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COMMANDER at the GAMES

By David Radley | ONTARIO, CANADA



L to R: Duncan Lacroix, star of Outlander; Senator Robert Black; Patrick Colquhoun, heir apparent to Clan Colquhoun, Chief Steven MacTavish; Chief John MacArthur, Diana Gabaldon, author of Outlander; yours truly; Chief Madame Pauline Hunter; Commander Richard Baird

I have been in correspondence, through telephone and virtual meetings, with our Commander since soon after his appointment to lead our clan family, so I was really pleased to be able to meet with him



Richard invited us aboard two of his Canadian built Canam all-terrain vehicles for a trip around Rickarton Estate.

in person, during a visit to Scotland in early June. My wife, Suzanne, and I along with my sister and brother-in-law descended on Richard at his family estate at Rickarton, while Polly and Amelia were off shopping, in preparation for their upcoming trip to the States. Richard was very welcoming and after introductions, invited us aboard two of his Canadian built Canam all-terrain vehicles for a trip around the estate. We went places where the women in our party felt we would not be able to go, over pretty rough terrain, seeing the wind farm, the

sheep - lots of sheep, the Houff (mausoleum started by the Barclay family) and the magnificent Ury House, originally a Baird home, but now undergoing renovations for use as private apartments.

Our visit with the Commander culminated in a delicious dinner at one of the local watering holes and then off we went to our next overnight B & B. This visit illustrated to me that Richard Baird is a great individual to be leading our clan family.

You can imagine how delighted I was when Richard announced he would be joining us at our Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, here in Fergus, Ontario, Canada.



**Fergus Scottish
Festival & Highland
Games**

He and his family had already journeyed to the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, North Carolina where he was honoured to be the Chieftain of the Games.

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We arranged that Richard would stay with me for the duration of the games and I arranged to pick him up from the airport on the Wednesday afternoon. Following some delay (a given lately) we were on the road home and I asked Richard what he would like to do while I was immersed in games preparations, starting early the following morning. His immediate reaction was that he would be very happy to accompany me and help with the setup work. So that is what he did; he worked right along



Our tour of Ury House

beside my team of volunteers, erecting tents, pounding in stakes, putting up signs and all the other myriad of jobs that have to be completed before a successful games.

As President of the games, I had very little free time for Richard during the actual weekend, but Richard was everywhere - talking to Bairds in our clan tent, conversing with the other four clan chiefs present at the games, chat-



Ury House, originally a Baird home, but now undergoing renovations for use as private apartments.

ting with the hosts of other clan tents, engaging the visitors to the games, hamming it up with the police and generally being fully immersed in spirit of the games.



Richard hamming it up with the police and being fully immersed in spirit of the games.



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I am delighted to have had the opportunity to spend valuable time with Richard on both occasions and it is my considered opinion that we have ‘lucked out’ having Commander Richard Ian Holman Baird as our leader.





CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY WORLDWIDE
PRESIDENT'S FORUM



Dear Members,

As you will read elsewhere, it has been a hectic, but rewarding, summer both for me and the Society.

It was my first visit to the Grandfather Mountain Games, North Carolina, which is a spectacular event and highly recommended to add to anyone's 'to do' list. Not only was I honoured to be the Chief of the Games, but I was also accompanied by most of my family and my cousin, Iona (nee Keith) and her family.



Evening ceremony at Fergus Highland Games.

Clan Baird was the Honoured Clan and Clan Keith, with whom we have close links, was the Clan of Distinction.

On the final day of the Games, we held my Installation Ceremony as Commander of Clan Baird. It was a very special and moving occasion, made even more fitting by some very Scottish weather to make me feel at home ?!

A few weeks later the Society hosted a Clan tent at the Aboyne Games in Aberdeenshire. This is the first time that we have been represented at these Games and we were kept busy with a flow of locals and overseas visitors all keen to hear our story.

This was hotly followed by my first trip to Canada to the Fergus Festival, ably presided over by one of our members, David Radley. I loved being part of the setting up of the Clan area at the Games site and really felt one of the team of local Volunteers, who help the Games Committee every year. Again our tent was well attended and we are welcoming more and more Canadian members into the Society, which is very exciting.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Gryphon and reading about all the events and projects that the Society is involved in.

