

# Scot Pourri



## Looking for Connections

I recently bought my first copy of the Scottish Banner and have enjoyed reading about your history over the past 30 years. I wish I had found you sooner.

I have been struggling with a search for my family roots and though this column may reach someone with the information I seek.

My family name is Boddie and my research suggests we hail from Aberdeenshire.

My Grandfather James Boddie (b c1853 Culsalmond d 24-12-1931 NZ) emigrated to New Zealand with his family about c.1888 and settled in Taranaki.

He had most recently lived in the old schoolhouse Sandhaven and was a general merchant.

His father was Peter Boddie (b c25-2-1823 Old Deer d 16-7-1886 Drum Of Wartle Rayne).

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I have bits of information about siblings etc. of each generation but am unable to find anyone who has descended from the same ilk and still lives in Scotland. Perhaps a reader can help me make that connection and also provide information that will identify any clan connections, tartan, coat of arms etc. Thank you for your assistance.

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## Searching for Pickup Family

My late grandfather grew up in Dunoon Scotland. His parents were John and Elizabeth Ellen Pickup, brothers and sisters were George, Jessie, Ada, Alice, Mary, Helen, John, Elizabeth and Robert. I was in contact with Roberts widow Betty, who lived in Dunoon but have not heard from her for several years. Ada married Robert Gordon Campbell and lived at Lea Rig, Clober Rd., Milngavie and I am hoping to contact any relatives of theirs who may know more about the family Pickup. My grandfather and several other men drowned near Dunoon in 1940 (aged 59) while patrolling the coast as part of wartime surveillance.

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## Ten Richest Women?

I love reading the Banner, the articles of which I find very interesting, on page 27 of the July issue I read a list of the ten richest men. This now raises the question "who are the ten richest women" in Scotland? One that comes instantly to mind is J.K. Rowlings, so who could the other nine be?

Congratulations on 30 yrs. of interesting articles by your wonderful staff.

Best wishes,  
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Ed. Note: Can a reader help with this question?

## Memorable Trip to Oban

It was a late summer's afternoon in 1958 when Margaret and I drove into Oban and pulled up in front of an imposing hotel. When we announced ourselves at the reception desk, the following dialogue took place.

"I'm sorry sir, but we have no reservation in your name"

"How can that be? When we made our travel bookings, yours was the only hotel in the UK to request full pre-payment (Canny Scots!). We mailed the cheque months ago."

"Please enjoy a free drink in the lounge whilst we look into the matter."

This we did, and a little later the hotel manager introduced himself and offered profuse apologies, as a detailed search had uncovered our letter and cheque, both un-actioned. He continued:

"To make matters worse, the hotel is fully booked. However, I will personally undertake to find you equivalent accommodation elsewhere in Oban. Whilst I am doing this, please go to the dining room and enjoy a meal at my expense"

This we did, with the manager returning some time later, with a crestfallen look. Despite his best endeavours he had been unable to find a spare room anywhere.

"I am so embarrassed by this terrible mix up. I can offer you only one solution. My house lies a mile up the coast. I will stay overnight in the hotel if you would kindly consent to use my house, at no cost of course. I will be much more relieved if you would agree."

We agreed, and drove out to a newly built two storied house on large grounds,

overlooking the Isle of Mull, which we could just see in the dusk. House? More like a mansion, so luxurious it was. The carpet pile was so thick that you waded through it up to your knees! (slight exaggeration) No hotel could match this. Is it therefore any wonder that, nearly half a century later, our fleeting visit to beautiful Oban still remains deeply etched in our memories.

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## Pen Pal

I would be most grateful if you would assist me in contacting my pen pal from the 1950's. Her maternal grandfather David White of Galston, Ayrshire gave me her address in 1954 which was 66, Bangor Street, Guildford, N.S.W. She worked in a bank in the centre of the city and her date of birth is 6th July 1938. Unfortunately the letters which I still have are signed Betty and I don't know her maiden surname or her own married name. I have tried unsuccessfully to trace her and took a chance that maybe you can help although I realise it's a bit of a long shot.

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## SEND US YOUR INQUIRIES ON LIFE'S LITTLE QUESTION MARKS...

We enjoy them, the readers enjoy them, and some lasting friendships have been made from corresponding through our columns. Please keep your letters brief (under 150 words) to enable us to publish as many requests sent to us as we can. We do reserve the right to edit the content and length of original letters. Letters, photos and other items cannot be returned.

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When e-mailing, remember to include your postal address also, for those who don't have a computer.

## An Observation

The clan system is unity. Those of the same name are kinsmen. It does not matter what branch you are from you belong to the same clan; the same extended family. Where as the Western view it is a separateness. Those with the same name are not all kinsmen. In fact in the Western view they throw around names like commodities instead of the true honer and heritage of their name. I do not think that in the beginning when North America was founded it was like that. Do you think that the Scots have been showing the world something about family, honer and unity; of how important ones roots are. It is said; 'if you do not know from where you've come you won't know where you are going.' It is truly a shame that a mark in our history that the clan system and even its' ideal was once outlawed as was the wearing of the kilt; the kilt is the one thing that speaks your honour and pride. To show the rest of the countries your heritage and proud name. Although it is not as it was during time in history; but I do feel that mark still lingers today in respect to the grandness of the Scottish mind and values. For Scotland has shown the world many things of greatness and ways to improve the world for the better; its' the fact that She is not fully recognized for this Greatness. Her light is magnificent as is her people and its high time that the world acknowledges her greatness and to give Her and Her people the full credit it deserves. In the Western part of the world; have they lost or forgotten these great Scottish family values; these ties of unity as kinsmen. Are we not proud of our roots and heritage.

Your family; your clan united is your strength.

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## Do You Remember the Chum Club?

Children of Glasgow 1928? join the Glasgow Daily Record Chum Club with Uncle Jack. It cost sixpence (a Tanner) to join and when you were a member you could sing this song.

Being a chum is fun, That is why I'm one,  
Always smiling, Always gay,  
Chummy at work, Chummy at play,  
Laugh away your worries,  
Don't look sad or glum,  
Everyone will crow,  
That you're  
a CHUM, CHUM, CHUM

Glasgow Theme:

If I don't meet Uncle Jack, I want my Tanner back, I want to be a Daily Record Chum!

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## Can You Help?

Searching for information on two brothers, Marting and John Whelan from Buckhaven, Methil, Fife, Scotland. John was born in 1900, married Alison Thomson, 3 June 1921 at Kemace Catholic Church, Crossroads, Methil. Martin may have emigrated to the U.S. in the late twenties. Also, looking for information about my grandfather. Francis Love born about 1860, Clockmannan, married Georgina Gray, 9 November, 1883, Buckhaven, Fife.

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