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Message from the President

Stephen Hope



2024 rolls on with highland gatherings, games and Celtic festivals beginning to be advertised in all regions.

Please check out the links on the left to see events that are happening in your region and, if you know of any we have missed write to the Newsletter Editor and

we'll include them in the next issue.

For our part Ourania and I will be representing Clan Hope of Craighall Society at Australia's largest Highland Gathering, The Bundanoon Highland Gathering on 6th April. We'll include a report in the next issue of the newsletter. We plan to attend a few others this year but as they are after May, I'll include more information on that, in the next newsletter

Please consider contributing to newsletter@clanhope.org any news, events, stories, family history, 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.

Sláinte Mhath - Good Health to you and your families.

ANZAC Day - 25 April



Australia and New Zealand (Aotearoa)

Australia and New Zealand Army Corp

Given that ANZAC Day falls within the

period of this newsletter, we thought we would highlight some aspects of this special day to those members of Clan Hope who live in Australia and New Zealand..

The 25th April was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916.

On the 25th of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the Allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey. These became known as Anzacs and the pride they took in that name continues to this day.

ANZAC Day in both Australia and New Zealand is an important day to pause and remember the sacrifices made by our armed forces - those who paid the ultimate price, those who returned with scars both seen and unseen, and their family members who support our service men and women through the good times and the bad. The Anzacs on Gallipoli helped shape the Australian and New Zealand stories. Once used to refer to those who fought in WWI, 'Anzac' now represents all men and women who serve in these two nations.

A quick check of Military and Service records identify a number of Hope men and women who have served as Anzacs.

Five little known facts about Anzac Day

- Gallipoli is not a town, it is a location.
- All ANZACs were volunteers.
- ** The word "ANZAC" is protected by legislation and permission must be sought from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs (in Australia at least), if you wish to use the word in any professional or corporate way.
- Two-up is a traditional gambling game only allowed to be played on ANZAC day through pubs and clubs in Australia.
- ANZAC biscuits were originally square (they are now round)

** However, before this governance was brought into being, many families named their sons "Anzac" who were born during the period 1915-1917. I have one such person in our Hope family. However, throughout his life he was always known by his Middle Name and so not many people actually knew that his first name was "Anzac".

Call For Expressions of Interest for Clan Committee Membership

Clan Hope of Craighall Society would like to invite members to volunteer to become committee members by offering to represent the clan in their region.

We currently have vacant positions as Clan Commissioners in the USA, Canada, Australia, England, Wales and Ireland but would be happy to hear from members in other parts of the world where we currently have no representation at all.

What do we expect a Clan Commissioner to do is a common question we receive when people are considering taking on this role.



Well the simple answer is represent the clan at Scottish and Celtic events in your region. Often the best way to commence is to attend a highland gathering, Celtic festival as a member of the public and see what other clans are doing and talk to them and the organisers about what would be involved in representing Clan Hope of Craighall Society at the event in the future.

The clan can provide artwork for printing, information on clan history, templates for clan banners but it is up to each commissioner to provide the actual items required for a tent or stall at festivals unless the festival, as some do, provide these to participants.

If you feel you would be interested in doing this please email president@clanhope.org for more information.

Places Named HOPE

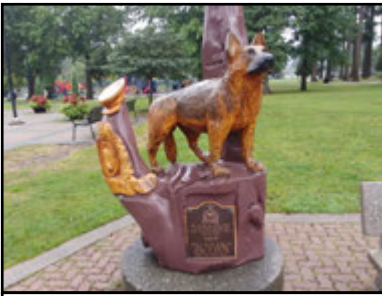
Hope, British Columbia, Canada

*Submitted by Scott Hale
Clan Hope Commissioner for Canada*



The Town of Hope found in the province of British Columbia in Canada is at the confluence of the Fraser and Coquihalla rivers on the mainland. Surrounded by picturesque mountains, pine forests, and two rivers, Hope is a beautiful place to see.

The explorer, Simon Fraser, arrived in the area in 1808 and did the first surveying.



Inscription says "This carving has been erected in the lasting memory of RCMP Service Dog "Chip". Killed in the line of duty near Hope, BC; September 13, 1996 while protecting his partner and friend Cst Doug Lewis."



Eventually in 1848, the Hudson's Bay Trading Company established Fort Hope at that location. The Fort was situated at the western end of its Brigade Trail from Fort Kamloops. It was named Hope as it was hoped that the fort would provide a connecting way point between the settlements at Kamloops and Langley, both in what was to become British Columbia.