*Best regards
Richard*



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Stonehaven & NE Scotland Twinning Group

Jack Hillmeyer U.S. Consul-General to Scotland Visits Stoney

Phil Mills-Bishop | CHAIRPERSON STONEHAVEN & NE SCOTLAND TWINNING GROUP

In the early morning Saturday light the US Consul-General to Scotland Jack Hillmeyer (the most senior US diplomat in Scotland) and Phil Mills-Bishop Chairperson of the Stonehaven & NE Scotland Twinning Group paid tribute to Ukrainians who have died so far in the Russian invasion by laying a remembrance wreath, in the colours of the Ukraine Nation, at the Stonehaven War Monument. In attendance Commander Clan Baird Richard Holman Baird and a lone Clan Piper Adam Cadamarteri.

The party then walked down from the Monument, taking in the panoramic views of Stonehaven Harbour to the Tollbooth Museum to be greeted by the Chairperson Cressida Coats and local retired fisherman Ian Balgowan. From the wonders of “fishy” stories a tight timetable moved the party on to sampling local delicacies from black-pudding &



Enjoying some ice-cream at Gulianotti's

haggis pies at McHardy's the Butcher to a specially made Jack Daniel's whisky ice-cream from Margery, the owner of Gulianotti's (oldest business in Stonehaven) Italian makers of handmade ice-cream and chocolates.

Jack, a keen golfer, then drove off from the 1st tee of the Stonehaven Golf Club courtesy of Club Captain Ian Wood....a number of golf balls are still to be found! None the less before you could say “fore” the visit had come to an end after a light sandwich lunch and

Zoom link-up with Mayor Ronnie Marks of Athens Alabama the Twinning Group's American Twin.

Jack commented, “The connections between the United States and Scotland are strong and I give my thanks and appreciation to those like the Stonehaven and North East Scotland Twinning Group for working so hard to continue to build on these links. I was honoured to lay a remembrance wreath at the Stonehaven War Monument. This was a poignant moment and reminds us of the sacrifice still being made by those in Ukraine fighting for their freedom. I am grateful to have learned much about the work of the Twinning Group since my arrival in Scotland and it was wonderful to finally be able to visit and meet with so many businesses and individuals that make



Consul-General Jack Hillmeyer and Phil Mills-Bishop lay a wreath.

this town such a great place to live, work and visit.”

Phil Mills-Bishop commented....”it was great that Jack agreed to come to recognise local businesses and attractions as it is much needed after the Covid restrictions and the American tourist market is significant. The Twinning Group is now nearly 5 years old and a current potential project is to create a Scottish Experience Summer Youth Camp for twinning partners with the possibility of local youths from the Stonehaven and surrounding areas participating in camps abroad, like the US NASA Space



Enjoying haggis at McHardy's butcher

Camp at Huntsville, near our Twinning partner Athens, Alabama. Our friends at the Consulate will help signpost us to US companies, Educational Trusts and Agencies that the Twinning Group can approach and make applications for possible funding. Already the idea has found support from the embryonic Scottish Space Industry who progressively will need to draw upon an indigenous pool of skilled labour.”

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Sister City visits

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Richard Baird from Stonehaven, Scotland, recently spoke to Athens State University's Board of Trustees about twinning and the Sister City agreement with the city of Athens. The Board of Trustees issued a proclamation commending the partnership, its past projects, and encouraging future educational and other opportunities between the two communities.



Richard Baird has been visiting Athens, Limestone County, and other areas in the region since early July. This is his third visit to the United States.

In 2018, the city of Athens, Athens City Schools, and Athens State University agreed to twin, or be Sister Cities, with the Stonehaven NE Scotland Twinning Group. Although COVID-19 hindered some of the planned activities, the groups have worked together to provide educational opportunities for elementary students through Zoom lessons, facilitating art contests between students, sharing cards of encouragement between each community's nursing home facilities, and other endeavors.

