrose,



Roxburghshire, SCT. I've chosen this House because of its historical aspect, especially as a tribute to its first owner and a fellow Borderer, Sir Walter Scott, who was a Scottish

historian, novelist, poet and playwright.

Standing on the banks of the River Tweed, Abbotsford was Sir Walter Scott's creation and, after his death in 1832, somewhere visited by millions. It was built on the proceeds of a phenomenally successful literary career, and Scott became determined to keep it in his family as he worked to pay off huge debts after near-bankruptcy in 1825. Abbotsford is an enduring monument to the tastes, talents and personal tragedies of its creator.

Around the world, there are Abbotsfords named after Scott's home, including in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States, as well as three London streets. Scott was a generous host and during his lifetime

Abbotsford was visited by writers, politicians, noblemen and many of his readers. After Scott's death, it was



Sir Walter Scott

Sir Walter Scott was born 252 years ago on 15 August 1771 in Edinburgh and died at his home, at Abbotsford House. He is buried at Dryburgh Abbey. He and his wife, Charlotte Carpenter, from a French royalist family, had 5 children, they being: Anne Scott, Anne Helena Scott, Charles Scott, Sophia Scott and Walter Scott. Sir Walter Scott's parents were Walter Scott of the Borders and Anne Rutherford. His father had moved the family to Edinburgh to further his own career in Law. He was appointed as "Writer to the Signet" (who were solicitors entitled to supervise use of the King's Signet, the private seal of the early Kings of Scots, which dated back to 1369). His mother was descended from the Halliburton's of Newmains and brought to the Scott family the hereditary rights of burial in Dryburgh Abbey (which, as mentioned above, is where Sir Walter Scott was laid to rest). Of note is that his mother (Anne Rutherford), and according to the memoirs of Sir Walter Scott, was skilled in storytelling, and enjoyed a love of ancient ballads, legends and traditions of the Scots. Of the 13 children born to Anne Rutherford, only Sir Walter Scott lived beyond the age of 60.

Sir Walter Scott contracted polio at eighteen months which left him lame for the rest of his life. He was sent back to the Borders to see whether fresh air and exertion would mend his health. History tells us that this did not eventuate. However, Sir Walter Scott remained in the Borders thereafter.

Abbotsford is the extraordinary home of the 19th century novelist and 'Great Scott' who popularised tartan, saved the Scottish banknote and rediscovered his country's Crown Jewels

Sir Walter Scott changed how the world saw Scotland and Scotland saw herself.

Quote: "There's nothing so easy to invent as a tradition" by Sit Walter Scott

Sir Walter Scott's connection to the Hope family



Charlotte Lockhart, later Mrs Hope; granddaughter of Sir Walter Scott.
Portrait by David Octavius Hill & Robert Adamson.
Source: National Gallery of Scotland

Well! Maybe not Sir Walter Scott himself but through his grand-daughter, Charlotte Harriet Jane Lockhart (1827-1858) who married James Robert Hope in 1847. Charlotte's parents were James Gibson Lockhart and Charlotte Sophia Scott. On the death of her brother (Walter Scott) in 1853, Charlotte and her husband inherited Scott's Abbotsford estate, at which time they assumed the surname of Hope-Scott.

James Robert Hope was born 15 July

1812 to General Sir Alexander Hope and his wife Georgina Alicia Brown of Ellerton, Roxburghshire. He was the grandson of John Hope, 2nd Earl of Hopetoun.

Sources: abbotsford.com, britainexpress.com, historichouses.org, scotlandstartsheere.com, secretscotland.com, tripadvisor.com.au, walterscott.lib.ed.ac.uk, en.wikipedia.org (for information about Abbotsford and about Sir Walter Scott)

Recipe Corner: Ecclefechan Tarts

Source: *Scottish Scrان* (scottishscrان.com)

A traditional Ecclefechan Tart is a delightful mixture of sugar, dried fruit, and butter inside of a sweet shortcrust pastry tart. It can be made as one large tart or as



individual tarts, similar to Christmas mince pies. If the delightful Ecclefechan Tart were in a guidebook, it would be listed as a must-visit Scottish hidden gem. But, unfortunately, these delicious tarts have

remained under the radar for many outside of Scotland. We think they deserve as much fame as the country's other more well-known desserts like Cranachan and Topsy Laird.

