



Clan Hope Society Newsletter

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Coming Events:

April 16-18, 2010, the Clan Hope Society will sponsor a clan tent at the Lake Norman Highland Games, Rural Hill Farm, Huntersville, NC.

April 17-18, 2010 the Clan Hope Society will sponsor a clan tent at the Las Vegas Highland Games at Floyd Lamb Park, Tule Springs, Las Vegas, Nevada.

If you are in the area where Clan Hope is sponsoring activities, please drop by and visit with us. If you know of any other Hopes in the area, please extend the invitation to them as well. Our activities are undertaken in an effort to initiate interaction with all Hopes.

Recent Events

(control+click to see photos):

March 27, 2010. Clan Hope sponsored and manned a tent at the 44th Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin Florida.

February 27th & 28th 2010. Clan Hope sponsored and manned a tent at the 46th Clan Gathering and Highland Games, Phoenix Arizona.



Clan Hope Tent At
Loch Norman Games

Loch Hope



Origin of the Hope Surname

Surnames only came into use after about 1100 AD. Prior to then, people had only one name but as the population increased, it became awkward to try to distinguish between all the Johns, James, Williams, etc. in a localized area. People began to be differentiated by their given name and some other characteristic feature. There were four primary characteristics distinguishing individuals: their occupation (Miller, Smith), their location (Brooks, Rivers), their patronym (father's name, Johnson, MacLeod), and, finally, some identifiable feature or characteristic of the individual (Small, Biggs). Location surnames were originally preceded by a preposition such as "la", "de", "atte", "by" or "in", denoting a relationship to the identifying geological feature or place.

Hope is most often a place or location name. In some of the older Celtic languages, it referred to a valley, hollow or other piece of land between, or enclosed by, hills or mountains. In some of the Scandinavian languages, it referred to a fjord, lake or other land locked body of water. Additionally, it may come from the anglicization of names from other languages which either sound like, or mean, "Hope". The French surname, l'Esperance, literally translated as Hope, became Hope in some cultures. Others such as Hoip, Hop, Hoep, Hoop, Hoppe, Haupt, etc. were also anglicized to, or just morphed into, Hope. In any case, the surname is known to be present in Scotland as early as the thirteenth century.

Johan Hope, del counte de Pebbles, signed the Ragman Rolls in 1296. The name of modern Peebles is believed to be derived from "Pebyl" (a place to pitch tents) and in the ancient Celtic refers to a camping area of the nomadic Gadeni tribe. One can assume that "Pebbles" was probably an intermediate stage in the translation from "Pebyl" to the modern Peebles. Many others signing the Ragman Rolls were from shires in the modern Scottish Borders where modern Peebleshire is located. (from: Peebles A Hidden Treasure, <http://www.peebles.info/>).

The name was also found in Ireland as early as the 14th century, and, according to A.J.B. Hope, was originally associated with Westmeath, but is now scattered. Hopes were already extant in England by the 13th century. Roger le Hope is mentioned in early records in 1273 as residing in County Hereford. The Poll Tax of 1379 listed Alicia de Hope in Yorkshire. In the year of 1590, Fulk Hope married Elizabeth Hopkyn in London.

Scottish Recipe of the Month

Baked Salmon with Tarragon

Serves 4

Ingredients:

4 salmon fillets
1 small, finely chopped onion
2 slices of thin bacon, diced
4 tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon
1 teaspoon fresh chopped
Juice of 1/2 lemon

Method:

