



# Scot Pourri



Send us your inquiries on life's little question marks.

Ever wanted to know what happened to your old pal from home, how to make your favourite Scottish meal, or wondered about a certain bit of Scottish history? Pose your questions on Scottish related topics to our knowledgeable readership who just may be able to help. Our letters page is a very popular and active one and many readers have been assisted across the world by fellow passionate Scots. Please keep letters under 200 words and we reserve the right to edit content and length. Letters, photos and any other items posted to the Scottish Banner cannot be returned. We prefer letters to be emailed to your nearest office or please visit our on line Scotpourri form at <http://www.scottishbanner.com>, alternatively you may post or fax your letters to us. Please ensure you include your full contact details, when emailing it is best to include your post address for those without internet access.

## Looking For Family

Hello, I'm looking for family of George W. McCulloch born between 1830 and 1835 in Perthshire, Scotland. He immigrated to the United States in 1858, settled in South Carolina where he married a Lenia Anders. He also lived in Hendersonville, NC, where he died on March 27, 1905, and is buried in the Oakdale Cemetery. If George is in your family tree please contact me.

*Yours Aye,*

*Robbie Bryant*

USA

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## Wee Miracles Are Like Bunny Rabbits

Scot Pourri has done it yet again - this makes three contacts!!

Two full branches and one sub-branch of the Moffat-McCombie Family Tree in Australia are now in contact with me as a result of this column, thank you.

Now if someone could find the birth of Jessie McCombie born 1820-1826 Elgin Moray; father William McCombie, (gardener dead before Oct 1842), then I would be very grateful.

*Robert Moffat and Jessie*

*McCombie*

*Australia*

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## Searching For Archibalds

I enjoy reading the articles in the "Scottish Banner".

I have been wondering about my fathers' name, Archibald.

The family came from to America in the 1860's from the Ayreshire, Scotland, around Dalry. The family were farmers.

His mother was a Gilmour from Lanarkshire, and I believe that may be a

Highland name. I would appreciate knowing more about the Archibalds.

Thank you

*Margaret Farmer,*

*Oklahoma, City,*

*Oklahoma,*

*U.S.A.*

## New South Wales Country Women's Association Year of Scotland

Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoy the Banner and the NSW Country Women's Association (CWA) study a different country each year and in 2010 it is Scotland. If you could mention this to your readers in the paper and maybe some people could go to their local CWA group and offer to tell them about Scotland. We involve the school children in our branch and they learn about a different country each year for one term. My family were Scottish and I was the only one born in England, but my roots go deep into Scotland.

Thank you

*Dorothy Moyle*

*Macksville, NSW*

*Australia*

## Found Clan in the "Banner"

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Marion Cunningham,

Michigan,

USA.

**Ed. Note:** The "Scottish Banner" is now on Facebook and welcome all our readers to add us to their friends list.

Simply look up "Scottish Banner."

## Piping Into 2010

Thank you Scottish Banner and Scotland's National Piping Centre for introducing a piping feature. This will no doubt be a great addition to an already marvellous paper for all us Scots (and piping enthusiasts) around the world. I do not play the pipes myself but follow pipe bands from around the world and have a huge (and still growing!) collection of pipe band CD's from bands from across the world. The sounds of the pipes and drums so instantly takes me back to Scotland each time I hear them. I am sure The National Piping Centre which is a very respected organisation will have some great insight into the piping movement.

I will of course be at the New Zealand Pipe Band Championships in March and am looking to book a flight over to Australia for their competition The Tartan Spectacular in April (what a striking ad they have put in the Scottish Banner I must say!).

Look forward to more piping news from my favourite wee paper, well done!

*Alex Fraser*

*Wellington*

*New Zealand*

## Remembering Albion Motor Works

While perusing some earlier editions of the 'Scottish Banner', a subject in the May 2009 edition, 'As Sure As The Sun Rises', caught my eye.

I found the article by Alex Seville to be most interesting.

I was born in 1932 at 136 Earl St., Scotstown, Glasgow and lived there for 11 years. My home was just around the corner from the Albion Motor Works, which was situate on Balmoral Street between Earl Street and South Street, just up from the tram terminus.

My Father joined Albion Motor Works as a gateman after retiring from the Police Force in 1950.

I used to watch the Lorry/Bus chassis being test driven up Balmoral Street and Queen Victoria Drive. The driver had no protection from the elements - especially on a cold day. He'd wear a great weather proof coat, cap and goggles. On a warmer day he'd wear his light brown inspector's work coat.

The Albion engine had a distinctive whine. Glasgow Corporation Transport used many Albion buses as well as AEC Leyland and Daimler.

Leyland Motors eventually bought out Albion Motor works.

As a further note, I attended Scotstown Elementary School and Victoria Drive Senior Secondary School (which no longer exists).

Hopefully my little bit of history will be of interest.

*W. (Bill) Graham*

*Pierrefonds, QC.*

*Canada.*

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**Ed. note:** Your comments are very interesting -and just what 'Banner' readers love.

## Keep In Touch With Scots Around The World

Keep sending your letters and emails to us and get your opinions heard and your questions answered by our loyal readers.

## The Coolest Granny!

To celebrate Robbie Burns 250th birthday, last year, and the 2009 Homecoming, I had a Scottish Thistle tattoo placed just above my heart on January 25th, 2009.

I also have a Scott ish flag tattoo above my right ankle

My five precious grandsons say that I am their 'coolest' granny!

I hail from Stirling, Scotland, and came to Canada in June 1964.

I look forward every month to my 'Scottish Banner'. Please keep up the good work.

This letter comes to you from a very proud Scottish Lassie.

*Lillian Weir McPherson,*

*Brampton,*

*Ontario, Canada*

## Genealogy Search

I've enjoyed my subscription to the Banner and have copies in my archives since May of 1998. I use it for research while working on my novel about a "Scottish Freewheeler" in the late 1700's.

Now I am requesting help on a family research matter. If any of you "Bannerites" have information on Charles Wesley (Teacher) Munro(e), b Glengarry Ontario 1819/20, D Carleton Place, Ontario 1998, I would appreciate your contact.

*Dick Munro*

Email: [munro-1@wico.net](mailto:munro-1@wico.net)

## Facebook Message

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*Marion Cunningham*

*Michigan, USA*

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## Those Scottish Events

Thank you Scottish Banner for having such a great informative paper, not only do I get news from Scotland I would not otherwise hear about, but for me your events content is excellent. A friend of mine asked how I knew of so much Scottish stuff going on and I told them "Get the Banner!"

I attend events that are both in my state and interstate and get nearly all my information from the Scottish Banner each month-your web site is fantastic as its always got new listings going live. All really helpful for me to plan my summer weekends and probably the only really one of its kind in our country, so thank you for providing this service, which is such a rich resource for us ex-pat Scots!

*Gordon Armstrong*

*Melbourne, Australia*

Ed note: Thank you Gordon for your positive feedback. Event organisers are reminded they can submit their event directly at our website

## Scots' Gift for New Year The Song on Everyone's Lips Today

You have an embarrassment in your January 2010 North American Edition in the article "Scots' Gift for New Year The Song on Everyone's Lips Today". You show the musical score for the wrong tune and erroneously state "his version of Auld Lang Syne was published in Thomson's 'Songs of Scotland' appearing for the first time with the melody to which it is sung today."

See more expert analysis of Burns songs at [www.robertburns.federation.co.uk](http://www.robertburns.federation.co.uk) for what the true facts are.

*Robert Burns*

USA

Message sent via

Facebook.