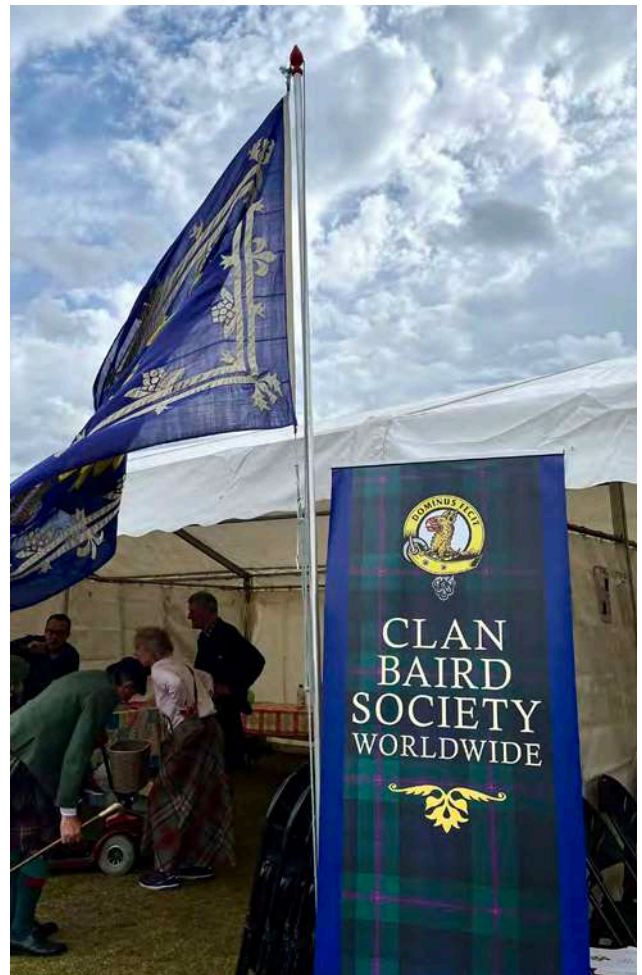
Richard Baird stressed to the board the importance of learning from each other and our different experiences in order to build relationships.



Athens State University Board of Trustee's chair Macke Mauldin presents the proclamation to Richard Baird and Mayor Ronnie Marks. Richard Baird said the proclamation will go on display in Stonehaven. - City of Athens



Mass bands at the Braemar Gathering 2022



Clan Baird at the Aboyne Highland Games 2022

James M. Baird

BUILDER OF ICONIC AMERICAN STRUCTURES

Linda Baird | REGION ONE STATE LEADER, CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY USA

As Bairds, we have likely all learned of the accomplishments of great Scottish engineers: John Logie Baird, the inventor of television, being the most prominent example. But you may not have known of another consummate creator of engineering feats, also Scottish, also a Baird. I refer to the



James M. Baird

engineer of many of America's most famous monuments: James M. Baird. His origination of many iconic structures in the United States may be news to many, and a source of additional pride to those possessing the Baird surname. The number, breadth and depth of his accomplishments needs to be recognized more broadly, lest we forget, as some may forget the unknown soldiers he so elegantly commemorated.



You know his iconic buildings

The Flatiron in New York City, a mainstay of moviemaking.

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The Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

The National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

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The Lincoln Memorial

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.



What you may not know is that he cemented his legacy with a named scholarship at the University of Arizona through The Baird Foundation

Baird was born on May 18, 1873 in Vanceburg, Kentucky to merchant Lyman and wife Frances (Halbert) Baird. He attended high school in Chicago and Ann Arbor, Michigan, attending college to study civil engineering at the latter's University, where he first made his name as a football player and coach. After graduation in 1898, he began work as a timekeeper for the Guaranty Construction Company of Chicago, and then as an engineer for Moulton-Starrett Company of Co-

lumbus, Ohio. In 1899, Baird began a 23-year career with the George A. Fuller Company, owned by architect Fuller, skyscraper builder and inventor of the modern day builder's contracting



The Flatiron in New York City

system. In that system, all aspects of construction except architectural design were housed under the auspices of the construction firm's subcontractors. Baird's first project was the first steel frame skyscraper in New York City, the signature Flatiron Building located at the corner of 175 Fifth Avenue, New York City, added to the national register of historic places. Baird rose within the ranks of Fuller's company to become vice-president in 1910 and president in 1922.