In 1858, Fort Hope found itself at the center of the Fraser Canyon gold rush when gold was found nearby on sandbars along the Fraser River. This spurred engineers to come into Fort Hope and start to lay out the townsite that would eventually become Hope.

Hope became a part of Canada officially in 1871 when the province of British Columbia was formed and joined the union.

In 1886, the Canadian Pacific Railway came to

Fort Hope and setup a station connecting Fort Hope to the Canadian Pacific continent-wide railway. This brought a small boom to the area.

In 1929, in recognition of the growth brought on through the introduction of the automobile, Hope was incorporated into a village as the townsite continued to grow.

Mining was a significant economic benefit to Hope. Minerals including gold, nickel, and copper formed the bulk of the



Kawkawa Bridge, Hope BC



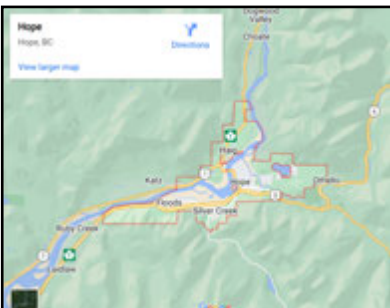
mining. The railway was instrumental in transporting the ores to refineries along the coast.

World War Two saw an internment camp for Japanese Canadians set up near Hope at a place now known as Sunshine Valley.

Growth remained slow but steady leading Hope to incorporate into a Town in 1965. Eventually, it merged with two other rural areas to form the District of Hope which is as it remains today.

Local attractions are the Hope Slide, the Coquihalla Canyon, Othello Tunnels of the Kettle Valley Railway and the wilderness of Manning Provincial Park. The movie Rambo, First Blood, shot in 1982, featured a local metal bridge, the Kawkawa bridge, which was then demolished in 2011. In 2020, a wood carved statue of Sylvester Stallone character John Rambo was erected in Hope.

Another interesting aspect of the town of Hope is that every two years it hosts the "Hope World Class Chainsaw Carving Competition", which attracts both



local and international wood carvers and around 2,000 visitors to the town.

The chainsaw competition takes place over four days at the of August where artists turn a log of wood into an incredible piece of art. Some of the sculptures are auctioned off for private collections, while the vast majority are kept to be displayed around town.

Visitors can take a self-guided tour of the chainsaw carving collection around the town and see over 80 carvings to admire.

Scott went on to say that he traveled through Hope in 2019 with his spouse Deanna. They spent some time visiting and taking some photos. It was a pleasant visit that really

piqued his curiosity. He was hoping to find out that the founder of a town was a famous Hope but, alas, that was not the case. However, it is still worthwhile writing about and sharing with you, dear reader.

Sources: Scott Hale, homeaoram.com



Events in Scotland March/April, 2024

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Festival of Ireland - St Patrick's Day: from 16 March to end of March

Edinburgh Yarn Festival: from third week in March

Edinburgh Ceilidh Culture Festival: from 20 March to early-April

Scotland's Original New Year: 25 March

Puppet Animation Festival: from 25 March (in various bookstores around the city)

Edinburgh Science Festival: 30 March - 14 April (held in 30 venues)

Glasgow

Glasgow Comedy Festival: mid-March

Glasgow Art Fair: first weekend in April

Speyside

Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival: 1-6 May — held in various venues like distilleries, old and new charming village halls, local whisky bars, restaurants and hotels, historic castles, old steadings and the great outdoors - check it out!

A Snapshot of Upcoming Highland & Celtic Events

Note: do check on Page 1 in the links (top left hand corner, under the heading: "Guamannan na h-Alba") for additional events.

Scotland

Dunedin Highland Games & Festival - 6 April

Australia

Melbourne Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Vic - 24 March

"Brigadoon" at Bundanoon, NSW - 4-6 April

Australian Celtic Festival, Celebrating the year of Ireland and Isle of Man, Glen Innes, NSW - 2-5 May

Canada

Okanagan Military Tattoo, Vernon BC - 25-26 May

USA

St Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival. St Johns County Florida - 9-10 March, 2024

Virginia International Tattoo, Norfolk, VA - 18-21 April, 2024

Bellingham Scottish Gathering, City of Blaine, Washington - 1 June, 2024

NOTE: subscribe to the Scottish Banner for a full list of all events, past, present and future.

www.scottishbanner.com/subscribe - digital subscriptions must be requested via the website only.

