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*Travel the Summer Games Circuit with***The Wild and Mighty *Heelan'* Hound**

By Paul, Ann, and Neilley Key

If you have a canine Kennedy in your family, to outfit your wee beastie in proper Ancient or Modern Kennedy tartan, all you have to do is 'Go West' this summer, and catch up with the Keys—if you can.

We are the Clan Kennedy Society tartan dog clothing tailors and owners of the Heelan' Hound. We are in a sewing frenzy this Spring in preparation for a Summer '09 road trip that will take us 10,000 miles across 23 states; to visit seven Scottish games in Wyoming, Washington and Oregon, and fifteen State and National Parks.

After visiting with the Kennedys at the Glasgow, Kentucky games and helping the society host the clan tent during Lord Ailsa's visit, we will head to the Greenville, South Carolina, and Blairsville, Georgia games; where the Heelan' Hound will be vending. Blairsville is the starting point for our once-in-a-lifetime, cross-country tour.

The Wheelin' Hound, our 32-foot motor home, will serve as transportation, home, and sewing center for the summer.

Paul will be the driver, Ann the navigator, and Neilley the security dog (when she's not sleeping).

We will cover a route that will take us across Tennessee to Davy Crockett's boyhood home and to Elvis Presley's Graceland; onward to view the Buffalo National Scenic River in Arkansas and survey the Ozarks in

Missouri (avoiding Branson) and we'll create personal romantic memories of the Bridges of Madison County in Iowa.

We will travel through the Badlands of South Dakota, and visit Mount Rushmore and Walls Drugstore, and will experience our very own "Close Encounter of the 3rd Kind" at Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming.

June 27-28 we'll be at the Gillette Scottish Games, then head on to Glacier National Park, and across the North Cascade National Park to Mount Vernon, Washington, on the shores of Puget Sound; where we are making a return visit to the Skagit Valley Celtic *(continued on page 6)*



At right: Frank Kennedy, Ann Key, and Lord Ailsa at The Heelan' Hound tent at 2007 Greenville, NC Games.

# A GENEALOGY RESOURCE: U.S. CENSUS RECORDS

by Carver Kennedy

One of the major sources of information for genealogists looking for their American ancestors are the U.S. Census Records. This record information began to be collected shortly after America became a country.

The first federal, nation-wide census-taking was in 1790, and it has been continued every 10 years since then. The information collected has grown from a simple listing of citizens to lists with many details of the citizens listed. All contain names listed by state and many have alphabetical indexes of the census information.

The census records are not released publicly until 70 years after the original taking of the census, thus the latest released census information is from 1930. The amount of information available in a census record and the ease of using those records vary widely. The following is a summary of years when the census was taken, what is available, and the ease of use of the records:

- 1790-1840 These records have addresses but only the name of the head of household plus a head count of all persons residing in that household. Named persons have birth dates, but head-count persons are grouped by sex, number in household and age range. Example: female; 2, 10-16 years. Any slaves are listed separately by sex, number and age. Indexes are by state, and alphabetically by head of household name.
- 1850-1870 These records are the easiest to use. They contain much more information, including the names and ages of all household residents, birthplace, relation to head of household, occupations, and parents birthplaces. Indexes are by state and alphabetically by head of household.
- 1880 These records are generally the same as

the 1850-1870. However, due to the much larger population, the Indexes use a system called Soundex, which is not alphabetical, but uses a complicated letter-number code to locate family names. Example: "Kennedy" is K530.

- 1890 Most records for this census were destroyed in a fire and the ones that survived are of limited scope and coverage.
- 1900-1930 These records have been released but some are not indexed completely and they require the use of the Soundex system.

Information as to where to find/access Census Records can usually be obtained from the local library or from your Congressman's local office. If there is an LDS (Mormon) Family History Center (FHC) in your area, they can advise you and may have copies of the records.