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During Baird's tenure at the Fuller Company, he supervised the construction of the additional landmark structures of Amphitheater at the Arlington National Cemetery, then the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in 1921. But per-



The Lincoln Memorial, Washington DC

haps his crowning achievement during this period was the completion of The Lincoln Memorial, the Greek revival monument constructed between 1914 and 1922, now administered by the US National Park Service.

In 1925, Baird left the Fuller Company to establish the James Baird Construction Company, Inc. which he led until his retirement in 1937. During this period, he constructed The Aeolian Building at 29 West 42nd Street, New York City, (1925-27,) The Internal Revenue Service Building (1926,) The Folger Shakespeare Library (1928,) the dome of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York City (1930), the Brooklyn printing plant of The New York Times, and perhaps his penultimate collaboration, oversaw construction of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

For his last noted achievement, he built the swimming pool at the White House at President Franklin Roosevelt's request. After retirement, he began the philanthropic phase of his life by donating 590 acres of land to the State of New York, now known as James Baird State Park. In 1948, the James Baird State Golf Course was designed and built to bear his moniker.

James M. Baird was advised and did move to Tucson, AZ in 1936 due to asthma. During his retirement there, he established a scholarship in his own name in 1948 with a gift of 207,422 dollars, the largest gift to the University of Arizona up to that date. As of today, roughly 1200 students have been beneficiaries of scholarships granted through his endowment housed in The Baird Foundation. James Baird was awarded an honorary doctorate in engineering in 1951, to recognize his many achievements and philanthropy. In

Interviewing to Dr. John Schafer, former Baird Foundation President, who learned the history from former U of A President from 1971-2015, Dr. Richard Harvill, it was learned that around 1936, James Baird vacationed in Tucson and as noted, moved there in short order. Approximately a decade later, he donated ¼ million toward health issues in the community. This changed to scholarships in 1957. The corpus of The Foundation, which was begun in 1948, is today by rough estimate worth 5-10 million.

The Baird Foundation Scholarship at U of A if available today to Arizona high school students only with a 3.75 GPA. The Scholarship is worth \$12,500 plus a scholarship match of \$12,900, worth a total of 100,000 over the course of 4 years.

There are 20 finalists to the scholarship from among U of A admitted students., who attend Honors College, which has been established in the last 10 years to house these elite scholars in a pan university. The Baird Scholars represent the best and the brightest educationally. Some schools include Robert Leshner, a prominent attorney at a law firm in Tucson, and Judge

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A promotional graphic for a DNA study. It features a dark blue background with a plaid pattern at the top and bottom. The text is white and centered. The main title is "Baird and Naesmyth DNA Study" in a large, elegant serif font. Below it, in a smaller, bold sans-serif font, is "CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY WORLDWIDE". At the bottom, in a very small sans-serif font, it says "HOSTED BY: ANCESTRAL SPOTLIGHT AND BRANCHES IN TIME GENEALOGY".

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A YEAR OF CLAN GATHERINGS AND FESTIVALS

By Debra Baird | CLAN BAIRD SOCIETY USA

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games North Carolina The 2nd Weekend in July

Clan Baird Society USA has been very active this festival season. We very much enjoyed Grandfather Mountain, where our Commander Richard was



Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Branton, Lady Diana, John McGowan, Commander Richard, Viscount Dunrossil, Angus Holman



The gathering of Bairds at Grandfather Highland Games

the Chieftain of the Games, and we were the Honoured Clan. We were most honoured by Richard's family attending. His mother, Lady Diana Holman, his wife, Polly, and his son Angus, were all with us and worked throughout the four-day event. Richard's 1st

