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Hope Town: The Islands of the Bahamas

<https://www.bahamas.com/natural-wonders/hope-town>

Scottish Recipes



<https://www.thespruceeats.com/traditional-scottish-cullen-skink-recipe-435379>

The Clan Hope Of Craighall Society Newsletter welcomes submissions. Clan Hope members may submit biographies for the *Members' Corner*. We also accept submissions of any material relating to Scottish history/humor, Hope genealogy, Hope history, genealogy methods and tricks, or any additional information that may be of interest or useful to our readers. We look forward to your contributions.

Conroe ISD Dedicates Ruben W. Hope, Jr. Elementary School

CONROE, TX – Conroe ISD dedicated its newest elementary school at a ceremony on Thursday, October 14th. The dedication of Ruben W. Hope, Jr. Elementary School brought together members of the school community and the namesake's family in a touching program highlighting the importance of giving back.



Ruben W. Hope, Jr. was born on May 8, 1937, in Houston and grew up traveling between Houston and Conroe to work on his family farm. His father taught him to hunt, fish, ride horseback, work cattle, build fences, haul hay, and find his way through the wooded area that is now Grand Central Park and The Woodlands. Ruben graduated from John H. Reagan High School in Houston where he played center on the football team and catcher for the softball team. His senior year, he was chosen by his classmates as "Most Handsome."

After high school, Ruben attended The University of Texas at Austin where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. While at The University of Texas, he met his wife, Francine, on a blind date. The two were inseparable, and, after two years of dating, they married during Easter weekend in 1959 at Baptist Temple, Houston. That same year, Ruben graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. As newlyweds, they lived in Austin while he attended The University of Texas School of Law, and she worked for the University and the Texas Legislature. Ruben was a member of Phi Delta Phi and graduated in 1963.

After law school, Ruben started his career with the Texas Water Commission in Austin. He then joined Frank Briscoe as prosecutor in the district courts. After six years in the District Attorney's office, he began practicing civil trial law in Houston.

In 1973, Ruben moved his family to Conroe, Texas, and opened Ruben Hope 2 Associates, practicing civil and insurance defense litigation. In 1989, Ruben

Scottish Humor

Smee Again...

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A radio station is offering a world trip to whoever can come up with the best word that's not in the dictionary but can be put into a sentence. A Wee Glasgow guy calls in and says "ma word is Gaun, spelt g.a.u.n and ma sentence is: "Gaun f██k yersel". The DJ hangs up and apologises to his listeners. 5mins later another Glasgow guy calls and says "Ma word is Smee, spelt s.m.e.e. DJ says ok, what's your sentence. The guy says "smee again, gaun f██k yersel!"

Frog



Kyo
@KyleSanders89

still amazed at how much ma bag looked like a frog yesterday



Deril Wyles
@DerilWyles

Guy from the TV licence chapped my uncles pals door and he told them he didn't have a telly and the guy was like you've got an aerial on your roof and he said I've got a pint of milk in the fridge disny mean I've got a coo out the back and shut the door 🤔

partnered with John Causey, and the firm changed to Hope and Causey, P.C, which continues today. Causey recalled a few stories that exemplified Ruben's sense of humor. He told of the time Ruben hired him at the law firm. "He said something about a government program called 'Adopt an Aggie,'" said Causey, referring to the friendly rivalry between himself, a Texas A&M graduate, and Hope, who graduated from The University of Texas at Austin. Causey also said the only two times he knew he had lost an argument was "when my mother said 'John Causey,' and when Ruben said, 'Johnny, my boy.' Then he'd lift his head and smile."



Hope Elementary School
opened August 11, 2021
(Ally Bolender/Community)

During his career, Ruben tried over 200 cases to jury verdicts and handled appeals before the Texas Supreme Court. He was appointed to the State Bar Grievance Committee, where he served for five years. Ruben also served as President of the Montgomery County Bar Association and was voted Attorney of the Year in 1991. In May of 2012, Ruben was recognized by the State Bar of Texas for being licensed to practice law for 50 years.



PHOTO: Conroe ISD Board of Trustees President Skeeter Hubert and Superintendent Dr. Curtis Null pose with Ruben W. Hope, Jr.'s children.

Ruben believed in giving back to the community through public service, and one of his passions was education. In 1996, he was elected to the Conroe ID Board of Trustees. During his time on the Board, he held the position of Trustee and Vice President. In 1999, Ruben felt a calling to serve his community as State Representative. Between 1999 and 2006, Ruben was a member and Majority Leader for the Texas House of Representatives, served on the Natural Resources Committee as Chair of Budget and Oversight, and served on the Appropriations, Civil Practices,

and Select Committee on Public School Finance. During his time in the Legislature, Ruben was instrumental in the creation of an additional County Court at Law for Montgomery County, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, and several other bills that became law.

Ruben also served on various committees and organizations including as President of the Committee for the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Center, a Lifetime Committeeman for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, District Chairman and Troop Leader for the Sam Houston Area Boy Scouts, a member of the Advisory Board for the Montgomery County Fair Association, President and coach for the Conroe Area Youth Baseball League, Director and coach for the Oak Ridge Little League, Director of the Montgomery County Community Foundation, President of the Conroe High School Athletic Booster Club, President of the Conroe Evening Lions Club, a member of the Montgomery County Master Gardener Association, and a Texas Longhorn Foundation Member.

