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THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

Established in 1993 as a nonprofit organization to enrich the cultural lives of members in the Kentuckiana area.

The Society offers exposure to Scottish heritage and Preserves, enhances and fosters pride in our Scottish Ancestry.

The Society sponsors local and regional activities and is a nonsectarian organization with no religious or political affiliation.



President's Remarks, July 26, 2022

Wow! Everything is starting to take off! We have been getting a lot of volunteers . Way to go Jack Bowling in making all the arrangements for our upcoming events.

We are trying to get the new membership packets together. If you have not received yours, along with the lanyard, get in touch with Holley Holland. I'm sure she will help you out.

Hopefully we will be able to get together the next few months and can talk face to face again. Until then, take care.

President Bruce Wilson

SSL Membership Minutes

President Bruce Wilson asked Program and Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin to introduce our speaker.

Robbin gave a short biography of Glen Taul. He is retired from the academic world. His Ph.D. is in American History from the University of KY, and his master's degree is in American Studies from Baylor University. He has published many articles about American history in different parts of the country and on British history. He is currently writing a biography that will include his 6-times grandmother, his grandmother, and his mother (all Tauls named Mary).

His presentation covers the life of Dr. Ephraim McDowell, a famous surgeon from the early 1800's who received most of his training in Scotland at the University of Edinburgh.

The Life of Dr. Ephraim McDowell

In December 1809, Dr. McDowell was asked to help deliver a pregnant woman who had gone beyond term. He could find nothing in her uterus, and determined that she was not pregnant but had a large ovarian tumor. He told her of this serious condition, which would lead to death if he did nothing, and that no one had successfully performed abdominal surgery before. She knew it would be a painful death, and gave her permission to attempt abdominal surgery to remove the tumor. He successfully removed a 22 pound tumor, without anesthesia or antisepsis, neither of which were known about at the time. The patient made a good recovery and lived another 32 years. He was an accomplished surgeon, and even though no one had attempted such a surgical procedure before, he felt that his training at the University of Edinburgh had prepared him for just such an emergency.

His family was from the lowlands of Scotland, and they later moved to America. Ephraim McDowell was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, the ninth child of Samuel and Mary McDowell. His father was a veteran of the French and Indian War and a colonel during the American Revolution. His family moved around to Kentucky and back to Virginia.

He received his early education at the classical seminary of Worley and James, then spent three years as an apprentice under Dr. Alexander Humphreys in Staunton, Virginia. Ephraim wanted more training, and chose to go to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Benjamin Franklin founded the first college in

America in 1751, the University of Pennsylvania, which also held the first medical college in the country. Doctors in New York received their training in hospitals, but these were not available in many areas of the country. The University of Edinburgh was the most comprehensive facility of its kind at the time, with many instructors, hospitals, and other resources for students.

McDowell sailed to London on a merchant ship, and from there went to Edinburgh. He arrived just in time for the winter semester and took only one class at the University, chemistry with Joseph Black, a world-renowned chemist who is credited with discovering carbon monoxide. He also took an extra-curricular class in surgery with John Bell, a renowned surgeon. Bell worked at the Royal House of Surgeons, not for the University.

At the time, surgeons and physicians had an adversarial relationship. Dr. Bell felt this was counter-productive to patient care, and worked to increase cooperation between them.

Ephraim also studied other subjects he felt were important for his training as a surgeon and doctor by getting books from the University library, and by taking summer classes.

The only fees charged by the University were to build the library. Instructors were paid directly by students, which may have encouraged them to be better teachers.

For Ephraim's second semester, he took a full load of classes; anatomy, surgery, practice of medicine, and he repeated the chemistry class. Many of his classes included clinicals done in hospitals. His instructors used a very scientific approach to teaching their students how to diagnose and determine care for patients. Ten men and ten women were chosen with various illness and injuries and kept in a separate area in the hospital. They were given comprehensive files on each patient they studied with symptoms and care notes, and were required to document their conclusions, diagnoses, and care recommendations, as well as patient outcomes.

Anatomy lectures took place every day in an operating theater which held 200 students. It was difficult to get cadavers, and instructors had to use the same one all semester. Students had to take copious notes while standing, and often could not get a good look at the dissection procedures.

After Ephraim's second year in Edinburgh, his father wrote to let him know he needed to come home. He had been paying for his son's education with rents from properties he owned, and he was not earning enough in rent to pay Ephraim's expenses. Because of the French revolution, the English were requiring that all foreigners be interviewed as to their reasons for traveling. The British were trying to find French sympathizers. On March 11, 1794 he was interviewed in London, where he told them he was a student at the University of Edinburgh going home at the request of his father.