cousin, Lady Iona Keith Hopkins, her partner Ewan, her daughters Alexandra and Rosie, as well as Ewan's son Fin, attended and helped during all our celebrations. Lady Iona and the Clan Keith were welcomed as Distinguished Visitors and Clan. From the Thursday night beginning Calling of the Clans, which was done by Branton Baird, to the Commander's Installation Ceremony and Reception on Sunday afternoon, all of us enjoyed each milestone for our Clan. We were fed gourmet food by Dr. Jeannie and Matt Beard, Richard Beard, Kim Lewis and his family, Debra and Branton Baird, Julia Beard Garrett, and Marilyn Stansbury, continuously offered in our hospitality tent every day. Richard's and Angus' Installation as Commander and Tanist culminated three years of planning and preparation. It was a moving ceremony where both pledged to help the Clan as best they can by leading throughout their lives. Isaac Baird, Stanford (Sandy) Baird, Heather Baird Snyder, Branton Baird and Debra Baird served as the officers of the installation. Brodie Beard and Rowan Kate Burgess served as gillies.

Aboyne Highland Games Aboyne, Scotland

The first weekend in August

Several Bairds from the UK and from the US assembled for the festival and



Richard Baird's UK installation at Aboyne Highland Games

to witness Richard's UK Installation Service. The day began with a little mist but turned into fine weather as we moved along. The Commander oversaw setting up the tent, with the help of Lady Diana and Polly, Debra, Branton, Ross, Doreen, Laura Lynn, Sandy, Heather, and her son Colin. We were visited by so many, Dr. Cary Fraser of Tornaveen (Fraser's of Findrack), Joanne Ash (Jack Baird's daughter) and her husband, Lady Iona Keith Hopkins and her family, Vicki and Steve Stec from the US, and many, many more. Richard's installation was historic. We met in the middle of the field, the Irwin's coming toward us and we greeting them. Richard kneeled and Sandy and Debra conducted the service. Richard gave his oath once again and was helped up by the Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, (Alexander) Sandy Manson himself. A round of good wishes with a wee dram were given afterward, and many congratulations for Richard and the Clan as a whole.

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Quechee Highland Games Quechee, Vermont

The last weekend in August

Dr. Walt Cottrell and his wife Carol sponsored our tent. They used the new tent kit that was designed by our publicist Heather Snyder. From all accounts it was a great festival! We so appreciate Walt and Carol doing so much work to get ready for the weekend.



Walt and Carol Cottrell at the Quechee Highland Games



Baird tent at the Quechee Highland Games

Jamestown, New York Celtic Festival

The last weekend in August

Heather Jensen and her family hosted the Baird Tent in Jamestown, New York. They have been working for us there for several years. It was a very successful festival with several Baird's attending. We appreciate all that Heather and her family do for Clan Baird and the Society!

The Braemar Gathering Brarmar, Scotland First Saturday in September

Ross and Doreen Baird, our UK Commissioner, and his wife, hosted our tent at Braemar. The day was beautiful, and HRH the Duke of Rothesay (as he is known in Scotland) representing his mother, Her Majesty the Queen. This



Ross Baird at the Braemar Gathering

has all subsequently changed due to the death of Her Majesty. He is now of course HM King Charles III. The Queen and the Royal Family have attended for generations, and every year of her 70-year reign, except for this last one. At the 2022 games, Ross and Doreen set up a stellar Clan Baird tent and enter-



Heather Jensen and her family hosting the Baird tent in Jamestown, New York.

tained all who came by. From all accounts, they and the tent were a highlight of the gathering. Ross was also instrumental in our acquiring the old Dower Hotel, without him, it would not have happened, and we appreciate all the time and effort he has put into our interests over the years.

Utah Scottish Festival and Highland Games Salt Lake City

The 2nd weekend of June

Isaac Baird, our Clan Baird Society USA president hosted the Clan Baird tent in Utah. We appreciate all his hard work!

Greenmead Highland Games, Livonia Mi

The first weekend in August

Heather Worthington and her daughter Ava "Birdie" Worthington attended the Greenmead Highland Games. Another fun and successful time with the clans. Her grandmother is Dorothy L. Baird and her parents were, Albert and Ina Baird.



Birdie and Heather Worthington with athlete Eric Spence at the Greemead Highland Games.

Celtic Heritage Festival Third weekend in September

Heather Jensen and her family host the Clan Baird tent at these games also. We appreciate their dedication to our Clan and Society and are so proud they are part of us!



