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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is here and many Scottish activities are nearing. St. Andrews University and the Scottish Heritage Center, under the leadership of Bill Caudill, just finished March 16-18 the successful Charles Bascombe Shaw Memorial Scottish Heritage Symposium in Laurinburg. This was the 29th symposium and several SAS members attended. The John Dugald Stewart family of Laurinburg received the 2018 Saltire Award for its sustained Highland-related preservation efforts in Scotland County. A tour of the old Stewartville Cemetery was enjoyed by the attendees.

The first Saltwater Highland Games were just held March 23-25 in North Myrtle Beach and this promises to be a successful early games which will be attended by many Canadians who come South leaving snow-bound Ontario and the Maritimes. National Tartan Day, in the U.S. and Canada, is coming April 6, and more will follow on this. The Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Sunday April 8 at the historic site. SASNC will hold its summer meeting in Blowing Rock Saturday July 14 in conjunction with the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. Get involved! It is fun and enlightening.

Members interested in serving on committees (membership, scholarships, finance and communications) should contact Mrs. Terry Smith at e-mail sasnc1972@gmail.com or telephone 919-548-4526. Our by-laws are in need of updating and volunteers for this effort are needed. The Society's website is being enhanced. Entry to the members section requires the password "music".

Donald C. McLeod
President



Donald and Priscilla McLeod,
Dunvegan Castle, Isle of Skye 2014

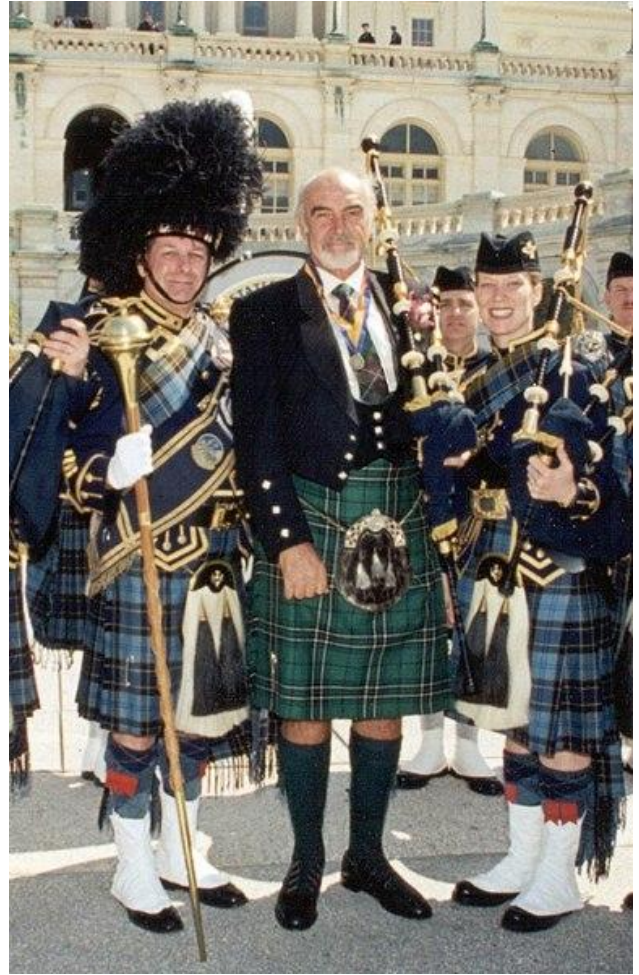
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TARTAN DAY APRIL 6

The Irish and muckle (a large amount) green beer is past. The Scots in the U.S. and Canada celebrate Tartan Day each April 6. This date was chosen since it is the date in 1320 of the Declaration of Arbroath. The Declaration, written in Latin, was promulgated by Scottish noblemen as a petition to Pope John XXII stating independence from England and the right to use military force if attacked. Stirling Bridge and Bannockburn were to come! Former congressman Mike McIntyre of N.C. and senator Trent Lott of MS led the congressional effort to gain recognition of Tartan Day.

Special ceremonies, piping music and activities will be held [Tartan Day](#) at the N.C. Museum of Natural History in Raleigh. [The Cape Fear Valley Scottish Clans](#) and the [Wilmington Scottish Society](#) are holding special events. Wear your tartan April 6. Encourage local restaurants and brew pubs to have special dinners and events. For a thrill view the [NYC 2017 Tartan Day Parade](#) on You Tube. This day should be a grand occasion, particularly in N.C. If we only had muckle plaid whisky.