## Plan Now for 2009 AGM Estes Park, Colorado

If you are going to attend the Society AGM to be held at the Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival, Estes Park, Colorado, September 10-13, 2008, be sure to regularly check the festival web site at

<http://scotfest.com/>

and to stay in touch with Chieftain Randy Peterson ([rprip@comcast.net](mailto:rprip@comcast.net)) for updates on scheduling of Kennedy events.

Lord Ailsa and many of the KSNA officers will be staying at a modest hotel that is two miles from the games, called Nicky's Resort. If you are interested in making reservations, the web site is [www.nickysresort.com](http://www.nickysresort.com).

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## Midwest Chieftain's Report

Come out and meet our Hereditary Chief of Kennedy, Lord Ailsa, at the Glasgow, KY games May 30-June 1st; and at the McHenry Highland Festival at Deep Creek Lake, Western MD on June 8!

Lord Ailsa is attending the Mc Henry Games for the first time, and he will be the honored guest at Glasgow. This will also be the first time the Kennedy Society hosts a tent at these events. For more information, contact Chief Nomon Kennedy, Vice Chief Chris Kennedy or myself. Please join us!

—Bill Kennedy, Chieftain, Midwest

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### KSNA Midwest Summer Games 2009:

May 16, 2009

Fair Hill Colonial Gathering and Highland Games

Fair Hill, MD

[www.fairhillscottishgames.org](http://www.fairhillscottishgames.org)

May 30

Celtic Beltane Festival

Hartville, OH

[www.beltanefestival.netfirms.com](http://www.beltanefestival.netfirms.com)

May 28-31

Glasgow Highland Games

Glasgow, KY

[www.glasgowhighlandgames.com](http://www.glasgowhighlandgames.com)

June 6th

McHenry Highland Festival

Deep Creek Lake, MD

[www.highlandfest.info](http://www.highlandfest.info)

June 26

Ohio Scottish Games

Wellington, OH

[www.ohioscottishgames.com](http://www.ohioscottishgames.com)

*Left, Midwest Chieftain Bill Kennedy with wife (and Kennedy Gazette Editor) Julie Kennedy, at the Scottish Heritage Association of Northeast Ohio Burns' Night celebration, held this past January 24 in Euclid, Ohio.*

## Lord Ailsa's Summer Travels

Lord Ailsa has already beat out most of us this year by attending Highland Games in Florida in January (see pages 5 and 6) and will return to the U.S. for more at the end of May, as Honored Guest of the Glasgow, KY Games, May 30-June 1.

Glasgow will hold their first Raising of the Clans ceremony on May 28, at 7:45 PM, St. Andrews Field. The Lorrette Kennedy Memorial Award will be awarded to the clan with most members present. The next morning, Lord Ailsa will preside over the opening ceremony of the Games.

The following weekend he will visit the McHenry Highland Festival at Deep Creek Lake, MD, on June 6, to help inaugurate the first KSNA tent (that we know of) at this event.

Lord Charles Tours this year will include The Gathering in Edinburgh, Scotland, the largest Scottish Heritage event ever held. He advises that the exchange rate is excellent, and that places are still available on these tours. (See [www.lctours.net](http://www.lctours.net)). His daughters Lady Rosemary & Lady Alicia will be helping with the tours, which promise to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

To cap the season, Lord Ailsa will again join the Kennedy Society at our AGM and Clan Dinner at Estes Park, Colorado, at the Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival, September 10-13. Make plans to attend one or more of these festivals to greet our Clan chief, Lord Ailsa!



# Mary, Queen of Scots

by Carver Kennedy

The history of the Monarchic families and the ruling Kings and Queens of Scotland is a chaotic and bloody one, filled with murders of Kings, killings of very young heirs to the throne, rulers deposed by groups of powerful Clan leaders, and murders of Clan leaders hostile to the King. One of the most tragic stories is that of Mary, Queen of Scots.