Heather Jensen children at the highland games.

Stone Mountain Highland Games Stone Mountain, Georgia Third Weekend in October

The Stone Mountain Games this year were absolutely beautiful. The weather was perfect, the temperature was



Liam Voigt, grandson of Allyne, our Allyne herself, and Branton Baird at the dinner party hosted by the Griffin Bairds on Saturday night.

perfect, and the activities were very well organized and executed. Donald MacLaren of MacLaren and Achleskine was Chief of the Games and the MacLaren tents were the center of activities in Clan Tent Row. Steve Quillin, president of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, visited on Sunday afternoon, and all enjoyed a very kind toast he gave to the Bairds. Branton in turn toasted our friend Steve.

The Baird tent was hosted by Debra Baird, Marilyn Stansbury, Branton Baird, Matt and Dr. Jeannie Beard, as well as Brodie, their son, and Kim and Diana Lewis. We were glad to see so many of our Georgia Bairds, especially Allyne Baird and family from Griffin. She is our 94-year-old long time member and spent all day in the tent, helping with Baird history. We used some new posters on corrugated plastic for the first time, and they were the best display we have had thus far. We had a steady stream of visitors both days and signed up several new members. Everyone was interested in the architect's drawings of the Commercial/

Dower Hotel and there was great excitement about the renovation.

On Saturday evening, the Griffin Bairds invited us all to a cook-out at their campsite; the steaks and grilled vegetables were delicious. Liam and Jake Voigt, sons of Joan Baird can cook! The festival was one of the best this year.



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11.07.05 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Mary Kintore, her son Jamie with his fiancée Carrie, and her daughter Iona Keith.

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

Mary Kintore
from "Over the Horizon"
Poetry of Mary Kintore

I spent five days in North Carolina,
For the Grandfather Mountain games.
Set high in the Appalachian hills,
A gathering of Clans its aim.

The games took place in a grassy field
Surrounded by forests of trees.
It was just like a Scottish summer,
Heavy rain, warm sun and a breeze.

This year Clan Keith was the honoured Clan,
With Jamie the honoured guest.
They were celebrating fifty years
Of games many reckon the best.

Clan Keith had come from all over the States,
A contingent from Canada too;
Our two Keith tents full of kilted folk,
In tartan of green, black and blue.

North Carolina's convenor, Mimi,
Was voted Clansman of the year.
She capped it all by winning the plate
For best tent over all her peers.

Bill Keith, the retiring President,
With 'Miss Elizabeth' always at work;
We were back in our extended family,
So much laughter, embracing and talk.

The Clans are an important factor,
Stretching from Scotland round the earth.
They keep the Clan roots alive and strong
With the love of their ancestors' birth.

Editor's Note:

In 2017, I was very honored to be gifted this beautiful book of poems presented to me by Lady Diana Holman. Mary Kintore was her sister-in-law and wrote the most inspiring and very personal poetry. Mary passed away in 2006 but her poetry continues to inspire

all who read it, her memory lives on. In the book she wrote a poem about coming to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in 2005 when Clan Keith was the honored Clan. It seems fitting to publish it here in The Gryphon for all to read. This summer at Grandfather Mountain Highlands Games, Clan Baird was the honored Clan. Clan Keith's tent was next to the Bairds, always in support of the long history the two families have together.



NEW ABERDOUR COMMUNITY MEETING

4th August discussion about the Clan Baird Society Centre

We met as a Clan and Society with the villagers of New Aberdour on August 4th, to discuss how we would use the old Dower/Commercial Hotel that we contracted to purchase in July. It will become our Clan Baird Society Centre and a Community Centre for the people of New Aberdour. Commander Richard, Ross and Doreen Baird, Heather Snyder, Sandy Baird, Debra Baird, Laura Lynn Kerner, Bob Watson and Corinne Cox led the discussion and presentation. Ross brought beautifully drawn plans from Architect Ian Rodger, who also attended and helped explain our thoughts on use.

The community was very open to our coming into their town and we were most happy to have a chance to once again be Bairds with a small presence on the old Auchmedden Estate, since the village sits on traditional lands of that estate. With the very generous donations by two of our Board of Directors, we were able to pay cash for the hotel building and now must renovate it.

