



Clan Hope Society Newsletter

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Activities

Coming Events:

Clan Hope will sponsor tents at:

July 8-11, 2010 Grandfather Mountain Games, Grandfather Mountain, Linville, NC

September 17-19, 2010 Oklahoma Scottish Games, River West Festival Park, Tulsa OK

October 1-3, 2010 Williamsburg Scottish Festival, Rockahock Campgrounds, Lanexa, VA 23089

October 15-17, 2010 Stone Mountain Highland Games, Stone Mountain Park, Alpharetta, GA

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.

Recent Events :

Clan Hope Hosted Tents at:

June 4-6, 2010 Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Arlington TX

June 11-13, 2010 The Kansas City Scottish Highland Games, Riverside MO

May 8, 2010, the Savannah Highland Games, Savannah, Georgia.

April 16-18, 2010, the Lake Norman Highland Games, Rural Hill Farm, Huntersville, NC.

April 17-18, 2010 the Las Vegas Highland Games at Floyd Lamb Park, Tule Springs, Las Vegas, Nevada.

March 27, 2010. the 44th Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin Florida.

Congratulations to James M. Hope, Jr. on his appointment as Commissioner for the Central States. James has already scheduled Clan Hope tents at three Highland Games. We are sure James will do a wonderful job representing Clan Hope in the US midsection.

The Pinkie House



The Pinkie House was the seat of the Hopes of Craighall from 1778 until 1951 when it was sold to the Loretto School, owners of an adjacent property. The Pinkie House started life in the 16th century as a simple "L plan" tower common to that period.



"L" Plan Tower
From Ireland

While passing through the hands of several owners, the simple "L plan" was enlarged to the current configuration. The latest additions being by Archibald Hope in 1825 to a design by William Burn, well known architect of the period.

During its life, Pinkie House has provided lodging for numerous well known individuals: the young Prince Charles.

later Charles I, lived here as a boy. The room in which he slept is still known as the "King's Room". Charles Edward Stuart, the "Young Pretender", also stayed here following the battle of Prestonpans and used the building as a field hospital.

Previous owners included Alexander Seton, Chancellor to James, VI and Earl of Dunfermline. Lore has it that the mason for some of Seton's modifications and additions was William Wallace, Scotland's national hero. The Pinkie House is rumored to be haunted by "The Green Lady", Seton's first wife, Liliias Drummond, who is also rumored to haunt Fyvie Castle, another Seton property.

From the Secretary:

It is certainly nice to finally have a newsletter thanks to Marion. We've tried several times over the last years and now it's finally taking off. Among all the different things happening with our society we have two things that seem to be slipping so I want to ask for your help and will appreciate your participation.

Members Photo page.....if you have not yet done so, please email a photo of yourself to the webmaster (gmhope@cox.net) for inclusion on that page.

Lineage page.....using the format listed on that page please send a short rundown on your lineage to the webmaster. It doesn't have to be a Gedcom file or anything fancy - although we can abstract form any presentation. A simple rundown as shown on that page is often enough to give someone an idea if it is a line they need to pursue. Of course the real genealogy questions/info goes to our genealogist, Hope Stanley (genealogy@clanhope.org)

Thanks for your help and I hope to see you at a Clan Hope Tent at one of the upcoming games.

Jenny Hope
secretary@clanhope.org

Scottish Recipe of the Month

Scottish Lamb Stew

1 ½ lbs. cubed lamb
1/2 cup pearl barley
1 onion - finely chopped
3 celery sticks - cut into chunks
2 Cups carrots - cut into chunks
2 Cups diced potatoes
¼ cup butter
½ cup apple cider
2 cups beef stock or enough to cover meat and vegetables.
3 tablespoons flour
salt and pepper to taste
Thyme - fresh or dried to taste
Paprika to taste

Directions

1. Simmer the barley in a small pot for about 10 minutes then drain.
2. In a large pot melt the butter and sauté lamb until browned for 5 minutes or so. Add flour to browned lamb, stir until coated.
3. Add the apple cider, beef stock, barley, vegetables and seasonings. Cover and simmer slowly for about an hour, stirring occasionally.

(From Christine Hope Papp)

Caber Toss (Turning the Caber)

Sporting contests of strength, agility and speed took place at the conclusion of military musters called "wappinschawes" (weapon-showings). It was at one of these wappinschawes in 1574 that the "tossing of ye barr" first appeared on record.