Ecclefechan Tarts are very Scottish. The tart itself is named after and, we assume, began life in the small town of Ecclefechan, found in Dumfries and Galloway in the southwest of Scotland.

Pastry

275g plain flour (2 cups)
125g unsalted butter (cold, cubed) (1/2 cup + 1 tbsp)
3 tbsp sugar
1 large egg
1-2 tbsp cold water

Filling for individual mini tarts

90g unsalted butter (1/3 cup + 1 tbsp)
100g dark muscovado sugar (1/2 cup)
1 tbsp lemon zest
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 large egg (beaten)
¼ tsp mixed spice
80g raisins (1/2 cup)
80g sultanas (1/2 cup)
50g glace cherries (chopped) (1/3 cup)



To make the pastry, first add the flour and butter to the bowl of a food processor. Pulse until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. You can also rub together the flour and butter with your hands if preferred (just make sure they're cold).

Transfer the mixture to the bowl of an electric stand mixer. Add the sugar and whisk briefly by hand to combine.

Make a well in the centre of the mixture and add the egg and 1 tbsp of the water. Using the dough hook attachment, mix on a slow speed until it just starts to come together into a dough. If the dough is still looking too dry and crumbly, add the second tablespoon of water. If you don't have a stand mixer, you can also use a fork to bring everything together.

Use your hands to shape the dough into a ball. Don't handle it more than you need to or you may overwork the dough.

Wrap the dough ball in cling film and place in the fridge to chill for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, prep the tart filling. Melt the butter and muscovado sugar together in the saucepan over a low-medium heat. Set this aside to cool for about 5 minutes.

Add all remaining filling ingredients to the pan and stir well to combine.

Preheat the oven to 180C. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to approximately 0.5cm in thickness. Use a 7.5-8cm cookie cutter to cut circles from the dough and push them carefully into the holes of a cupcake tin.

Once you have lined all of the cupcake holes with pastry, prick the bases with a fork a couple of times, then spoon the filling mixture into each pastry case.

Bake for 20 minutes until the filling is set and the pastry is turning golden around the edges.

Leave in the cupcake tin for about 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Crum/Hope Family Reunion

Report by Elaine Crum Sullivan



2023 Group Photo

Our first Reunion since pre-covid on May 7, 2023, was an outstanding success with more than 75 or more kinfolks; not everyone signed in; lots of kids running around, too, and some were quick drop-ins, gathered at a picnic at McKethan Lake Park, Hernando County, Florida. We have been gathering since the 1950s, at least.



Photo Posters of Past Reunions



Ancestor Board

The Opening of the Gathering had the attendees introducing themselves based on family lines on whether we were a Crum, Hope or both - which is the case for many of us; or a Friend of the Family. For each of us to have a reference point of our connection, we shared our relationships by telling us who our parents, grandparents, and great-grandchildren were. We then had the Blessing of the food, after which we filled our platters with yummy food,

often from a recipe passed down through the ages

With a renewal of the Reunion, we decided it was time to freshen up the event to attract and keep the younger folk involved. The goal was to build on our connections and create new ones to preserve our heritage and continue to build our legacy. We refreshed the occasion with new activities for us to create actively connect with each other and learn about our ancestors by sharing some of our oral history in our Camp Fire Story Time, sharing and talking about the Ancestors' Memory Boards, Enjoying moments from the Photo Posters of Past Reunions, visiting within small groups with the kinfolks that brought



Cousin Squad

photos, documents, memorabilia, and scrapbooks to share, and browsing the resource table of personally created Genealogy Memory Books of various parts of our lines, and related published books that provide historical context

and biographical information.

And just because having fun is fun, we provided a fun photo option both in areas for the kids to play games and all over the grounds and the playground.

