

# THE SOCIETY OF SCOTTISH ARMIGERS



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**1. Tent hosted for HSS and SSA at the Highland Games of the Celebration of Celts**, held at Columbia County Fairgrounds, Chatham, NY (about 20 Miles South of Albany, NY, USA ) on Saturday, 3 May 2008

It was a cold windy and rainy day when we met Paul Campbell, HSS Member, and his son, Ian ( age 13 ), who came up from Dumont, New Jersey, to help host, for breakfast at 7:00 AM at their hotel in Danbury, CT. By 7:30 we were on the road in a two car caravan to NY State heading upstate to Chatham and arrived at the fairgrounds at about 8:45 AM and proceeded to set up the tent. This was accomplished in a verra brisk cold, windy morning by 9:30. We had kept the set up basic with an information table, a set of Scots Letter's Patent under glass and chairs.

Icy rain kept starting and stopping with the wind a bit nasty. Our chief thought was finding coffee and staying warm. Due to the rotten weather the people turnout was extremely low.

We did get our portable travelling flagpole up but due to the high wind only flew one banner, that of the SSA, the Scottish Society of Armigers. Several time the wind tried and failed fortunately to blow our tent away or down.



We did have two visitors stop to see the Letters Patent on display but few other people stopped as they hurried seeking shelter.

One was John MacPherson, the Games Host with his wife Annie, He was wearing a magnificent claymore with a unique sterling silver basket hilt cast, chased and engraved for him in Scotland many years ago. We wished him well and hoped he didn't meet any "reavers" to relieve him of the weight on the way home.

About 1:15 PM HSS Member, Donald Angotta of Trumbull, CT, stopped to chat as we were packing up to leave and by 1:30 we were gone... on our way home.

*Contributor: Dwyer Wedvick*



3. From the Wedvick Armorial [No 025] Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> 2008:

### The Arms of St Margaret of Scotland

**ARMIGER:** St. Margaret of Scotland

**BLAZON:** Or a lion rampant within a double tressure, flory, counter flory Gules, impaling Azure, a cross formy couped between four, martlets Or.

**SOURCE/NOTES & CREDITS:** Arms attributed by Sir David Lyndsay of the Mount, Lord Lyon King of Arms for Scotland in his "Heraldic Manuscript" of 1542, page 21, from the facsimile of 1878. born circa 1045, died 16 Nov 1093 daughter to Edward "the Exile" of Wessex, married 1070 Malcolm III, "Cean Mor" of Scotland, did much to make Roman Catholicism dominant in Scotland..

*The artwork is a rendering by John Hamilton Gaylor*



4. Tent hosted for HSS and SSA at the Tacoma Highland Games on 28 June 2008, and the Pacific Northwest Highland Games on 25-27 July 2008.

Attached is a picture from the Pacific Games to show our flag flying. And yes, it was that dark and cold and overcast. A perfect Scottish day (high in the low 60's, drizzle during the morning (picture taken about 1:30 PM)). Spent a good 6 hours talking to one person with whom I am working on a petition for a grant of arms at the Tacoma Games, and his petition should be ready to go in, as soon as (*next page*)



he finishes collecting his vital record certificates. At the Pacific Games, I began talking with yet another potential submitter, and hope that his submission will go in as well eventually. *Contributor: David Hunter of Montlaw*

**5. Charleston Highland Games**, set for September 20, at Boone Hall Plantation, will be attended by the chairman. While a one day Games, we were made most welcome last year for our meeting and there is always a large crowd plus excellent hospitality. *Contributor: Wm. Boswell of Toberchun*

**6. 25th Annual Scottish Festival, hosted by the St. Andrews Society of CT** to be held at the Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen CT, Saturday, 4 October 2008. A heraldry tent will be hosted by the Heraldry Society of Scotland and the Scottish Society of Armigers in the Clan Area. HSS & SSA members John A. Logan & Dwyer Wedvick are hosting the tent. *Contributor: Editor*

**7. Stone Mountain Games**, and our mid-year meeting, is upcoming October 17-19. Set NE of Atlanta, about 35 minutes from the airport, these are one of the largest games in the South. The mid-year meeting will take place on the 18th and there is always a very nice black tie reception the night before at the host hotel, the Hilton NE Atlanta. *Contributor: Wm. Boswell of Toberchun*

#### **8. The 28th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences**

The 28th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences was held 23- 27 June 2008 in Québec City at the Québec City Convention Center at the same time as Québec's 400th anniversary. The theme of the Congress was "The Meeting of Two Worlds: Quest or Conquest". This congress was organized by the Société de généalogie de Québec under the patronage of the Canadian Heraldic Authority and Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, the Governor General of Canada, who gave the opening speech.



Donald Draper Campbell,  
Beth Campbell and Neil Fraser



The Congress is a bi-annual conference discussing topics of heraldic and genealogical interest. The Congress brings together scholars and other interested parties from all the nations of Europe and from many countries around the world. About 390 people attended the 28th Congress of which more than twenty were members of The Heraldry Society of Scotland and at least this member of the Society of Scottish Armigers was present. HSS members presented eleven papers at the Congress. The last congress was held at University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Scotland in August of 2006.

*Contributor: Donald Draper Campbell*

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**9. The Heraldry Society of Scotland** had a number of publications for sale at the 28<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldical Sciences held in Quebec City in June. I brought home those items not sold. If you are interest in purchasing one or more of these publications, drop me an e-mail (cmpblldd@ix.netcom.com). The cost indicated (non-member HSS / member) plus postage.

**Malden**, John & Eilean, Editors, *The Dunvegan Armorial* (1582), Scotland: Heraldry Society of Scotland, 2006 — \$70/60.

**Hodgson**, Leslie, editor, *The Dublin Armorial of Scottish Nobility – GO. Ms. 36: Scottish Nobility E* (1593), Scotland: Heraldry Society of Scotland, 2006 — \$50/40.

**Findlater**, Alex Maxwell, *Scots Armorial from earliest times to the start of the eighteenth century or Aspilogia Scoticana*, Scotland: Heraldry Society of Scotland, 2006 — \$24/20.

**Additionally**, the Heraldry Society of Scotland is now taking order for Alex Maxwell Findlater, editor, *Lord Crawford's Armorial (circa 600)*, known formerly as the *Armorial of Sir David Lyndsay of the Mount Secundus*, Scotland: Heraldry Society of Scotland, 2008 —\$80/70. You can order this publication on-line at [www.heraldry-scotland.co.uk/publications.html](http://www.heraldry-scotland.co.uk/publications.html)

*Contributor: Donald Draper Campbell*

**10. Roddy Young, Inverness, Goldsmith & Model Maker** work can be simply explained in one word 'outstanding'. Roddy's craftsmanship was first introduced to me by Romilly Squire of Rubislaw earlier this year, when I was looking at having my crest made into a cap badge. Now four items of his work down the road; an Armigers cap badge, belt & buckle badge, crest pin and belt buckle, I am glad I had followed Romilly's advice.

The crest badges pictured bellow; depict two different styles, the one on the left John A. Duncan of Sketraw's and on the right, David McGeachie's. Both badges weigh around 34 Grams and are in Sterling Silver, hallmarked in Edinburgh and have a diameter of just over 2 1/8in. The pictures are good, but they do not reflect the size and how tactile and three dimensional they are.

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*Contributor: John A. Duncan of Sketraw*

