

# 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?

## The New York 79th Cameron Highlanders



I would like any Cameron who is from Edinburgh that will be attending the Clan Cameron Gathering next year to make contact. To make it easier for you to find me I'll be wearing a replica of the New York 79th Cameron Highlanders uniform. They were an American Civil War Regiment that was made up mostly of Scots. They were a Scottish regiment that fought in the American Civil War. I include a picture of myself, my great - great

uncle General Sherman commanding general of the regiment, pre-American Civil War uniform of the regiment and the New York 79th Cameron Highlanders Battle Flag.

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**Ed note: Thanks for sharing this Jon and we hope you make some connections for the Clan Cameron Gathering.**

### Creating Scotland

*Weather is first.  
Snow, of course, and wind.  
Rock and gnarly pine for strength.  
High mountains for solitude,  
valleys for softer days.*

*Lonely crags for mystics  
to sit upon and dream.  
Wildcats for strength and pipes for soul.*

*Heather, gorse, and bluebells  
fight through thin and rocky soil,  
show how to drive the deep roots  
which hold its people here.*

*David Black*  
USA

### Ron Dempsey

I have been writing to Ron Dempsey for about 6-8 years about different names and things. You have had a great column which is also very interesting. I have been part of the Maclean and Glen Innes Festivals for nearly 30 years.

It is good to keep in touch with the new and the past and other things with *the Scottish Banner*.

Thank you Ron for your columns.  
*Ray Parry*  
Lismore, NSW  
Australia

**Ed note: Thanks for your note Ray, Ron will be missed but has certainly informed many people across the globe on genealogy.**

### May 2019 edition

I always look forward to each monthly publication, which I subscribe to electronically. This month however, May 2019, was particularly interesting and informative. I loved it.

Thanks,  
*Dorothy (Munro) Scallon*  
Canada

**Ed note: thank you Dorothy for your kind feedback, and we are glad to hear you enjoyed May's features.**

### Victory Calls!

Hello from Tasmania, As I often enjoy reading your paper, I thought I might take the liberty of sending you a poem I wrote after hearing a pipe band on the street last year. As an old Scottish lassie, it stirred my blood a wee bit!

#### Victory Calls!

*Hear the skirl of bagpipes, oh hear their mighty call,  
Throwing us back to old times, when highland men stood tall.  
Proud tartan clans all gathered to see their battles won.  
Shy deer would watch from mountains, then through the heather run.  
Those bagpipes once did echo, so clear across the glen,  
Pure and wild and rousing. They spoke to all Scots men.  
"Come follow us to freedom! Make your cry be heard!  
Stand gallant and victorious - our foes will not be spared!"  
Staunch kilted men stood firm, determined in their fight,  
To risk their lives for justice, for what they felt was right.  
All battled in to history - some made it home, some died.  
Such stories will forever be a part of Scotland's pride.  
How rich these pipes are calling, still lifting hearts again.  
Shrill and loud and joyful. Pride surges through each vein.  
Their sounds pervade the heavens - so glorious and strong.  
Surely ancient spirits hear once more, the old ancestral song!*

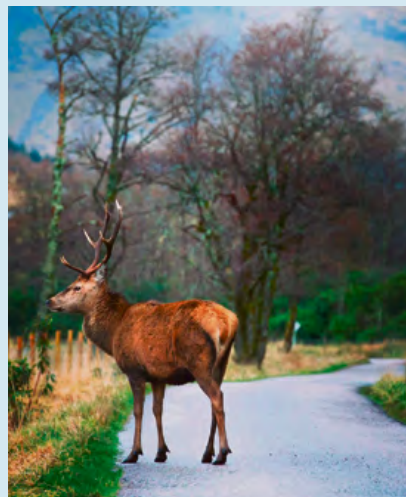
*Irene Bale (nee Lauder)*  
Tasmania, Australia

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### Highland locals



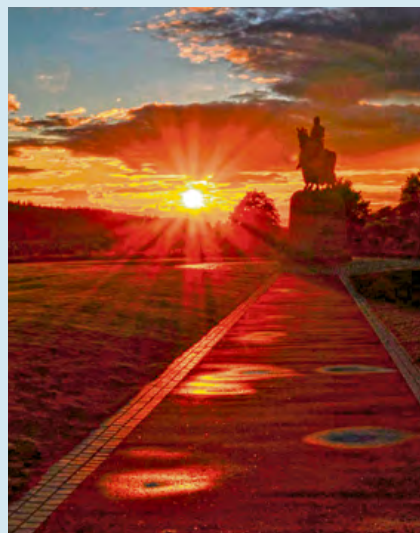
Caught this beauty up at Glen Etive this morning was rather wet and windy.  
*GN Photography*  
Scotland

### The Sir John De Graeme lion



The Sir John De Graeme lion has now returned to his place atop the Memorial Fountain.  
*The Society of John De Graeme*  
Scotland

### Robert the Bruce



Sunset at Robert the Bruce, Bannockburn.  
*Robert Gibb*  
Scotland

### The Declaration of Arbroath Statue



The Declaration of Arbroath is a declaration of Scottish independence, made in 1320. It is in the form of a letter in Latin submitted to Pope John XXII, dated 6 April 1320, intended to confirm Scotland's status as an independent.  
*GN Photography*  
Scotland

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