Scotland: The Place to be in 2024

with thanks to the Scottish Banner

There are many reasons to make Scotland the place to be in 2024; whether it's a newly discovered 5,000 year-old tomb in Orkney, or Shetland preparing for its first orbital rocket launch, Scotland offers wow-moments galore. Visitors in 2024 are guaranteed to make unforgettable memories while exploring the country's vibrant cities and stunning landscapes on new trails, or discovering exciting new attractions.

Some ideas include:

- Perth Museum, Perth, Spring 2024
- Scottish Crannog Centre, Perthshire, Spring 2024
- Braemar Castle, Aberdeenshire, Spring 2024
- Craigievar Castle, Aberdeenshire, Spring 2024
- Lost Shore Surf Resort, Edinburgh, September 2024
- Dunphail Distillery, Moray Speyside
- Eden Mill Distiller, St Andrews, Summer 2024
- Edinburgh Gin Distillery & Visitor Experience, Edinburgh, Summer 2024
- Rosebank Distillery, Falkirk, 2024
- Cullen Skink World Championships, Moray Speyside, March 2024
- Stirling Celebrates 900 Years as a Burgh
- Robert the Bruce's 750th Anniversary
- HMS Unicorn's 200th Anniversary
- The Kelpies turn 10

If any of these suggestions strike a chord with you, simply check them out using a search engine of your choice for more information.

Scottish-English Dictionary compiled by Moultrie R. Kelsall, MA., LB

I received a booklet from a good friend who is excited that I have been appointed as Newsletter Editor for Clan Hope. She is Scottish herself and often gives me bits and pieces to include as "an interesting article". This is one of many. As she gave it to me, she said that looking through it brought back so many wonderful memories of

life with her parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbours - many words she had forgotten until now.

And so over a few newsletters, I'll include a few words for your interest and information.

Preamble (from the booklet): The English language has been shared by Scotland and England for generations, and the majority of words in it are common to both countries. Nevertheless both English and Scottish speech have individually adopted many words from other tongues, and these are often peculiar to either Scottish or English. The following words are still in fairly common use in Scotland, yet are not immediately recognisable to those unfamiliar with Scottish speech. Words derived from Gaelic, French, Scandinavian, Flemish and other sources are included in the selection, as are some which have a common origin with English words but which have developed somewhat differently.

- een - eyes
- ettle - aspire
- fank - sheep pen
- fankle - tangle
- fash - trouble
- feart - afraid
- feu - tenure of land
- fillebeg - the kilt
- flit - move house
- flype - turn inside out
- fu - drunk

Source: *The Guide to Scottish Tartans*

Recipe Corner: Scottish Trifle *The Easiest Topsy Laird Recipe*

Ingredients

- 12 Trifle Sponges/Ladyfingers – This is approximately 250g of sponges/ladyfingers/cake but you basically want enough to make a whole layer in your bowl/glasses.
- 600ml bought custard
- 500g (approximately) Raspberries to decorate
- 320g/approximately one small jar of raspberry jam (1 cup)
- 250ml of double cream (1 cup of heavy whipping cream)
- 8 Tbsp Scottish Whisky or whisky liqueur
- 8 Tbsp Orange Juice

Trifle Sponges

Trifle sponges are commonly sold in the UK but may not be as available elsewhere. You can substitute ladyfingers which are used to make tiramisu or use a basic plain sponge cake, cut into pieces to suit.

How to make Topsy Laird – step by step method

The basic premise is to build a dessert of three layers – sponge soaked in whisky, jam, and orange juice on the



bottom, topped with custard, and covered with cream. You can add raspberries throughout the layers and for decoration. We like to put a few crushed on the bottom if serving in glasses, some cut in half and layered around the outside of the bowl on top of the sponge, and then on top.

Note: If you're making your own custard or using powder you'll want to do that first so it can cool.

LAYER 1 – SPONGE

- If using trifle sponges then cut each sponge in half lengthways and spread with a light layer of jam, then put back together as though you were making a sandwich. For ladyfingers or spongecake spread jam on one side.
- Cut the sponges to fit into your bowl or glass. We cut into 1.5cm strips for smaller glasses but you can cut larger rectangles or squares for a large bowl.
- Begin placing the sponge strips into the bowl/s. We start by working along the edge to make sure the visible layer looks good and then fill out the middle. Pack them in tightly, cutting smaller pieces of sponge to fill any gaps. This makes sure the rest of the pudding has a firm foundation to build layers upon. The layer should be at least an inch thick, depending on the size of your bowl.
- Once the layer is packed in firmly in each serving place them to one side.
- Gently heat the remaining jam in a saucepan or microwave-safe bowl to thin it out. Take off the heat and add the whisky and orange juice. Allow to cool and taste to see if you want to add more whisky or orange juice.
- Pour over the sponge layer, making sure the whole thing is well soaked. There shouldn't be any dry sponge, although you don't want it totally soggy either so don't feel you need to use it all if you find it's too much.
- Make sure this layer is totally cool before adding the next. We like to do this earlier in the day and keep in the fridge.