Debra, Branton, Laura Lynn, Seth Burgess, and Jim Kerner will be spending the month of December working to clean up the building inside some and make it more hospitable for workers to begin repairs/renovations. Laura Lynn will be continuing her work to survey the village and area to determine best use and our business plan for moving forward. We would all appreciate any comments about how members would like to see the building used. It was a restaurant, pub, meeting rooms, and hotel rooms upstairs in the past. The building on the back was the carriage house/stable. When you come back to your home in Scotland at the Baird Centre, what would you like your experience to be? What would you like to see? What would you like to do? What would you like to learn?

Please e-mail lauralkerner@aol.com with answers to these questions. She is developing our analysis and business plan.



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MILL OF NETHERMILL COTTAGE TURNS 300 YEARS OLD

Bill and Lynn Pitt | OWNERS OF THE MILL OF NETHERMILL HOLIDAYS

In August, Bill and Lynn Pitt celebrated the 300th anniversary of their cottage (formally the miller's cottage at Mill of Auchmedden). Part of the celebration included planting two Red Elder trees by our daughter Jen and grand-daughter Olivia to commemorate the 300 year anniversary. There is a date stone located on the gable wall of the cottage.



Nethermill cottage before the renovation.



The cottage as it is now, after the renovation.



Bill and Lynn Pitt celebrating with their family, friends and guests at the Nethermill.

The cottage would have been built during the time of James Baird, 6th Laird of Auchmedden in 1722 for the miller and his family. The mill would have been an important asset for Laird as his tenant farmers would have taken their harvests to Mill of Auchmedden for milling. The miller's cottage was built with red sandstone that may have been quarried from Laird's own quarry located in nearby Pennan.

When we renovated the cottage in 2010, we had taken the lath and plaster away to expose the original stone work. It was then that we uncovered what we believe to be original features. We had uncovered an original window and rear entrance shown in the photo. The original window had a stone lintel and sill and was later blocked up when the addition to the cottage was added (perhaps in the 1800's). The rear entrance had a wooden lintel above which can also be seen in the same photos. One of the more intriguing features we found during the renovation was another window which had a wooden lintel. The lintel appears to be made from part of a keel (frame) of wooden fishing boat. Note the slightly rounded or arched contour of the lintel.

Lynn and I both love old buildings, thus when we renovated the cottage we tried to maintain as many of the original features.

We feel very fortunate to live in such an historic cottage that was built 50 years before the American Revolutionary War.



The original window had a stone lintel and sill and was later blocked up when the addition to the cottage was added (perhaps in the 1800's). The rear entrance had a wooden lintel above which can also be seen.



One of the more intriguing features we found during the renovation was another window which had a wooden lintel. The lintel appears to be made from part of a keel (frame) of wooden fishing boat. Note the slightly rounded or arched contour of the lintel.



The date stone located on the gable wall of the cottage.





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(100,000 Welcomes)

We welcome the following to Clan Baird Society Worldwide

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Please consider sending pictures and videos of Baird and NaeSmyth related events, such as reunions, weddings and birthday celebrations, historical commemoration events, walks through cemeteries, castles and ruins, renditions of family lore, piping and dancing, etc. Include some details describing the event and include any credits to be given.

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Second Quarter - 2022 Apr. 1 through Jun. 30, 2022	
Income:	
Dues Received	125.00
Donation - Foundation	
Donation - Scarves & Ties	
Coat of Arms donation to date:	\$46.00
Total Income for Period:	125.00
Expense:	
Advertising Website Services - 3 to 4 months	248.10
Annual Report Fee	
Scholarship	
Genealogy	
Gryphon	300.00
Games	1,000.00
Ties & Scarves - UK	
Miscellaneous - PayPal fees	6.79
Total Expenses for Period:	1,590.89
Net Income or (Loss) for Quarter:	(1,465.89)
Cash in Bank - Last Report:	6,517.15
Cash in Bank/ Available Funds:	5,051.26
Submitted by:	
Robert G. Beard, Treasurer for Clan Baird Society Worldwide	



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