Along with his legal career and serving his community, Ruben was a beloved family and Christian man. He enjoyed working with animals and tending to the land, Ruben enjoyed spending time with his family and friends on vacation, coaching his children and their friends, winning lawsuits, catching up with classmates at high school reunions, attending UT football games, participating in the Montgomery County Fair Cook-Off and Rodeo, contributing to scholarships through purchases at the Fair, and telling stories about and bragging on his children and grandchildren. Ruben W. Hope, Jr. passed away on July 3, 2015. He loved his wife Francine, their children, Tres, Gregg, and Alison, and their grandchildren. Ruben attended the First Baptist Church in Conroe with Francine and served as a deacon there. He was proud that his children all graduated from Conroe High School and went on to receive college degrees.

<https://hellowoodlands.com/conroe-isd-dedicates-ruben-w-hope-jr-elementary-school/>

SCOTLAND'S GREAT RAIL JOURNEYS

More than just a manner of getting from A to B, a train journey around Scotland can be one of the best (and most comfortable!) ways of admiring the stunning landscapes around the country. Where else can you see hundreds of miles of misty mountains, glittering lochs, quaint villages and even elegant mansions, all with a cup of tea in hand and no chance of getting caught in the rain? From overnight journeys deep into the Highlands to quick round trips perfect for kids, Scotland's railways offer dozens of unforgettable journeys with great service and amazing views. Here are but a few great Scottish rail routes. More can be found at [link](#).

THE WEST HIGHLAND LINE & THE JACOBITE STEAM TRAIN



Widely regarded as one of the world's greatest train journeys, the West Highland Line is known to millions as the railway that took Harry Potter from Platform 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$ all the way to Hogwarts. The route, serviced by Abellio Scotrail, leads from Glasgow to Mallaig and takes around 5 hours and 15 minutes in total. As the train heads west, it passes over the iconic Glenfinnan Viaduct and offers

brehtaking views of locations such as Loch Shiel, Loch Eilt and Ben Nevis, many of which can also be seen in the Harry Potter films.

For a truly magical day out, hop on the old-fashioned **Jacobite Steam Train** at Fort William, pack a picnic to enjoy as you explore the charming Mallaig Bay, or stop off at Arisaig to take a walk along one of the Highlands' best beaches. Visitors travelling from England can also catch the Caledonian Sleeper at London Euston and be swept up to the Highlands overnight, waking up to stunning views of Rannoch Moor before arriving in Fort William.

- Pick up the line from Glasgow Queen Street Station
- Perfect for: sweeping cinematic scenery and Highland loch views

THE FAR NORTH LINE



Britain's most rural railway, the Far North Lines is run by Abellio Scotrail and connects Inverness with Thurso and Wick at the northern limits of the Highlands. The full journey takes around four hours and leads you through hundreds of miles of beautiful varied landscapes, from peatland bogs and minuscule hamlets to the gates of the magnificent Dunrobin Castle.

- Pick up the line from Inverness Train Station, Highlands
- Perfect for: varied coastline, pleasant farmland, traditional distilleries

THE KYLE LINE



Departing from Inverness, the Kyle Line leads through charming Highland villages such as Achnasheen and Plockton before arriving in Kyle of Lochalsh, taking just two and a half hours. Along the route, also run by Abellio Scotrail, you'll pass idyllic beaches and tranquil lochs, all set to a backdrop of untouched Highland hillsides - you might even spot herons, eagles or otters if you're lucky!

- Pick up the line from Inverness Train Station, Highlands
- Perfect for: magnificent rocky shoreline, wild mountain vistas, red deer spotting

Scotland Great Rail Journeys



Toil & Trouble: Witchcraft in Scotland: From the Scottish Banner

A new student-led exhibition will explore 200 years of suspicions and actions that fueled the myths we associate with witchcraft today. *Toil & Trouble: Witchcraft in Scotland* will examine the dark history of witchcraft in the country, particularly from the 16th to 18th centuries. The recently launched online exhibition has been curated by MLitt Museum Studies students at the University of Aberdeen. Drawing on the University's rich collections, it will take virtual visitors on a journey of discovery examining aspects of early modern Scotland in an attempt to bring understanding to why witchcraft accusations were so rife at this time.

Objects ranging from a 17th century handbook for hunting a witch written by a king to devices used to punish the accused to more innocuous items thought to bring good luck will be used to consider the broader aspects of the subject, which has long fascinated the public imagination. The impact of gendered violence and oppression, the perceived difference between magic and medicine and the role of the church and religion will be introduced through the curation. As part of the MLitt Museum Studies the students select the topic, select items for display and work on every aspect of the exhibition from delivery to promotion.

For additional info: <https://www.scottishbanner.com/2021/10/25/toil-trouble-witchcraft-in-scotland/>

**Welcome to Clan Hope of Craighall Society New Life Member
& New Commissioner of the Northwest - USA**

Dustin Alocy Hope, Grants Pass, OR, USA

Postscript

We sincerely hope you will make this newsletter your own by contributing items relating to Hopes, Scots, history of either, genealogy or other related subjects. Please help us share our Hope and Scottish information among clan members and friends. We will accept anything that is in the public domain, original or cites origin. Submit anything you wish to have included in our newsletter to: newsletter@clanhope.org. We look forward to your contributions. Thanks in advance for sharing.