After the Reunion on May 8, Elaine Crum Sullivan started a [FB page](#), *The Florida Crum and Hope Families*, to continue connecting all the family lines. There are already 95 active members.

Our Crum and Hope heritage is fascinating, sometimes exciting, sometimes troubling, and deserves to be preserved. Our lives are richer as we renew our ties with Family. The Family Reunion is an important tradition to support.

It is nice to see the Family's many branches joining together for a day of fellowship and memories. It is especially nice that the younger generations are growing up with this tradition. It was such a huge success!

With special thanks to Elaine Crum Sullivan, whose great grandmother was Ann Pyles Hope (1854-1935-FL), daughter of David Hope (1819, GA - 1879, FL and Frances Sophia Pyles (1828-1875, FL), married to John Washington Crum (1852-1896, FL; and whose great, great aunt Jane E. Crum (1814, GA - 1845, FL) married William Hope (1808, GA - 1898, FL).

New Commissioner in America

We have great pleasure to announce that, as of early 2024, Clan Hope of Craighall Society will once again have a Commissioner for the Southeastern States (North and South Carolina, Georgia - USA), representing the Clan.

Kiffin Hope, who is currently our Commissioner for Texas, is moving back to South Carolina, in the process giving up his current role as Commissioner there but taking on the role of representing the Clan in the area of the USA that has the highest number of Hope descendants and Clan members.

I'd like to thank and congratulate Kiffin on taking on this important position which has been vacant for far too long now.

I call on members who would like to have a more active role in the Clan to nominate themselves for roles as Commissioners in areas where we currently have no active representation.

These are in the USA:

- Northeastern States
- Mid Western States

- ... Australian States:
- Queensland
 - Victoria
 - South Australia
 - Tasmania

- ... UK:
- Wales

- ... South Africa
 ... Ireland

If you would like to volunteer please reply to this email and I can give you more detailed information on what is involved and the benefits of representing Clan Hope of Craighall Society.

Tartans and Their Weights?



Official Tartan for Clan Hope of Craighall Society
 Hope-Vere #780 sett

Did you know that tartans come in a range of weights - each for a specific purpose?

- Spring-Weight (8oz and under)
Very light weight fabrics for accessories eg Scarves, Throws, etc
- Light-Weight (9oz - 12oz)
Fabrics for lighter garments and accessories
- Medium-Weight (13oz - 14oz)
Multi-purpose weight with many uses
- Heavy-Weight (15oz - 17oz)
Robust fabrics for kilts and upholstery
- Regimental-Weight (18oz and over)
Extra thick fabrics for hard-wearing use

Scots in the Bush

Boondoomah Homestead QLD August 16-20 2023
 All Clans welcome. Bar and meals available.
 Contact: Caretaker: 07 4168 0159
info@boondoomahomestead.org.au
 Pattie Brown: 0408 070 769
pattie_mitsi@westnet.com.au

Found on Facebook

Source: *Being Scottish*



Clan Hope of Craighall website

Have you visited our website of late? Stephen Hope has been busy and is slowly giving it a much needed upgrade.

Of possible interest are some of the comments in the Guest Book which go back to 2008.


I wonder if some of these Hopes became members of the Clan? I wonder also about their own research into their specific Hope family history - did they get some of the answers they were seeking? Have they discovered any long lost cousins, be they 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th?

<https://www.clanhope.org/>



Making Membership Even Easier

Clan Hope of Craighall





Crest: A broken terrestrial globe surmounted by a rainbow issuing out of a cloud at each end all Proper

Motto: At Spes Infracta (Yet Our Hope is Unbroken)

Surnames: Hope, Hop, Hob, Hoip, Hoep, Hoop, Hoppe, Haupt, De Hope

Hope-Vere/Weir #2 (ancient), chosen by Hope Clan Society



<https://www.clanhope.org/membershipapp/memberapp.html>

Clan Hope now has its own QR Code for membership
Using the QR reader on your phone, this link will take you straight to the Clan's Membership page. Try it for yourself and then start signing up your kith and kin.