His father had set up a line of credit for him to buy medicines, books, and equipment to help him set up his practice at home. He obtained these items before leaving, and had them shipped home. He set up in Danville, KY; first an apothecary shop, then his surgical office. This was common practice at the time. He became a renowned surgeon himself, not just for the first successful abdominal surgery. He taught many apprentices, and performed ovarian surgery successfully at least a dozen times. He died in 1830 from an illness that may have been appendicitis.

He asked for questions, and Judy Stubbs asked if McDowell taught at the University of Edinburgh. Mr. Taul said he had not, though he had taken apprentices to his surgical practice.

Robbin asked if his practice was something like an urgent care facility. Mr. Taul said it was like an eye doctor's practice, where you can get treatment for eye ailments and surgery for eye conditions, and also buy glasses.

Robbin asked if patients came from all over, or he traveled to see them. He said that Dr. McDowell traveled to see patients, but many came to see him, too.

Robbin thanked him for his presentation. He suggested we might like a tour of the McDowell House in Danville, KY. He said the house was right across the street from the jail, and he might have gotten prisoners who had been executed to use for cadavers. This was pretty common at that time, as was the practice of murdering homeless people and selling their corpses to doctors who needed cadavers.

He thanked us for having him, as he enjoys giving presentations like this.

President Wilson opened the business meeting at 8:15pm. He said Happy Birthday to Gary Schweitzer. He also reminded us that WorldFest is coming up on Saturday, September 3 on the Belvedere. There were 17 in attendance at this meeting.

Judy Stubbs asked about going to WorldFest on Sunday, as she wants to go then. The SSL will not be there as a group, but WorldFest lasts for four days, and members may enjoy going to the other events.

Mr. Wilson called for reports. Vice President Dianne Holland was not present and there was no report.

Treasurer Cheri Eskridge had to leave early, and there was no report.

Secretary Linda Wilson had nothing new to report, but as Newsletter Editor, she reminded us to get any articles, announcements, or pictures to her by August 28. Linda agreed to take up the newsletter as Former Newsletter Editor Sarah Colglazier had to resign.

Regional Celtic Commissioner Jack Bowling told us the September events are ready to go, starting with WorldFest on September 3. We have a full sign-up sheet of 16 volunteers for the day. Several members of the Louisville Pipe Band will do a demo for us in the afternoon around 3pm. It should be a lot of fun.

The second event on September 10-11 is the Columbus Scottish Festival. On Saturday, we have 10 volunteers and on Sunday we have 6 volunteers. We can always use more volunteers, especially on Sunday. Contact Jack to volunteer at jackandangB13@gmail.com.

The last event in September is the Eminence Central Kentucky Celtic Festival and Highland Games on September 17. We have 11 members signed up for the day. We look forward to seeing you all at the events.

We have 2 event dates in the works for October. Saturday, October 15 and Saturday, October 22 at the Southern Renaissance Fair in Charlestown, IN. There will be more information to come as those dates get closer.

All of the replacement items are in. The new books, new business cards and the new EZ Up replacement

top are ready to use.

Let Jack know of any Celtic events that we may be interested in.

Jack said we will only be at WorldFest on Saturday, and Peggy Baas asked us to share a table with a henna artist that day. He will bring a small folding table for her to use, as he is concerned about dye getting on our tablecloths. He said all the Celtic groups are in one big tent.

Membership and Social Media Commissioner Holley Holland was absent, and there was no report. Our previous Membership Commissioner, Annie Rivers, resigned and Holley agreed to take up her duties.

Member At Large Pat Schweitzer had nothing new to report.

Electronic Services Commissioner Damien Burns said he will post the newsletter to the website.

Hospitality Commissioner Melissa Ingram was absent, no report.

Upcoming 2022 and 2023 Programs

Program and Education Commissioner Robbin Goodin updated the programs she has set up for 2023. Carol Jarboe for January, Lee Pennington for February, a presentation about Princess Dianna in March, Haggis Night and installation of officers in April, Scottish Trivia in May. She is still working on June, July, and August. There is a program for September, drama students will do a Halloween program in October, November is the dinner and auction. No meeting in December.

September: Judy Stubbs presents a program about Jewish communities in Scotland at 7:00pm at CCUM in person.

October: Mandy Dick presents Scottish Ghost Stories at CCUM at 7:00pm at CCUM.

November: Dinner and Auction at Strathmoor Church, 2201 Hawthorne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205 at 6:00 pm in-person.

December: No membership meeting. Enjoy the Holidays!