Mary was a Stewart, the Royal Family of Scotland, who lived in the 1500's. Her father was James V of Scotland who maintained ties to the French and married two French noblewomen. The first, Madeleine, lived only 2 months. He then married Marie de Guise-Lorraine, who bore him 2 sons, both of who died.



*Mary, Queen of Scots, by an artist of the Clouet school, 1558.*

James V squabbled with the English under Henry VIII and tried to invade England. He was defeated at Solway Moss in 1542 and ill and discouraged, he returned to Falkland Palace where he learned that his wife had just given birth to a daughter. He died shortly thereafter, leaving his only heir, Mary, only a few days old. Mary's mother, Marie de Guise, had her daughter named Queen and herself, the Queen Mother, named Regent.

Henry VIII of England, furious that the young Mary did not accept his offer of marriage to Henry's son, invaded Scotland and devastated the south. Marie de Guise, now the Regent, feared for Mary's life and had her sent to France at the age of five. She remained there for 15 years, marrying the French Dauphin, heir to the French throne.

While she was in France, being raised and educated in France ways, including the Catholic Church, Protestants led by John Knox took power in Scotland. Her mother, the French Marie de Guise, the Regent, denounced Protestants as heretics. John Knox and his Protestant followers began destroying Catholic churches and religious houses, had Marie de Guise deposed in 1559, and succeeded in having the Scot Parliament abolish the Catholic Church. At this

point, Mary's French husband died and she returned as Queen to Scotland.

Mary was not quite 20 when she returned to Scotland. She was French in education and attitude, a devout Catholic, an a beautiful, passionate woman. She was immediately disliked and opposed by the Protestants. In 1565 she married her cousin, Henry Stewart, Lord Darnley, a Catholic youth 4 years her junior. Six months later, with Mary pregnant, he became jealous of Mary's Italian secretary and had him murdered. One year later, Darnley was murdered in a plot organized by James Hepburn, a Protestant who had great charm but believed to have few scruples. Eight weeks later, Mary married Hepburn under suspicious circumstances.

This action touched off intense protests and Mary was forced abdicate in favor of her baby son, James VI. Her half-brother James Stewart, was named Regent to educate and raise James VI. Mary fled to England and sought mercy and asylum from her cousin, Elizabeth I of England. Elizabeth, with no heir, feared Mary's claims to the English throne and had her imprisoned for 20 years and then beheaded.

One of the lasting impacts of this lengthy tragedy was the change in name of the Scot Royal Family. Mary was a member and descendant of the Stewart Royal Family whose line dated back to Robert Stewart, grandson of Robert the Bruce, in 1371. During her long stay in France, she was named Mary Stuart, as there is no "w" in the French alphabet. She brought this name back to Scotland and her son, James VI, and his descendants used Stuart as the family name. This has resulted in two names for the same family and causes much confusion for modern genealogists!!



This young piper was persuaded to render "Lord Alexander Kennedy" for Lord Ailsa at the Loch Norman Games 2008. The tune is used in high-level piping competition and is a lively, lilting showpiece! Remember to ask for it from bands and pipers at Games you attend, and reward them well! Slainte!

## CENTRAL FLORIDA SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

The weekend of Jan 17-18 found Lord Charles, Chris, and I attending our *second* games of the new year, the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games. These Games are held near Orlando, FL in the town of Winter Springs. It was a beautiful weekend and we had a really great time!

The weather was gorgeous, the alligators came out of the near-by lake to sun themselves in the afternoon, the tent was welcoming, and we had many visitors who joined us for good conversation and even better refreshments!

We had lots of visitors who were born in Scotland and now live in the Orlando area, and Lord Charles conversed with many of them. I'm sure he felt that a "little bit of home" had followed him to Florida. Another highlight for us was receiving memberships from David and Marie (Sam) Kennedy, Duncan Kennedy IV, and Frank and Susan Canada. We welcome them all and hope to see them next year.