Sean Connery, Tartan Day, Washington, D.C.



John Dugald Stewart Family Receiving Saltire Award at St. Andrews University Symposium
(l to r: Alan, Sarah, William Caudill, John)



SAS Members at Symposium
(l to r: David Gellatly, Beecham McDougal, Alan Livingstone, Chandler Stewart, Donald McLeod, Phil McRae, John Stewart, William Caudill)

MILL PRONG PRESERVATION ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 8

Mill Prong Plantation in Hoke County (near Red Springs & Raeford) was the home of Lumber River pioneer Highlander John Gilchrist. The restored 1795 home, a mansion at that time in N.C., will host the annual meeting of Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. on April 8 from 2:00-5:00pm. The guest speaker is Michael Newton, PhD, a Gaelic/Celtic historian and author of numerous books and articles on Scottish Highlanders in N.C. and North America. Dr. Newton will have a lively discourse on who and what are we commemorating when we celebrate Scottish Highland heritage. Expect some revelations!

The public is invited. SASNC members should find the historic plantation and Newton lecture of great interest. Mill Prong plantation is on a prong of Raft Swamp. Nearby McPhaul's Mill was the rendezvous point in 1781 for local Tories (Scots loyal to the British crown) who joined with David Fanning's men to rout a Whig patriot force under Gen. Thomas Wade. Scots were on both sides of the fray and animosities lasted until the Civil War, 80 years later. This area is in the epicenter of the early Highlander immigration into the surrounding counties.



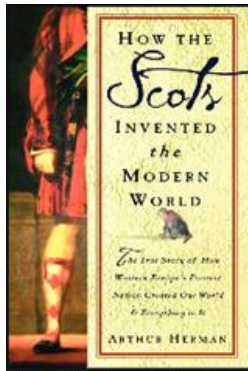
[The Mill Prong House](#) is located at 3062 Edinburg Road, Red Springs, NC, 28377 *follow the link for more information & directions*



Michael Newton, PhD, Gaelic Scholar, Speaker at Mill Prong

HOW THE SCOTS INVENTED THE MODERN WORLD

Tartans and bagpipes thrill us but we often overlook seminal achievements of our Scottish ancestors. *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* (Arthur Herman, Three Rivers Press, New York, 2001) provides fascinating data on Scottish inventions that led to the Industrial Revolution and modern telecommunications and thus modern civilization.



Prior to the 1700s Scotland was the least literate independent country in Europe, had medieval poverty and as late as 1800 had a population of less than 2 million. John Knox and Calvinism resulted in an austere Presbyterian Kirk where members were expected to understand God's laws and commands. Bible reading was thus necessary and within a generation Scotland was the most literate country in Europe. Schools were established in every parish, libraries were created and books abounded. This phenomenal literacy on a democratic basis led to what is described as the Scottish Enlightenment.

The union of Scotland and England in 1707 provided significant nutritional and economic advances north of the border, global trade opportunities developed and Edinburgh and Glasgow became intellectual centers. The French philosopher Voltaire said we look to Scotland for all our ideas of civilization.

Consider just a few of the great foundational achievements of Scot-born inventors and intellectuals:

1. Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*, founded the study of economics
2. David Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, great philosophical work of human liberty
3. Francis Hutcheson, *System of Moral Philosophy*, concept of personal liberty
4. Walter Scott, father of the novel
5. James Watt, industrial applications of the steam engine
6. Robert Foulis, publishing empire
7. Robert Adam and Thomas Telford, architects
8. Charles Darwin, English-born, educated University of Edinburgh
9. James Hutton and Charles Lyell, basis of geological concept of age of earth
10. Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin
11. James Clerk Maxwell, unified theory of electromagnetic energy (basis of special relativity, radio, optical technology, color vision)
12. Alexander Graham Bell, telephone

This book contains a wealth of information on Scottish history in a highly readable style. There is a section on the influence of Scottish concepts of liberty and freedom on leaders of the American Revolution. Winston Churchill said "of all the small nations of the earth, perhaps only the ancient Greeks surpass the Scots in contribution to mankind."

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