



# 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 150 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/pg/pourri.php>, 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.

## Uncle Alex - Served in India

I'm enclosing a photo of my Uncle Alexander Leslie. Uncle Alex was in the Seaforth Highlander regiment. He is seen here wearing his military kilt uniform taken on his first leave home with his mother Hannah Jane McEwan Leslie in 1918 at age 18 in Belfast, Ireland.

Uncle Alex served in India where the Seaforth Highlander Regiment served faithfully. His regiment was made up with many Ulster men from the North of Ireland.

He contracted Malaria while serving in India. After his discharge from the army, he married his sweetheart, May. They had four wonderful children before he passed away at the age of 28 years. I just remember him and no more as I was age six at the time he passed away. This photo was received from his son Sandy (Alexander) my 1<sup>st</sup> cousin who resides in Belfast Northern Ireland.

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## Searching for Lawrence Anderson

I have noted some genealogical queries in the Scot Pourri section of the "Banner" and although I realize it is a long shot owing to the number of years, I decided to submit the following on my immigrant ancestor:

"Lawrence Anderson, who would have been born circa 1651, arrived from England into the Colony of Maryland in February 1671. After a period of indenture, he married Mary, whose surname is unknown. Lawrence, son of the immigrant, married Mary Kirkpatrick and lived in Virginia. David, son of Lawrence and Mary, married Elizabeth Blanton in Virginia. The Blantons were reportedly Huguenots who had immigrated to Scotland, then to America. Nathaniel, son of David and Elizabeth, married Lucy Crawford in Virginia. The Andersons were Presbyterian until at least one generation after Nathaniel and Lucy when they converted to the Methodist faith. I would like to hear from anyone who might know of my Lawrence Anderson's origins.

Thank you very much for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

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## What Happened to John?

Could any of my fellow Scots, who read the "Scottish Banner" and live in the Burlington, Ontario area, help me please?

John Honeyman from Burlington was my penpal (via the "Scottish Banner") for many years, then suddenly his letters stopped, six months later I was told he passed away, after many inquiries and letters to Clubs etc. in Burlington who may have known him, I still don't know what happened to this cheery Scot, could someone please tell me.

Thank you & "Here's Tae Aw' Ye're Kilts"

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## Looking for Scottish Musical Records

Dear Mrs. Cairney

I have just read a most interesting article about you and the newspaper, The Scottish Banner in the Glasgow Sunday Post., and this has prompted me to write to you.

I am compiling a "Scottish Vernacular Discography, 1888-1960", which will list full information on all 78-rpm records 45-rpm singles and phonograph cylinders of scot interest that were recorded in the United Kingdom.

This research is being sponsored by the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh. I am most anxious to discover what Scots records, made in Britain, were issued overseas. Could any of your readers provide details of Scots records they have bought on non-British label, Please?

It is also my intention to document the many records of Scottish interest that were recorded overseas, particularly in Canada, and I would appreciate any information your readers can give me. Record labels brands that may have issued such material include; Victor, Bluebird, Brunswick, Decca, Columbia, Gennett, Apex, Starr, and HMV.

However, of particular interest are Celtic Records, which were produced by Bernie MacIsaac of accordion music. I would very much like to hear from anyone who has of these records,  
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## Where Are The Watsons?

The question of the Watsons' being a clan has always nagged me.

In the "Scottish Banner" listing of Clans a while ago, I read of the Clan Watson in Canada. I wrote, but there was no reply. Lately the Clan Watson has not been listed in the Banner at all.

In a New Hampshire catalogue establishment there were Clan Watson bonnets and head scarves which I purchased. I wonder if there is a Clan Watson, and if so, where was their territory in Scotland?

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**Editors Note:** Can this Clan contact the "Banner" and let us know where they are today?

## Two Pen Pals Wanted

My name is Felix Simpson and I am 7 years old. My interests are playing the Playstaion 2, watching TV, playing football, playing with my K'nex and playing with dog Toby.

I would like to have two penpals, one in New Zealand and one in the USA.

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## Enjoyed "The Glesca Fair"

Just a short note to say how much I enjoyed Joyce Milne D'Auria's column "The Glesca Fair". Whilst investigating my Orkney Family Tree, I traced the family of John Orkney and Helen Tod to Rothesay on the Isle of Bute. I spent two days there in July 2003, endeavouring to see as much of the Isle as I could in two days, one highlight being Mount Stuart House.

I love to read it's history and about the people and I truly enchanted with the magnificent ferry terminal at Wemyss Bay. I would love to return and visit the sites I missed and visit Bute History Museum.

I hope Joyce follows this article up with more on Rothesay and the Isle of Bute and it's people.

Many thanks,  
Helen Elsworth  
Picton, NSW  
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## Dear Readers and believers in wee miracles,

I always enjoy reading the "Banner", with it's varied content: heritage, history, culture and a dash of humour. All add richness to my life. I am wondering if Scotpourri column can achieve a wee small miracle for me?

I have traced my Scottish ancestry back to 1851 showing that my great-great-great-grandfather and mother, Robert Murray Moffat, born in Leith, Edinburgh in 1820 and Jessie McCombie born between 1820-29 in Elgin, Moray, married in 1842 in St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.

They had 3 children. Robert's sister, Rebecca lived with them. Their parents were John and Rebecca (nee Murphy) Moffat, born about 1795-1800.

Robert, Jessie and their six children migrated to Australia, departing Glasgow on 5th May, 1866 on the "Maryborough" arriving in Brisbane, Queensland on 17 August 1866. I have traced all Australian descendants of Robert - a carpenter.

I would be interested in hearing from any Moffat's, Murphy's or McCombie's who are linked to my ancestors. I cannot get accurate documentation for my great-great-great-grand mother Jessie (nee McCombie) Moffat. In the 1851 census she was 31, therefore born 1820. Death certificate, marriage details suggest she was born in 1824. Immigration details show her born before 1820. A death certificate states born 1826. Looking forward to the next Banner.

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