In closing I must tell you about the shortbread competition! I was a judge- there were 3 of us to judge 17 different shortbread entries. We picked as the winning shortbread a recipe that had been handed down by the bakers' family from the 1700's – yum yum!

—Chris and Sue Kennedy

*Below, David and Marie "Sam" Kennedy at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games.*



*From the KSNA Chaplain*

### Scottish Christianity

Those of us who love Scotland, and all things Scottish, will want to know something about our history. When it comes to Christianity there are three historic choices for religious preferences.

Scotland, like all of Western Europe before the Reformation was in communion with the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, who was, and is, the head of the Western Church.

At the Reformation the Scots became Presbyterian, with several attempts to make the Scottish Church Episcopalian, like unto the Church of England. The Presbyterians prevailed, and since the 1690's the established Church of Scotland is Presbyterian.

Today there are several kinds of Presbyterians beside the official Church of Scotland. There are also some Episcopalians, and Roman Catholics, the latter being greatly helped by Irish immigration.

—When you visit Scotland, you will be hard pressed to find anything else!

A blessed Easter Day to all.

Love in Christ,  
Father David+

# SOUTHEAST FLORIDA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Chris and I, along with Lord Charles, were very happy to escape the cold weather while attending the South East Florida Scottish Festival, held in Ft. Lauderdale on Jan 9-10. The Kennedy tent was hosted by our own Kennedy Society Chaplain, Father David Kennedy, from nearby Boynton Beach.

The Kennedys were the honored clan so we occupied an excellent location on the field, right next to the beer truck! Lord Charles saluted the clans on to the field during the Parade of the Tartans, while we greeted old friends such as Roger Raguera. Roger was pleased to tell us that he is engaged to Isabel, and we were among many to congratulate the happy couple.

We were also fortunate to meet Catherine Kennedy (Kate) and her husband Michael who are some of our newest Florida members. Kate grew up in

Sterling in Scotland, and has fond memories of playing in around Sterling Castle!

Another highlight of the weekend was attending Father David's church, Guardian Angels, on Sunday morning. We were "piped" into the sanctuary, and we visitors were dressed in kilts and tartan (even Father David has his kilt on under his robes!)

It was a great weekend, during which we enjoyed dinner at a Greek restaurant and lunch by the sea. We will be back next year for more of the "sun and fun" in South Florida!

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris and Sue Kennedy

*(see Sue's pictures, above right)*

*(Heelan' Hound, continued from page 1)*

Festival and Highland Games on July 11-12. In the week between the Skagit games and Portland, we are returning to our favorite National Park – Mt. Rainier. We last visited Rainier this past winter, enjoying historic floods, avalanches and mudslides!

Then we will travel south to the Columbia River Gorge and the Portland Highland Games, into the wine and apple country of eastern Washington and to the Pacific Northwest (Seattle) Highland Games from July 25 to 26, in the shadow of Mt. Rainier at Enumclaw, WA. This is one of the nation's largest Scottish Festivals, celebrating its 63rd year this summer.

After first camping in a petrified forest and then along the shore of an eastern Washington lake, our next stop will be the Spokane Highland Games on August 1.

Then we begin the journey southwest through the high desert country of Oregon, to Crater Lake National Park, and up to Madras, Oregon for the High Desert Celtic Festival on August 8. After this event, we head east toward Jackson Hole, Wyoming – with planned camping in a vineyard, at a Native American

casino, and through the Craters of the Moon National Monument; before visiting the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone National Park, and the Jackson Hole Highland Games, August 14-15.

The rest of our route is the "vacation" part of the trip with visits to Bryce, Zion, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, and Arches National Parks. The last five days of our trip will be a straight drive "home" to Misenheimer, before the Virginia Scottish Games on Labor Day weekend, and Ligonier, PA on September 12 ...then the rest of our regular fall schedule!! (No rest for the weary Scots.)