The Caber Toss is the highlight of the Heavy Athletic Competition and is an event of accuracy. It is the only event where the competitor is not striving for distance or height. It is a show of strength, timing, balance and momentum.

The caber is a large tapered pole or tree that has one end wider than the other. It can vary from 15 to 23 feet long, weighing between 70 and 150 lbs. The caber is stood on its narrow end in front of the thrower, who has to pick the caber up without help. The "pick" begins with the thrower squatting next to the caber, then hoisting the caber up to cup the end in his interlocked hands with the caber leaning against his shoulder. At this point, the thrower may weave around a bit, balancing the caber and establishing control. After a short run to gain forward momentum, he will plant his feet and attempt to "turn" the caber by flipping it end over end. The large end of the caber hits the ground first and the small end flips over the top, with the caber falling away from the thrower.

The Caber is scored on a clock face. Imagine that the thrower is standing on the 6:00 mark. The caber must break the vertical plane between 9:00 and 3:00. The judge will score the caber based on where it hits the ground in direct relation to the thrower's shoulders. A perfect execution is called a twelve-o'clock turn, where the caber falls straight away from where the thrower released it, or 12:00 on the clock face. In the event that no one is able to turn the caber, the judge calls the degree of elevation the caber reaches (0-90) before falling back.

The history of the caber is elusive. The term 'caber' derives from the Gaelic word "cabar" or "kaber" which refers to a rafter or beam. The most prominent legend surrounding the origin of the caber toss is that of breaching barriers or crossing streams during wartime. In the Scottish highlands, you often have freezing-cold streams that you need to cross. During battle, the caber was tossed from one side of the stream to the other to quickly make a bridge, allowing fellow Scotsmen to cross and continue on to chase rival clans. This is why the caber is tossed for accuracy, rather than distance.

A different tale has the origin of the caber toss in the Scottish Highlands where forest was cleared to make fields. After the loggers cut down the trees, floaters (whose task it was to float the felled logs down the river) would pitch the logs into the river, allowing the current to carry them downstream. The ability to toss the logs well into the river became an essential skill for the logging operation to avoid log jams.

(From: Round Hill Highland Games, Norwalk, Connecticut, Saturday, June 27, 2009, www.roundhill.org)

Member's Corner

Marty Hope (Aka Henry Martin Hope Sr)

Tis I, Marty, the one you can blame all this on. Yes, I'm the one who (with lots of help) restarted The Clan Hope of Craighall Society. I am preparing a brief history of our society which will appear in a later edition of our newsletter but for now please let me tell you a wee bit about me.....

I was born April 15, 1944 in Montgomery, AL to Ethel Leann Hobbie and Robert Milton Hope. I have an older sister, Nina Allison Hope. I was raised sometimes in town and part of the time on the family farm. My parents divorced when I was quite young. As a teenager I lived with my father in Florida for several years and after high school Entered the military (USN and USMC).

I married the former Jennifer Ann Hartman whose family came from NC. Jenny and I have now been married more than forty six years so I guess our trial teen aged marriage just might make it. After the military we lived in or around Charlotte, NC for about fourteen years. I spent almost 30 years working for Eastern Airlines retiring as Director of Operations and the airline moved us around a bit. After working in Charlotte, Atlanta, Miami, Portland, OR and finally Las Vegas I had enjoyed as much as I could stand and took early retirement. Along the way I picked up a Masters Degree ultimately working in finance and purchasing but along the way also was ordained in the Anglican Church. Due to the economies of keeping two children in college I resigned from the clergy and set about the process of feeding hungry mouths and paying lots of tuition. After all that I was finally able to retire at age 61 and have genuinely enjoyed every day of it.

We have two children, both of which live nearby. Our daughter Catherine Winslow was born in '64 when we lived in Spain and Son Hank (Jr.) (your treasurer) was born in '69 in Charlotte. Catherine is now a single mom and has three sons, ages 18, 12 and 10 with the 18 year old leaving for college this fall.

I am a life long, licensed amateur radio operator (ham) and for many years we have enjoyed camping and presently have a 32 ft fifth wheel trailer. Thus far we've camped in 38 states. I'm a wanna be guitar player and still manage to put in a mile or two out on the highway on the motorcycle. We are just hanging around waiting on our next trip to Scotland. As of this writing I have not yet determined what I will be when I grow up.

Postscript:

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