September 2022 Presenter Judy Stubbs Bio

Judy is a retired teacher from JCPS, having taught for 29 years. She returned to become a student herself, at Louisville Theological Presbyterian Seminary. During her first career as a teacher she had several invitations from the school system administrators to present new curriculum to teachers, during their required inservice meetings, in two curriculum areas: Language Arts and Science, specifically Chemistry. She also presented curriculum on both of these subjects to teachers in the Catholic School system.

Upon graduating she worked as a Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Supervisor of people working towards licensure for 25 years in her second vocation. While working as a Marriage and Family Therapist, she established her private practice-Horizons Unlimited. Judy has three Master's Degrees: M.Ed., M.Div., & M.A.M.F.T. Judy is now retired from both careers.

September 2022 Presenter Judy Stubbs Bio, cont.

Judy reports that she selected this book while researching her own ancestry. The authors have identified her Scottish Clan Leslie as one of many who they researched as Jewish. Judy was raised a Christian and nothing about Jewish life and faith was talked about in her family. She now knows of the “Crypto-Jewish” practices that her ancestors believed. Her formal name, Judith, is a Hebrew name. Judy continues to read and learn about her ancestry, knowing now that most likely her father was an Ashkenazi Jew, and her mother, a Leslie, was a Sephardic Jew.

Judy’s upcoming presentation is titled: “The Early Years of Jewish Scotland.” It is based on the book: When Scotland Was Jewish: DNA Evidence, Archeology, Analysis of Migrations, and Public and Family Show Twelfth Century Semitic Roots, by Elizabeth Caldwell Hirschman and Donald N. Yates. McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Jefferson, North Carolina, and London. (2007.)

The authors state on the back cover: “The authors’ wide-ranging research includes census records, archaeological artifacts, castle carvings, cemetery inscriptions, religious seals, coinage, burgess and guild member rolls, noble genealogies, family crests, portraiture, and geographic place names.”

“Elizabeth Caldwell Hirschman is a professor of marketing at Rutgers University. (She has written widely on genealogy and ethnic identity.) Donald N. Yates is the founder of DNA Consulting, a company that specializes in correlating genetic and genealogical information. He lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.”

With no more business to be discussed, Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

KIRKINGS -The Blessing of the Tartans

We have all been looking forward to Highland games and Celtic events, and now we can thank Judy Stubbs for setting up two kirkings for us. The first will be at Okolona Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 30. The service will begin at 10:45. There will be a pitch-in lunch afterwards, and we have been asked to bring side dishes for this. Judy will have a sign-up sheet ready for those who want to carry flags or just go to the service at the September meeting.

The second kirking will be held on November 13, and the details will be in the October newsletter.

If you cannot be at the meeting to sign up, then contact Judy Stubbs at j.stubbs100@gmail.com to let her know you will be participating. Kirkings are always fun events, and we enjoy meeting new people and being a part of their worship services.

There are varied legends as to the beginning of kirkings in relation to tartans. But whether you believe it began when the Scots were forbidden to wear their tartans after the English passed the Act of Proscription in 1746, or was revived during WWII to encourage Scottish-Americans to sign up to fight for Great Britain, it is an important part of our Scottish heritage.

Hope to see you there!

Billpetro.com/history-of-the-kirking-of-the-tartans

Membership Commissioner

The SSL is still in need of a volunteer for Membership Commissioner. Holley Holland said she would fill in until someone else steps up, but she is our Social Media Commissioner, and she is finding it very difficult to keep up with both positions.

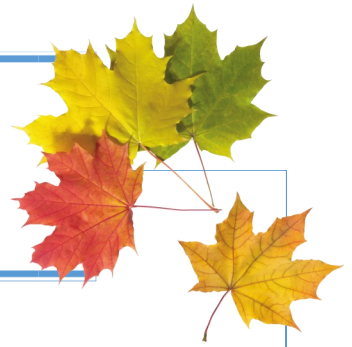
The Membership Commissioner helps new members by providing them with information, a lanyard and name card, an SSL pin, and introduces them to the membership. The commissioner also collects dues, sends out reminders for dues, and maintains and updates the membership lists.



Anyone can help an interested individual sign up, but all the paperwork goes to the commissioner. This is an important Board position, and we need someone who can put in the time to do this important job.