We always have Kennedy membership forms with us in the tent, and extend an especially warm welcome to all Kennedys we meet. Neilley gives doggie kisses to the children, and welcomes belly rubs from adults. When allowed, she marches in the parade of tartans in her Kennedy kilt coat.

Come out and see us along the way... we'd love to say hi! If you'd like to view our line of tartan dog clothing, please visit our web site:

[www.theheelanhound.com](http://www.theheelanhound.com)



Above: Paul Key and Neilley prepare to walk in the 2006 McHenry, MD, Parade of Tartans.



Above, Lord Ailsa with new member Catherine (Kate) Kennedy and Fr. David Kennedy. At right, Chris Kennedy, reptile, Lord Ailsa, and Fr. David Kennedy, at SE Florida Scottish Festival.



## KSNA Supports “On the Day”

—from Nomon R. Kennedy Jr., Chief/President KSNA

Below you will find a message from John McDonald regarding a film he is producing about Scotland. After researching this, KSNA will be donating \$300.00 out of our general fund and we are asking the membership to send additional donations c/o our Treasurer. In the memo, write "On The Day" movie, mail to

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Mr. McDonald is trying to get this completed by June so he needs your contributions ASAP. The pledges will be added up and the donation check will be sent to Chieftain Mike Kennedy, who will hand-deliver the check. I know the Kennedys have a big heart for promoting Scotland and this is a wonderful chance.

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I'm a piper in the Pasadena Scottish Pipes & Drums in California and also a professional filmmaker. As a filmmaker, I had always been looking for the perfect story to convey to the general public of what bag piping and pipe bands are all about. The opportunity came about last summer to tell that story in a remarkable way through the experiences of the *Spirit of Scotland* Pipe Band. Perhaps you've heard about my documentary, called ON THE DAY, but in case you haven't please take a mo-

ment to look at the web site, [www.onthedaymovie.com](http://www.onthedaymovie.com) and please be sure to watch the 9-minute movie trailer on the site.

The band consists of the superstars of solo piping, who came together to perform only one time at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow last August.

This project is a labor of love for me as I will be donating a year of my life to it, without pay. In fact, I have reached deep into my own pockets to come this far. All donations go directly into the completion of the film and are tax-deductible through my non-profit fiscal sponsor, the International Documentary Association.

Can I count on the support of Clan Kennedy? Time is of the essence as I am hoping to premiere the film at the Edinburgh International Film Festival in June.

John McDonald  
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# Green Energy thru Whisky Power? *I'll drink to that!*

An award-winning project which will reduce the carbon footprint of the whisky industry in Speyside, has been granted planning permission by the Moray Council.

The **Rothes** consortium of whisky and scotch distillers (which includes the Edrington Group and Chivas Brothers) announced in January that they are partnering with Heliuss Energy to develop a power plant fueled by by-products of the whisky manufacturing process.

The 7.2-megawatt plant will turn "pot ale," the liquid by product of whisky production, and wood chips into a concentrated organic fertilizer and electricity. The electricity generated, which may be used on-site or exported to the national grid, is expected to be enough to power 9,000 homes. The fertilizer will be available for use by local farmers.

The power generation plant will cost 24 million pounds and is expected to be operational in two years. It will be situated at the Combination of Rothes Dis-

tillers in Morayshire, Scotland.

(For our whisky fans, Moray is home to five distilleries: Speyburn Distillery, Glen Grant Distillery, Glen Spey, the mothballed Caperdonich (aka Glen Grant II) and Glenrothes Distillery.)

The project was awarded "Best Environmental Initiative" at the Scottish Green Energy Awards in 2008. The biomass CHP (combined heat and power) plant is anticipated to generate an inexhaustible supply of whisky jokes for television and radio announcers, comedians, and journalists. Cheers, we say!

Read more on Rothes Renewable Energy Project at:  
<http://www.heliussenergy.com/media/210109.php>  
(Contributed by Nina Eppes)