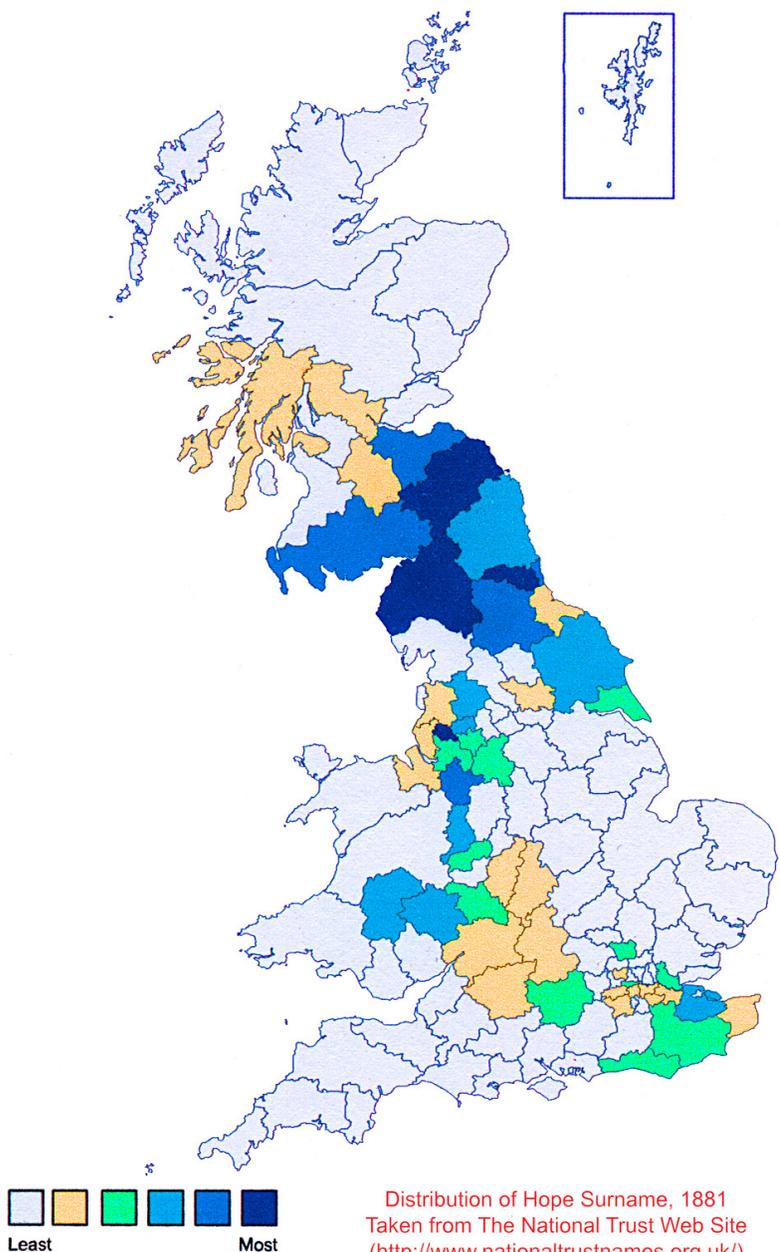
Pre-heat the oven to 400°F.
Sauté the chopped onion with butter in a pan until soft and golden. Add the bacon and tarragon and slowly cook for 5 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice.

Place the salmon fillets in an oven proof dish and cover with the onion and bacon mixture. For best results, use a dish with a lid or cover tightly with foil. Bake for 15-20 minutes.

Serve with a thick cream or crème fraîche.

(From Christine Hope Papp)

Distribution of the Hope Surname In Scotland, England and Ireland, 1881



Hope's Hope Genealogies and Stories

From Hope Winslow Stanley

From a little book, I found in the Library in Hampton, called "Lost Landmarks of Old Hampton" by Mrs. Sandidge Evans....."

"Hampton Academy on Hope's Mill Point", "at the time of the Revolution, a windmill stood on the point formed by Academy St on the North and Cary St on the South, from there a ferry ran to the "Glebe" land. The Glebe eventually became the Tabb farm now largely owned by Hampton Institute. In 1796, the point was owned by George Hope, builder of ships for the Virginia Navy. According to Hope's insurance policy of that date, the mill was built of brick. It was Hope who sold part of the point where a school already stood to the "Trustees of Hampton Academy", formed when the first free school in America, endowed by Benjamin Syms (on what is now NASA land)."....."The Colonial Shipyard" Where the Hispaniola is now (now where the hotel is) was once site of a shipyard owned at the time of the Revolution by William Williams, who later bought land on Harris Creek where his operation was less exposed to British invaders. The shipyard was later owned by the famous Barron Brothers, sons of James Barron the Elder....James and Samuel. Their wealthy uncle, Richard Barron had owned almost a block of property on the North side of Queen St. across from here. After the Revolution, George Hope, who had come from England to build ships for the Virginia Navy, bought the Shipyard. With his kinsman, James Barron the younger, then Commodore in the United States Navy, the designer and supervisor, Hope built the No 2 experimental gunboat for the infant US Navy. It was launched in August, 1804. When George's son John mortgaged the shipyard in 1827, there was "a pilot boat on the stocks which was 42 feet long, 17 feet beam and 6 feet 6 inches hold be the same more or less"

Postscript:

This is the first of what we hope to be a bimonthly newsletter. We sincerely hope you will make it your own by contributing items of interest to Hopes, Scots, genealogies or any related subjects. We will accept anything that is original or has the origin cited in the piece or for which we can find the origin. Please help us share our Hope and Scottish information among clan members! Submit anything you wish to have included in our newsletter to: gmhope@ufl.edu, HopeStanley@mchsi.com, or presidentclanhope@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for sharing!