If you are interested, please contact anyone on the Board at a meeting, or by email on scotsoflou@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 2022




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 WorldFest
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Columbus, IN Scottish Festival
11 Columbus, IN Scottish Festival	12	13 SSL Board Meeting	14	15	16	17Eminence, KY Celtic Festival & Scottish Games
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 SSL Program, Judy Stubbs @ CCUM	28	29	30	



September Birthdays: 2 Bruce Wilson, 5 Judy Stubbs, 10 Donald Yovich, 11 Tom Cunningham, 13 Stephen Kirzinger, 14 Alberta B. Baker, 18 Jimi Davis, 22 Kate Sanders, 23 Carolyn Cook

October 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 SSL Board Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 SSL Member Meeting	26	27	28	29
30 Kirking at Okolona						



October Birthdays—Jenny Elliott 2, Wayne Mains 2, Jason Goodin 4, Abby McLeod 4, Dan Bailie 6, Gary Schweitzer 11, Peter Matallana 18, Linda Wilson 18, Debra Walker 19, Cheri Eskridge 20

Celtic Organizations in our Area

Ancient Order of Hibernians

www.louisvilleirish.com/

Indy's Irish Fest

www.indyirishfest.com

Louisville Pipe Band

www.louisvillepipeband.org

**The Caledonian Society of
Cincinnati**

www.caledoniansociety.org

Irish Society of Kentuckiana

www.irishkyana.org

McClanahan School of Irish Dance

www.Mcclahanirishdance.com

Columbus Scottish Festival

www.scottishfestival.org/

KY Highland Renaissance Festival

www.kyrenfaire.com

Ohio Valley Celtic Society

Steve Thomas

Contact our Cheer Person

If you are aware of an illness, family death, or any other such situation a member is facing, please contact our Cheer person, **Jean Hughes**, by calling her at (502)438-9811.

Ongoing Events

The Louisville Pipe Band meets from 2-5 on Sundays at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Ave, Louisville, KY 40205. Contact the band at info@louisvillepipeband.org or visit www.louisvillepipeband.org.

The Louisville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums meet from 6-8pm on Tuesday evenings at the Frazier International History Museum, 829 West Main St. in Louisville. Contact Carolyn Cook at (502)551-2732, or visit www.lfrbgpipes.org.

Change of Address and other Information

Help us keep our records updated! Changes to your address, telephone, and so on, should be sent to the Scottish Society of Louisville, Commissioner of Member Services, PO Box 32248, Louisville, KY 40232 or email Holley Holland at scotsoflou@gmail.com.

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Information For Our New Members

Welcome to our new members. Coming into a new group can be a little scary, but know that if you have any questions, just ask. The people in the SSL are some of the friendliest you would ever want to meet. Here is a little bit of information to get you started:

- Read the newsletter and the website. All upcoming events will be listed both places. If you want more information, you can contact any of the board members.
- All meetings will have a business meeting, some time to socialize, and a program.
- January/February brings our Burns' Night Dinner. You won't want to miss this! There will be food, drink, raffles, entertainment, and an all-around good time.
- May starts our "Event" season. The Society sets up a booth at many local and state Scottish and Celtic events, and even a couple of out-of-state events. Don't be afraid, jump on in and help us in our booth. It's not hard, and everyone will help. It is a great way to get to know some of the members and recruit new members.
- November is a really fun meeting. We have a dinner and an auction. Members will be informed of what type of dish to bring according to their last name. The auction is so much fun. Everyone is asked to bring at least one item to donate. Now, you will find that a lot of the items are things you would love to have, but some are "White Elephants" that circulate among the members. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Fund, which helps promote Celtic related studies by individuals.
- In December, we do not have a membership meeting.

We hope that you will attend as many meetings as possible. We are so happy to have you as a part of the group!

Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund Committee is accepting applications for the dispersal of scholarship funds. The Fund helps support the efforts of SSL members to pursue studies of the many different aspects of Celtic culture, which may include music (piping, drumming, fiddling, etc.), art (dancing, weaving, etc.) language (Gaelic) and athletics (Highland Games). This fund can also support a person's interest in an educational program or project that furthers the understanding of Scottish culture and history.

Scottish Society members in good standing can apply for funds or can sponsor non-members for scholarships.

The application form and guidelines can be picked up at the monthly SSL meetings from the Heritage Fund Committee Chairperson, Dianne Holland, or by email at scotsoflou@gmail.com.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are March 31st and September 30th.

Find us on the Internet

Webpage: <http://scotsoflou.com/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ScotsofLou>

Facebook: [www/facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Scottish-Society-of-Louisville/326984024109?ref=ts)

On our Facebook page, you are welcome to add pictures from Society events, to post/share some Scottish history or information, or just say "Hi".

Life Membership

Our Society offers a Life Membership Program. You can attain this status by paying a one-time membership fee of 10 times the current dues rate. At this time, a single life membership is \$240, and a family life membership is \$360.

Please see the Membership Commissioner, Holley Holland, or for more details email her at scotsoflou@gmail.com. All new life members are acknowledged at the Burns' Night Gala.