LAYER 2 – CUSTARD

- If using raspberries, cut enough raspberries in half to go around the edge of your dish, cut half facing the glass, in a layer on top of the soaked sponges.

- Once this outside-facing ring of raspberries is in place you can fill in the middle with raspberries too if you like, but it's not essential.
- Pour the custard over this layer of tightly packed raspberries. This layer should be of the same thickness as the sponge layer.
- Allow the custard to cool/set in the fridge

LAYER 3 – CREAM

- Tip the double cream into the mixing bowl and whip until the cream forms stiff peaks
- Place cream gently on top of the custard layer. It's easiest to pipe if you can so that it doesn't sink into the custard, or you can spoon small amounts over the whole thing.
- Decorate with whole raspberries and put in the fridge until required

Variations

For a little extra kick add a tablespoon of Whisky or Drambuie to the cream as you're whisking it, this makes sure the whisky taste is on every spoonful and helps add a little more tipsy to your Laird!

Source: scottishcran.com

Scotland - Did You Know...

1. Scotland is home to the tallest waterfall in Britain, named Eas a' Chual Aluinn. It is 658 feet, which is 3 times the height of Niagara Falls.
2. The official animal of Scotland is the Unicorn.
3. Scotland has approximately 790 islands.
4. Scotland is home to the oldest tree in Europe. It is a twisted yew, and it has been around for 3,000 years.
5. Edinburgh was the first city in the world to have its own fire brigade.
6. There are over 600 square miles of freshwater lakes.
7. The highest proportion of redheads are in Scotland.
8. St. Andrew's Links is known as the "home of golf."
9. Even though Edinburgh is the capital, it is not the largest city; Glasgow is the largest.
10. The raincoat was invented in Scotland by a man named Charles Macintosh, who was born in Glasgow.

Source: tenontours.com

New Life Member

We welcome:

- Michael Hope, Sykesville, Maryland, USA

Clan Hope Website - Guest Book

Have you visited the Clan Hope online Guest Book of late?

I had a look this week and discovered a note left by someone I know is connected to my Hope family (even though I don't know the author).

I then spotted a note left by someone else who might be connected but given they provided scant information, I can't be sure as there were several Hope families in the area, at the time he was indicating. However, the names and dates he did leave fit with my tree.

Update: Within 24 hours I heard from "person 1", above, who was thrilled to know she had a wider Hope family. Over time, I will be able to shed much more light on her family's story than she currently has.

And that's what I call a win-win situation. So many thanks to the Clan's Guest Book page...

What's Your Family History Story?

What was the trigger that first got you started delving into your family's history?

There are a myriad of reasons why any of us took our first step into what lies behind the family we know, or in some cases, the family we do not know and yet have a yearning to know!

For most of us to start doing our family history there is usually a trigger, which could include some of the following:

- 1 Death of a loved one and then wondering who they were? For example - the death of a parent and then realising that you actually only knew them as "Mum" or "Dad" but not really as a person; and all of a sudden, you want to know where they were born; where did they live; what was their family life like; did they have cousins or aunts/uncles; what education and sports/community activities were they involved in; and questions like that.
2. You are somewhere with a group of people and you overhear something about an aspect of your family that you weren't aware of and all of a sudden, you just gotta find out more about them.
3. You wish to travel abroad and you already know from whence your family came but now you want to see the places where ancestors lived and you realise that you need to find out as much as possible before you leave home.
4. There are multiple health issues within the family and you (or someone) want to know if this or that is hereditary and this enquiry leads you down paths you had no plans to go down.
- 5, 6, 7, 8, etc There are as many reasons why people get into researching their family history, as there are reasons not to.

I am happy to start the ball rolling with my own story:

The seeds of curiosity about my heritage were planted when I was a child and as I grew into adulthood, those seeds started to grow until a desire to know more had to be satisfied.

I don't recall any single event in my life or the first time, as an adult, that I made a conscious decision to research my family history. And in 1974 when I first started this journey it certainly was not the favoured pastime to delve into one's ancestry and I soon discovered that some of the family were not too comfortable discussing it either.

Not having any parents or grandparents alive at that time, I asked my uncle for information about the family. As he admitted, what he knew about the family would fit onto the back of a postage stamp but suggested I contact one of his cousins (Jessie) who lived interstate and who, according to him, "had it all together". I did so, but the "all together" wasn't enough for me, so she put me in touch with another cousin (Noel) in that same State, who had become known as the 'family historian' by many. He duly smiled at the compliment but confessed that his 'historian' activities had turned out to be a 9-day wonder and after sharing his information with me, gave me the address of yet another cousin (Lewis) who lived in a third State. Already 2 years had lapsed and I really didn't have very much to show for my efforts. Given the date aforementioned, it was in the era of letters and postage stamps!

Lewis was eager to share aspects of his life and the information that he had on hand; and at 81 years of age wrote many pages not only about his own memories and experiences but of the previous generation as well. He gave life to what would otherwise have been but 'names on my family tree'.

In his letter dated 15 March 1976, Lewis established his credentials for making some statements about the family in identifying his late wife as the grand-daughter of Jessie Scotland Giles Smith (nee Hope) 'and having met JSG', as he referred to her, 'in his teens and knowing her ever since.' JSG Hope had emigrated to Australia with her parents and siblings in 1856, when she was 14 years old.

During this time, I discovered that one of my g.ggrandfather's brother (William Bryce Hope) was a poet, songwriter, played several instruments and fluently spoke English, Gaelic, German and French. And was a close friend of that famous Australian author Adam Lindsay Gordon*.

Ah! So now an interest had been peeked to see if I could find some of William's poems and songs. Success came in the form of descendants of neighbouring farming families, who still had copies of some of William's poems. Yay!

Along the way I discovered other family members (2nd and 3rd cousins) who were also doing their own family trees and so the web continued to grow ever wider.

Due to family circumstances I lived with my paternal grandparents from my ninth birthday and did so for

many years. They constantly spoke of their brothers and sisters; aunts and uncles; cousins, nieces and nephews. I knew a lot about my grandparents' generation; the names, places and life's events being familiar to me.

As the various family groups came to Adelaide for a holiday or maybe some family business, they would visit my grandparents and I would meet them; a rather shy schoolgirl who, more often than not, sat in the background listening, not being encouraged to participate in the 'grown ups' conversation.

I listened as the visitors would tell my grandparents about the latest family news and they in turn would share their news over a 'cuppa'.

I remember questioning my grandfather about the recurring names in our family. Why was my uncle named Ronald Armstrong Brien Hope and another uncle Ian Edgar Hope? Why was my grandfather's name Edgar William Hope and my own father Lindsay Halbert Hope? What meaning and stories did these names hold? He would patiently tell me that these were family names, being passed down through the generations with great history attached to them. I learnt to respect the names because my grandfather spoke so lovingly and respectfully of them. I didn't understand fully or remember all that he said but those moments made a tremendous impression on this young schoolgirl.

As I discovered more about my ancestors I became more fascinated with my rich heritage.

I had heard stories about why the Hope family emigrated from Scotland to Australia and a little about those early years in the mid to late 1800s; of the struggles, the pain, the sufferings as well as the good times. Research put meat on the bare bones of what I had heard as a child. Some aspects of that early knowledge remained constant, while other portions proved to be no more than family heresy, legend, folklore or wishful thinking.

As I widened my research the jigsaw of my family began to fall into place. Each new piece fitted into the puzzle to show me how people were related to me and to each other. My own close family that once seemed so small began to assume a much wider and larger proportion.

With this background it probably shouldn't be any surprise that one day I would feel a compulsion to piece the jigsaw together. I wanted to know more about the Edgar name, who were the Armstrong's, what about the O'Brien's? And of course, what were the stories within the Hope families of old?

As I discovered more information about my family, it in turn triggered a whole new set of questions that needed answers.

Move forward several decades and with the advent of computers and then the internet, a whole new world opened up and continues to open up.

Through technology and DNA, I have discovered an even larger Hope family who span the globe - my Hope web has crossed oceans and land masses and only yesterday, I discovered yet another cousin - this time through the Clan Hope website. Who would have thought???

* William Bryce Hope, the poet and good friend of Adam Lindsay Gordon!

My husband recently discovered another aspect of this friendship when he stumbled across an old newspaper article stating that Mr W. Hope had given a lecture in 1888 about the late Adam Lindsay Gordon (who had died in 1870). The article was lengthy and noted every aspect of the lecture - another gemstone discovered in the quest of pulling together my family history!

And so now, it's YOUR turn to share with us about your family history journey.

Don't be phased by the length of mine - maybe yours will be 50 words, or 1500 words. No matter. It's your story!

Send to: newsletter@clanhope.org